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From the President's Desk



Spring 2023
Cate Carlyle



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.

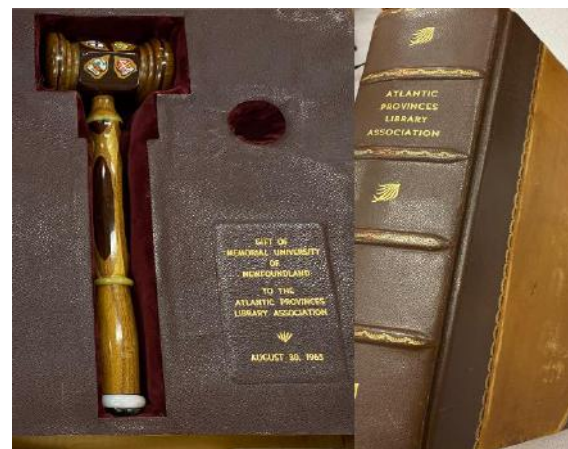
The APLA President-Elect position is still vacant as well as VP Newfoundland and Labrador and VP New Brunswick. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for these positions the process is simple and starts by contacting one of the APLA executives.

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!

Cate

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APLA President 2022-2023



Membership has its rewards!

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The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada

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



Community, Connecting, Caring
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APLA 2023
Virtual conference, June 6-9
Conférence virtuelle, 6-9 juin



The APLA 2023 virtual conference is coming up fast! If you haven't registered yet, here are some highlights that will undoubtedly convince you to join us.

Pre-Conference Workshop featuring ChatGPT!

Have you had a chance to explore ChatGPT yet? This workshop will allow you to explore its potential to enhance library services and operations.

Two Amazing Keynote Speakers

The conference will open with a keynote from **Julie Wright**, host of CBC Information Morning and self-confessed fan of microfilm! Our closing speaker is **Thandiwe McCarthy**, who combines his passion for social justice with his artistic talents as a writer, spoken word poet, and community advocate.

Sessions for Everyone

Whether you work in an academic or public setting, you will find sessions and presentations useful to your context. We've got everything from social media, cataloguing, acquisitions, open access, censorship, EDI, pandemic impacts, sustainability, building partnerships, and more.

Drag Bingo!

The conference may be virtual, but we're still offering a bit of fun with a social activity that promises to be entertaining. And there are prizes to be won!

Virtual Conference

We will surely be returning to in-person conferences next year, so why not enjoy one last virtual conference wearing your comfiest clothes and sipping a favourite beverage from home? And since the conference is online, the registration fee is more affordable. Are you new to Pheedloop, the conference platform? You can get familiar by watching the [Pheedloop Video Attendee Training](#) to get you started.

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to explore the conference website, the program, and to register today! If you follow us on social media, be sure to add #APLA2023 to your conference-related posts.

Find us on Twitter (@APLAcontact), Instagram (@aplagram) and on Facebook (@ Atlantic Provinces Library Association).

The APLA 2023 Conference Committee

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries

University News:

In April, **Dr. Neil Bose** has been appointed President and Vice-Chancellor pro tempore for a two-year term or until a new president is recruited. Dr. Bose is an established member of the leadership team, and we are confident he will provide leadership and business continuity, ensuring the ongoing, smooth operations of Memorial. Dr. Timmons's appointment was ended on a without cause basis.

Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo, Vice-Provost, Labrador Campus, and Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies, is the recipient of the [2023 Angela Hildyard Recognition Award for Emerging Leader](#). The award is presented by Senior Women Academic Administrators Canada (SWAAC).

Dr. Rob Shea stepped down as Vice-President (Marine Institute), effective March 31, 2023. **Dr. Paul Brett** has assumed the role of vice-president (Marine Institute) on a *pro tempore* basis until Dec. 31, 2023, or the search process for a permanent replacement is complete, whichever comes first. Read more [in the Gazette](#).

The negotiating teams for Memorial University and the Teaching Assistants' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland (TAUMUN) reached a tentative collective agreement on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Dr. Shawn Bugden has been reappointed to the role of Dean of the School of Pharmacy for a second five-year term. The Board of Regents approved the recommendation at its March meeting. The appointment is effective April 1, 2023, until March 31, 2028.

Research:

Patrick Warner, Special Collections Librarian, has published [an article](#) in the Independent: This article is part of a monthly spotlight in the online publication that highlights all things archival from the Archives and Special Collections.

Dr. Patrick Gamsby had a [book chapter](#) titled "Boredom, Screens and Homesickness Amidst the Crisis" published in the book *The Emerald Handbook of the Sociology of Emotions for a Post-Pandemic World*.

Dennis Flynn had an article published in the May Issue of the *Downhome Magazine* highlighting the Maxwell Taylor Autograph Collection from the Archives and Special Collections. You can find the article, "Celebrity Signings" on page 44-49.

On March 15, the Centre for Newfoundland Studies held its inaugural Celebrating Memorial's Research Event that highlighted published materials from the University community from 2020-2022. The event was very well attended and featured displays of everyone's work.

Employee News:

Cataloguing and Metadata Division head, **Darren Furey**, was the successful applicant to the call for expressions of interest to fill the Interim Associate Dean of Libraries role. He started in the role in early April.

Librarian **Stacey Penney** started her acting role of head of Cataloguing and Metadata on May 1st.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies is hosting a student in a field placement from the Library Technician Diploma Program at Durham College. **Laura Baggs** will be in CNS for 10 hours a week from May to August.

Jamie Steadman joined the Music Resource Centre at the beginning of April.

M.I Library's **Katie Lawton** retired on April 28. **Meghan McKibbon** was the successful applicant for the Interim head of Public Services, Marine Institute. She will be starting that role on May 15th.

Library administration's **Katie's Elliot (Skanes)** will be leaving for maternity leave on Friday (May 5).

Library administration's **Paula Hennessey** will be filling in on a part-time basis to assist while Katie is on maternity leave.

Library administration's **Laura Aylward** will be returning from her maternity leave on May 23. And library administration's **Laura Chapman**, who filled in for Laura Aylward, will return to Memorial's HR department.

Cool Stuff:

The QEII Library had its first ever **Special Collections Cataloguing Month** from January 9, 2023 to February 3, 2023! Cataloguers focused on cataloguing monographs from the [Paul Smith Folklore Collection](#) during their on-site work days. When the cataloguers were home working remotely, they continued to focus on their electronic resource cataloguing and metadata responsibilities, including e-books, databases, e-theses, DAI metadata, Archive-It metadata, etc.

A QEII Library Commons' student staff member, **Laughter Afolabi**, was featured in this Gazette article as part of Black History Month.

May 5th is **Red Dress Day**, a day to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) of Canada. It is day to raise awareness and education about the disproportionate rates of violence and number of MMIWG. With the support of the Office of Indigenous Affairs and the Indigenous

Student Resource Centre, there was a display of red dresses in the main lobby of the QEII Library May 5th-12th along with a book display.

Special Collections Librarian **Patrick Warner** has an exhibit of prize winners for the 2020-2021 [Alcuin Society](#) Awards for Excellence in Book Design in Canada on the third floor of the QEII Library. A limited number of print catalogues are available. Big thanks to **Bryan Russell** for his expertise and help in setting up the display.

A recent archives social media post on Instagram was recently featured on the local NTV News. “Are you sick of the rain, drizzle, and fog? Check out these diary entries written by Margaret Chancey from April 10th-12th, 1897. Our spring weather hasn't changed much!” Special shout out to **Michaela Doucette** for the timely post.

In partnership with the History Department, Grenfell Library hosted **Spare-y & Meghan: The Symposium** on March 9th. It was an evening of fun faculty mini-lectures related to the royal family, complete with high tea-themed hors d'oeuvres. Librarians **Crystal Rose** and **Chelsea Humphries** were among the presenters and they had an excellent turnout with many members of the broader Corner Brook community in attendance.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies was bequeathed a generous donation from the former politician and lieutenant governor of Newfoundland and Labrador **Edward Roberts**. He donated 88 banker boxes and 11 storage bins of a carefully curated personal collection that students, faculty and researchers will now be able to access.

Grenfell Library employee **Nicole Holloway** was a featured artist in the art exhibition *Past Present Future* at Grenfell that ran from March 23-31. Developed and curated by Kernhappuch Gandu, *Past, Present, Future* invited artists in our community to explore the nostalgia of the past, its evolution, and growth to the present through an imagination of what the future may be. Artists from across our province and within our own creative milieu share work that speaks to this theme and the questions it prompts. Nicole had several collages included in the exhibition.

