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Benefits of joining NSLA
Throughout this issue, you will find different perks of being a member of the Nova Scotia Library Association. Keep your eyes open for these boxes highlighting the benefits.

Through NSLA you have membership in Perkopolis, which grants you savings on Cineplex movies, VIA train tickets, hotels, attractions, and more at Perkopolis – just 1 of many NSLA membership perks!
Message from the President

Dear NSLA Members,

It’s hard to imagine, but here we are, heading into Spring. Our newsletter has some amazing information to share. There are so many positive things going on in our Libraries, it boggles the mind. A generation ago, people came to the library to borrow materials which they took home to use and returned at a later date. Now they come to the library to stay - to use technology not available in their homes; to meet and interact with people who share their interests; to establish networks and participate in programs and events with the neighbours; to access the expertise of Library Staff in a digital world; and to learn about their community. Libraries today, as in the past, inform, educate, excite the imagination, foster creativity, and contribute to essential skills. The significant change is that formats other than print are increasingly employed to fulfill these roles. This is reflected in the many newly built/expanded buildings we see throughout the Province, and in the wide variety of programming initiatives you will read about in this newsletter!

Our priorities continue to be a focus on increasing our membership - by emphasizing the benefits of membership, which include access to this Newsletter, the Professional Development Fund, discounts at the Library Marketplace and Perkopolis, and professional development opportunities through the Partnership Education Institute. As well, the Board is committed to engaging in Strategic Planning, which will set the roadmap for the Association on a go forward basis.

In 2018, the Board unanimously approved a motion to support the recommendations presented in the CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations. As part of our commitment, the Board is looking into opportunities to partner with First Nations in developing programs on this very important topic - stay tuned for that.

Make sure to mark October 18th - October 20th on your calendar. The South Shore Public Libraries is hosting the joint NSLA/LBANS Conference at the White Point Beach Resort. With a theme of Palaces For the People—Empowering Communities, it promises to be a wonderful event with programs that build on the library as a place of community development.

And finally, a huge shout-out to the Vice-President, Denise Corey, for stepping in to help me with my Presidential duties, when I was recovering from a broken wrist...merci bien!

Ann-Marie Mathieu
President, NSLA

Article submitted by
Ann-Marie Mathieu

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Western Counties Regional Library

Library conference a resounding success

There was an enthusiastic response from library staff and board members who attended the 2018 Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS)/Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA) annual conference, Sept. 28-30, at the Rodd Grand Hotel and Conference Centre in Yarmouth. “The conference went superbly,” says Western Counties Regional Library Director Erin Comeau. “Library personnel and board members from across the province gathered in Yarmouth for a weekend of learning, inspiration and fun.”

Western Counties Regional Library hosted the conference, and its team worked with NSLA and LBANS members to construct a diverse, interesting program with its theme Be Bold! “We couldn’t have asked for better; people were impressed with the variety of workshops and the selection of presenters,” says Comeau.

The conference featured a keynote speech by Peace by Chocolate’s Tareq Hadhad. Hadhad is a Syrian refugee, longtime peacekeeping advocate and living his new life with his entrepreneurial family in Antigonish, N.S. He is the founder of Peace by Chocolate and a medical researcher, and he is passionate about peace and entrepreneurship.

Syrian refugee, entrepreneur and conference keynote speaker Tareq Hadhad, right, shared his family’s incredible journey as owners of a successful chocolate business in Syria to the total loss of their business and homes and life as refugees and rebirth thanks to Canadian kindness.

Article and Photo submitted by Ian White

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The program consisted of workshops and presentations to encourage library employees and board members to think outside the box and work through their reservations and fears as they move towards a stronger future for libraries. From the pre-conference sessions on re-envisioning library service and cultural humility to conference sessions covering queering your library or managing small spaces, the conference offered guidance, ideas and insight into being bold as an institution.

“There is great value in bringing people together face-to-face to share related experiences, thoughts and stories,” says Comeau. “It is often in such settings where innovative ideas start to seed... If the excitement that was felt over the weekend is any indication, I believe many left on Sunday re-invigorated and inspired to shake things up a little in the world of library service.”

Beyond the conference, people also enjoyed visiting the region, Comeau says. “They really enjoyed shopping and discovering new restaurants in a refreshed downtown.”

