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From the President's Desk



Emily Blackmore
Spring 2025

Hello APLA Membership! Happy spring to you all.

As the seasons change, so does the APLA Executive. This will be my last letter to you as the APLA President, with my term coming to an end at our OGM in June. With that in mind, I have been reflecting a lot on what APLA means to me, and what it can mean for our entire library community. Library Associations across Canada are important for many reasons we can list, but for me it comes down to community. APLA recently wrote a letter in support of New Brunswick's school libraries, after cuts to school library staff in New Brunswick's Anglophone School District West. We received a lot of supportive responses to this letter from the membership- a reminder that our advocacy work for library workers is important and timely. We have a voice and we can use it to stand up for our library communities and to speak out against things that go against the principals of librarianship. In this way we are stronger together as an association than we are as single individuals.

APLA will come together as a library community for our upcoming conference, taking place virtually **June 10th-12th**. There are lots of great sessions to attend, as well as our **OGM**, taking place on **June 12th**, which we encourage you as members to attend, even if you can't make the rest of the conference. With this year's theme being **Breaking Barriers**, we aim to explore how libraries are challenging traditional boundaries, embracing innovation, and empowering individuals and communities. There's no better example to me than what a library association can accomplish than those words - empowering us as library workers and communities to work and grow together.

Thank you to all of the outgoing executive members, whose work has been much appreciated over the last year. And thank you to all of our incoming volunteers - this association would not run without you. It is through your work, every day, in libraries across our four provinces, that the heart of APLA is kept beating.

Keep up the good work, and thank you very much.

Emily Blackmore

APLA President, 2024-2025

Membership has its rewards!

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6 WAYS THE PARTNERSHIP ENRICHES MEMBER LEARNING AND BENEFITS

The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. The Partnership meets twice a year to collaborate and to develop services and programs for members of their respective associations. More than 7,800 people who work for or with the library and information management sector belong to the associations that make up The Partnership.

The associations that make up the Partnership include: l'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec - Quebec Library Association (ABQLA); Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA); British Columbia Library Association (BCLA); Library Association of Alberta (LAA); Manitoba Libraries Association (MLA); Nunavut Library Association (NLA); Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA); Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA); Northwest Territories Library Association (NWTLA); Ontario Library Association (OLA); Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA); Yukon Library Association (YLA)

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The Partnership's *Continuing Education Certificate (CEC)* is a national program administered by the Library Association of Alberta on behalf of The Partnership.

As a CEC program participant you will:

- Plan and document your learning and professional development by activity type and subject areas;
- Collect points annually, based on learning activities, over the program period of three years;
- Receive a certificate of completion and a full record of your learning activities.

Visit <http://bit.ly/ContinuingEducationCertificate> for more information.

****Please note that CEC is no longer an active program****

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EDUCATION INSTITUTE (EI)

The *Education Institute (EI)* is a continuing education program for library information workers developed by The Partnership. Annually, there are three EI Semesters. The Winter semester runs from January - April; the Spring/Summer semester runs from May - August, and the Fall semester runs from September - December. Each semester is promoted through a calendar. Members of the Partnership receive discounts on webinars and annual institutional subscriptions are available.

Visit <http://bit.ly/EducationInstitute> for upcoming events and more information.

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The Partnership Job Board lists positions available to library and information personnel from coast to coast to coast. The Partnership Job Board was developed and is managed by the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) to support members of The Partnership. The Job Board is free to job seekers and is a paid service for employers. The employer is responsible for all job posting content. BCLA does not participate in the hiring process and does not forward messages or applications to employers. The cost to post is \$55 for institutional members of a provincial or territorial library association in the Partnership, and \$85 for non-members.

Visit <https://partnershipjobs.ca/> for more information.



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THE LIBRARY MARKETPLACE

Library associations in the Partnership receive discounts from *The Library Marketplace*. Associations are also provided with a variety of product marketing tools like "the store in a box".

Visit <https://www.thelibrarymarketplace.com/> for more information.



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Individual members of library associations in the Partnership are offered an opportunity to take advantage of some very good savings on many products and services in entertainment, hotels, shopping, and travel. This offer is available through The Partnership at **Perkopolis** and is accessible through a code which is available through your association's office.

Visit <https://www.perkopolis.com/> for more information.

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THE PARTNERSHIP JOURNAL

PARTNERSHIP: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research is the journal of the Partnership. The Journal promotes the exchange of ideas about libraries, librarianship, and information science among practitioners across all library sectors. We are a Canadian, open access journal publishing double-blind peer-reviewed research and editorially reviewed articles and opinion pieces.

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Announcements

APLA Conference 2025: Breaking Barriers/Brisons les Barrières & Link to OGM

The virtual **APLA Conference** is fast approaching! The conference link can be found [here](#).

Thanks to our sponsors for their support of the 2025 APLA Conference: Breaking Barriers. When you register, let everyone know on your socials and ours! **#aplacon2025**

- [Carr McLean](#)
- [Clarivate](#)
- [Council of Atlantic Academic Libraries](#)
- [Grey House Publishing Canada](#)
- [National Film Board of Canada](#)
- [New Brunswick Public Library Service](#)
- [OurDigitalWorld Organization](#)
- [PEI Public Library Service](#)
- [The Trojman Corporation](#)

Don't miss the **APLA OGM** at the end of the conference:

Topic: APLA OGM 2025 and Conference Closing

Time: Jun 12, 2025 05:00 PM Atlantic Time (Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87123495874?pwd=HcoyMtlbyv4WE0MFIZNSqlZsHEEYDA.1>

Meeting ID: 871 2349 5874

Passcode: 326640



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Atlantic Provinces Library Association

BREAKING BARRIERS

BRISONS LES BARRIÈRES

June 10-12, 2025

virtual conference



Join the APLA Executive!

Grow your skills & make an impact! APLA is looking for volunteers to join our executive, starting in June.

Why Volunteer?

- **Build Your Skills:** Gain hands-on experience with planning and nonprofit governance.
- **Lead & Collaborate:** Help guide APLA's direction and work with passionate professionals.
- **Expand Your Network:** Connect with library workers and advocates across Atlantic Canada.
- **Give Back:** Support libraries, literacy, and equitable access to information.

We are looking to fill the following roles:

VP President Elect:

Looking to take on a visionary leadership role in the Atlantic library community? Apply to be President-Elect and play a central role in guiding APLA's mission. This is a 3 year term, with the volunteer acting as the Vice President in the first year, as the President in the second, and as the Past President in the third. This position offers a chance to collaborate with the Executive and committees to steer the organization forward. Enhance your leadership, public speaking, and advocacy skills while gaining experience in board governance.

VP New Brunswick:

Are you passionate about libraries in New Brunswick? Represent your province as Vice President (NB) and ensure regional perspectives are heard. Act as a liaison between APLA and New Brunswick library communities. This role works to build connections and strengthen networks with colleagues across the Atlantic and advocate for local needs while gaining experience with strategic planning, program development, and organizational governance. This is a 2 year term.

Advocacy Committee Rep:

Do you believe in the power of libraries to transform communities? Lead APLA's Advocacy Committee and help champion causes that matter. Lead campaigns and initiatives that support equitable access to information and defend the role of libraries. Sharpen Your Advocacy Skills, while learning effective strategies for public engagement, lobbying, and coalition-building.

