

## From the President's Desk



**Kathryn Rose**

## Welcome

Welcome to another edition of our APLA Bulletin! The co-editors of this journal work hard to provide our association with this opportunity to connect with the APLA membership and beyond. We should all be thankful for their efforts, especially when technical difficulties arise. There have been a few over the summer, and we appreciate the long hours that Marc Harper and Katherine Felix have worked to keep the bulletin running.

This edition of the Bulletin comes at a time when the days are getting shorter, colours are getting brighter, and the pace in libraries is picking up after the lazy days of summer. While they may have been a bit slower, your Executive and the committees of the association were still working hard on your behalf.

## Advocacy

Jocelyne Thompson, the Chair of our Advocacy Committee, remained vigilant over the summer, monitoring the situation in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Association responded to cuts brought down by the government, and new tax measures imposed on books. We had to react. The following letters were written on behalf of the APLA membership:

Open Letter : APLA's Reponses to EY's Organizational and Service Review of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library System	Sent to: Premier Ball, Dale Kirby, Andrew Hunt
Object: Repeal of the Sales Tax on Books	Sent to: Honorable Tom Osborne

As a result of these letters, we received responses from Mr. Osborne, Ms. Rogers and the office of Dale Kirby.

Ms. Thompson and the Advocacy Committee also laid the groundwork for this year's focus on the Nova Scotia public library system. The Committee has been hard at work and we should see some of their plans soon.

## **The Partnership**

This past August, Patricia Doucette, your Vice-President/President Elect, and I travelled to Toronto to participate in the Partnership meetings. The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. The group meets twice a year to discuss programs and member benefits for their associations. All members of APLA are members of the Partnership, and are eligible to benefit from the programs and services offered. This summer, we discussed media relations, government relations and advocacy within our jurisdictions.

## **Games at the Library**

After a fabulous 2016 program, 2017 will see some changes. Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!

## **Dalhousie SIM Association Day**

Bill Slauenwhite, Suzanne van den Hoogen, and Margaret Vail attended on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **150 Books**

This summer, APLA sponsored 150 Books of Influence, an initiative led by NSLA and the Regional Library systems. The project was to compile a list of books that Nova Scotians feel have influenced or defined them. The primary criteria of the books will be that the author be Nova Scotian and/or the books be about the province. The list is available at: <https://www.150booksns.ca/>

## **Paths in Partnership, towards Honouring Reconciliation**

APLA sponsored Paths in Partnership, towards honouring Reconciliation: A Workshop about Indigenous Peoples in Relationships with Libraries, Archives and Museums, to be held on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at Pictou Landing First Nation's new Fire Hall. Registration is free of charge. The keynote is Camille Callison of University of Manitoba, CFLA-FCAB, and of the Tahltan Nation. There will be a Knowledge walk with Pictou Landing First Nation Elders and a Presentation on the Mi'kmawey Debert Culture Centre.

## **CFLA-CFAB**

The new national voice for library associations in Canada is one year old! The Board, Executive and new Executive Director, Katherine McColgan, has been working hard on the organization's mandate. As a

member of APLA, you are also a member of this organization. Stay tuned for ways to get involved as APLA representatives.

## **Finance Committee**

The APLA Finance committee has not officially met over the summer months, but we have been in communication with each other, ensuring the business of the association is complete. We are in the process of transferring signing authority to the incoming VP-President Elect, and for a second time, we transferred a lump sum to our chequing account, rather than arrange monthly deposits from our savings to chequing account.

**Respectfully submitted by:** Kathryn Rose, APLA President

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