

Announcements

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APLA Conference 2017

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The APLA 2017 Annual Conference is now just around the corner! The Organizing Committee could not be more excited for the phenomenal selection of sessions to take in! To see everything being offered at the conference, check out the full schedule here: <https://apla2017conference.sched.com/>

Whether you hail from academic, public or specialized libraries, we have sessions that will engage and inspire!

Pre-Conference Sessions

We'll be kicking off our Pre-Conference sessions on Tuesday, May 23. Please note pre-conference programming is run on a cost-recovery basis. If registration numbers are not enough to cover costs, the session will be cancelled. Our Pre-Conference sessions are:

- Bookbinding 1 and 2 with Jennifer Brown – 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Rodd Charlottetown. \$40 per workshop, or \$70 for both.
- Creating Inclusive Environments with Paula Gallant – 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Rodd Charlottetown. \$65
- Data Visualization Techniques and Tools for Academic Libraries – 1:00 - 4:00pm at Robertson Library, UPEI. \$40
- PEI Libraries Tour – 1:00 - 5:00pm departing from Rodd Charlottetown. \$25

Volunteers Needed

With a very full conference schedule, we are in need of session conveners to ensure presenters are warmly welcomed and introduced, and that sessions run in a smoothly and timely fashion! For those planning on presenting, or anyone interested in participating in a volunteer role, this is a great opportunity! Not sure convening a session is for you? We could always use extra help with the

Pop-Up Store, the Registration Desk, and the skills of Runners/Floaters. If you are interested in volunteering during the conference, head to our volunteer page to sign up!

Social Events

Aside from the conference sessions, which are bound to be stellar, we have wonderful social events planned! Our Past President's Reception is a **World Flavours Experience** on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00pm! Enjoy food, entertainment, and dancing from around the globe with your fellow conference attendees and vendors! Shuttle transportation is provided to the PEI Brewing Company. Additional networking is invited at our **Talk and Tapas** on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:00pm in the Province Room at the Rodd Charlottetown. Join your colleagues and vendors for an hour of talk and wind down after the first day of the conference. We're shaking up the traditional banquet, and hosting a traditional **Kitchen Party** – a true Island experience. Join your colleagues at The Alley, a short walk from the venue, as we honour this year's Merit Award Winner with food, music and bowling. Our Kitchen Party is an informal gathering where you can get together for music, food and good cheer – a unique Atlantic Canadian tradition. You won't be able to resist dancing to our entertainers: Treble with Girls. This is a ticketed event so make sure you order your Banquet Ticket(s) during Conference registration. If you didn't get enough to eat at the first few events, then be sure to get a ticket (\$25) for the **Olde Charlottetown Historic Culinary Walking Tour** taking place Thursday, May 25 from 4:30 - 6:00pm. You will quickly discover why Charlottetown is known as a foodie heaven as your guide, Erroll Affleck, Holland College Culinary School Instructor, takes you to the best local restaurants, and introduces Charlottetown's rich history.

On behalf of the APLA Conference 2017 Organizing Committee, we look forward to celebrating the work we do every day. We can't wait to reconnect with colleagues, refresh our skills, and revitalize our communities.

"It's delightful when your imaginations come true, isn't it?" – L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*