Treasurer:

Passionate about libraries? Interested in finance or leadership? APLA is seeking a dedicated **Treasurer** to join our Executive Committee! The treasurer manages APLA's finances, heads the Finance Committee, and helps APLA make decisions. No finance experience? No problem! If you're organized, eager to learn, and ready to contribute—we want to hear from you. This is a 2 year minimum, 3 year maximum term, with the final year being dedicated to training the Treasurer-Elect. Must be located in Nova Scotia.

Treasurer-Elect: One year term shadowing the Treasurer and learning through an apprenticeship. Takes

on the role of Treasurer after one year. A great way to get involved and learn valuable skills. Must be located in Nova Scotia.

*****Please note, the terms of the Treasurer & Treasurer-Elect positions are currently under review by the APLA Executive, with the goal of supporting the APLA Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect as they dedicate their time and specialized skills to the Association*****

Library Staff and Technicians Interest Group Convener- Are you interested in helping support library staff and technicians across Atlantic Canada? This interest group promotes interest in the work and concerns of paraprofessionals within the Atlantic provinces library community and provides a forum for paraprofessionals to become involved in the work of APLA.

For all of these roles, expectations are to attend APLA exec meetings (held online), be involved in ongoing APLA discussions, and to help out with working groups when needed.

For more information on any of these roles, please email president@apla.ca. If you are an APLA member in good standing or if you'd like to become a member of APLA and want to shape the future of the association, **please email a statement of interest and your resume to president@apla.ca by June 6th, 2025.**

News from New Brunswick

News from New Brunswick Public Library Service

Kate Thompson, Head of Public Services Development

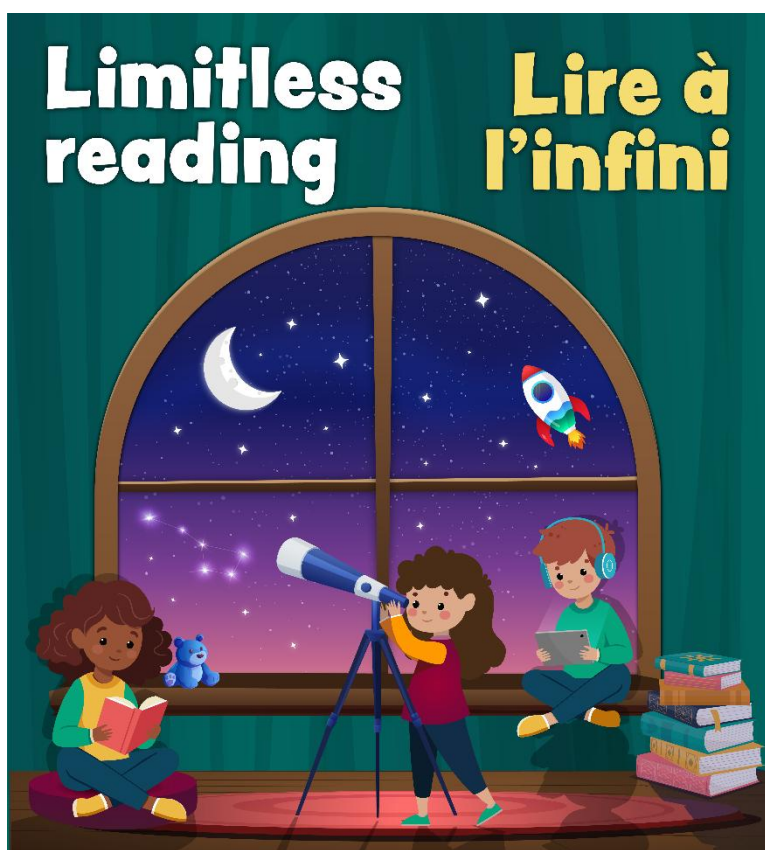
In November 2024, the New Brunswick Public Library Service (NBPLS) was saddened by the passing of **Julia Stewart**, Library Director of the Fredericton Public Library, following a short illness. Julia was a beloved member of the community, as well as a passionate advocate for libraries and various other causes. She was posthumously awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for her contributions towards making the city a welcoming, inclusive and vibrant place. She will be greatly missed.

Sarah Aaen, former Head of Young Adult and Adult Services at Fredericton Public Library, has been appointed as the new director. In an interview on CBC Radio's *Information Morning – Fredericton*, Sarah talked about her desire to continue moving Julia's vision for the library forward and to cement the library as the city's "place to be." We wish Sarah the best as she honours Julia's legacy, while putting her own stamp on the library and its services.

The **Chatham Public Library** in Miramichi was closed from November 16, 2024, until January 28, 2025, due to issues with the facility which resulted in a move to a new temporary location. A former coffee shop was repurposed to temporarily house the library until a more permanent solution can be found. It was a major project that involved a coordinated effort on the part of the City of Miramichi, the library board, and the provincial library system. Many thanks to the staff from the Chatham Public Library, the nearby Newcastle Public Library, the York Regional Office, the Collections Management Unit, and NBPLS Provincial Office for the work you put into making this project a success.



NBPLS is gearing up for the launch of **Summer Reading Club (SRC) 2025**. This year's theme is Space, and the slogan is *Limitless Reading / Lire à l'infini*. Young astronauts-in-training will explore the cosmos to learn about planets and stars and wonder at the mysteries of the universe while reading and taking part in fun activities.



News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial Libraries

Research:

Memorial University Libraries Project Learn Planning Team is launching a speaker series designed to highlight the voices of Indigenous authors, artists, activists, scholars, and leaders from across Newfoundland and Labrador. On May 22, **Heather Angnatok** will be the featured speaker and will present on the [Red Amautiit Project](#).

The Education Library's event series *Tales to teach, Tales to Reach* continues to connect community writers, illustrators and storytellers with education students and faculty and the broader Memorial University community. Recent collaborators included **Cara Kansala, Maria Cherwick** and **Dawn Baker**.



(Education Librarian Courtney Crocker, writer, illustrator and musician Maria Cherwick, and teacher librarian Kevin Hehir).

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) and the DAI were recently acknowledged by the NL Provincial Government for a collaborative project with the Legislative Library. The Legislative Library created a new index that connects researchers with digital volumes of NL statutes from 1833-1970 that are available on the DAI. [Read more.](#)

The **Hon. Dr. Edward Roberts** bequeathed his remarkable and substantial Newfoundland and Labrador book collection to the CNS. Many titles were added to the CNS collection but hundreds were duplicates and are now being sold with the proceeds going back to CNS for future purchases. This is in keeping with Dr. Roberts' directive. The CNS had a book sale in their new community room on April 2, and also an online auction through Bartlett Auctions.

The first ever Great Labrador Knit-Along was a smash hit with more than 70 *active* participants learning, knitting, and sharing an archival mitten pattern featured in an oral history with Cartright's **Harriet Pardy Martin**, published in Them Days Magazine in 1986. Labrador Campus Librarian **Sarah Papple** transcribed the storytelling into a more typical pattern version, broke it into four parts, and advertised a Mystery Knit-Along which was shared around the world. Participants in Labrador with a connection to the original knitter,



people who have never heard of Labrador, and everyone in between made up the group. Early Qualtrics data is proving that this was an important engagement piece to showcase and honour information in all formats as a valuable and dense source, as well as the validation that knitters have been working away in Labrador, independently of Newfoundland, for hundreds of years. Knitting is as Labradorian as trapping (says Sarah).

