

## Announcements

### APLA 2021 Virtual Conference

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This year's APLA Conference is going virtual! Due to the unprecedented circumstances we will be hosting our first ever virtual APLA Conference in Spring 2021! This year's theme is: **Cross Pollinate. Cultivate. Change/Brasser des idées. S'épanouir. Changer!** Our planning Committee and its sub-Committees are working hard to bring you the best experience possible!

#### **Call for proposals:**

Please note, proposals that were accepted last year will be automatically accepted for this year.

Libraries are always changing. We are seeking proposals that exhibit change regarding services, collections, spaces, or policies through the experience of working with others. We are looking for proposals on the process, outcomes, or cultivation of relationships, collaborations, working groups, or partnerships on any topics relevant to library and information professionals. Special consideration will be given to proposals addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion. Finally, we invite your own take on the conference themes.

We are seeking the following:

- APLA Talks (18 mins with additional 10 mins for questions);
- Oral presentations (45 mins with additional 10 mins for questions);
- Interactive panel discussions (60 minutes);
- Lightning talks (5-10 minutes);

Proposals that do not fit the above time and structure will be considered by the committee but are dependent on the schedule, logistics and other proposals.

Please submit your proposals via email to [aplaprogram@acadiu.ca](mailto:aplaprogram@acadiu.ca) by December 31st, 2020 at midnight. Please include "APLA 2020" in the email subject, and please provide/specify the:

- Title
- Type: APLA talk, presentation, panel, lightning presentation
- Name, title, institution of presenter(s)
- Two sentence bio of the presenter(s)
- Abstract (250 words or less)

- Language of presentation
- Contact information including email, address, phone number

Presenters will be notified by February 14, 2021. Presenters are responsible for their own registration.

We request that presenters make their presentation available on the conference website.

We would love to hear perspectives from public libraries, health libraries, special libraries, archives, academic libraries, and more!

**Stay tuned for more information about the Conference by visiting our website <https://conference.apla.ca/> and by following APLA's social media channels!**