Grenfell Library also ran Library Yoga and piloted “Super Sunday” during the last two weekends before classes came to an end during winter semester. Super Sunday was a full-day event run in partnership with Counselling and Psychological Services (CPS), offering short wellness study breaks throughout the day, stress-busters, and free snacks, hot chocolate, tea, and coffee. They are looking forward to partnering with CPS again in the fall!

Grenfell Library is making some changes to their ground floor space. New furniture is arriving and slowly being assembled.

News from Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries

Emma Craig, Regional Librarian, St. John's Division, and Sandra Harnum, Regional Librarian, Western Division, Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries launches NLPL Connect Pass

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries (NLPL) is excited to announce the launch of the NLPL Connect Pass. First launched on March 23rd, this province-wide lending pass program offers patrons the chance to book free admission passes for a wide range of museums, galleries, outdoor spaces, recreational facilities, performing arts shows, and sports games.

Public libraries are committed to free and equitable access to stories, ideas, and life-long learning. NLPL has partnered with cultural and recreational organizations across the province to give library patrons the opportunity to try out new experiences, stay active, learn more about this province, connect with each other, and be moved by the power of the arts.

This “library of learning and doing” features more than 40 locations and experiences across the province, so far including The Rooms, The North Atlantic Aviation Museum, NL provincial parks, Provincial Historic Sites, The Memorial University Johnson Geo Centre, The NSO, Opera on the Avalon, First Light Centre for Performance and Creativity, The Rogues Basketball games, The Growlers Hockey games, Nordic Ski Clubs (in Gander, Stephenville, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay), and much more.

Passes are available groups of up to 2 adults and 4 children, and can be booked online. Go to nlpl.ca and look for the NLPL Connect Pass page. The only requirement is an NLPL library card, which is always free.



The NLPL Connect Pass provides a way to save money, have fun, and learn more about what Newfoundland and Labrador has to offer. Follow #NLPLConnectPass and the NLPL Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts for more information.

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Library's newly appointed Director of Library Operations: Fred Whitmarsh

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries is happy to announce the appointment of their newest Director of Library Operations, **Fred Whitmarsh**.

Fred holds a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario, and a Bachelor of Arts, Honours History from the University of Ottawa. He brings 15 years of experience as a professional librarian in the Markham Public Library (MPL) system, the last 10 years as a Branch Manager at various locations, most recently the Unionville Branch. Fred is the winner of a 2015 CASCON award for contributions to the paper "The effect of a collaborative game on group work", and has made many conference presentations over the years.

Fred's experience and knowledge in all areas of library operations including customer service, circulation, collection development, reference services, programming, and human resource functions will benefit public libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador. We look forward to the new perspective he will bring to the position!

National Poetry Month at the Corner Brook Public Library

Corner Brook Public Library recently celebrated April's National Poetry Month by hosting two successful poetry events at their library branch: a poetry workshop led by a published poet as well as a poetry night with an open mic event.

The Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries' branch kicked off National Poetry Month with a presentation and workshop hosted by their Writer-in-Residence, **Hannah Jenkins**, which took place on Saturday, April 15th. Hannah offered insight on her creative writing process and the workshop participants were able to see how the writing process unfolds for the published poet. She likewise helped guide participants in their own poetry writing process. Hannah is also the youth advocate for the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador, and contributed to the Poetry Night with Open Mic event on Wednesday, April 26th at the Corner Brook Public Library.

The Poetry Night with Open Mic event included poetry readings from **Douglas Walbourne-Gough**, **Aley Waterman**, and **Kelsey Green**. It was presented in conjunction with brilliant community partners from the writing community: The Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador, the newly launched Horseshoe Literary Magazine, and the Grenfell Campus Literary Society. The event was a hybrid library program offering, taking place simultaneously both in-person and virtual, to participants. A poster and social media post were made with a QR code which led participants to register for the event via WebEx, the online video conferencing platform, if they desired to attend virtually. Although the event happened in the library's program room, participants who attended virtually also had the choice to indicate, when registering, if they would like to read their original works to the crowd during the Open Mic portion of the event.

The event was well attended with over fifty participants who united together to celebrate poetry in all of its finest forms. **Brittany Noseworthy**, Corner Brook Public Library's Branch Supervisor, could not be more pleased with the hybrid event's successful outcome. There was much participation with the audience sharing their original poetry at the open mic. It was a delightful showcase of artistic talent from the writing community. What an enjoyable National Poetry Month at the Corner Brook Public Library!

News from Nova Scotia

News from Cumberland Public Libraries

Charlotte Gallivan, Community Engagement Librarian

Period Poverty Grant

Cumberland Public Libraries (CPL) has received a one-time \$25,000 grant to help with period poverty in Cumberland County. This money will be used to purchase menstrual products for all CPL locations as well as for some education initiatives.

DEIA Overview of Policies

CPL recently hired Chrysalis Human Rights Agency to conduct an audit of our Personnel and Operational policies. The goal of this assessment was to provide CPL with guidance on how to improve our policies with respect to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. Chrysalis completed the audit of our policies and have provided us with a full report. The report includes recommendations for improvement and an overview to share with our board.

Happy 1st Birthday Same Page



A social media graphic used to celebrate one year of Same Page!



A photo of menstrual products located in a CPL branch.

On April 21st, we celebrated one year of Same Page.

Same Page is a partnership between eight regional libraries from across Nova Scotia. This partnership allows us to offer a much wider selection of items to borrow, both in-person and online. The Same Page library card provides residents of Nova Scotia with easy access to almost 1,000,000 materials held at over 60 public library branches.

Same Page members are breaking down interregional barriers and providing equitable access to library resources to Nova Scotia residents — all with one card!

State of the Library Meeting

On June 1st, we will host our annual State of the Library Meeting at the Amherst Library. This meeting gives us the opportunity to hear from Cumberland County residents and to share library happenings with the community.

Staff Updates

CPL has hired a new Library Clerk. **Cat** joined our team in May, and will work at our Amherst Library part-time. Her responsibilities will include working the circulation desk, checking out materials, shelving, and helping patrons gather information.

News from Mount Saint Vincent University Library & Archives

Tanja Harrison, University Librarian

Staffing News

Meg Raven will be retiring as the Collections Librarian on June 30, 2023 after 31 dedicated years with MSVU. The University's Senate has recommended that Meg be given the award of Librarian Emerita, a designation which she will begin on July 1, 2023. A citation for this well-deserved honour will be presented at the Spring convocation events. We recognize Meg's many accomplishments and contributions, her commitment to the university and the broader library profession. For Meg's close working colleagues, a notice regarding a retirement celebration will be coming soon.

MSVU is pleased to announce that **Nicole Slipp** is the successful candidate for the next Collections Librarian. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours, English Lit) from the University of New Brunswick, a Master of Arts (English Literature) from the University of Toronto, a PhD (English Literature) from Queen's University, and a Master of Library and Information Studies from Dalhousie University. Nicole has been successfully acting as the Scholarly Publishing Librarian and the Liaison to the Humanities since September 2022, combining advocacy with strategic promotion for advancing open access across the university community. Before arriving at MSVU, Nicole was a term Librarian for Business, Humanities, and Languages with the University of New Brunswick Libraries. Nicole will take on her new collection role on July 1, 2023.

MSVU welcomed back library technician **Kelsey MacGillivray** in the term position of Coordinator, Digital Library Services which she will hold until February 2024. The role reports to the Scholarly Publishing Librarian and works closely with others across the library, the university, and regional networks. Kelsey supports faculty and their use of Pressbooks in the creation of open textbooks and is training to help with the development of open learning content such as H5P interactive learning objects and other open educational resources.

Kydra Mayhew continues in her 6-month term librarian position with areas of concentration in Engagement and as the Liaison for the departments of Education, Child & Youth Study, Business, Public Relations, and Communication Studies. Kydra is a recent graduate of the Master of Information program at Dalhousie with a previous Bachelor of Arts (History) degree from Dal and brings a considerable amount of research and teaching experience to her role.

Several librarians were successful in their applications for promotion. Areas of work evaluated include professional practice, teaching, scholarly activity, and internal/external collegial service, making its way through the Librarians' Review Committee, the review of the University Librarian, and the University Review Committee for Librarians before going on to the President. **Sandra Sawchuk's** application to Librarian III has been approved and **Denyse Rodrigues'** and **Stan Orlov's** applications to Librarian LIV have also been signed. Archivist **Alina Ruiz** received an equally successful result with her application for reappointment. We recognize the hard work that these career milestones represent and congratulate Alina, Denyse, Sandra, and Stan.

Tanja Harrison will finish her second term on June 30, 2023, with the search process to find a new University Librarian now underway. Tanja will continue with her dissertation studies and work closely with the *Atlantis* journal editorial and publishing team until her return from administrative leave on September 1, 2024.

