



## From the President's Desk

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### Welcome

Welcome to another edition of our APLA Bulletin! It's that time of year again when the days begin to get a bit shorter, and mornings are a bit cooler. Fortunately for us, it's also the most beautiful time of the year when we get to enjoy Mother Nature's spectacular show of colours.

I began my term by extending letters of welcome to all of the associations that belong to APLA. This included letters to the Presidents of APLNB, NLLA, NSALT, NSLA and PEIPLA. Sadly, we recently learned that NSALT has had to make the difficult decision to dissolve their association. I immediately responded to Erica Smith regarding this notice, and we have agreed to meet to discuss how APLA can and will continue to represent our colleagues from this association.

### Advocacy

Jocelyne Thompson, Chair of our APLA Advocacy Committee, is to be commended for her vigilance and support this summer. This has been a very active year for advocacy in our library community. The following letters were sent on behalf of the APLA Membership:

<b>Premier Brian Gallant</b>	<i>RE: New Brunswick Public Libraries – Sunday Openings</i>
<b>Press Release</b>	<i>APLA Protests NL Government's Cuts to Libraries and Increased Tax on Books</i>
<b>Mayor Dawn Arnold</b>	<i>RE: Moncton Public Library Proposed Move.</i>
<b>Mr. Dennis Cochrane:</b>	<i>RE: Response to Moncton Public Library Proposed Move.</i>
<b>Honorable Dale Kirby</b>	<i>RE: Response to Projected Closure of More Than Half of Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries</i>
<b>Premier Ball</b>	<i>Open Letter Regarding the New 10% Tax on Books</i>
<b>Honorable Dale Kirby</b>	<i>RE: Suspension of Closures and Review of Libraries</i>

### APLA 2017 Conference: Include. Imagine. Inspire | Inclure. Imaginer. Inspirer

**Save the Date!** Our APLA 2017 Conference will take place in beautiful downtown Charlottetown, PE from May 23 – 26 at the Rodd Charlottetown. Stay tuned for updates.

## CFLA-FCAB



It's official – APLA is now a member of CFLA-FCAB! Did you know that as a member of APLA, all of you are members of CFLA-FCAB too? The Board of CFLA-FCAB has determined that the main priority for 2016 is to help libraries and archives respond to the Calls to Action found in the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Maggie Jean Neilson will sit on the **CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Committee** as our official representative, and I will act as our alternate representative.



## Games @ the Library

Special thanks to Juanita Lewis, our APLA Games @ the Library Convener, for reviving our [Games @ the Library](#) event for 2016 – and especially for taking the time to translate our logo! This year's participants will be eligible to win a Samsung Tablet. Please send your photos of this event to our [APLA Bulletin](#). We'd love to see how you supported this event.

## Website

We're updating our website! Our Web Master, Melissa Anez, has been working diligently to provide a new look and feel to our APLA Website. The new website will be launched within the next few weeks. Let us know what you think – we love hearing from you.

## The Partnership

Kathryn Rose, our VP President-Elect, and I attended the Partnership Summer Retreat in Toronto from August 16-17, 2016. The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. Representatives meet twice a year to collaboratively develop services and programs for members of their respective associations (i.e., Education Institute, CEC). There is much to be gained from this association. It is an excellent networking opportunity to learn from our library associations across the country. All members of APLA are members of the Partnership and eligible to partake in the many membership benefits offered from this group. For more information, check out the Members tab on our [APLA website](#).

## Membership: Together we are stronger

Speaking of membership, please don't forget to [renew your APLA membership](#). APLA prides itself on our diverse membership and "represents all levels of interest and participation" in libraries. Everyone is welcome!

Before I end this letter, I want to acknowledge the many volunteers who make our association possible. We would not exist were it not for their dedication to this association. In the months ahead we will be investigating the adoption of a formal Code of Conduct for all APLA events; preparing for our annual conference; launching our new website, and as always continuing to advocate on behalf of our members and our libraries.