

## From the President's Desk



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Hello all! It seems like the last few months have really flown by. Worldwide, there certainly is a lot happening, and many things on the horizon for us to be vigilant about as library workers. In an era as information rich as the one we live in we are so lucky to have libraries as already established centres of knowledge and learning. From the public libraries in our provinces that contain collections that reflect all of the members of our communities and their lived experiences, to the school libraries that have been and continue to be havens for many, to the academic libraries that support our institutions of higher learning, to the special collections that exist because of our hard work—thank you each and every one for all of your hard work to keep libraries alive and flourishing.

As we continue to advocate for ourselves, let's acknowledge that the work isn't always easy. Let's endeavour to support each other as best we can through the times to come. People need libraries now just as much as they always have, and in Atlantic Canada you are the lifeblood that keeps the heart pumping.

If any of you would like to volunteer with APLA, please reach out! There are always ways to get involved, and new faces are always welcome. A huge thank you to everyone volunteering to get our 2025 conference running—volunteer work is hard, and it is so much appreciated. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming conference in June in Halifax. APLA 2025 is sure to be one for the books!

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