News from Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University

Deborah Hemming, Academic Librarian

The Garden of Reading Partnership with Annapolis Valley Regional Library

We hosted a wonderful collection of leisure reading materials from the Annapolis Valley Regional Library this term, which patrons were able to easily borrow using their Acadia University ID card.

Acadia at Vimy Commemoration by Archives and Special Collections

From April 6-11, 2023, the Vaughan Memorial Library hosted a display showcasing Acadia students who took part in the Vimy Ridge battle of WW1. The display was created by **Wendy Robicheau** (Archivist) and **Carol Hadjisterkoti** (Research Services Assistant). **Catherine Fancy** (Archives Coordinator) made a video about the display, available to view on the [Acadia Archives Twitter page](#). As well, Wendy Robicheau made a video showing how a WWI photograph was used in a WWI poster, and the questions surrounding the creation of this poster, also available to view on the [Acadia Archives Twitter page](#).

Archivist Pat Townsend retires

After many years and a celebrated career at the Vaughan Memorial Library, Archivist **Pat Townsend** will be retiring from Acadia University on June 30, 2023. We are delighted to announce that Pat Townsend has been honoured with the title of Archivist Emeritus. Congratulations, Pat!

Work Continues on the Elwood Archive

Lynn Aylward (School of Education), **Catherine Fancy** (Archives Coordinator), and **Jennifer Richard** (Academic Librarian) have been tentatively awarded a Young Canada Works grant to proceed with work on the Elwood Archive. Coupled with funding secured from the Library, the School of Education, and the Division of Research, Innovation & Graduate Studies at Acadia, the project is moving forward. Materials will soon be going to CRKN/Canadiana in Ottawa to be digitized, while the YCW intern will be working on the description and exploring access options for the materials. Earlier this year, the audio materials were converted from cassettes to digital files.

New Browsable Special Collections Page

Created using ALMA by **Jennifer Richard** and **Catherine Fancy**, here is a sneak peek at the Vaughan Memorial Library's [browsable Special Collections page](#) that will be launching soon. Browsable Gift and Endowment Collections will be added in the coming months. Acadia is the first library in Novanet to implement this feature and Jennifer and Catherine will be presenting at Novanet Day on how it was created.

Local Lit in the Kirkconnell Room: Talks and Readings by Local Literary Figures

During the winter 2023 term, **Deborah Hemming** (Academic Librarian & author) organized a new series of talks and readings by authors and publishing professionals based in the Annapolis Valley. Hosted in the Kirkconnell Room, home of Acadia University's Archives and Special Collections, the series aimed to celebrate local literary culture while also shining a light on the library's rich collection of local literature. Speakers included **Laura Churchill Duke** (author), **Danielle Pierce** (author), **Deborah Hemming**, and **Brenda Thompson** (founder of Moose House Publications).

Snakes in the library! Exam Period De-Stress Events

The library was delighted to offer a full schedule of de-stress events during the April exam period. For the first time ever, we hosted snakes in the library, which saw an impressive turnout of students. On other dates, we offered visits with therapy dogs, therapy animals (guinea pigs & bunnies), yoga, and an art class. Further highlights include: study snacks, a colouring table, and Mario Kart (Nintendo) available to play on the TV in the library lobby.

News from Prince Edward Island

News from Holland College and the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre

Emily MacIsaac, VP PEI, Student Engagement & Instructional Librarian, Holland College

At the Library

The winter semester has ended at Holland College. During the final two weeks of class, Student Union offered Snow Cones and Popcorn to ease the stressed minds of students! **Leslie Holt** from the Library helped scoop ice and bag popcorn. The library staff has also been helping students with the APA components in their final assignments and reviewing resumes to help with their post-graduation job hunt. We are always sad to see second-year students graduate, but we always look forward to meeting the new cohort of first-year students!



APLA Conference News

Proposals are in and the schedule has been finalized! As always, the sessions included in this year's virtual conference will be interesting and inspiring to those who attend. I'm sure the speakers will generate discussion within the library world.

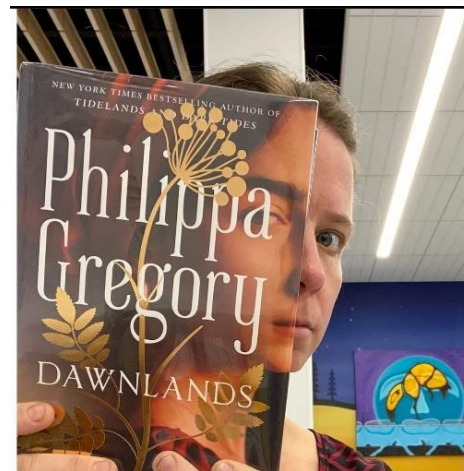
We are also excited to announce that **Annabelle Babineau** and **Barb Wire** are hosting Drag Bingo! Please join the Queens as they call Bingo numbers and you'll be sure to have a great time with prizes to be won. Be sure to log into PheedLoop on Thursday, June 8th at 6:30- 8 pm!



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

PEI Public Library Service is ready for Spring! The library has partnered with Recreation PEI to offer hiking backpacks for patrons across the island to borrow. The backpacks include nature guides and hiking items for folks who want to get out on our PEI trails – What a great way to kick off the warm weather!

Krystal Dionne from the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre took on the #BookFace challenge and did an amazing job mimicking Philippa Gregory's book *DawnLands*. What a great way to have fun at the Library!





Atlantic Provinces Library Association 84th Ordinary General Meeting

Friday June 9th, 2023
to start at 3:00pm AST
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81750267966?pwd=WGZGT05aYUlpV0w5ZnJvOGJLTG1CZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 5026 7966
Passcode: 886820

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1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. APLA Meeting Rules
5. Adoption of the Minutes of the 83th Ordinary General Meeting (virtual)
June 10, 2022
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. President's Report – Cate Carlyle
8. Past President's Report – Marc Harper
9. Vice President/President Elect – Krystal Dionne
10. Vice Presidents' Reports
 - 10.1. New Brunswick – Chantale Saulnier
 - 10.2. Newfoundland & Labrador – Susan Cleyle
 - 10.3. Nova Scotia – Agnieszka Hayes

- 10.4. Prince Edward Island – Emily MacIsaac
 - 10.5. Membership – Jason Lee
 - 11. Financial Examiner
 - 11.1. Report 2022/23 – Peter Glenister
 - 11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner 2023/24 (Peter Glenister)
 - 12. Treasurer – [Margaret Vail](#)
 - 12.1. Report 2022-2023 Budget
 - 12.2. Proposed Budget 2023-2024
- Executive Committee Reports*
- 13. Finance Committee – Margaret Vail
 - 14. Aims & Objectives Committee –
 - 14.1. Continuing Education Interest Group – Martin Chandler
 - 14.2. Information Literacy Interest Group – Agnieszka Hayes
 - 14.3. Library Technicians Interest Group – Alexandra Tome
 - 15. APLA Bulletin Management Committee – Kate McClintock and Kathryn Rose
 - 16. Membership Committee – Jason Lee
 - 17. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Committee – Krystal Dionne
 - 18. Nominations Committee – Marc Harper

Standing & Special Committees

- 19. Advocacy Committee – Vacant (Incoming Nicole Marcoux)
- 20. Communications Committee – Nathalie Richard
 - 20.1. Technology Coordinator – Vincent Grovenor
- 21. Memorial Award Committee – Evelyn Trainer
- 22. Games at the Library Committee – Vacant (Incoming Catherine Gracey)

Other Reports

- 23. CFLA-FCAB – Ann Smith
 - 24. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management
 - 25. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program
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- 26. Revisions to Standing Orders – Cate Carlyle/Krystal Dionne
 - 26.1. **Standing Order 2.02, L, M, and N – Membership fees**, propose to temporarily delete the following membership categories and fees (due to the inactivity of the other association)
 - “I) Joint APLA/NLLA Librarian: \$65**

m) Joint APLA/NLLA Support Staff: \$30

n) Joint APLA/NLLA Retired: \$30”

27. Annual Conferences – Reports

27.1. 2021/2022 Virtual-Krystal Dionne

28. Awards –

28.1. APLA Merit Award - Marc Harper

28.2. APLA First Timer’s Grant Recipient -Colin MacKay

28.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship -Krystal Dionne

28.4. APLA Memorial Award (no applicants)

28.5. APLA Advocacy Award (no applicants)

28.6. Dalhousie University – School of Information Studies,
Graduating Student Award -Agnieszka Hayes

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

29. Nominations and Elections – Marc Harper

29.1. New Executive Introductions-

29.2. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Members

30. New Business –

31. Resolutions –

31.1.

