

Announcements

APLA Resolutions Committee: May 26, 2017

Prison Libraries Network Right to Read Position Statement:

Whereas, the mandate of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) includes the objective to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern,

And, whereas, the Prison Libraries Network Right to Read Statement clearly asserts the value of libraries and access to information resources in correctional institutions,

Be it resolved, that APLA endorse the Prison Libraries Network Right to Read Position Statement.

Moved by: Suzanne van den Hoogen

Signature: _____

Seconded by: Laurinda Matheson

Signature: _____

APLA Event Code of Conduct:

Whereas the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) holds a conference, several business meetings, and may host or sponsor other events annually;

And, whereas APLA values an equitable, fair, and respectful forum for conducting business, offering professional development, socializing, and the discussion of ideas;

And, Whereas APLA does not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or disrespectful behaviour towards its members or guests at any of the aforementioned events;

Be it resolved that APLA adopt the Event Code of Conduct approved by the APLA Executive and adopted by the 2017 Conference Planning Committee.

Moved by: Suzanne van den Hoogen

Signature: _____

Seconded by: Carolyn DeLorey

Signature: _____

Conference Courtesy Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) extends its appreciation to members of the Charlottetown conference organizing committee, the speakers, the exhibitors, the sponsors and all who have contributed to the success of the 2017 Atlantic Provinces Library Association conference.

Moved by: Suzanne van den Hoogen

Signature: _____

Seconded by: Laurinda Matheson

Signature: _____

Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA-FCAB) Truth and Reconciliation Report:

Whereas the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) recognized that access to Indigenous knowledge and cultural materials depends on decolonizing libraries and cultural memory institutions and their services,

And, whereas, the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA-FCAB) [Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations](#) are now available,

Be it resolved that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) endorse the 10 recommendations presented in the Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations:

1. As CFLA-FCAB is a national voice with the ability to influence national and international policy regarding issues of importance, we request the CFLA-FCAB create a permanent Standing Committee on Indigenous Matters utilizing the medicine wheel framework developed by the Truth & Reconciliation Committee;
2. The T&R Committee supports and endorses the CFLA-FCAB Position Statement on Library and Literacy Services for Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) Peoples of Canada;
3. Encourage libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 94 Calls to Action, several of which have been identified as having a direct impact on libraries and archives and are prioritized in this report, and to implement a status report on a yearly basis to monitor their implementation;
4. Ensure accessibility moving forward by continually reminding stakeholders that material produced and programming planned in the future should be accessible to all Canadians. CELA (the Center for Equitable Library Access) and NNELS (the National Network for Equitable Library Service) are positioned to support these efforts.
5. Decolonize Access and Classification by addressing the structural biases in existing schemes of knowledge organization and information retrieval arising from colonialism by committing to integrating Indigenous epistemologies into cataloguing praxis and knowledge management;
6. Decolonize Libraries and Space by recognizing and supporting Indigenous cultures, languages and knowledges through culturally appropriate space planning, interior design, signage, art installations, territorial acknowledgements of geographic-specific traditional territories and public programming in collaboration with local Indigenous stakeholders;
7. Enhance opportunities for Indigenous library, archival and information professionals as well as the inclusion of Indigenous epistemologies in the Canadian library and archives profession through culturally appropriate pedagogy, recruitment practices, professional and continuing education and cross-cultural training in collaboration with local Indigenous stakeholders and partners;

8. Recommend the implementation of Indigenous Knowledge Protection protocols and agreements with local and other Indigenous groups who have holdings in libraries, archives and/or cultural memory institutions to respect the Indigenous cultural concept of copyright with regard to Indigenous history or heritage, which is often located in but not limited to oral traditions, songs, dance, storytelling, anecdotes, place names, hereditary names and other forms of Indigenous knowledges; recommend that CFLA-FCAB actively participate in reforming the Canadian Copyright Act to include protection of CFLA-FCAB Truth & Reconciliation Committee Report & Recommendations 7 Canadian Federation of Library Associations-Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) Indigenous knowledges and languages while advocating for changes to include traditional knowledge as outlined and recommended by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/>). We join the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in calling upon Library and Archives Canada to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action #69 (Appendix D) by fully implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf and the Updated Set of Principles for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights through Action to Combat Impunity (2005), more commonly known as the Joinet/Orentlicher Principles <http://www.derechos.org/nizkor/impu/principles.html>;

9. Establish an online database of “living documents” to highlight existing Best Practices of Indigenous Services in libraries, archives, and cultural memory institutions that will serve as a foundation to help disseminate those best practices and for this “living document” to be updated preferably on a quarterly basis but minimally semi-annually;

10. Maintain a database of Indigenous organizations or groups committed to preserving cultural memory primarily, but not limited to, libraries, archives, language preservation, cultural history/museums to build relationships; to support the development of an Indigenous association of library, archives and cultural memory institutions; and to support in principle the National Aboriginal Library Association (NALA) regarding their stated intent of developing First Nations public libraries on reserves.

Moved by: Trina O’Brien Leggott

Signature: _____

Seconded by:

Signature: _____

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The (text of the first preamble clause);

Whereas, All (text of next to last preamble clause), and

Whereas, It (text of last preamble clause);

Resolved, That (stating action to be taken); and

Resolved, That (stating further action to be taken); and

Resolved, That (stating still further action to be taken).

Moved by: _____

Signature: _____

Seconded by: _____

Signature: _____