October is Library Card Month

October is Library Card Month and Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate, visit and use your public library. “With the shortening of days, it is an ideal time to make use of your free library card and the services that come with it,” says Western Counties Regional Library Director Erin Comeau. “During the month of October, there is the added bonus of winning some wonderful books.”

The celebration is tied to Canadian Library Month with its theme A Visit Will Get You Thinking. Libraries serve as community cultural centres, hosting authors, art exhibits, book clubs, story hours and a variety of programs for all ages. Branches offer wireless and wired Internet access, computers, books, magazines, movies, music, historical documents, online databases, and trained personnel to help you find what you seek.

Benefits of Joining NSLA

Member discount at The Library Marketplace, another great NSLA member benefit!
Card holders can borrow and download eBooks, audiobooks and magazines anytime and from anywhere. This is a convenient option, especially for those who are unable to visit their library on a regular basis,” says Comeau. “With a computer or mobile device, the library is available 24/7.”

During the month of October, anyone who becomes a library member, or who is already member, and uses their card to borrow an item can have their name entered into a draw for a collection of signed books by Nova Scotia authors provided by Coles Yarmouth.

The library is also challenging schools throughout the Tri-Counties to register 100 per cent of staff and students for library cards. Parents should be looking for registration forms arriving from school. The French and English schools with the highest registration percentage will win a box of new books from Scholastic Canada for its school library.

The regional library has over 150,000 titles in its collection and can provide additional access to over 2 million items from public libraries across the province.
Cape Breton Regional Libraries

Food for Fines Campaign

Cape Breton Regional Library’s first region-wide Food for Fines campaign was a great success. The campaign took place from February 1st to February 15th at each of the library’s 12 branches and bookmobiles. Library patrons contributed 520 non-perishable food items, as well as personal toiletries and baby items, for local food banks. More than $800.00 in overdue fees were waived and items were distributed to seven food banks in Cape Breton and Victoria counties, including:

- Glace Bay Food Bank
- Loaves and Fishes, Sydney
- North of Smokey Food Bank Association, Ingonish
- North Sydney Community Food Bank
- Helping Hands South of Smokey Society, Baddeck
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, New Waterford
- Sydney Mines & Area Food Bank

For each food item donated, existing library overdue fines were lowered by $2.00 to a maximum of $20.00 per library card. Overdue fines are an important part of the library’s operating budget, but fines can sometimes create barriers and discourage people from coming into the library and using our services. Food for Fines was a great way for patrons to reduce or eliminate their fines so they can make use of the services the library offers while helping food banks restock their shelves after a busy holiday season. The library is grateful to the community for their support and generosity. With such a positive response, we plan to make the Food for Fines campaign an annual event.

Folk artist Murray Gallant who showcased some of his art at the New Waterford Library in February

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BY NICOLE MACGIBBON
Maud Lewis Celebrations

Maud Lewis Heritage Month Library Campaign 2019 was a great province wide initiative funded through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage’s Support4Culture. The funding support allowed libraries to celebrate and showcase local folk arts and culture in our library branches. A few of the activities and events that were organized in the Cape Breton Regional Library included, a month long art-exhibit featuring folk art by Murray Gallant at the New Waterford Library; a beginner rug hooking workshop; ‘Heart Warming and Humorous Folk Art Workshop’ (beginner acrylic painting for adults); a Heritage Day Tea; and paint cafés for adults and children. In total there were 11 programs with 342 participants.

International Women's Day Silhouettes

Twelve monologues about women who pushed boundaries, broke the rules, or demonstrated strength in other ways during their time on earth, were performed in silhouette in celebration of International Women’s Day, and in support of the Baddeck Library. The stories were delivered using props, singing, drumming, and voice, and were written by the fundraiser organizers and by the women in the community who volunteered their time and theatrical skills to the event.

Articles and photos submitted by Tara MacNeil & Cora-Lee Eisses Smith

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Annapolis Valley Regional Library

A vision realized: Annapolis Royal

Tuesday, October 10, 2017: Colin Fraser, MP for West Nova announced funding through the Innovative Communities Fund, for a new ‘community hub’ for Annapolis Royal and surrounding areas, to be used in conjunction with investment from the Town of Annapolis Royal, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and the generous donations from the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library.