32. Inauguration of Incoming President

33. Adjournment



Atlantic Provinces Library Association

83rd Ordinary General Meeting

Friday June 10th, 2022, at 12:00 pm AST

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89655087518>

Meeting ID: 896 5508 7518

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 - 10.3. Nova Scotia – Margaret Vail
 - 10.4. Prince Edward Island – Krystal Dionne
 - 10.5. Membership – Cordelia Perry
11. Financial Examiner
 - 11.1. Report 2021/22 – Peter Glenister

11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner
2022/23 (Peter Glenister) 12. Treasurer – Terri
Winchcombe

12.1. Report 2021-2022 Budget

12.2. Proposed Budget 2022-2023

Executive Committee Reports

13. Finance Committee – Marc Harper, Terri
Winchcombe, Cate Carlyle 14. Aims & Objectives
Committee – Cate Carlyle

14.1. Continuing Education Interest Group – Cate Carlyle

14.2. Information Literacy Interest Group – Agnieszka Hayes

14.3. Library Technicians Interest Group – André Vietinghoff

14.4. Government Information Group –David McDonald

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Committee – Cate Carlyle 18. Nominations
Committee – Ann Smith

Standing & Special Committees

19. Advocacy Committee – Nicole Rosenow-Redhead

20. Communications Committee – Kim Mears

20.1. Technology Coordinator – Margaret Vail

21. Continuing Education Committee – Ann Smith

22. Grow A Library Committee –

23. Memorial Award Committee –

24. Games at the Library Committee –

Other Reports

25. CFLA-FCAB –Ann Smith (Atlantic Regional Representative)
26. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management
27. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program
28. Partnership – Ann Smith
 - 28.1. APLA EI Liaison Report – Ben Mitchell
29. Annual Conferences –Reports
 - 29.1. 2021/2022 Charlottetown, PEI – Krystal Dionne
30. Awards – Marc Harper /Cate Carlyle / Ann Smith
 - 30.1. APLA Merit Award [*in the Past President Report*]
 - 30.2. APLA First Timer’s Grant Recipient
 - 30.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship
 - 30.4. APLA Memorial Award [*not awarded this year*]
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APLA President's Report **Spring 2023** Cate Carlyle

Many thanks to our APLA Executive, committees, groups, membership, Bulletin and conference team for a rewarding and productive year. For many on the Executive team this was their first year in such a role. The hours and work that go into keeping the association running is often invisible to outsiders but I have seen the dedication and time that the “APLA team” put in every week and I am grateful for their time and commitment. My year as President was an honour, never dull and always rewarding.

Membership

Our June 2022-June 2023 Membership Drive will soon wind up and three lucky members will receive free membership and a swag bag following the conference. We were thrilled to see an increase in individual memberships and our institutional memberships remained consistent. The APLA/NLLA membership option will be paused as the NLLA regroups hopefully to return soon.

APLA Roles

While we will sadly say goodbye and thank you to a few people vacating roles we have had some success in filling vacancies. Following the conference we will welcome a new VP Newfoundland and Labrador, Treasurer, Advocacy Chair and Games @the Library Coordinator. The President-Elect and VP New Brunswick positions still remain unfilled.

Conference

The conference planning continues for this year's virtual conference on the PheedLoop platform. Keynotes Julia Wright and Thandiwe Mc Carthy are ready to inspire us and we have many fabulous sessions to share this year. We are currently recruiting moderators for sessions and planning the OGM agenda.

Awards

At this year's Conference we will be awarding the Merit Award and pewter cup to a very deserving person (a secret until then!). The First Timer's Grant will be awarded to a few first timers, and the Carin E Somers award will be divided between the three applicants (\$1000 each). The APLA NSCC and Dalhousie student awards will be awarded at \$500 each. We had no applicants for the Memorial Award.

Meetings, promotion and advocacy

In my role as President I shared with the membership informative or important emails that I received to the President's account. I also recently completed my last "From the President's desk" piece for the Bulletin journal and continued to promote APLA and the Conference across social media platforms and via email. I have attended many Finance Committee and Conference Planning meetings.

I look forward to serving APLA as Past-President following the Conference and supporting our new President, Krystal Dionne.

Respectfully submitted,
Cate Carlyle
May 9, 2023



APLA Past-President's Report May 2023

Marc Harper

Executive Duties

An updated copy of the APLA Procedures Manual will be circulated amongst the Board, for review and approval, at the June 2023 meeting. All general housekeeping items will be updated in the Procedures Manual. As in the past, the out-going Board members are asked to review and update the APLA Handbook for the duties of their respective Board positions. Approved copies of the updated document will be submitted to the Technology Coordinator.

Merit Award

The first notice for the Call for Nominations for the 2023 APLA Merit Award was sent out in September 2022. Ann Smith is the recipient of the 2023 Merit Award. Ann has been notified and a presentation will occur at the online Conference. Ann will be receiving her award by mail. The official announcement and presentation will occur during the 2023 virtual conference. Congratulations, and thank you, to Ann for her contributions.

Nominations & Elections Committee

The call for nominations for open Executive Committee positions or APLA volunteer positions was announced in February 2023. APLA Successfully filled the positions of Games@thelibrary coordinator (Catherine Gracey) and Advocacy Chair (Nicole Marcoux). The positions below remain unfilled.

- President-Elect
- VP New Brunswick
- VP Newfoundland and Labrador (*a person has shown interest, but not yet confirmed*).

Grow a Library Committee

APLA's Grow a Library Committee, chaired by the Past President, will once again be a part of APLA's

Conference. We will donate to the four causes that received funds from APLA last year: The Canadian Organization for Development Through Education (CODE), The Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute, The Newfoundland & Labrador Laubach Literacy Council, and the Burt Literary Awards.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Harper, May 2023



APLA President-Elect Report June 2023

Krystal Dionne

Since my last report I have attended the last Executive Meeting as well as multiple Finance Committee and Conference Committee meetings. I have also been involved in various discussions/decisions via email.

The 2023 Virtual Conference planning has been going extremely well. I have attended meetings and offered support and advice from my experience last year to help with the planning. I am hoping that we can address the needed changes to the Conference Manual before the next Committee begins planning for 2024.

I am looking forward to stepping into the role of President in the coming year and know that I will continue to be very well supported by Cate and the whole Executive Team.

The Partnership

Nothing new has happened in regard to The Partnership but I am looking forward to engaging with it more in the coming year.

Committee on Aims & Objectives, and Interest Groups

I was available for any support that they might need and will passing along this duty to the next President Elect after the OGM.

Finance Committee

There has been a lot of discussion about how we plan to move forward with the Treasurer position and our finances in general. The Finance Committee will continue to look into our options and decide on our course of action.

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee

We had 3 applicants this year (exciting!) and I am currently in discussion with the Provincial V.P's about awarding the funds.

First Timer's Grant

This has been promoted via our social media channels and listserv.

Resolutions Committee

I will be sending an email out about this shortly and if anything is brought forward we will have a meeting during the Conference to decide on our course of action.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Dionne, May 9, 2023



APLA VP New Brunswick Report May 2023 Chantale Saulnier

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with APLA during the past two years. As my term comes to an end, I want to thank everyone that I have worked with for being incredibly dedicated and supportive.

Being part of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association has given me a greater insight into the hard work that goes into all library programs and services. It has also allowed me to grow my professional network.

Membership

Nothing new to report. I continue to promote membership to librarians in New Brunswick by word of mouth and through our all-staff notices.

2023 Virtual Conference

The virtual conference team has been working hard to complete all the final tasks leading up to the conference. The conference will be held from Tuesday, June 6th to Friday, June 9th, 2023.

I would like to thank everyone on the team and everyone who has submitted proposals. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chantale Saulnier

May 10th, 2023



APLA Vice President – Newfoundland and Labrador Report May 2023

Susan Cleyle

This will be my final report as VP – NL. It has been a true honour and pleasure to work with the other members of the APLA Executive. APLA offers so many exceptional programs and services to its members. I have been happy to work with the other executive members on matters pertaining to the association and our membership. I have endeavoured to keep the Newfoundland and Labrador library community informed on APLA initiatives. I have also communicated with the NL contributors to the APLA Bulletin. They have done a tremendous job keeping the APLA community up to date with the library news from our province.

