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President's Desk

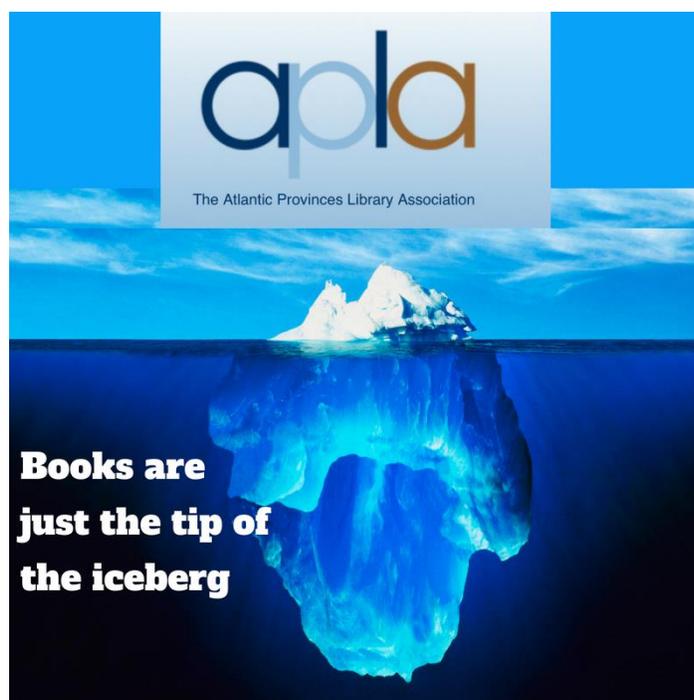
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Tip of the iceberg

Libraries are places that people traditionally go to for books. But, books are only the tip of the information iceberg. As librarians and library workers, we help people navigate the plethora and depth of information. **We guide people as they learn, create, and explore with this information. As Albert Einstein said, "The only thing you have to know is the location of the library".**

As the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, representing hundreds of library workers, we have an obligation to support libraries; to use libraries; to encourage others to use libraries; and to protest the closure of libraries. For the past year, APLA has been engaged in a proactive advocacy campaign. Numerous letters have been sent to Nova Scotia MLAs outlining the benefits of their public library as part of their community. We have an obligation to tell our politicians what we want; to emphasize the value of reading in creating worthwhile citizens. **Each of us, no matter what our role in the library, has the power to make positive change every day.**



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My goals for my year as president:

1. Refresh our Mission Statement and Strategic Plan.
2. Improve collaboration with affiliated organizations.
3. Focus on Inclusion.
4. Concentrate on proactive advocacy.

Your elected officers are here to support you, the membership, so we are counting on you to tell us how we can make our organization stronger.

Our [Current Executive](#) members and Committee Chairs are:

- **Trecia Schell**, VP President-Elect
- **Kathryn Rose**, Past President
- **Maggie Neilson**, Treasurer
- **Cynthia Holt**, Secretary
- **Carolyn DeLorey**, VP Membership
- **Bill Slauenwhite**, VP Nova Scotia
- **Courtney Pyrke**, VP, New Brunswick
- **Kate Shore**, VP Newfoundland and Labrador (interim)
- **Kristel Fleuren-Hunter**, Communications Coordinator
- **Jennifer Howard**, VP Prince Edward Island
- **MaryDale Taylor**, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor
- **Marc Harper**, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor
- **Margaret Vail**, Webmaster
- **Louise White**, Advocacy Chair
- **Kate Stewart**, Memorial Award Chair
- **Suzanne van den Hoogen**, Grow a Library

Our conference – **the Tip of the Iceberg / le sommet de l’iceberg** – will be at the beautiful newly renovated Signal Hill Battery Conference Facilities (MUN) in St. John’s from June 5-8, 2019. Conference Co-chairs, Amanda Tiller- Hacket and Catherine Lawton, are busy organizing an amazing conference. Please visit and bookmark the [conference website](#) to keep up to date on the ongoing planning.

Thank you for your membership and support of APLA,
Patricia Doucette
APLA President