Friday, November 23, 2018: The Annapolis Royal Library moved into its new home and officially opened at The Academy, 143 Ritchie Street on February 15, 2019. Two thirds of the old Annapolis Royal Regional Academy, where the community hub is located, has been turned into condominiums while the remaining space houses the hub and the local food bank. The hub contains program rooms, the innovation lab, and the library itself.

“When we announced support for this project, I had no idea how spectacular this space would end up being,” said West Nova MP Colin Fraser. “Now, this bright, open space houses a modern library to foster reading and learning, and it is also home to an auditorium, gymnasium and innovation lab with new technology that can be used by residents of all ages.”

Speakers and dignitaries at the opening of the new Annapolis Royal Library
CEO of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, Ann-Marie Mathieu, has noted that since the new space opened in November it’s been busy. “The performance measures, the statistics, the foot traffic, are off the charts, and I think I can say with all honesty that the Annapolis Royal Library has become the flagship for the AVRL”.

Linda Moffat, Past-President of the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library said "the group is very pleased that their dream of a new Annapolis Royal Library with a dedicated room for community programs, a better selection of books and DVDs, a quiet reading room, a larger Children's Area, a high tech community workshop, (the 'Innovation Lab'), and office space for staff, has now been realized. We especially want to thank the many generous members of the local community and the four levels of government who have contributed financially to make this dream come true".

The new Annapolis Royal library

A Future Dream: Wolfville

The Town of Wolfville, the Municipality of Kings and the Annapolis Valley Regional Library are investigating options for expanding and improving library facilities in Wolfville. This will be a comprehensive planning process that will determine the need for additional library space, opportunities to provide the required space at the existing library or a new location, program and service improvements, possible partnerships, costs and funding strategies.

AVRL CEO, Ann-Marie Mathieu states, “Communities and municipalities realize that a modern library is an asset.”

A review group, comprised of 15-20 individuals, representing key interests, will meet every 2-3 months to review and comment on the planning in progress and later in the planning stages, a Friends of the Library group will be re-formed. Funding and fundraising will be key to this project, and community support will be critically important.
Innovation in the Air

Annapolis Royal: The Annapolis Innovation Lab is part of the new Annapolis Royal Library. It is a ‘design and prototyping studio’ and teaching space, where teens, adults, and seniors from the community are able to incorporate leading-edge computer-driven tools and technologies to solve engineering challenges in creative scientific, music and visual arts projects. It is equipped with something for everyone. You’ll find a 3D printer, a high end Mac computer with the Adobe Creative Cloud suite, a Windows computer with audio editing and creating software, microphones, a GoPro, SLR camera and virtual reality headset, LEGO Robotics, Arduino kits and Raspberry Pis, a sewing machine that will handle leather and canvas as well as fine silk, a Bolivar rug hooking fabric cutter, a yarn swift and ball winder, a Cricut Maker, a drum carder, and more!

Wolfville: The Wolfville Memorial Library Innovation Lab (formerly the CAP Lab) has outfitted its Media Lab. The Multi Media Makery is a project designed to bring the community together for creative collaboration. The Lab offers audio recording, video recording and editing equipment, as well as free lessons in audio recording/production, video editing, song writing and much more. Skilled volunteers are matched with people from the community who are eager to learn. Funding for this project has been generously granted by @NS, Community Technology.
Celebrating

All of the AVRL branches were busy during February hosting over 20 African Heritage Month and Heritage Day activities and displays. African folktales and drumming were some of the African Heritage themed programs. We celebrated Maud Lewis with very popular ‘Paint Like Maud’ programs, folk art making and screenings of the movie, ‘Maudie’. AVRL was pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to develop and promote our cultural resources for all Nova Scotians.

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Grow with us

While the opening of new libraries in Hantsport, Berwick, Annapolis Royal, and a new administration office in Berwick, highlights the importance and growth of libraries, Annapolis Valley Regional Libraries continues to showcase its’ services.

Book Bikes, the bicycle loan program will roll out again this April after a very successful inaugural season. Annapolis Royal is being added to the bike loan circuit in addition to the Berwick and Wolfville libraries.

Looking for a family project that leads to healthy food choices and sustainable communities? Need seeds to finish planting your vegetable garden? Is growing vegetables new to you? For a fourth year The Seed Library will open May 1st in Lawrencetown and Berwick branches. All you have to do is stop by, browse the packets, show us your library card and easy-peasy you get a packet of donated seeds.