On March 26, **Chelsea Humphries** gave an online presentation on "AI, Misinformation, and How to Tell What's Real and Fake Online" to over 400 children in grades 4-7 with Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants ([recording is available on YouTube](#)).

Katie Kehoe, as part of the Memorial University Libraries' AI Drop-In Series, gave a talk about AI in everyday life on April 10th. From Google to Spotify to social media and more, she opened our eyes as to how much AI already impacts our lives.

Erin Alcock and **Wendy Rodgers** participated in the Birds of a Feather session at the campus Teaching and Learning Conference, held on April 30-May 1. Their focus was online academic integrity education, and they invited instructors to share their experiences with integrity breaches as a way to inform continuous enhancement of the online integrity modules. Erin was also a co-facilitator of "Interested in Being More Open?" with **Dr. David Churchill**, Associate Professor of Computer Science.

QEII Library Public Services are supporting the Gender Journeys Book Club run by the Student Wellness and Counselling Centre. Working with the coordinator, they are buying the selected books and putting them on a reserve list with 7-day loans. When the book club is finished, the books will join our gender studies collection in the Bookstacks. For more about the Gender Journeys program, see more [here](#).

The Project Learn Book Club gathering took place on April 29th. March 8th was International Women's Day, so this month they read two books by Indigenous women authors: **Manikanetish** by **Naomi Fontaine** and **Sanaaq: An Inuit Novel** by **Mitiarjuk Nappaaluk**. March 31st was National Indigenous

Languages Day in Canada and to highlight this important day, the book club read *Sanaaq*, the first novel written in Inuktitut!

The annual reception organized and hosted by the CNS to recognize published and creative works by Memorial University faculty, staff and students took place on **Wednesday, March 26th**. Librarians **Patrick Gamsby, Sarah Papple, and SK Maston** had their work profiled this year.

As part of Open Education Week (March 3-7), QEII Library's **Erin Alcock** was profiled in a CITL produced [series of videos](#) that featured the MUN Open Education community. And Grenfell Library's **Crystal Rose** also delivered a presentation as part of this initiative, "Unlock Knowledge: Open Access & Free Educational Resources." The session explored how faculty can make their research more freely accessible (such as with library support for Open Access publishing), and how faculty can also make their course materials free for students through Open Educational Resources.

On March 12, Grenfell Library's **Chelsea Humphries** hosted the APLA Information Literacy Interest Group's virtual drop-in session on burnout and emotional labour in library instruction.

On March 5, **Alison Farrell** presented on Research Data Management as part of the "Gain the Edge" program with the School of Graduate Studies. Gain the Edge aims to ensure students at Memorial have opportunities to build knowledge and develop diverse skills and competencies to contribute to society in meaningful ways.

Employee News:

Congratulations to **Linda White** of the Archives and Special Collections Division, QEII Library. She was selected in the Creator category of Memorial's Centennial 100 – 100 people who have helped shape Memorial University during the last 100 years. Linda, as many of us know, is a tireless advocate for Newfoundland and Labrador history and heritage. She holds a special place in her archivist heart for her community of Greenspond and also the history of nursing in the province. [Read more.](#)

Wendy Rodgers was recently honoured with an NL Arts and Letters Award in the Senior Visual Art category for her piece "Queen Bridget Wears the Inflatable Crown." Her submission is a portrait of her mom and is made completely from fabric (some of which was given to her by her mom).

QEII Library's **Martin Nolan** completed the RPM Challenge - a global creative challenge to record original music in February. The music could be any genre, any length, and any level of experience, anywhere. Have a listen [here](#). According to Martin, his songs were recorded on a dual cassette player. He deliberately kept it old school!

Bonnie Morgan of the CNS has written a children's book soon to be released in June with publisher Running the Goat. Here is a little [preview/promo](#).

Bonnie Morgan was also awarded a \$4000 Accelerator Grant by the Office of Public Engagement in support of the project *Imagining History: Creative Writing Workshops*. This project consists of four writing workshops developed and delivered by the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in partnership with

WritersNL. Workshops will be facilitated by established writers in support of emerging writers, and will promote use of historic primary sources such as photographs and newspapers as prompts for creative writing about Newfoundland and Labrador. The first workshop is planned for May 2025.

Bonnie Morgan was also appointed Humanities Book Review Editor, *Journal of Newfoundland and Labrador Studies*.

Labrador Campus librarian **Sarah Papple** was featured on CBC's Labrador Morning show talking about Farm Fridays program that is open to anyone interested in growing food. [Clip one is here](#) and [clip two is here](#).

Cool Stuff:

Memorial University Libraries Leadership in Place committee is offering a destress with doodling session with librarian **Bonnie Morgan** later in May.

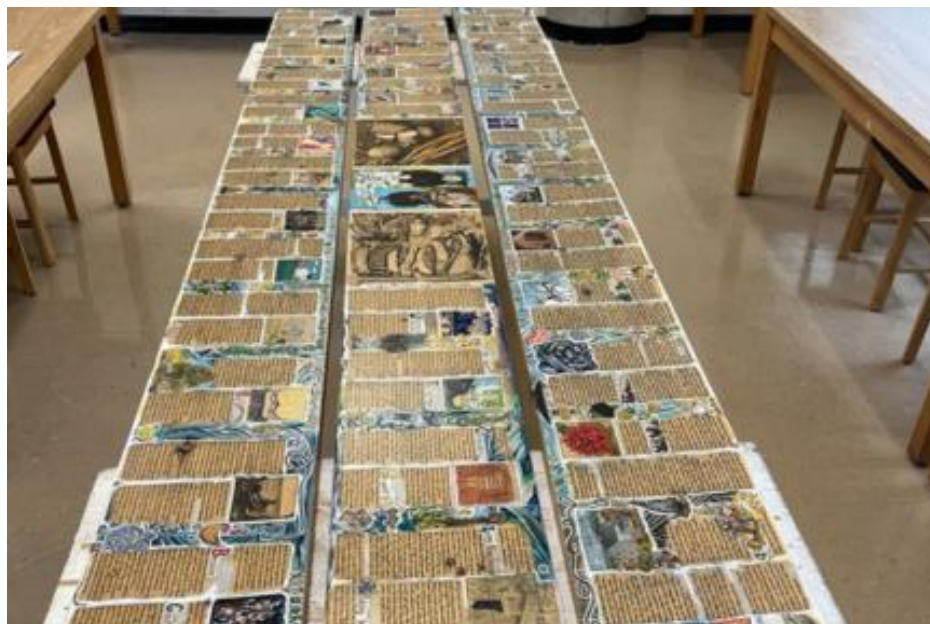
The CNS in partnership with WritersNL held a writing workshop: Roots Side Up: Exploring and Storying Our Newfoundland Past with award-winning author **Ida Linehan Young**. The event sold out! This event was funded by the Office of Public Engagement.

The CNS has started **The Livyers' Loops Knitting Circle** in its Community Room. Members of the campus and wider community are invited to join and bring their latest knitting, crochet or embroidery project.



The Abbie Table is back in CNS! This beautiful work of art illustrates the story "Growing Up, Up In Cove" by **Abbie Ellis Whiffen** in a style similar to an illuminated manuscript. **Andy Jones** transcribed the story of what life was like from the 1920s to the 1950s in Caplin Cove, Hant's Harbour, Trinity Bay, on three

10-foot-long pieces of spruce. Various artists were invited to help with the illustrations. More details can be found in the MUN [Gazette article](#) that was written when the Abbie Table first came to CNS in 2011. It is now a fabulous centrepiece in the new community room in CNS.



