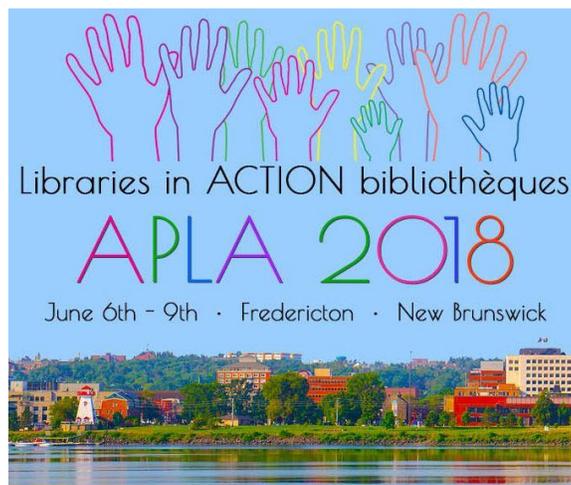


Announcements

APLA 2018 Conference, Fredericton NB, June 6-9

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The APLA 2018 conference organizing committee is excited to give you a sneak peek at what they have been working on for the APLA 2018 conference in Fredericton NB (June 6th-9th). Visit the conference website for more information at <https://apla2018.lib.unb.ca/>



Venue

The conference will be held at the University of New Brunswick's Wu Conference Centre, which is nestled at the very top of UNB's beautiful campus. Accommodations for the conference include the options of the Crowne Plaza Fredericton-Beaverbrook Hotel in downtown Fredericton or an on-campus stay at the UNB residences.

Keynotes

The opening keynote on June 7th, will be with University of Guelph librarian, Michael Ridley. He describes his areas of interest and research as "literacy, being literate, post-literacy, and the impact of AI on literacy". These topics are delved into on his blog: [Exploring the Information Ecology](#). He has held the positions of Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Librarian at Guelph; Associate University Librarian, University of Waterloo; and Head of Systems & Technical Services at the Health Sciences Library, McMaster University. Mike Ridley is the recipient of numerous career awards including distinguished service awards from the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (2015) and the Ontario Library Association (2008).

The closing keynote on June 9th, will be with Sheree Fitch, beloved Canadian author and owner of Mable Murple's Book Shoppe and Dreamery. Sheree is well known for her children's books, as well as her fiction for teens and adults. She also gives workshops on creativity, literacy education, children's and women's issues, storytelling, and narrative. You can find more about her endeavours and adventures on her website: <http://www.shereefitch.com/>

Welcome reception

The Welcome reception will be held on June 6th at the newly-expanded Beaverbrook Art Gallery in downtown Fredericton. The night will include guided tours of the art gallery, live music, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. Don't worry, a drink ticket will be included with conference registration!

Merit Award presentation reception

The Charlotte Street Arts Centre will be the venue for the Merit Award this year. Come and enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and bring your best dance moves to the floor for a performance by 80's cover band "Pretty in Pink."

