

Announcements

Virtual APLA/Dalhousie Chatroom Launch

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The fall of 2017 saw the long anticipated launch of a virtual chat room accessible to APLA members and students of Dalhousie's Master of Library and Information Studies program. This chat room offers the unique opportunity for future librarians/information managers to network and interact with professionals across the Atlantic Provinces. Also, APLA members can become acquainted with future leaders in our profession.

After several test runs between group administrators in September, the forum launched and there are 63 members as of January, 2018. These consist of library & information management professionals in the Atlantic Provinces as well as Dalhousie students. In 2018, the forum hopes to add more students and, of course, more professionals.

The chat room works by having a student or a professional start a thread which can be answered by anyone in the forum. Topics of discussion can include:

- Questions from students about where to start on assignments or who to speak to regarding an initiative
- Current events in the library world
- Advertisements for upcoming events or library programming

Every question seems to have at least one person that can provide valuable insight and advice based on his or her professional experience.

[The APLA/Dal virtual chat room can be joined here](#)