Danielle Gillespie continues creating book displays in the CNS Reading Room and this month's display celebrates the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote and the ability to run for political office in Newfoundland. Included is the banner from the Department of Gender Studies that advertises their initiative "[Rabble Rousers](#): A 21st Century Relaunch of the "Ladies" Reading Room".



QEII Library Public Services' current book display, inspired by National Poetry Month, is called "Stash your sell phone and be here now." It's a poetry-adjacent collection of diaries, letters, aphorisms, and other material written by poets. The title comes from a sign written by American poet **Lawrence Ferlinghetti** and posted in his famous San Francisco bookstore, City Lights.

The Labrador Campus Library hosted a poetry reading and workshop with author **Jamie Jackman** on April 16.

Health Sciences Library employees **Lori Fleming** and **Katie Kehoe** did displays on Measles and Music Therapy.

The Education Library did book displays for Dr. Seuss' birthday and books made into movies.

The Marine Institute Library provided space for MI's tax-clinic for low-income earners on Thursday evenings. This year's focus has been on reaching out to students, at MI, St John's campus, and CNA. MI Student Affairs worked with the Library Team and volunteers to host the clinic for the second year. On average the clinic helped between 10-25 people a night. Special thanks to **Tina Lawlor** who has been a fabulous host on Thursday evenings!

The Health Sciences Library recently had a display featuring **Dr. John Crellin**, the 32nd collection in the Founders' Archive. Dr. John Crellin retired from the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University in 2002. He was the Second John Clinch Professor of Medical History, taking over the role from **Dr. K.B. Roberts**. **Dr. James (Jim) Connor** now holds this role. Dr. Crellin researched and taught complementary and alternative medicine.

Melissa Hefford created a display on Dr. Max House who was recently named one of Memorial's Centennial 100. [Read more about the telemedicine fonds.](#)

The Health Sciences weeding project is complete and all the books and shelves are gone. The space is now significantly more open with various seating arrangements and lots of natural light.

Sarah Papple (Labrador Campus Library), Campus Elders, Aunties, and Uncles Coordinator **Heather Angnatok**, and elder **Sharon Edmunds** created an International Women's Day event to blend traditional information transfer to the Satellite Nursing Students, and Innu Midwifery cohorts through a redberry tea-making event. This event was designed to prepare and serve a group of some of the most powerful Labrador Elders in a



celebration of International Women's Day. Knowledge and information through hands-on, storytelling, and sensory learning is a powerful learning tool, and the students and elders shared and learned together on a truly magical day.

The former ASC Reading Room/CNS office that is behind the CNS Service Counter is being transformed into a space that will host CNS library instruction for small groups and CNS sponsored engagement events. It will officially be named the CNS Community Room but lots of creative nicknames are being thrown around. Who knows what gem from the Dictionary of Newfoundland English might take hold!

The CNS held another successful potluck in aid of [The Gathering Place](#) in March.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Sarah Bartlett, Regional Librarian, Eastern Division

Murder Mystery Night at St. Lawrence Public Library

By Emma Curtis, Library Technician I

The St. Lawrence Public Library has hosted two murder mystery nights and, due to popular demand, we are preparing for our third. This fun-filled event was brought to our attention by a board member who grew up with her parents hosting murder mystery evenings for family and friends. Our librarian was able to find free online murder mystery scripts, and we are presently working on one that is specific to our Newfoundland and Labrador culture. To participate in the murder mystery, each person registered is given detailed background information about their assigned character, as well as an overview of the crime committed. The goal is for the players to take on



the identity of their assigned characters by dressing and acting as that person. They develop spontaneous dialogue and offer clues based on the information they have, and players attempt to solve the murder. Patrons are invited to watch, and find the antics and performances of the players very entertaining! They also get an opportunity to put their detective skills to the test by declaring who they think is guilty of the murder. Midway through the evening everyone takes a break for a cup of coffee and a snack, then it's back to figuring out who done it!

Bonavista Public Library Celebrates 80 Years of Community Service

By **Samantha Rolls**, Library Technician I

The Bonavista Memorial Public Library first opened its doors on March 17, 1945, in the surgery of Dr. C.A. Forbes. Eight decades later, the library marked its 80th anniversary with a celebratory open house on March 22, 2025, in its current building.

The celebration featured a lovely storytime for children, where they enjoyed a song, a story about a library, and a bookworm craft activity.

In the spirit of community and creativity, together, the library and local library board held a friendly competition involving both schools in the town. Elementary students took part by designing potential mascots for the library. The winning mascot was created by Grade 4 student **Jordan Dalton**. Meanwhile, high school students submitted poster designs celebrating 80 years of the library, with Grade 12 student **Jada Mouland** taking 1st place.



A special moment during the celebration was the ceremonial cake cutting, performed by mother and daughter **Brenda Wilton** and **Samantha Rolls** —librarian and substitute, respectively, two of three generations of women who have worked at the Bonavista Public Library.

The open house drew many visitors from the community, including members of the local library board, and Bonavista's Mayor **John Norman**, making the event a true celebration of the library's legacy and its continued impact.

News from Nova Scotia

News from Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

Deborah Hemming, Liaison Librarian and Library Outreach & Promotions Coordinator

The Library was delighted to host **pop-up free lunch events** in partnership with the Acadia Food Cupboard throughout winter term.

The Library continued to offer **de-stress activities** and visits from therapy animals throughout winter term.

Every Tuesday in March, there was a **free study café** in the Quiet Reading Room of the Library with hot drinks and snacks, which was very popular with students.

Digital Archivist **Ciaran Purdome** gave a public talk on March 12 about using web archiving tools to access public data and webpages that could be lost due to the current American political landscape.

Librarian **Mike Beazley** also presented on Acadia's participation in the Borealis data repository.

A book display was set up in April for **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. The Library and the Sexual Violence Response and Education Office invited members of the Acadia community to write anonymous letters of support to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, which were printed out and featured at a display table on April 3 along with other resources.

During exams, the Library offered a full program of **de-stress events and resources**, including snacks, more animal visits, video games, a scrapbooking workshop, and events in partnership with the Acadia Counselling Centre and Acadia Yoga Club.

For **National AccessAbility Week** (May 25-31), the [Accessibility page](#) of the Library website was highlighted as a key resource on Acadia University's [Accessibility Hub](#).

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

Travel to You Zoo Visits the Amherst Library

During March break, we brought the zoo to the library! We had a fantastic day with Megan from Travel to You Zoo, as she shared her amazing animals with library patrons of all ages. Animals that visited the library included a pig, snakes, ferrets, a sugar glider, chickens, and more! During the program, patrons were able to learn about the animals and pet them. Approximately 400 people attended this two-hour program.

Overall, we had a successful March break, with total program attendance reaching approximately 865 people.



A brave library patron holds a snake during our Travel to You Zoo program.



Youth Services Library Assistant Julie holds a chinchilla during our Travel to You Zoo program.

Advocate Library Closed Due to Building Issues

Our Advocate Library closed Monday, March 17 for the foreseeable future, due to building issues.

In an effort to maintain service to the area, we are solidifying plans to operate a satellite location. This service will run once a week, and will allow patrons to browse, return, and borrow library materials, create a library card, learn about the library and its services, attend programming, and more.

