

From the President's Desk



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Since the last edition of the APLA Bulletin many of our members have been deeply affected by Hurricane Fiona. The storm damaged properties and businesses, displaced families, took lives and left many without power, internet, and food for extended periods of time. All four of our provinces were subjected to Fiona. Our thoughts remain with all those impacted, and we hope you are soon back on your feet. In the calm after the storm, the leaves have changed colour and fallen from the trees and I hope you have had a chance to take in the beauty of Fall in the Atlantic provinces. We are truly blessed to live and work and study in such a stunning area of the country. While the warm months are ending and the hours of sunlight are decreasing, your APLA Executive are not slowing down.

I am excited to announce that planning has begun for the **APLA 2023 Conference** happening June 6-9, 2023. The digital APLA membership conference survey indicated that another virtual conference is preferred by the majority and that cost, accessibility and dwindling travel budgets continue to make virtual learning a priority, if not a necessity, for many members. Stay tuned for more to come from the planning committee on the conference theme, keynotes and call for presenters. Please mark your calendars to attend the conference or present a session!

In the meantime, the **OLA Super Conference** will be happening in Toronto February 1-4, and I urge you to partake in person if that works for you, or take advantage of some of the digital offerings that will also be available. I recently had the privilege of attending the two-part virtual **Summer Retreat** from The Partnership bringing together library association executives from across Canada. During Part I we heard from James Turk about the Library Challenges Database at the Toronto Metropolitan University as well as the need for a new Editor for The Partnership Journal and the need for a new Secretary and Chair for The Partnership in the new year. Many thanks to our own Suzanne van den Hoogen and Su Cleyle for fulfilling the Secretary and Chair duties for many years, and leaving huge shoes to fill! During Part II of the retreat, we heard from Michelle Arbuckle at the Education Institute about some upcoming rebranding as well as exciting news about three virtual single day conferences the EI will be starting in the new year. Topics will focus on PD for new managers and HR, new researchers, and front-line staff. A

reminder that APLA receives revenue from any APLA member attendance or presentation of EI offerings. I look forward to attending the **Partnership's Winter Retreat** in January 2023 and meeting with our other Canadian library association presidents.

On October 7th the APLA executive met virtually for our 2022 Fall Executive meeting. It was a very productive meeting that allowed us to put names to new faces and to celebrate the important work being done by all. **Nathalie Richard, Agnieszka Hayes, Jason Lee**, and I talked about the membership drive we have been working on (**prizes to be won** if you renew or become a member between June 2022-2023!), **Krystal Dionne** discussed the very successful 2022 APLA Conference, and **Margaret Vail** presented the budget and an update on APLA's G Suite account. Many thanks to Margaret and **Vincent Grovestine** for their tireless efforts and the many hours of work they have put into working with Tech Soup and Google! The robust reports submitted by the various APLA Interest Groups and Committees are a testament to our members' commitment and hard work on behalf of APLA and advocacy for our profession. While the Games @ the Library program could not run without a convener this Fall, we are hopeful that someone will soon fill this role and we can resume the program in our libraries in 2023 (reach out if this role speaks to you!).

Finally, many thanks to all of our members who have contributed to this issue of the Bulletin and to our association in some way. I hope you can take a few moments to sit and relax with a favourite beverage and read all about your colleagues' endeavours!

All my best,

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