Other Activities

In addition to the above, I am pleased to welcome Susan Prior as incoming Vice President NL. I look forward to working with Susan as she transitions to this role and I am confident our Newfoundland and Labrador library community will be well served by Susan as Vice President - NL.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Cleyle, Vice President, Newfoundland and Labrador



APLA VP Nova Scotia Report May 2023

Agnieszka Hayes

Since becoming APLA VP Nova Scotia almost a year ago, I have been active in getting to know the Nova Scotia library community, and aiming for the Nova Scotia library community to get to know APLA. One of my first actions was to reach out to the boards/steering committees of: Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA); Libraries, Archives & Museums Nova Scotia (LAMNS); Nova Scotia Provincial Library; Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM); Novanet; and Council of Nova Scotia Archives (CNSA). From these outreach efforts, I have communicated with Angela Reynolds, NSLA President; Tiffany Bartlett, NSLA Vice President; Maggie MacIntyre, ANSM Executive Director; Jane Arnold, CNSA President; and Sharon Murray, CNSA Archives Advisor. We exchanged information about our respective organizations, including upcoming conferences.

I attended APLA Executive meetings throughout the year, and enjoyed getting to know and working with my colleagues. I was part of APLA award committees. I will be attending the APLA 2023 conference, and I will serve as a moderator for a session.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve as VP Nova Scotia for the upcoming 2023- 2024 year.

Respectfully submitted by Agnieszka Hayes, VP Nova Scotia



APLA VP Prince Edward Island Report May 2023

Emily MacIsaac

I submitted the Fall and Winter bulletin, and 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 Borrow Skates program and Hiking Kits that are available at all the local Libraries. I have also highlighted fun things Krystal Dionne does at the Charlottetown Learning Centre, such as Book Face Fridays on Instagram. I highly recommend following the PEI Public Library service on Instagram and Facebook to watch hilarious reels and keep up to date on their programming!

Interest Groups & Initiatives

I am a member of the Information Literacy Group and contribute when I can. I have been unable to attend the last couple of Drop-In Spaces due to scheduling issues. The group is doing great work and it is a great way for Instructional Librarians to connect and share stories.

I'm also a member of the Conference Committee and I've helped with choosing presenters and the platform we decided to use for the conference this year, Pheedloop. Lately, I've been working with Colin MacKay and Margaret Vail to ensure we do not have attendee duplicates as well as some other technical issues with the new platform! It has been great working with everyone and I'm learning a lot.

Other Activities

I've been attending Conference Committee meetings as they arise, as well as APLA virtual meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Emily MacIsaac
May 11th, 2023



APLA VP Membership May 2023 Jason Lee

Membership Summary

As of May 8, 2023, our active membership total is 243. The total has been slightly increased since my last report.

Active Membership per Province

	May 2023
NB	57
NL (Including NF)	25
NS	123
PE	15
Other	23
Total	243

Institutional Memberships

There are currently **12** active Institutional Memberships. Reminders at conference time ought to catch a few that have recently expired.

Joint Memberships

As of May 8, 2023, there are **42** joint memberships. The number of joint memberships with NSLA and NLLA has decreased by five since the March 2023 report. As NLLA is not fully operating now, we

removed APLA/NLLA joint membership from the APLA website.

	March 2023
APLA/NSLA	34
APLA/NLLA	8

New Members

APLA has had **17** new members join since March 2023.

New Members by Province

	May 2023
NB	1
NL	2
NS	9
PE	3
Other	2
Total	17

Membership Types

	May 2023
Institutional	12
Librarian	92
Support Staff	29
Retired	5
Lifetime	53
Student	35

Complimentary	16
Unwaged	1
Total	243

APLA Membership Drive

To encourage joining the APLA membership, we have launched the membership drive. The three winners will be announced via APLA social media with a member ID code, and each winner will be contacted by their email.

APLA Perk – Perkopolis launched

From April 24, 2023, APLA has partnered with Perkopolis to provide you with over 5000 exclusive perks. Every member can use it after registering a member ID code with the prefix (APLA#####) on the Perkopolis website.

To the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association

I have examined for integrity and accuracy the financial records of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association as at 31 March, 2023, including the statements of operations, functional expenses, changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was conducted by applying risk assessment standards for not-for-profit organizations and, accordingly, included such tests and procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. In preparation for my review of the Association's records I corresponded with the Treasurer to receive the necessary documents and to clarify certain points.

In my opinion the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the organization and its investments as at 31 March, 2023, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with the notes to the Statement, have been applied on a basis consistent with that of preceding years. As of that date, the aggregate of assets is \$128,926.19 and the Association's equity is \$127,268.16.

I included in my examination, in accord with Standing Order 3.10, the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December, 2022. The equity of the Somers Fund was \$81,042.93 as of 31 December, 2022.

Also in accord with Standing Order 3.10, I have examined the financial records of the APLA Memorial Awards Trust Fund and, in my opinion, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the balance Statement represent fairly the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December, 2022. The current value of the Fund is \$51,818.15. The Treasurer has indicated that funds of \$3,063.47 from 2021 are still awaiting transfer to the account.

At the discretion of the Executive, Standing Order 3.09 directs that up to \$1,000 of any annual operating surplus may be transferred to the Memorial Awards Trust Fund and Standing Order 3.15 that 50% of any annual conference surplus be divided between the Memorial Awards Trust Fund and the First Timers Conference Grant. Since a discrete account no longer exists for the First Timers Conference Grant, this Standing Order should be revised to remove reference to the Fund.

During the past year, the Treasurer implemented the Quick Books software for managing the Association's accounts. I would conclude that this decision has been a boon to the Treasurer as it surely has for the Financial Examiner.

Peter Glenister Halifax, Nova Scotia



5 May, 2023

APLA 2022-2023 Financial Statements

Revenues

	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual
CONFERENCE FUND		
Conference 2023 Revenue		\$ 435.00
Conference 2022 Revenue		\$ 6,170.00
Conference 2020 (2021) repayment (Footnote 1)		
Conference 2022 repayment	\$ -	
Conference 2022 Ticket Tailor reimbursement	\$ -	
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 6,605.00
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Memberships	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,235.00
Institutional Memberships	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Joint Memberships - NLLA	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 510.00
Joint Memberships - NSLA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,010.00
Subtotal	\$ 12,542.00	\$ 10,255.00
OTHER		
The Partnership-Educ Instit	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,639.27
The Partnership Job Board	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,320.04
Merchandise Sales	\$ -	
Grow-a-Library	\$ 200.00	
Donation to CODE	\$ 200.00	
Interest (APLA General fund savings account)	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,390.22
Memorial Awards Trust Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,783.42
First Timers GC Interest	\$ 568.00	
Carin Somers Scholarship GC Interest	\$ 1,700.00	
Operating surplus 2019-2020	\$ -	
VISA cash back credit	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.37
Subtotal	\$ 4,880.00	\$ 8,148.32
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,422.00	\$ 25,008.32

1 - 2020 conference postponed until FY2022

Expenditures

	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual
CONFERENCE		
Conference 2023 Expenses		\$ 23.58
Conference 2022 Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,360.81
Conference Seed Grant 2021		
Conference Seed Grant 2022	\$ -	
Conference Seed Grant 2023		\$ 1,891.62
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 5,276.01
MEMBERSHIP		
Joint memberships remitted NLLA	\$ 600.00	
Joint memberships remitted NSLA	\$ 175.00	\$ 612.50
Refunds	\$ -	\$ 175.00
CFLA Membership	\$ 300.00	
La Fédération des milieux documentaires/ASTED Membership	\$ 425.00	\$ 445.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,232.50
APLA AWARDS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES		
Advocacy Award	\$ 500.00	
APLA Prize: Dal. SIM	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
APLA Prize: NSCC	\$ 500.00	
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$ 1,620.00	
First Timer's Grant	\$ 500.00	
Games at the Library	\$ 175.00	
General Activities Fund Grant	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Grow-a-Library	\$ 200.00	
Hackmatack	\$ 600.00	
IWB Conference	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Memorial Awards Trust Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Merit Award (Pewter Cup)	\$ 200.00	\$ 179.74
Carin Somers Income Tax preparation fee	\$ 175.00	
Transfer to Memorial Award	\$ -	
Transfer to First Timer's Award	\$ -	
Subtotal	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 1,579.74
EXECUTIVE		
Executive travel (meetings)	\$ 3,000.00	
President's Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 565.23
Executive Projects	\$ 125.00	
Diversity Equity Inclusion Initiatives	\$ 500.00	
Committees/Interest Groups	\$ -	
Public Relations	\$ 300.00	
Subtotal	\$ 5,925.00	\$ 565.23
OTHER		
Donations	\$ -	
APLA Domain/Web hosting	\$ 510.38	\$ 527.00
Joint Subscription	\$ 360.00	\$ 372.49
Registry of Joint Stocks	\$ 40.00	\$ 74.80
Postage	\$ 125.00	\$ 46.41
Supplies	\$ 70.00	
Bank fees	\$ 110.00	\$ 195.77
Stripe fees (up to FY23 included Joint and Ticket Tailor)	\$ 300.00	
Joint fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 616.31
Ticket Tailor fees	\$ 361.20	
Director's and Officer's Insurance	\$ 650.00	\$ 655.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	
Subtotal	\$ 2,926.58	\$ 2,487.78

