

From the President's Desk



Spring 2023
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The flowers are in bloom, the snow has disappeared and the sun has returned to the Atlantic provinces with a warmer than usual Spring to restore us all...and just like that a year has passed. It has been an honour to serve as APLA President for 2022-23 and to work with such an engaged and committed Executive. Many thanks to each and every Executive member, Interest Group and Committee on their dedication to APLA and to serving our LIS communities. Your work is often invisible, all voluntary, and is in addition to busy personal and professional lives, but it is valuable work and much appreciated. An extra special thank you to your families, employers and colleagues who support you and allow you the time to be a part of the APLA family.

2023 APLA Virtual Conference



APLA 2023

**Community, Connecting, Caring/Communauté, Connectivité,
Compassion**

Our 2023 Conference Planning Team (**Colin MacKay**-Chair, **Margaret Vail**, **Emily MacIsaac**, **Grace Bourret**, **Evelyn Trainer**, **Krystal Dionne**, **David Ross**, **Chantale Saulnier**, and **Phil Taber**) has been hard at work putting together another fabulous virtual conference. With two exciting keynote speakers, a roster of timely and informative sessions and a bit of fun (Drag Music BINGO!) I am sure there will be something for everyone. If you haven't registered yet, do so [here](#) before it is too late.

APLA Awards 2023

The APLA Merit Award will be presented virtually at the Conference this year to a very deserving member, as well as our APLA NSCC and Dalhousie SIM awards. The Conference First Timer's Grant is an opportunity for a member to attend the Conference for free their first time, so if this applies to you please contact one of the Executive via email.

APLA Membership

Our APLA Membership Drive continues until the 2023 Conference with prizes for those who sign up or renew their membership by June 2023. An APLA membership is not only a resume builder, it also provides discounts on merchandise at the Library Marketplace, Perkopolis discounts, discounted registration at the APLA Conference and conferences across Canada and internationally, regular PD materials and opportunities, and a chance to advocate for the profession and make your voice heard on matters that are important to you!

Executives, Committees and Interest Groups

Our **Information Literacy** and **Continuing Education Interest Groups** have continued to provide informative emails with information and links to materials on topics of interest. Many thanks to the Information Literacy Interest Group for their virtual drop-in learning space sessions and to the Continuing Education Interest Group for arranging a panel session at this year's conference.

Also, please join me in welcoming **Nicole Marcoux** our new Advocacy Chair, **Catherine Gracey** our new Games @ the Library Coordinator and **Colin MacKay** our new Treasurer. As well, we wish **Su Cleyle**, our outgoing VP Newfoundland and Labrador, **Chantale Saulnier**, outgoing VP New Brunswick, and Treasurer **Margaret Vail** all the best for the future and much gratitude for your dedication to APLA.

The APLA President-Elect position is still vacant as well as VP Newfoundland and Labrador and VP New Brunswick. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for these positions the process is simple and starts by contacting one of the APLA executives.

Finally, many thanks to our Past-President **Marc Harper** who has juggled a number of plates this year but always made time for APLA (not to mention his years of work on the Bulletin Journal). I look forward to handing over the Presidency gavel (yes there is one and it's pretty cool--pic below!) to President-Elect **Krystal Dionne** and seeing what the year ahead brings for us all.

Take care and I will see you at the conference!

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