

From the President's Desk



Summer 2024

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I hope everyone's enjoyed a great summer! I started as APLA President in June, at our OGM during the **2024 APLA Conference** and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome. A big thank you to the organizing committee for this conference, and all of the volunteers who kept everything working behind the scenes. A virtual conference comes along with lots of different logistical considerations and our team worked hard to make this one good for everyone who attended.

I am excited to tell you that planning for our **2025 APLA Conference** is underway and will be in person next year in Nova Scotia! Stay tuned for an announcement on dates, an exact location, and the theme, and keep an eye out for a call for proposals later in the year.

Just this month I attended a virtual **Partnership** meeting with representatives from library associations across Canada. It is heartening to see that the profession is alive and well, and that the challenges we face here on the east coast are shared by our colleagues country wide. Hearing about how others are problem solving issues like censorship, volunteer retention, and how to best support library workers is a valuable thing, and I'm looking forward to the next meeting.

I want to give special thanks to our outgoing President **Krystal Dionne**, who is now in the role of Past President. I would also like to welcome our new VP Elect and future President **Courtney Crocker**, who is the Education Librarian at Memorial University. We're thrilled to have Courtney on board, and welcome to all of our new executive members.

As we start a new school year, I want to encourage anyone whose interested in getting involved with APLA, whether you're a student, new to the field, or retired, to check out our [Interest Groups](#). Whether your interest lies in Information Literacy, Continuing Education, or Intellectual Freedom, we are always interested to hear from you and have you be involved.

Happy Fall to you all and I look forward to seeing you in 2025 in Nova Scotia!

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