And Summer is just around the corner!
Plastic bags be gone! We’re getting a start on shedding them at both our Margaret Hennigar Library and Lunenburg Libraries by partnering with South Shore Boomerang Bags to provide our borrowers with cloth bags. South Shore Boomerang Bags works to raise awareness about plastic pollution and foster sustainable behaviour through hands-on, positive community action on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. We have cloth bag stations in our branches and hope to host bag making events in the near future.

March Break was phenomenal over 1000 participants attended a program over the 5-day vacation. SSPL’s Program Team really delivered we wanted to thank our team, community partners, and the outreach staff from Supernova and Discovery Centre.

SSPL was successful in securing a Wellness Grant from the Lunenburg County Community Health Board. The grant is to enhance our weekly Baby Time Group by providing a monthly educational session. We have several professionals lined up to share their expertise. The first session was March 26 and Doula and Baby Massage expert Leslie Yip showed a crawling room only crowd of 42 moms and babies how to massage their infants.
Over the last few years SSPL has been amassing a board game collection, with advice of Retro Games in Bridgewater, we’ve got everything from Candyland to Settlers of Catan. All the nitty gritty of cataloguing and check out procedures is now complete and you can drop by and borrow one from any of our branches.

One more item we started lending recently is seasonal disorder lamps. We have 2 in each branch that you can use while you’re visiting us 3 more that circulate for a 2-week loan. During February and March these lamps were in high demand.

SSPL is pleased to announce we will host, Chris Benjamin, as Writer in Residence for 2019/20. Chris’ home base will be our Lunenburg Library, he will be conducting one on one personal appointments as well as workshops throughout Lunenburg and Queens Counties. Benjamin has published both fiction and non-fiction titles- Indian School Road: Legacies of Shubenacadie Residential School, Drive-By Saviours, Eco-Innovators.

Patrons enjoying the new board game collection at the Lunenburg Library

Chris Benjamin, new Writer in Residence at the Lunenburg Library

Article and photo submitted by Christina Pottie

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Nova Scotia public libraries celebrated Heritage Day and honoured Maud Lewis with a series of more than 100 programs for all ages that were presented in public libraries across the province during the month of February.

Programs included everything from “Paint Like Maud” programs, film screenings, crafts, folk art workshops, artist talks, children’s programming, teens, seniors and so much more!

Nova Scotia public libraries recognize the support of the Province of Nova Scotia. We are pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to develop and promote our cultural resources for all Nova Scotians.

To view the list of programs that happened visit:

http://bit.ly/2W9YQ7m
Hackmatack Turns 20

For 20 years Hackmatack has been putting great Canadian books in the hands of Atlantic Canadian children, who read the shortlisted fiction and nonfiction titles and vote for their favourites, thereby determining the winners of the Hackmatack Children’s Choice Book Award.

Each spring we’ve been able to send a number of Hackmatack nominated authors on tour to libraries and schools in the Atlantic region in the week leading up to our Award ceremony. For many children, this is their first encounter with “a real live author”, and we’re thrilled to be able to make such a valuable connection.

Hackmatack Tour Week is May 27-31. Hackmatack authors touring Nova Scotian public libraries and schools, and attending the Awards Ceremony at the Halifax Central Library on May 31st include:

Joanne George – Smiley
Kari Jones – A Fair Deal
Theresa Meuse – L’Nu’k: The People
Daphne Greer – Camped Out
Melanie Florence – He Who Dreams
Wesley King – Laura Monster Crusher
Don Kelly – Deer Island Mystery
Diane Carmel Léger – L’Acadie en baratte
Geneviève Guilbault – Ti-Guy La Puck
Marc Trudel – Albert Le Curieux
Emmanuelle Bergeron – Quatre filles en art

The Awards Ceremony will be live streamed, info will be posted on the Hackmatack website -

https://www.hackmatack.ca/

Article submitted
Ray Fernandes

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Have you ever participated or been involved in Hackmatack as a reader, writer, librarian, teacher, parent or supporter of the program? Consider a donation of $20 to mark our 20th anniversary!!

