



From the President's Desk

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! My sincerest wishes to all for good health and happiness in 2017. For those of you who revel in the beauty of winter, I hope you enjoy these next few months of nature's frosty beauty, and for those of you who look forward to the magic of spring, each passing day brings us closer to snowdrops, tulips, daffodils and our APLA 2017 Conference!

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Get ready for an amazing APLA 2017 Conference in beautiful downtown Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Accommodations: Our APLA 2017 Conference will take place in Charlottetown, PE from May 23 – 26 at the Rodd Charlottetown. [BOOK YOUR ROOM](#)

Air Travel: Did you know that APLA 2017 has partnered with Air Canada, Porter Airlines and WestJet? [GET PROMOTIONAL CODES](#)

Keynote Speakers: Our Conference Committee have arranged for two amazing speakers!



Sarah Houghton: Sarah Houghton is best known as the author of the awardwinning LibrarianInBlack.net. She is also the Director for the San Rafael Public Library in northern California. Sarah is a big technology nerd and believes in the power of libraries to change lives. [READ MORE](#)



Eliza Knockwood: Eliza Star Child Knockwood is a Mi'kmaq woman from Abegweit First Nation with a vital, creative, and powerful voice. She is an experienced public speaker and facilitator, and is a filmmaker with over 14 years experience in the film industry. [READ MORE](#)

APLA Bulletin

As many of you will have noticed, we are now publishing our APLA Bulletin using Open Journal Systems (OJS). Special thanks to our Co-Editor, Alison Ambi for initiating this process, and to Acadia University for hosting. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Co-Editor, Patricia Langille and to welcome Marc Harper, our newest APLA Bulletin Co-Editor.

This change to OJS prompted me to explore our archives. We've come a long way since our first Bulletin was published in September 1928. [Bulletin 1, Maritime Library Association, September 1928](#).

Our Editors and Members love hearing from you, so please send us news from your libraries.

Membership: Together we are stronger

Speaking of members... please don't forget to [renew your membership](#). I look forward to seeing you at our APLA 2017 Conference!

Suzanne