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Balance Sheet 2022-2023
As of 2023-03-31

Assets	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Chequing - Current Account 302326	\$ 21,033.76	\$ 19,301.73	\$ 25,292.41	\$24,159.68
Savings	\$ 59,146.10	\$ 64,417.31		
Business Investor Account 5228068			\$ 86,363.58	\$104,766.51
First Timer's Mutual Fund (1612399) - CLOSED	\$ 12,135.13	\$ 12,187.25		
Investment Total				
Total	\$ 92,314.99	\$ 95,906.29	\$ 111,655.99	\$128,926.19
Liabilities				
Uncashed cheques	\$ 456.47	\$ 727.05	\$ -	\$1,207.37
VISA balance owing			\$ -	\$450.66
Equity	\$ 91,858.52	\$ 95,179.24	\$ 111,655.99	\$127,268.16
Total	\$ 92,314.99	\$ 95,906.29	\$ 111,655.99	\$128,926.19

Signature of Financial Examiner:



Dated: 5 May 2023

APLA 2022-2023 Budget

Revenues	FY23 Budget	FY23 Actual	Notes
CONFERENCE FUND			
Conference 2023 Revenue		\$ 435.00	
Conference 2022 Revenue		\$ 6,170.00	
Conference 2020 repayment (1)			
Conference ticket tailor reimbursement 2020 Conference			
Conference 2022 repayment			
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Interest (APLA General fund savings account)	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,390.22	
Memorial Awards Trust Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,783.42	
First Timers GC Interest	\$ 568.00	\$ -	
Carin Somers Scholarship GC Interest	\$ 1,700.00	\$ -	
VISA cash back credit	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.37	
Subtotal	\$ 4,880.00	\$ 8,148.32	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 17,422.00	\$ 25,008.32	

(1) 2020 conference postponed until 2021

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

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with the calendar year as the fiscal year.

Signature of Financial Examiner:

Dated: 5 May 2023

Revenues

FY23 Budget FY23 Actual Notes

APLA 2022-2023 Budget

CONFERENCE FUND

Conference 2023 Revenue		\$ 435.00
Conference 2022 Revenue		\$ 6,170.00
Conference 2020 repayment (1)		
Conference ticket tailor reimbursement 2020 Conference		
Conference 2022 repayment		
Conference ticket tailor reimbursement 2022 Conference		
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 6,605.00

GENERAL FUND

Personal Memberships	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,235.00
Institutional Memberships	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Joint Memberships - NLLA	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 510.00
Joint Memberships - NSLA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,010.00
Subtotal	\$ 12,542.00	\$ 10,255.00

OTHER

The Partnership-Educ Instit	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,639.27
The Partnership Job Board	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,320.04
Merchandise Sales	\$ -	
Grow-a-Library	\$ 200.00	

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APLA 2022-2023 Budget

Expenditures	FY23 Budget	FY23 Actual
CONFERENCE		
Conference 2023 Expenses	\$ -	\$ 23.58
Conference 2022 Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,360.81
Conference Seed Grant 2021	\$ -	
Conference Seed Grant 2022	\$ -	
Conference Seed Grant 2023		\$ 1,891.62
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 5,276.01
MEMBERSHIP		
Joint memberships remitted NLLA	\$ 600.00	
Joint memberships remitted NSLA	\$ 175.00	\$ 612.50
Refunds	\$ -	\$ 175.00
CFLA Membership	\$ 300.00	\$ -
La Fédération des milieux documentaires/ASTED Membership	\$ 425.00	\$ 445.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,232.50
APLA AWARDS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES		
Advocacy Award	\$ 500.00	\$ -
APLA Prize: Dal. SIM	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
APLA Prize: NSCC	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$ 1,620.00	\$ -
First Timer's Grant	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Games at the Library	\$ 175.00	\$ -
General Activities Fund Grant	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Grow-a-Library	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Hackmatack	\$ 600.00	\$ -
IWB Conference	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Memorial Awards Trust Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Merit Award (Pewter Cup)	\$ 200.00	\$ 179.74
Carin Somers income Tax preparation fee	\$ 175.00	\$ -
Transfer to Memorial Award	\$ -	
Transfer to First Timer's Award	\$ -	
Subtotal	\$ 6,870.00	\$ 1,579.74

EXECUTIVE

Executive travel (meetings)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
President's Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 565.23
Executive Projects	\$ 125.00	\$ -
Diversity Equity Inclusion Initiatives	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Committees/Interest Groups	\$ -	\$ -
Public Relations	\$ 300.00	\$ -

Subtotal	\$ 5,925.00	\$ 565.23
OTHER		
Donations	\$ -	\$ -
APLA Domain/Web hosting	\$ 510.00	\$ 527.00
Joint Subscription	\$ 360.00	\$ 372.49
Registry of Joint Stocks	\$ 40.00	\$ 74.80
Postage	\$ 125.00	\$ 46.41
Supplies	\$ 70.00	\$ -
Bank fees	\$ 110.00	\$ 195.77
Stripe fees (up to FY23 included JointIt and Ticket Tailor)	\$ 300.00	
JointIt fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 616.31
Ticket Tailor Fees	\$ 361.00	
Director's and Officer's Insurance	\$ 650.00	\$ 655.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	
Subtotal	\$ 2,926.00	\$ 2,487.78
Calculated	\$ 17,221.00	\$ 11,141.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 17,221.58	

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Awards Trust Fund
January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Balance Sheet

	Maturity	2019	2020	2021	2022
FY22 changed account # to 5228106		\$ 12,434.84	\$ 11,648.43	\$ 16,770.40	\$ 51,818.15
Investment Certificate 8707146-13	15-Apr-2020	\$ 1,921.90			
Investment Certificate 8707146-15	16-May-2021	\$ 20,000.00			
Investment Certificate 8707146-16	12-Oct-2019	\$ 6,313.66			
Investment Certificate 8707146-17	12-Oct-2019	\$ 8,433.17			
Investment Certificate 8707146-22	25-Oct-2021		\$ 7,547.41		
Investment Certificate 8707146-23	15-Feb-2022		\$ 6,180.19	\$ 6,223.40	
Investment Certificate 8707146-24	10-Apr-2022		\$ 28,254.88	\$ 28,469.43	
Equity		\$ 49,103.57	\$ 53,630.91	\$ 51,463.23	\$ 51,818.15

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Receipts

Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Savings Account Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.95	435.42
GIC Interest	\$ 437.56	\$ 137.09	\$ 182.19	220.68
Other	\$ -	\$ 1,332.00	\$ -	
Total	\$ 437.56	\$ 1,469.09	\$ 194.14	\$ 656.10

Disbursements

Safety Deposit Box	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00	80.50
Award	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,063.47	
Bank charges	\$ 24.75	\$ -	\$ 1.00	
Total	\$ 93.75	\$ 1,069.00	\$ 3,133.47	\$ 80.50

Excess of revenue over disbursements	\$ 343.81	\$ 400.09	\$ (2,939.33)	\$ 575.60
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Signature of Financial Examiner:



Dated: 5 May 2023

Date	Chq Number	Payee	Amount
2023-03-31	1639	Margaret Vail	561.27
2023-03-31	1642	Margaret Vail	33.60
2023-03-31	1644	NSLA	612.5
2023-03-31		Visa	450.66
			1658.03

Note

Repayment for Dream host and NS RJSC

Repayment for postage

Remit NSLA portion of joint membership

Account balance owing



APLA Treasurer Report: 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

May 5, 2023

Margaret Vail

The Report of the Financial Examiner, Peter Glenister, for the period 1 April 2022-31 March 2023 is enclosed in the OGM package.

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association remains in good financial standing. As of March 31, 2023, our chequing account has a balance of \$24,159.68 our savings account has a balance of \$104,974.07, and our Stripe/JoinIt account has a balance of \$0. The VISA carries a balance of \$450.61.

At fiscal year end, the 2022-2023 APLA General Fund realized a surplus of \$13,858.06.

