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## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! The New Year marks the lengthening of our days, and is often a time of reflection and resolutions. I extend my sincerest wishes for a year of health, happiness, and fulfillment! Don't forget to include attending the APLA conference as one of your goals. We'd love to see you! This year we celebrate 100 years of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association in beautiful Fredericton!

## APLA 2018 Conference: Libraries in ACTION bibliothèques, Fredericton, June 6-9

The Conference committee is working hard on the final details for what is sure to be an excellent annual conference at UNB's Wu Conference Centre. This year's conference is taking shape around the Truth and

Reconciliation Committee's Call to Action. A few details on the conference are below. For more information, check out Jessica Larocque's contribution to this edition of the Bulletin.

**Accommodations:** There are two options this year, the Crown Plaza Fredericton-Beaverbrook Hotel, or on-campus UNB residences.

### Keynote Speakers:



The opening keynote speaker, **Michael Ridley**, has held positions of Chief Information Officer and University Librarian at the University of Guelph, Associate University Librarian at the University of Waterloo, and Head of Systems and Technical Services at the Health Science Library at McMaster University. His areas of interest include “literacy, being literate, post-literacy, and the impact of AI on literacy.”



**Sheree Fitch**, our closing keynote speaker, is a well-known Canadian author and owner of Mable Murple's Book Shoppe and Dreamery.

**The Past Presidents' opening reception** will be held at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in downtown Fredericton, and the Charlotte Street Arts Centre will host the **Merit Award Reception**. An 80's cover band will be there for entertainment, so bring your dancing shoes!

## APLA Membership

Remember that an APLA membership gets you preferred pricing at the conference, so make sure to renew! APLA offers member benefits to all library workers, so make sure to tell your colleagues!

## Advocacy Update

In December, APLA addressed letters to Nova Scotia's MLAs celebrating the work of the 11 branches of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library system. This was the first stage of the Committee's plan to highlight Nova Scotia's libraries this year. We received several positive responses from these MLAs. Efforts to highlight other regions of the province will be forthcoming.