

From the President's Desk



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As the Spring of 2022 continues to be a challenging time for libraries and library workers across the Atlantic Provinces, we all continue to meet these challenges in creative and innovative ways. I encourage all of you to greet the warm weather by reflecting on the accomplishments of the last year and looking forward to what's ahead. As Covid restrictions are likely to continue diminishing, we must all assess which library services will resume as they were pre-Covid, and which virtual "Covid habits" are here to stay.

For the second time, the **APLA Conference** will be virtual. Please join your colleagues and friends for over 40 workshops, presentations, panels, and APLA Talks. Post-conference, those who missed certain sessions will still be able to view them. Most (but not all) sessions will be available *for four months* to conference attendees. Also, for the third straight year, **APLA's OGM** will be virtual. Please join us there, where we will announce the recipients' names for our awards. You can also read our conference edition of the Bulletin for further details.

Although it is too soon to tell what the 2023 Conference will look like, APLA's Executive Committee will no doubt be up to date on the latest trends and safety measures. Decisions will be made in conjunction with feedback from our members.

A big thank you to those whose time is coming to an end on APLA's Executive, interest groups, or committees. Your time, expertise, and insights have made us a stronger association. The remarkable number of volunteers who lend their time to APLA is surely why our regional library association always punches above its weight.

Due to the great work of our volunteers, the last year has seen APLA develop an updated media policy (with thanks to **Cynthia Holt**), an anti-racism statement, a revamped website, as well as our new Intellectual Freedom interest group that will be led by **Chantale Saulnier** from the New Brunswick Public Library Service. This is in addition to the wonderful contributions from our committees and interest groups that are too numerous to mention.

Thank you for your membership and support of APLA, it has been humbling and fulfilling to join the esteemed list of APLA's past presidents.

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