Library Cuts

The Library board has decided in an effort to not reduce hours, that the library's materials budget will be slashed 50% (this includes online and print materials), reducing adult programs in all branches and we will be eliminating engagement with our community partners. To make up the rest of the short fall, the library will be using money from its reserves.

News From Prince Edward Island

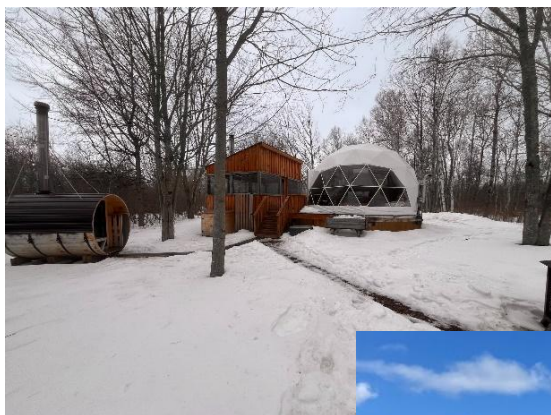
News from Holland College and the PEI Public Library Service

Emily MacIsaac, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

At the Library

During the Winter Term at Holland College, the Holland College Library department hosted a photo contest 'Brag about your Break'! The goal of this contest was for students to highlight the fun activities they did over their February break. The contest was open to all students at every campus, and we received submissions showing a variety of activities. Below you'll see some of the amazing things students did during their time off.

The majority of students finished their course work on April 25th and the HC library staff helped in any small way we could!



Brag About Your Break Photo Contest

Did you Travel? Spend time with friends and family?
Try a new recipe? Have fun in the snow?

Show Us

From March 3rd – March 7th, send a photo to
library@hollandcollege.com to be entered to win a prize

If you send in a photo, you consent to being highlighted on HC Library social media

Update from the PEI Public Library Service & Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

PEI Public Library Service helped so many patrons by hosting tax centers across the Island. Anyone who needed help with their taxes could go to a public library in their community to get help to relieve so much stress! Throughout April, the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre hosted fun events for their patrons such as the afternoon movie club and informative events such as a gambling awareness session. Check out the posters below and keep an eye out for more fun events to come!

APRIL PROGRAMS

Afternoon Movie Club
Tuesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon movie! This month we will be watching the (R) rated "Being John Malkovich" (1999).

Seniors' Navigator
Wednesday, April 2, 16 & 30 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Senior's Navigator is on-site. Drop-in assistance for helping seniors to access programs and services from community organizations, municipal, provincial and federal governments in a timely manner.

Gambling Awareness Session
Wednesday, April 2 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
We invite you to join Nora McCarthy-Joyce (Gambling Education Specialist with the PEI Department of Health and Wellness, Gambling Support Unit) for a 1-hour Gambling Awareness Education session to raise awareness and literacy around gambling, gambling harms, and gambling services in PEI. Nora will identify different types of gambling, discuss how to identify gambling harms, and share gambling resources available in PEI and how to access them. Rescheduled from March!


Creative PEI Art Hive Pop-up
Wednesday, April 2 & 16 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Drop in to make art and chat in the Makerspace! Supplies provided or bring a current project.

Health PEI Patient Navigators
Thursday, April 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Health PEI Patient Navigators will be offering a public education session at the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre. A Patient Navigator is a person who can help you access health care services and supports throughout PEI.

Paint Club
Monday, April 7 & 21 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Drop in with your own projects to paint, chat and hangout. Bring your own supplies. This is a program for adults.

ADULTS





Community Volunteer Tax Clinics

Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP), the library will host free tax clinics where volunteers file returns for people with a modest income and simple tax situations.

Drop-off: Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. March 7 - April 25
In-person: Saturdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. March 9 - April 27



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APLA President's Report

May 2025

Emily Blackmore

Executive Duties

I have presided over our executive meetings this year where we have discussed many things such as the future of APLA, the importance of Advocacy, the future of our annual conference, and flexibility in attracting new volunteers to the executive.

Advocacy work

The executive recently drafted an advocacy letter that I signed as President in support of New Brunswick school library staff. The letter was sent directly to the Premier's Office, the Minister of Education, and other government and school board officials in New Brunswick. The letter was well received and I have received many responses to it from APLA members expressing support. It's an important reminder that we are a needed and respected organization, with a role to play in our four provinces.

Executive Roles and Volunteer Drive

Our volunteer drive is still ongoing, but we are lucky so far to have so many people willing to step up this year. We will be continuing the volunteer drive until the conference, in hopes we can fill some of our outstanding roles.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Blackmore

May 2025



APLA Past-President's Report

May 2025

Krystal Dionne

Executive Duties

Since our Fall meeting there have been various discussions amongst the Executive that I have been involved in. Many topics have been covered pertaining to future conferences, finances, awards and scholarships, attracting new volunteers, and various other advocacy activities.

Grow a Library Committee

With the shift to virtual there will no longer be a physical table at the 2025 Conference for APLA to promote membership and to have a raffle/prize basket as another fundraising initiative but in lieu of speaker gifts the Conference Committee plans to donate to the Fund (thank you!).

Merit Award

Information about the Merit and other awards has been shared via the list-serv, Bulletin, and our social media channels a few times. Unfortunately, there have been no submissions for this award this year.

Nominations and Elections Committee

There has been a big push to seek out volunteers for our various vacancies. While we have had some luck, there are still some important spots left to fill. I have personally asked some colleagues who I felt would be a good fit and will continue to work on this alongside the rest of the Executive.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Dionne

May 9th, 2025



APLA Vice President – New Brunswick Report

May 2025

Marc Harper

As a former APLA President, I've given myself the creative freedom to approach the role of VP-NB with a little bit of an informal tone, all while respecting the guidelines and fulfilling my official duties.

I have maintained correspondence with my contacts in the province and encouraged them to reach out to me if, at any point in time, they believe APLA can help any ideas or initiatives. I have also reminded them when APLA Bulletins are upcoming. I also stressed the need for membership engagement and encouraged everyone to put in a good word for APLA sponsored groups, meetings, town halls, conferences, etc.

Along with other provincial VPs, we will be choosing recipients for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

My role as VP-NB over the last year has involved working with the Advocacy Chair (which is currently vacant). I worked with the Chair and APLA President last Fall to address the Halifax Public Libraries strike. The strike was thankfully resolved before APLA could make a statement, with the only drawback being that it prevented APLA from making its voice heard. More recently, APLA was able to release an open letter to government and school district representatives in New-Brunswick regarding upcoming budget cuts to school libraries.

My volunteer work with the Dalhousie Library and Information Alumni Association (DLIAA, formerly known as the School of Information Management Associated Alumni) has also intersected with APLA.

Finally, I am happy to continue in this role for another two years, even though I am also willing to cede my place to any fresh voice (especially a less established library worker) if APLA can find other volunteers.

Respectfully submitted May 13th, 2025,

Marc Harper
Vice President-New-Brunswick



APLA Vice President – Newfoundland and Labrador Report

May 2025

Rachel Head

Over the past year, I have served as APLA Vice President for Newfoundland and Labrador. In this role, I have connected with a range of librarians across the province and collaborated with external partners.

Recently, I transitioned into a new position with Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries as the Newfoundland and Labrador Collections and Services Librarian. This winter, my time was largely dedicated to training for this role, which limited my availability for APLA activities. However, I expect to have more time to devote to APLA responsibilities in the coming year.

