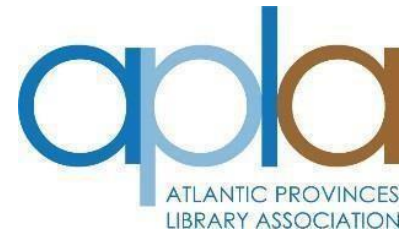


From the President's Desk



Spring 2020

Trecia Schell



Dear all,

It has been a challenging spring, and we hope you are all well. Libraries are continuing to weather the storm, in many creative, new, resourceful and innovative ways.

Including, a first for APLA - a Virtual OGM this year!

We will miss meeting with all of you, and the time to gather together to catch up, share new ideas, and celebrate our successes – as our annual conference is the highlight of the year, for many members. APLA will present our annual awards this year, (with the exception of the 1st Timers conference grant). Stay tuned for the announcements in the APLA Bulletin, website and social media. A hearty and heartfelt congratulations is extended to all our outstanding APLA members (– and thank you, to the members who nominated their fellow colleagues)!

Since the winter newsletter, our Committees and Interest Groups have been busy. This coming year, the APLA Board is very pleased, to continue to recognize the strength of member community engagement, by continuing to support of the development of Interest Groups. And thank you, for taking a few minutes of your time, to share with us your feedback and comments, in our upcoming 'snapshot' surveys on Membership, and Professional Development and Continuing Education. Over the coming summer and fall months, the Board looks forward to developing new initiatives from the advice you've shared with us. And, we look forward to meeting you at the 2021 APLA Conference - in the beautiful Annapolis Valley!

In closing, many thanks to family and friends, colleagues and employers who continue to support all of our APLA members, who so willingly share of their time, and expertise as volunteers in the work of the library association. A huge 'Thank you!' to our retiring members of the Board, Committee and Interest Group convenors and members; and a very warm 'Welcome!' to all our new members joining us at the 'meeting tables' around our Atlantic Provinces.

Take care,
Be well,
And have a safe and healthy summer,
~ *Trecia*

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