Investments

As of March 31, 2023:

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund (\$82,662.93)

- GIC # 4959-8030413-19
 - purchased on June 25, 2021: \$82,252.82
 - current balance: \$82,662.93
 - matures on June 25, 2024
 - interest rate: 0.49%

First-Timer's Grant (\$44,747.40)

- Total First Timer's Grant sitting in APLA General Fund: \$15,250.58
 - Conference 2022 Transferred \$702.30 to First Timers Grant
 - Account # 4959-1612399 - CLOSED - put closing date
 - Balance of \$12,186.37 is sitting in the APLA General Fund to be reinvested in a GIC
 - GIC # 4959-8030413-16
 - Balance of \$2,361.91 is sitting in the APLA General Fund to be reinvested in a GIC

- GIC # 4959-8030413-20
 - funds from 8030413-17 reinvested plus \$1,332
 - purchased on June 25, 2021, \$29,350.48
 - current balance: \$29,496.82
 - matures on: June 25, 2024
 - interest rate: 0.49%

Memorial Awards Trust Fund (\$52,037.74)

- Chequing account # 4959-3119353 has a balance of \$52,037.74
- In 2022, the 2021 Memorial award for \$3,063.47 was returned. This money still needs to be transferred from the APLA General Fund to the Memorial Awards Trust Fund Business Investor Account.

Donations & Awards & Programs

As of March 31, 2023:

Donations to Code and Grow-a-library

- The donations to CODE and Grow-a-library were made out of the proceeds from the APLA 2022 Conference and did not come out of the APLA 2022/2023 Budget
 - Canadian Organization for Development Through Education (CODE) - \$400
 - The Delmore Buddy Daye Learning Institute - \$400
 - The Newfoundland & Labrador Laubach Literacy Council - \$400
 - The Burt Literary Awards - \$400

Hackmatack

- Hackmatack did not request a donation from APLA in FY 2022/2023

APLA Prize - NSCC / Carin Sommers Scholarship / First Timers Grant

- There were no applications received

Games at the Library

- There was no coordinator for Games at the Library, so it did not run in FY 2022/2023

Memorial Award

- There were no applications received
- The winners of the Memorial Award in 2021 were unable to complete their research due to COVID-19. They returned the award in FY 2022/2023.

Outstanding Money Owed

As of March 31, 2023:

TD Cash Back Visa

- Has a balance of \$450.61. We have setup automatic bill payments on the VISA and we are waiting for the next automatic payment to be deducted from our account.

Uncashed Cheques from APLA Current Account 0302326

- A cheque (#1639 - \$561.27) was written to Margaret Vail for APLA expenses that had to be paid before the TD Cash Back VISA was issued in her name. The expenses were for the renewal of APLA's Business in the NS Registry of Joint Stock Companies and Web Hosting through Dreamhost.

- A cheque (#1642 - \$33.60) was written to Margaret Vail for APLA expenses to purchase stamps and to send a tracked letter to PheedLoop to pay for the APLA 2023 conference platform.
- A cheque (# 1644 - \$612.50) was written to NSLA for remittance of joint membership fees

Remittance of joint membership fees to NLLA

- NLLA currently does not exist. The executive will need to make a decision on what happens with the \$97.50 collected for NLLA.

Other

Budget for 2022/2023

- The budget for 2022/2023 was off by \$0.42 when comparing Projected Income to Projected Expenses. This happened because of rounding, and google sheets hiding the decimal points in some fields.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Vail
Treasurer, APLA



APLA Information Literacy Interest Group Report May 2023

Agnieszka Hayes, Convener

Since the last report for the June 2022 OGM, the APLA Information Literacy Interest Group has been busy continuing with its two main projects: sending out bimonthly emails to the APLA listserv with links relevant to information literacy, and hosting virtual drop-in learning spaces, which are free professional development opportunities open to anyone with an interest in information literacy.

The bimonthly emails from the past year were curated by K-Lee Fraser, Agnieszka Hayes, Kyoo Lee, Evelyn Trainer, and Nicole Marcoux. There is a schedule of curators, so the emails will continue to be sent out.

The group aimed to host three virtual drop-in learning spaces this year, as has been done in the past, and it was successful in doing so. The sessions were well attended with a high level of engagement among participants. Emily MacIsaac hosted the first event in August. The theme was *Teaching Tools Show and Tell Part 2*, as it extended the discussion that took place at the APLA 2022 conference workshop (*Teaching Tools Show and Tell Part 1*), which was hosted by Agnieszka Hayes, K-Lee Fraser, and Nicole Marcoux. Evelyn Trainer hosted the second event in November, and the theme was *Persuading Clients to Update Their Favourite Resources*. Kyoo Lee hosted the third event in March, and the theme was *Artificial Intelligence (AI) Anxiety and Library Roles*. This session had the highest number of registrations and attendees of all the sessions the group has ever hosted.

The group will discuss its plans for 2023-2024 in a meeting held after the June 2023 OGM. The group is always looking for more members who have an interest in information literacy, and interested individuals can email Agnieszka Hayes at infolit@apla.ca if they would like to join or for more information.

Respectfully submitted by Agnieszka Hayes, Information Literacy Interest Group Convener



APLA Bulletin Report May 2023

Kate McClintock

The APLA Bulletin is finishing up its 86th (!) Volume with the current Spring 2023 issue. It has been another successful year of collecting and sharing updates from public and academic libraries around Atlantic Canada, as well as special feature pieces and news from interest groups.

Thank you to everyone in APLA for your ongoing support of the Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

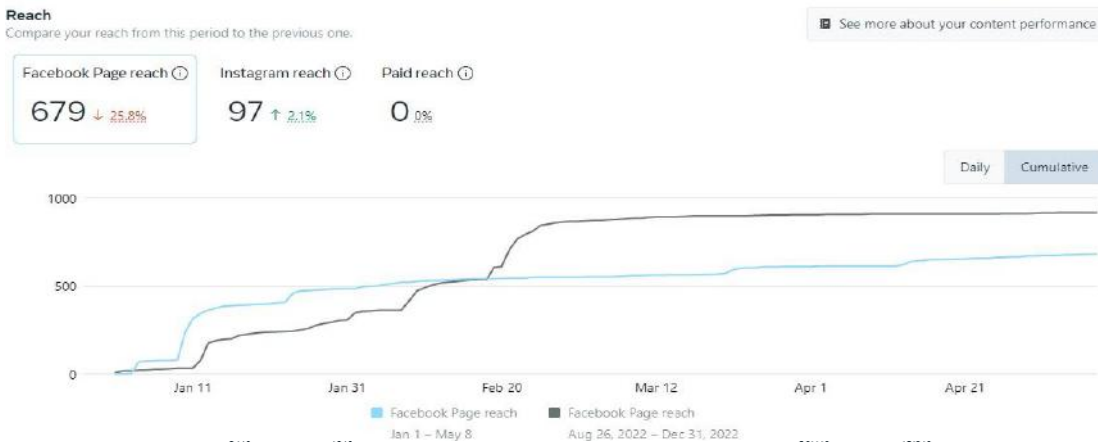
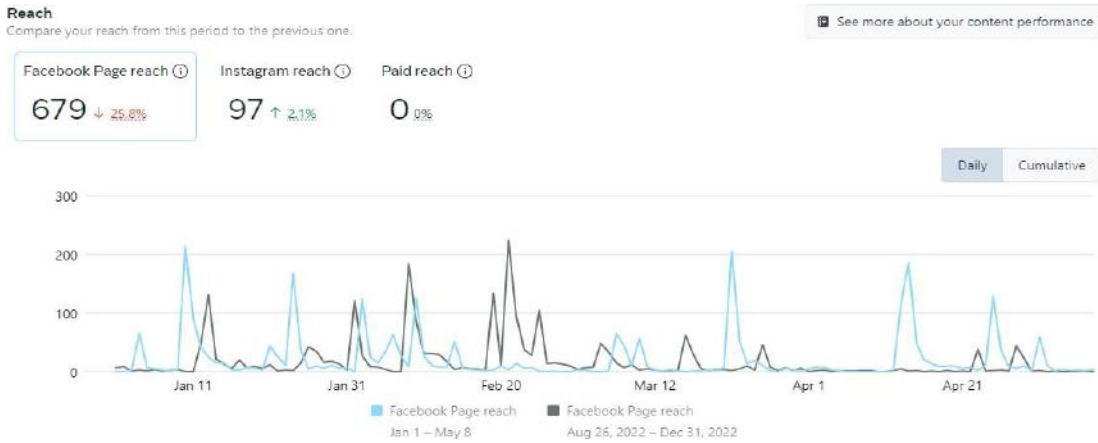
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APLA Bulletin Text Editor

