



# MUNFLA



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## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday (excluding Wednesday)  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
For holiday and other closures,  
please visit: [www.mun.ca/folklore/research/munfla/contact.php](http://www.mun.ca/folklore/research/munfla/contact.php).

For those who plan extensive research,  
appointments are encouraged.

Our building is accessible.



# FOLKLORE AND LANGUAGE ARCHIVE

*“MUNFLA houses a rich, rare and eclectic collection and is staffed by knowledgeable, supportive and enthusiastic personnel. It is a treasure trove of culture, the precious ‘attic trunk’ of the province.”*

Ursula A. Kelly, PhD  
Professor, Faculty of Education  
Memorial University of Newfoundland



## OUR MANDATE

To facilitate research on Newfoundland and Labrador culture.

To archive research materials in order to make a permanent record for future generations.



## THE COLLECTION

The archive contains diverse materials, donated by more than 12,000 contributors, covering topics such as custom and belief, childlore, material culture and work techniques, song, music, dance, tale, legend, personal experience narrative, poetry, riddles and conundrums, proverbs, and foodways.

The archive's catalogue is available at:  
[www.mun.ca/folklore/research/munfla/fonds.php](http://www.mun.ca/folklore/research/munfla/fonds.php)

### THE COLLECTION CONTAINS:

**96,000**

folklore survey cards

**40,000**

audio tape recordings

**30,000**

photographs

**16,000**

manuscripts

**15,000**

commercial recordings

**2,000**

printed documents

**1,000**

video tape recordings



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### IS THE ARCHIVE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

**Yes.**

The archive is open to everyone.

### IS THE ARCHIVE DIFFICULT TO USE?

**No.**

Trained staff, and a variety of general and specialized indexes, are available to assist.

### CAN MATERIALS BE COPIED?

**Yes.**

In most instances, staff can provide copies for a fee.

### IS THE ARCHIVE INTERESTED IN THE TRADITIONS OF MY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY?

**Yes.**

Donations of documents, photographs and recordings are welcome.



## WHAT IS THE FOLKLORE AND LANGUAGE ARCHIVE (MUNFLA)?

MUNFLA is recognized as Canada's foremost repository for recorded and collected items of Newfoundland and Labrador folklore.

Established in 1968, it is one of the oldest archives at Memorial University.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the many graduate and undergraduate student assistants who have contributed significantly to the work accomplished at MUNFLA over the years through various employment programs sponsored by Memorial University.

