

## Feature Articles

### APLA 2021 Conference Experience Report

**Agnieszka Hayes, Recipient of APLA First Timer's Conference Grant**

I am honoured to be a recipient of the APLA First Timer's Conference Grant for the APLA 2021 Conference: Cross-Pollinate. Cultivate. Change. The virtual conference was well-organized and fun to attend, so kudos to the conference committee for a job very well done!

I played a few roles at this conference. I presented an APLA Talk titled "Accessibility in Collection Development Policies in Academic Libraries in Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Manitoba: A Content Analysis." Along with Maggie Neilson, I co-presented a Lightning Talk titled "The Kids Are Alright: Supporting Parent Patrons at Acadia University's Vaughan Memorial Library." I moderated Lindsay Tyler's (Senior Manager at CELA) APLA Talk titled "Accessible Formats – What, Where, When and How!?"

As the Convener of APLA's Information Literacy Interest Group, I attended APLA's OGM. And, of course, I attended many informative, entertaining, and thought-provoking presentations. The keynote presentations by Camille Callison and Gerald Gloade were particular highlights of my overall conference experience. I also participated in the pre-conference workshop "Cultivating Innovation: A Workshop to Improve Facilitation and Problem Solving to Creatively Drive Change." I hope to include the lessons that I learned from the workshop, as well as from the presentations, into my work, and thereby embody the spirit of the conference theme.

I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to attend this conference, and I wish to thank APLA for sponsoring my attendance with the First Timer's Conference Grant.

Respectfully submitted by Agnieszka Hayes