

BUILD THE R.P. BELL LIBRARY CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND LEARNING AND MOUNT ALLISON MULTI-SPORT COMPLEX

Our University community has launched an historic building project — to extensively renovate the R.P. Bell Library and create a new Multi-Sport Complex. This project supports all aspect of student life and will have transformative impacts on future generations.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING FUTURE GENERATIONS!



# **THE LIBRARY:** SPACE TO TEACH, LEARN, DISCOVER, AND CONNECT

The renovation of the R.P. Bell Library building is the largest infrastructure project in Mount Allison's modern history. The new building will include extensive renovations at every level, the transformation of the adjacent breezeway into a coffee and community space, and new welcoming and accessible entrances from both the quad and York street levels.

The R.P. Bell Library Centre for Innovation and Learning will be home to library services, materials, special collections, and expertise. It will provide a place for quiet study and spirited discussion, for individual learning and community intersections, and for intense work and unwinding with friends. Plans include spaces to support entrepreneurship, data and digital scholarship, and customizable study.

Although a built space, this project is above all about people. It will support students and bring together groups of thinkers, innovators, and the always curious. It will deliver learning spaces and resources that spark interdisciplinary collaboration, entrepreneurial thinking, and new forms of research, teaching, and engagement. The building will become an even more integral and valued part of every student's experience.

The Library is being designed in close consultation with students, alumni, Indigenous leaders, and faculty and staff. Together, we will build a place where connections are forged, where different approaches to learning are embraced and respected, and where all community members are inspired to broaden their knowledge and reach for ambitious goals. It will be a defining feature of Mount Allison.



"I saw the value in Mount Allison's Library project right away and was happy to support it at an early stage. You see similar projects happening all over the world. These are the environments that allow students to prepare for the complex realities that exist after graduation."

— DAVE SHASTRI ('79)

# MULTI-SPORT COMPLEX: ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The Multi-Sport Complex will house facilities for a variety of sports and recreation activities including intramural and club sports, be utilized 12 months a year, support all students, and provide a new venue for Mount Allison and community events.

This facility will begin its life as an interim library facility while the R.P. Bell Library building undergoes extensive renovations and will then be transformed into a permanent sports and recreation complex.

There is a tremendous need on our campus for expanded athletic resources. For students, sports and recreation provide invaluable opportunities for learning and growth outside the classroom. What starts often as a break from academic studies becomes a passion for health and wellness, the fostering of lifelong healthy habits, and unique opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership, and other social skills, along with resiliency and discipline.

By investing in the Multi-Sport Complex, we will encourage students and everyone in our community to lead active lifestyles. We will further promote a culture of wellness and self-care on campus.



#### **TIMELINES**

**2024** 

Construction begins on Interim Library/Multi-Sport Complex

**2026** 

Interim Library opens

> 2029

Construction of the R.P. Bell Library Centre for Innovation and Learning finishes. Interior of the Multi-Sport Complex is completed in stages as library materials move to the new Library.



## PUTTING PHILANTHROPY INTO ACTION

There are many ways you can support the R.P. Bell Library Centre for Innovation and Learning and the Multi-Sport Complex. Donors may choose to support a specific facility or programming opportunity. In many cases, there will be opportunities for generosity to be recognized through the naming of new spaces.

Our development team is here to help you match your philanthropic interests with a giving opportunity and ensure your gift reflects the value you place on post-secondary education, Mount Allison University, and our current and future students.

Reach out to us today to keep updated on the project and learn how you can get involved.



WHY MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY?

Since 1839, Mount Allison has prepared generations of young people for leadership. The University is consistently recognized as **Canada's top undergraduate university** by *Maclean's* magazine university rankings.

High-achieving and engaged students from across the country and around the world seek out Mount Allison. And with good reason. It comes down to our powerful combination of academic rigour and rich learning opportunities, inside and outside the classroom, built on a culture of personalized attention and support.

This is the Mount Allison experience: an exceptional — even transformational — student-centred education, unparalleled among Canadian universities.

#### AND TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, STUDENTS NEED MOUNT ALLISON.

As we look to the future, we must foster the next generation of innovative and entrepreneurial thinkers and shape engaged global citizens and collaborative, compassionate leaders who are ready to lead through rapidly changing times. We must continue excelling at what we do best, while providing the facilities and resources students need.

Please join us in creating advanced learning spaces and facilities that foster innovation, creativity, and wellness. Your impact will be felt for many generations.

"It's exciting to be a part of this time in Mount Allison's history — to see our community coming together to provide students the best resources and learning spaces. We are deeply grateful for everyone's passion, insights, optimism, and help. The R.P. Bell Library Centre for Innovation and Learning and the Multi-Sport Complex are massive undertakings for our small University. It is also a project to ensure Mount Allison's extraordinary education and experience continues well into the future."

— RACHEL RUBIN

Mount Allison's dean of libraries and archives



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