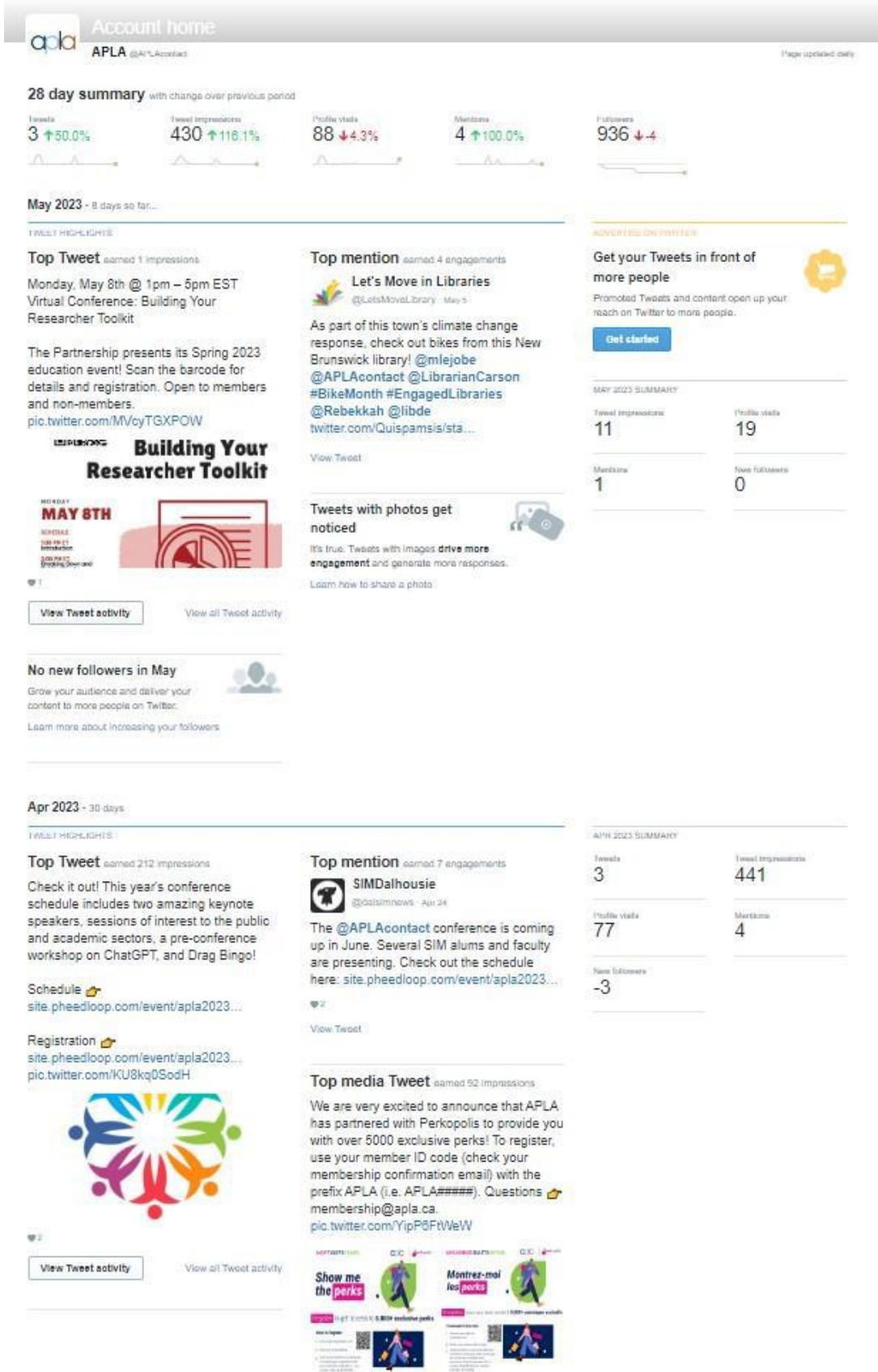
Communications Coordinator Report, submitted by Nathalie Richard

The last year’s activities centered around creating visuals and content for APLA’s social media outlets in support of association activities and The Partnership, as well as to keep members apprised of initiatives and events such as the membership drive, Perkopolis, and the conference. Some changes were suggested and implemented with regards to the tools used by the communications coordinator: we were able to save \$149/year by applying for a free Canva account for nonprofits, and we started a subscription to Later at the cost of \$108/year (50% discount for nonprofits). Included below are a few social media metrics.

Facebook and Instagram Insights for the year so far (Jan-May 2023)



Twitter Insights (April-May 2023)





APLA Technology Coordinator Report

May 2023 (for OGM)

Vincent Grovestine

Google Workspace

Google discontinued its G-Suite service in July 2022. Following unsuccessful attempts to get Google (by way of Tech Soup) to acknowledge APLA's status as a non-profit organization, our account was migrated to the entry-level paid tier of Google Workspace—Business Starter edition—on August 5, 2022.

Thanks to the Treasurer's (Margaret Vail) efforts to secure suitable documentation and proof of APLA's non-profit status, Tech Soup did eventually concede and issue a free license to the organization. We migrated to Google Workspace for Non-Profits on October 6, 2022.

Service usage as of May 10, 2023:

- 25 active user accounts (Maximum: 2000 users)
- 18.54 GB of shared storage used (Maximum: 30 GB/user, up to 100 TB shared total)
 - Gmail: 8.94 GB
 - Drive: 9.60 GB
 - Photos: nil

Website

A Google Analytics summary of "apla.ca" traffic for the 8-month period of September 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 is attached. (Please note that Google Analytics was enabled on the APLA website September 15, 2023; therefore, an entire year of visitor activity has yet to be captured.)

APLA-LIST (Listserv)

- 929 total subscribers (as of April 30, 2023)
- 49 subscribers joined the list (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023)
- 43 subscribers left the list (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023)

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Grovestine, Technology Coordinator

May 10, 2023

APLA Website Dashboard

Sep 1, 2022 - Apr 30, 2023

All Users
100.00% Sessions

Total Sessions

2,592

% of Total: 100.00% (2,592)

% New Sessions

80.63%

Avg for View: 80.63% (5,093)

Total Users

2,090

% of Total: 100.00% (2,090)

Bounce Rate

72.15%

Avg for View: 72.15% (5,093)

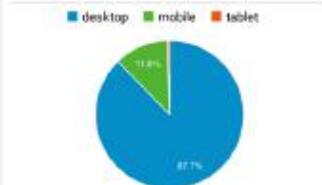
Top Countries

Country	Sessions
Canada	1,705
United States	671
China	62
India	23
United Kingdom	17
France	14
Germany	12
Romania	11
St. Pierre & Miquelon	8
Nigeria	7

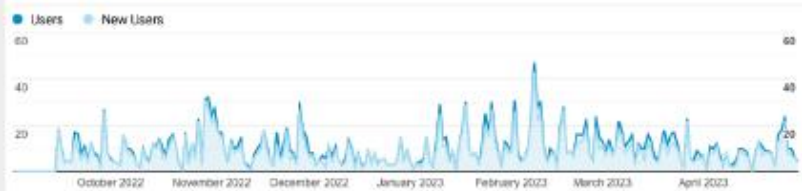
OS and Browsers



Device Categories



Users and New Users



Popular Pages

Page	Pageviews
/	1,636
/membership/	291
/about/mandate-mission/	212
/funding-awards/	173
/executive/	163
/2022/10/05/apla-membership-drive-2022-2023/	125
/funding-awards/apla-merit-award/	124
/about/interest-groups/	114
/funding-awards/memorial-award/	113
/about/listserv/	106

Top Referral Sources (% thereof as first-time visit)

Full Referrer	Sessions	% New Sessions
(direct)	1,385	92.13%
google	864	65.27%
bing	61	67.21%
thepartnership.ca/	49	42.86%
mail.nlp.ca/	44	90.91%
baidu	20	100.00%
facebook.com/	18	100.00%
cfe-fcab.ca/	15	100.00%
pin-it	13	84.62%
rsconline.brightspace.com/	12	58.33%

Top Exit Pages

Page	Exits
/	577
/membership/	142
/about/mandate-mission/	106
/executive/	96
/2022/10/05/apla-membership-drive-2022-2023/	94
/funding-awards/	93
/about/listserv/	82
/funding-awards/apla-merit-award/	74
/funding-awards/carin-alma-e-somers-scholarship/	72
/funding-awards/memorial-award/	70



APLA Memorial Award Report May 2023

Evelyn Trainer

Summary

There were no applicants for the Memorial Award. Therefore, the volunteers didn't meet.

I asked the volunteers if they'd like to meet in the fall to discuss ways to gain applicants. Many replied favorably. I recommend that the next Memorial Award Committee become more active before the application process to spread the word and create ideas to increase applicants.

I further recommend that the APLA consider reaching out to school library staff about the award. School library staff do a lot of innovative work. Casting a wider net for applicants may also increase APLA membership. There may be other areas that a wider net could be cast to for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Trainer

May 14, 2023