



From the
President's Desk

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Welcome Spring!

Even though there may be dirty snow banks on the street corners, or even in your front yard, the birds have started to appear, the temperatures have started to climb, and there has even been a thaw or two. You may even catch a glimpse of a crocus here and there. Spring IS coming, and with it, our Annual Conference in Fredericton!

APLA 2018 Libraries in ACTION bibliothèques

The Conference celebrating 100 years of APLA is not going to disappoint. The programming committee has released the schedule, and it is full of incredible presentations, workshops, and sessions. New to our conference this year, is APLA 2018 Common Read program. Intended to build on the reflection that began in Charlottetown on the response of libraries to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Call to Action, the program will focus on Thomas King's *The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America*. It will gather attendees to discuss the book and its themes in a relaxed and open environment. Be sure to check out the interactive installation, "100 Reasons Why We Matter" at the Registration Desk, and take a look at the print timeline that offers a glimpse into the Association's 100 year history.

Advocacy!

The Advocacy Committee has been busy the past few months. Three series of letters have been sent out to every MLA in Nova Scotia, highlighting the work of Public Libraries in the Cumberland, Cape Breton, and Annapolis Valley Regions, with more to come. The driving force for much of the campaign has originated in the Chair of the Advocacy committee, Jocelyne Thompson. With the help of the VP Provinces, Ms. Thompson has set the standard for our Advocacy efforts. If you see her at the conference, please take a moment to thank her for the work she has done for our Association and for libraries in our region. This spring, Ms. Thompson will be passing the baton for the Advocacy Chair to a new individual, who will benefit from all of the trailblazing work she has accomplished. Thank you, Jocelyne!