In addition to my work with APLA, I currently serve on the Margaret Williams Trust Fund Board of Trustees. Currently, we are working to establish submission deadlines and select members for the Awards Jury.

I am pleased to confirm that I am able to continue in the role of APLA VP for Newfoundland and Labrador for another two years.

Respectfully submitted May 14th, 2025,

Rachel Head

APLA Vice President- Newfoundland and Labrador



APLA VP Nova Scotia Report

May 2025

Agnieszka Hayes (she/her)

Future of APLA - Discussions

I have been active in discussions with fellow Executive members about the future of APLA, including recruitment for various roles that are or will be vacant in the next year.

Letter Regarding New Brunswick School Library Staff Layoffs

Earlier this month, I teamed up with Emily Blackmore, President, and Marc Harper, VP NB, to draft a letter expressing concerns with the plan of the New Brunswick government to lay off school library staff in the next school year. The inspiration for writing a letter came from Sam Read, VP Membership, who also suggested wording that we incorporated into the letter. Kate McClintock, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor, and Evelyn Trainer, Conference Co-Coordinator, also wrote parts of the letter. The letter was reviewed for approval by the APLA Executive and subsequently sent out to New Brunswick Department of Education representatives. We have received positive feedback from the membership regarding our advocacy efforts in this matter. At the time of writing this report, we are still waiting on a response from the New Brunswick Department of Education.

APLA Graduating Student Awards

I reached out to representatives from NSCC's Library and Information Technology program and Dalhousie's School of Information Management regarding the winners of the APLA prize for graduating students. I prepared award certificates for the recipients, which were signed by our President. Colin MacKay, Treasurer, prepared the cheques for the winners and ensured that both certificates and cheques made it to the NSCC and Dal representatives to be delivered to the winners.

Awards

Along with Terri Winchcombe, President Elect, and my fellow provincial VPs, I adjudicated the First Timer's Conference Grant, and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

Last Report

Having completed my two-year term as VP NS, I was asked to stay on in this role for an extra year. This extra year is now coming to a close and so this is my last report as VP NS. Serving on the APLA Executive

in this position has been a rewarding experience filled with opportunities for professional and personal growth, for which I am grateful. I would like to thank my colleagues on the APLA Executive alongside whom I have served these past three years and wish them well in their journeys ahead.

Respectfully submitted on May 22, 2025 by Agnieszka Hayes



VP PEI Report 86th OGM 2025 Emily MacIsaac

APLA Bulletin

I submitted the Fall, Winter, and Spring bulletin, where I provided insight and photos regarding Holland College – specifically the Regis and Joan Duffy Library. I also included information about the PEI Public Library Service, such as the Tax Clinic program and Resume Sessions that were available at all the local Libraries.

Interest Groups & Initiatives

Information Literacy Group

I am a member of the Information Literacy Group and contribute when I can. I have attend two of Drop-In Spaces and it is always nice to discuss pertinent topics with colleagues across the Maritimes. I always learn a new strategy for my instruction or how I book instruction sessions!

Sommers Award

As PEI VP, I helped choose the recipient of the Sommers Award. After reviewing all of the participants details, all of the Province VP's join together to select a winner. This meeting is set to take place after the submission of the report – but I'm looking forward to selecting a deserving applicant.

VP PEI term

My term as PEI VP was complete in June 2024, but I stayed in my position until we found a replacement. In June, Juanita Rossiter will take over as PEI VP! I'm thankful for my time within the APLA executive, and I know that Juanita will do an excellent job in this position.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily MacIsaac
May 21st, 2025



APLA VP Membership Report May 2025

Samantha Read

VP Membership, June 2024 - June 2025

Active Membership Statistics as of May 10, 2025

As of May 10, 2025, our active membership total is 235. We have 246 inactive members. The total of both types of memberships is 478.

Members by Province

Active Members by Province		
	Mar 2024	May 2025
NB	57	53
NL	27	24
NS	120	113
PE	15	12
Other Provinces	25	28
Total	244	234

Active Institutional Members by Province

There are **12** active and **20** expired institutional memberships.

- Reminder emails were sent to all institutional memberships in May 2025, resulting in one renewal so far (as of May 15th).

Joint Memberships

Joint Members by Province		
	March 2024	May 2025
APLA/NSLA		
-Support Staff		8
-Professional		19
Total	24	27

Other Membership Categories

- Complimentary memberships: 16
- Lifetime Members: 59
- Student Members: 84
- Retired Members: 9 total, 2 active
- Current month expiring memberships: 12

Other Business

Membership Renewal Reminders

Additional automated email renewal reminders sent by the membership software Join It were set in place. Previously, one single reminder email was sent 7 days before a member's expiration date. As of May 9, 2025, two additional reminders will be sent: one reminder message 1 day after expiration, and another 30 days after expiration. It is hoped that these additional reminders will improve membership retention in the future.

Before transitioning out of the VP Membership role, I will send out expired member lists to the VPs of each province to consider following-up with in terms of membership renewal. Institutional membership reminders have been covered by myself.



Treasurer Report 86th OGM 2025 Colin MacKay

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association remains in good financial standing. As of June 1, 2025, our chequing account has a balance of \$133,997.76, our savings account has a balance of \$108,465.48, and our Stripe/JoinIt account has a balance of \$0. The VISA carries a balance of \$0.

Investments

As at June 1, 2025:

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund (\$ -)

- Prize awarded: 2 prizes awarded for 2024-2025.
- GIC # 4959-8030413-19 - closed
 - purchased on June 2021: \$82,252.82
 - current balance: \$ -
 - matured on: June 24, 2024
 - interest rate: 0.49%
 - GIC now closed
- No new GIC purchased.

First-Timer's Grant (\$ -)

- Prizes awarded: 1 prize awarded for APLA 2025 Conference.
- GIC # 4959-8030113-20 - closed
 - purchased on June 25, 2021: \$29,350.48
 - current balance: \$ -
 - matured on: June 25, 2024
 - interest rate: 0.49%
 - GIC now closed
- No new GIC purchased.

Memorial Awards Trust Fund (\$52,711.04)

- Prize awarded: no prize awarded 2024-2025.

- Chequing account # 4959-3119353 has a balance of \$52,711.04.
- No new GIC purchased.

Current / Future Tasks

- Change of signing officer and account owner for TD accounts (ongoing)
- Buy new GIC's (Carin Alma Somers Scholarship, First-Timer's Grant, Memorial Award Trust Fund)
- Find new treasurer/treasurer elect
- Find new financial examiner

Respectfully submitted,

Colin MacKay
Treasurer, APLA



APLA Information Literacy Interest Group Report May 2025

Agnieszka Hayes (she/her), Convener

Meeting

The Information Literacy Interest Group held its annual planning meeting on October 25, 2024 via Google Meet. The group decided to continue its two well established and popular projects that support professional development in the area of information literacy: bimonthly emails and virtual drop-in sessions.

Projects

Members have been engaging in the two main projects of the group. The first project is the curation of bi-monthly emails on information literacy related topics. The group has successfully maintained its schedule this year, with emails being sent out every two months to the APLA listserv. The next email is scheduled to be sent out in June.

The group fulfilled its goal of hosting three virtual drop-in learning spaces last year (2023-2024) with the final event of the year. After the APLA conference in June 2024, Sam Read hosted a well-attended session on Google Meet on June 11, 2024 that focused on assessment in information literacy or digital literacy instruction.

