

## From the President's Desk



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Hello, I hope everyone is making it through the Eastern Canadian winter all right.

This January I had the privilege of attending the **OLA Superconference** in Toronto as the President of APLA. It was an amazing experience that helped me reaffirm my connection to the value of library work and introduced me to many wonderful people from across the country who are working hard in their own library associations and organizations. It can be easy, from my office here in St. John's, to forget that a lot of the issues we face as a profession, as an association, as individual library workers, are shared by our colleagues across Canada.

Attending the CFLA-FCAB at the Ontario Library Association Superconference meeting was inspiring, and I left feeling that our role as a library association is just as important as ever. I am not one to shy away from hard truths, and the truth is that there is a lot going on in the world right now that challenges the foundation upon which our profession is built. This is a crucial time for access to legitimate information, and for library collections that represent the diversity of our beautiful provinces. As we move through these uncertain times, I am dedicated to not losing sight of the fact that library workers everywhere have an important role to play.

As we pivot from an in-person conference this year to virtual, I want to extend thanks to our hardworking **Conference Committee** and our **Executive**, as we grapple with what our conferences look like post-2020. We are always working to bring the best options to our membership, and our goal is that the conference gives you an accessible opportunity to share knowledge and learn with your colleagues. I hope to see many of you sign up to attend!

I also hope to reach some of you looking to volunteer. At this juncture, we are looking for new volunteers to fill the ranks of **APLA's volunteer Executive Board**. If you are a member of APLA in good standing, or if you want to get involved through joining, please reach out! There's never been a better time to get involved.

May the winter pass gently and the days grow ever longer,

**Emily Blackmore**, APLA President