

#1 - Thoughts of Alumni, Students, Faculty & Friends on a Petition to Save the Mount Allison Memorial Library



It is incomprehensible that anyone would even consider destroying this important building. If this happens it will break faith with Mount Allison's war dead and their families, destroy the architectural integrity of the campus core and show disrespect for the heritage of the university. Class of 1968.

The preservation of the buildings and the grounds speaks volumes about the institution's history, integrity and quality. Class of 1986

There are so few historical buildings left on campus. I want Mount A to build for the future, but that can and should be done without destroying its past. Part of what attracted me to Mount A in the first place was its history and the beauty of the campus. This building was a big part of its charm. Class of 2000

I can't believe that in the name of progress, the Memorial Library will be torn down. For many Allisonians it played a large role in their education and later as a student centre. Although I am not in a current financial situation to be of much influence, I have allotted for Mount Allison in my will and part of the reason for that are the memories, nostalgia, and appreciation for the Memorial Library. Progress is one thing, but don't throw out the baby with the bath water! This concerns me greatly and I am sure that skilled architects could find a way to preserve the Mt A Memorial Library building and still make advancements to include the Memorial Library. There are some things of more value than saving the all-important buck. I am disturbed at the present administration's failure to recognize this. Perhaps I should rethink my will if such a travesty occurs.

As the daughter of a fairly prominent Canadian historian, I value historical architecture and support preserving it. As a fine arts student at this institution, I am excited at the prospect of a new facility. Surely we can find a creative and respectful way to accommodate both objectives? Student

Mount Allison's beautiful and historic campus is one of its main draws. Why would you want to destroy that? I lived and breathed Mount A while I was there, and like to think that I am still very connected to it. It would be a terrible shame if I came back and saw the library gone.

Is this a trick question? Class of 1984

As a young girl living in London I remember the horrors of the Great War after which this Memorial Library was dedicated. In my 100 years one thing I have learned is that history teaches great lessons. Former resident of Sackville, mother of a fine arts graduate, grandmother of 4 Mount Allison graduates.

If you don't know your past, you don't know your future. Add on to the beauty and life of the building and the community that it has created. Don't destroy something so very positive on a beautiful campus in a beautiful part of the country.

The library comes down and my annual donation. Alumna and wife of Faculty

It is important to preserve the history & beauty of the Mount Allison campus including the Memorial Library. Professor Emeritus

One of my favourite aspects of Mount Allison is the beautiful campus. These buildings are the backbone of this beauty. Although new innovations and infrastructure are crucial to a developing University, where the Institution first began is important as well. There must be another option for location for this new Arts Centre. Class of 2009