The group will not fulfill its goal of hosting three virtual drop-in learning spaces this year (2024-2025), as I received no responses to the call for hosts I sent out after the last event in March. However, we have hosted two of these events, which were well attended, and in which participants were enthusiastically engaged.

The first session was held on November 25, 2024 on Google Meet with Katelyn Browne as the host. The theme of the session was Setting and Maintaining Instructional Boundaries. A lively discussion ensued, with participants sharing their experiences of setting and maintaining boundaries in their instruction practice, as well as coming up with effective strategies for setting and enforcing such boundaries in the future.

The second session was held on March 12, 2025 on Google Meet with Chelsea Humphries as the host. The theme of the session was Burnout and Emotional Labour in Library Instruction. Participants discussed instances of performing emotional labour and how such occurrences may contribute to

feelings of burnout or other negative outcomes. They also discussed strategies for mitigating the negative outcomes associated with emotional labour.

Respectfully submitted on May 22, 2025 by Agnieszka Hayes



APLA Bulletin Report **86th OGM 2025** **Kate McClintock**

The APLA Bulletin continued to collect and distribute updates from Atlantic Canadian libraries, APLA Interest Groups, the APLA Executive, and the APLA Conference Committee in 2024-2025. It was heartening to read about inclusive programming, inspiring research projects, and so much more being done to provide exemplary services to our patrons and growth opportunities for library staff.

Thank you to all who contributed to or read the Bulletin this year. Special thanks to Nailisa Tanner for her skills as Technical Editor, ensuring every issue of the Bulletin is securely uploaded to OJS and accessible for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McClintock

APLA Bulletin Text Editor
May 20, 2025



APLA Communications Coordinator Report 86th OGM 2025

Shannon Bateman

Nathalie Richard completed her term as Communications Coordinator in June 2024 - thank you Nathalie! - after which, I stepped into the Communications Coordinator role.

Social Media

Survey & Review

APLA's social media presence was discussed at the Fall 2024 Executive meeting in relation to shifting trends and engagement on our numerous platforms. A virtual survey was created using Survey Monkey to collect member feedback on social media preferences. The survey was shared through the list-serv and social media throughout November, with 43 responses. The results reflect the following:

- **X (formerly Twitter)** – Respondents resoundingly agreed that use of X should be discontinued.
- **Facebook** – Most indicated they prefer the Facebook page as their favoured platform.
- **Facebook Group** – Many indicated they were not aware of the closed group.
- **Instagram** – Respondents indicated Instagram is their second highest favoured platform.
- **LinkedIn** – Responses reflected low interest in LinkedIn.
- **Other:** Bluesky was suggested 6 times as a potential new platform.

After discussing the results at an Executive meeting in February 2025, it was agreed that APLA's X account would be deleted, as well as LinkedIn and the closed Facebook group. A Bluesky account was created.

Revised Accounts

Moving forward, APLA will maintain a presence on the following platforms:

- Facebook - facebook.com/APLAContact
- Instagram - [@aplagram](https://www.instagram.com/aplagram)
- Bluesky - [@aplacontact.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/aplacontact.bsky.social)

We will continue to share updates through these accounts, as well as through the list-serv. Members are welcome to follow and share, as they see fit!

Other Activities

I represented APLA at an Associations Display for Dalhousie's Master of Information program during orientation week in Fall 2024. During the event, I spoke with many incoming students and shared various opportunities with APLA, such as scholarships, student memberships, and the list-serv. It was worthwhile in maintaining a valued connection with the MI program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Bateman, Communications Coordinator
May 19, 2025



APLA Conference Committee Report May 2025 Conference Team

Introduction

Conference Team

- Evelyn Trainer
- Hailey Wills
- Jason Lee
- Katie McCaskill
- Lisa Marshall
- Terri Winchombe

The conference team is in the final phase of conference preparation. We're doing walkthroughs, finalizing the schedule, creating a panel on neurodivergence, selling tickets, and creating social events such as prize draws, trivia, and games.

Our theme is Breaking Barriers.

Budget

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Variance (±)
Income	\$15,305	\$14,361	-\$944
Expenses	-\$12,389	-\$6,212	\$6,177
Net Total	\$2,916	\$8,149	\$5,233

Registration

- Jason and Lisa lead
- 44 registrants
 - 11 incompletes

- Some waiting for employer's next fiscal year

Programming

- Hailey, Terri, Lisa, Katie, Evelyn
- 38 proposals approved
- Mentoring/buddy program

Scheduling

- Entire Team
- Conducted survey for availability of presenters
 - Scheduling the three days based on availabilities
- Scheduling walkthroughs with awards presenters -Katie liaison to TD and CELA
- Team practicing
- Will purchase temporary basic Zoom package for OGM
- Katie creating 3-round trivia game
- Lisa investigating/completing social game for attendees

Respectfully submitted,

The Conference Team

May 14, 2025



Atlantic Provinces Library Association 86th Ordinary General Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5:00pm ast

Topic: APLA OGM 2025 and Conference Closing

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87123495874?pwd=HcoyMtlbyv4WE0MFIZNSqlZsHEEYDA.1>

Meeting ID: 871 2349 5874

Passcode: 326640

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1. Call to Order

2. Establish Quorum

3. Adoption of Agenda

- 4. APLA Meeting Rules reminder:** Be respectful. APLA meeting rules include Rule 2 – “persons seeking recognition from the presiding officer shall identify themselves for the record, giving their names, library or other affiliation, and whether members of

non-members.” Non members may speak by general consensus to vote.

**5. Adoption of the Minutes of the 85th Ordinary General Meeting (virtual) June 2024
(Attached Below)**

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. President’s Report

8. Past President’s Report

9. Vice President/President Elect

10. Vice Presidents’ Reports

10.1. New Brunswick

10.2. Newfoundland & Labrador

10.3. Nova Scotia

10.4. Prince Edward Island

10.5. Membership

11. Financial Examiner

11.1. Report 2024/25

**11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner 2025, or update on the selection process
of new examiner**

12. Treasurer

12.1. Report 2024-2025

12.2. Proposed Budget 2025-2026

12.3. Update on Treasurer position

Executive Committee Reports

13. Finance Committee

14. Aims & Objectives Committee

14.1. Continuing Education Interest Group

14.2. Information Literacy Interest Group

14.3. Library Technicians Interest Group

15. APLA Bulletin Management Committee

16. Membership Committee

17. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee

18. Nominations Committee

Standing & Special Committees

19. Advocacy Committee

20. Communications Committee

- 20.1. Technology Coordinator**
- 21. Memorial Award Committee**
- 22. Games at the Library Committee**

Other Reports

- 23. CFLA-FCAB**
- 24. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management**
- 25. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program**
- 26. Revisions to Standing Orders**
- 27. Annual Conferences – Reports**
 - 27.1. Virtual Conference**
- 28. Awards**
 - 28.1. APLA Merit Award**
 - 28.2. APLA First Timer's Grant Recipient**
 - 28.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship**
 - 28.4. APLA Memorial Award**
 - 28.5. APLA Advocacy Award**
 - 28.6. Dalhousie University**
 - 28.7 Nova Scotia Community College**
- 29. Nominations and Elections**
 - 29.1. New Executive Introductions**
 - 29.2. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Members**
- 30. New Business**
- 31. Resolutions**
- 32. Inauguration of Incoming President**
- 33. Adjournment**

Minutes from 2024 OGM



Atlantic Provinces Library Association 85th Ordinary General Meeting

Friday, June 7th, 2024 to start at 3:00pm NST

(2:30pm AST)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 999 8598 4757

Passcode: 560057

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1. **Call to Order** - Krystal Dionne called the meeting to order at 2:36pm
2. **Establish Quorum** – 35 participants
3. **Adoption of Agenda** –Emily Blackmore, seconded: Colin Mackay
4. **APLA Meeting Rules** -. Be respectful. Non member may speak by general consensus to vote. Members of the APLA meeting rules including Rule 2 –“persons seeking recognition from the presiding officer shall identify themselves for the record, giving their names, library or other affiliation, and whether members of non-members.”

