

From the President's Desk



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Dear All,

Spring 2021 continues to be challenging for libraries and library workers across the Atlantic Provinces and beyond. Libraries are rising to the challenges in many creative and innovative ways. Please take a moment to enjoy the sunshine, friends, family, and your networks of colleagues.

For the first time the APLA Conference is virtual. Please join your colleagues and friends for over 50 workshops, presentations, panels, and APLA Talks. Post-conference, there will be an opportunity to catch the sessions you missed. You will be able to do so because most of the sessions will be recorded and available for a month after the conference. In the finest APLA tradition, we will have vibrant virtual social events. Join your friends and colleagues for a Virtual Ghost Walk, Yoga with Danielle, Cooking with The Noodle Guy, and our Virtual Cocktail Party with Comedy provided by Jay Malone. We have a new tradition: for the second time the APLA OGM is virtual!

Thank-you to everyone who took the time to nominate and support their colleagues and for those who took the time to apply for the awards. We are delighted to support you and congratulations! Our Merit Award Presentation will take place at the Conference Opening Remarks. Due to the virtual conference, we were able to support three individuals to attend the conference with our First Timer's Award(s). Please join us at our OGM where we will announce the recipients' names for all our awards or read our conference edition of the Bulletin for further details!

Thank-you to all the retiring members of the APLA Executive, convenors of interest groups and committees and members. Thank-you to all our new and continuing APLA volunteers who share their time and expertise for the benefit of us all, and to members who continue to engage with the association all around the provinces.

Thank you for your membership and support of APLA,
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