- 5. Adoption of the Minutes of the 84th Ordinary General Meeting (virtual) June 09, 2023 –**
Colin MacKay and 2nd Courtney Crocker
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes - none**
- 7. President's Report – as submitted**
- 8. Past President's Report – as submitted**
- 9. Vice President/President Elect – as submitted**
- 10. Vice Presidents' Reports**
 - 10.1. New Brunswick – as submitted**
 - 10.2. Newfoundland & Labrador – no report**
 - 10.3. Nova Scotia – as submitted**
 - 10.4. Prince Edward Island – as submitted**
 - 10.5. Membership – as submitted**
- 11. Financial Examiner**
 - 11.1. Report 2023/24 –** Colin MacKay says as submitted
 - 11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner 2024/25** CM not spoken to anyone yet
- 12. Treasurer –**
 - 12.1. Report 2023-2024 Budget -** as submitted
 - 12.2. Proposed Budget 2024-2025** Colin MacKay shared his screen. APLA in good financial standing budget 25633.18 total revenues and expenditures revenue is memberships and conference last year under budget by approx. 9000. Expenses this year much the same as last year. Anticipate 2000 grant for next conference did give additional for Carin and 2 SAL Sim scholarships as had money may not always happen was executive travel this year 2 new items on budget this year APLA Archive transfer approximately \$1500 for partnership job board update of software costs and costs shared by all associations by usage.

Executive Committee Reports

- 13. Finance Committee –** no report; some information covered in other reports.
- 14. Aims & Objectives Committee –** no report
 - 14.1. Continuing Education Interest Group –** no report
 - 14.2. Information Literacy Interest Group –** as submitted
 - 14.3. Library Technicians Interest Group –** as submitted by Evelyn Trainer by email
- 15. APLA Bulletin Management Committee –** as submitted
- 16. Membership Committee –** no report
- 17. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee –** verbal report; gave out 3 scholarships as they had the money. Winners contacted to get their information.
- 18. Nominations Committee –** no report

Standing & Special Committees

- 19. Advocacy Committee** – no report
- 20. Communications Committee** – as submitted. Nathalie Richard verbally added: incoming VP Shannon Bateman generated analytics for Twitter/X and those will be added to next year's report.
 - 20.1. Technology Coordinator** – as submitted
- 21. Memorial Award Committee** – as submitted
- 22. Games at the Library Committee** – as submitted. Krystal Dionne: glad to have this back and it's a lot of fun thank-you to convener.

Other Reports

- 23. CFLA-FCAB** – no report – Cate Carlyle said she's taken the position and getting started.
- 24. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management** – no report Karen Tobin & Joanna Heimstra contacted 2 weeks ago and informed they won.
- 25. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program** –no report. Pamela Sinclair verbal announcement by Agnieszka Hayes. Congratulated by Krystal Dionne.
- 26. Revisions to Standing Orders** – nothing
- 27. Annual Conferences** – no report.
- 28. Awards** –
 - 28.1. APLA Merit Award** – Cate Carlyle presented to Natasha Wells and read from application. Highlights: Natasha manages staff in 29 libraries and has more than 5 years' experience as regional librarian, teacher librarian, teacher. They were the first person in NFLD to create memory care kits. Their work to increase accessibility has been impactful – many congratulations.

Natasha spoke – thanked Cate for the introduction and the awards committee, colleagues who nominated her; works with an amazing group, she appreciates them and each of them is worthy of merit for work they do and work they are yet to do. takes her back to her start as school librarian and those staff are owed from what she learned. CFLA recently released status of school libraires – being ignored, access denied, encourages us to speak out about school libraries and ask school library staff how we can support them. School libraries from kinder to university got her started in her career. Many congrats in chat.
 - 28.2. APLA First Timer's Grant Recipient** – Not awarded.
 - 28.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship - Meagan Pottie, Holly Weaver and 1 other**
 - 28.4. APLA Memorial Award awarded to** - Angelique Roy, Grace Bourret, Glyneva Bradley-Ridout, Kaitlin Fuller, Maggie Gordon, and Mikaela Gray. Colin Mackay listed the winners' names. Evelyn Trainer spoke on behalf of the committee congratulating the group and expressing excitement at their study.
 - 28.5. APLA Advocacy Award** – no information.
 - 28.6. Dalhousie University** – School of Information Studies, Graduating Student Award

28.7. Nova Scotia Community College – Library and Information Technology Program, Graduating Student Award

29. Nominations and Elections –

29.1. New Executive Introductions – 3:04 pm Krystal Dionne welcomed Emily Blackmore as president. Introduced her background. Krystal to be past president looks forward to working with Emily. Emily MacIsaac will stay on as VP PEI until new person. Cate Carlyle welcomed new executive members: Courtney Crocker, Sam Read, Rose Morton and Shannon Bateman. CC welcomed and look forward to them all. KD Welcome and looking forward to exciting year working with them all.

29.2. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Members – Krystal Dionne thank-you to Cate for support in president role. Cate will be in CFLA and still engaging with APLA. Krystal Dionne enjoys this community. Wished Cate success. Cate gave thanks to Evelyn, vp president elect Emily Blackmore, Jason from membership – thank-you for organization and numbers. Nathalie communications guru – thank-you from KD on keeping everyone up-to-date, learning new things, researching new avenues. Vincent will stay around until someone else can take over. Marc Harper will stay on as vp NB and Agnieszka Hayes will be around for another year. Thank-you to Marc for being memory bank for executive. Krystal Dionne thanked Cate for update.

30. New Business –

30.1. Fonds Update – Colin MacKay verbal archival fond update APLA fond physical and digital OGM packages, reports – temporary at Acadia University but never formally deposited. Just resided. Acadia Archives said fonds no longer fit their archival collection mandate. NS Archives used to house it and fits NS Archives mandate. Many other library associations deposit in provincial archives. NS Archives has accepted but not taken yet. There is a Deed of Gift in OGM package for all to review. Details still being ironed out. Colin has referenced archive experts who approve the Deed of Gift 5.4 is an issue as is about copyright – executive has decided to retain copyright over fond rather than give to Archives. Deposit should be made in summer. \$500 in budget is rental and travel cost estimates. Contact Colin or other executive member with questions or comments.

31. Resolutions – None.

32. Inauguration of Incoming President – 3:16pm Krystal passed the gavel (figuratively) to Emily Blackmore.

33. Adjournment – Krystal Dionne thanked everyone for attending the conference. Looking forward to a committee for conference next year in Nova Scotia. Adjourned at 3:18pm Emily thanked Krystal and thanked the conference committee for their work and the speed with which they organized the conference.