Make your donation online through CanadaHelps:
https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hackmatack-childrens-choice-book-award-society/?fbclid=IwAR264hNpxEFhx1Im1UcO3H1MyKq6RNk-tLkG3luXTWjzqu33HPb9Tgpfqw

Or send a cheque to:
Hackmatack
P.O. Box 34055
Scotia Square RPO
Halifax, NS B3J 3S1

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award Society is a registered charity. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. For more info, email us at: hackmatack@hackmatack.ca

Benefits of Joining NSLA

• CONNECTION with other members
• INVOLVEMENT on the NSLA Board, committees, and advocacy activities
• ACCESS to NSLA’s Professional Development Fund
• SAVINGS on registration for the NSLA conference; on joint membership with APLA; and, member discounts at Perkopolis and The Library Marketplace; plus much more.
• PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES — including the Education Institute’s (EI) webinars, at a reduced rate; Continuing Education Certificate, and more.

Membership types:
  o Personal $25
  o Retired $20
  o Student FREE*
  o Institutional $50
  o Joint NSLA/APLA Professional $65
  o Joint NSLA/APLA Support $35

For more membership benefit information contact the Membership Convener at membership@nsla.ns.ca

*NSLA offers FREE memberships for students enrolled in either a Library & Information Technology Diploma program or an MLIS
National Canadian Film Day – April 17, 2019
National Canadian Film Day is a massive one-day, coast-to-coast celebration of Canadian cinema -

https://canadianfilmday.ca/

Public libraries across Nova Scotia will be celebrating with FREE screenings of some great Canadian films. This year we have 45 screenings of 27 great films!!

To see the full listing of films screening this year visit:


Upcoming Events to Celebrate @ Your Library:

- National Poetry Month – April 2019  
  http://poets.ca/npm/
- National Canadian Film Day – April 17, 2019  
  http://www.canadianfilmday.ca
- Asian Heritage Month – May 2019  
  http://www.asian-heritage-month.org/
- Teen Read Week (Nova Scotia Public Libraries) – May 1-7, 2019  
  https://www.hackmatack.ca/
- Hackmatack Week – May 27-31, 2019  
  http://www.oceansweek.ca/
- Oceans Week – June 2019  
  http://www.scienceliteracy.ca/
Awards

Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership

The Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership was established in 2004 to honour leadership in the Nova Scotia Library community and is given by NSLA for distinguished contributions to the promotion and development of library service in Nova Scotia. Further details: http://www.nsla.ns.ca/index.php/about/awards/

- 2018 Laura Emery
- 2017 Faye MacDougall
- 2016 Janet Pelley
- 2015 no recipient
- 2014 Frances Newman
- 2013 Fred Popowich
- 2012 Doug Vaisey
- 2011 Tracey Jones-Grant
- 2010 Charlotte Janes
- 2009 Gary Archibald
- 2008 Penny Logan
- 2007 Trudy Amirstault
- 2006 Eric Stackhouse
- 2005 Marie DeYoung
- 2004 Michael Colborne

SIM Associated Alumni Outstanding Alumni Award

The SIM Associated Alumni Outstanding Alumni Award honours a member of the Associated Alumni who has made an outstanding contribution as an information professional. Please help select the next illustrious recipient of this award. Full details are available at: http://www.dal.ca/faculty/management/school-ofinformation-management/alumni-friends/outstanding-alumni-award.html.

- 2018 Fiona Black ('93)
- 2017 Heather Berringer ('03)
- 2016 Crystal Rose ('05)
- 2015 Susan Cleyle ('88)
- 2014 Lou Duggan ('00)
- 2013 Barbara Shuh ('76)
- 2012 Patrick Ellis ('88)
- 2011 Margaret Murphy ('76)
- 2010 Terri Tomchyrishyn ('81)
- 2009 Penny Logan ('85)
- 2008 Ilga Leja ('77)
- 2007 Donna Bourne-Tyson ('90)
- 2006 Mark Leggott ('86)
- 2004 Judy Dunn ('83)
- 2003 Marie DeYoung ('80)
- 2002 Catherine Quinlan ('80)
- 2000 Marilyn Rennick ('76)

Emile Theriault Library & Information Technology Award

The Emile Theriault Library and Information Technology Award, established in 2006, recognizes the efforts of a library support staff member who has made a major contribution to their library community. Emile Theriault was the first library support staff worker who served as president of NSLA. Further details: http://www.nsla.ns.ca/index.php/about/awards/

- 2018 Kenneth David
- 2017 no recipient
- 2016 Tara MacNeil
- 2015 Jean Brown
- 2014 Verna DeViller
- 2013 Bev McGee
- 2012 Margaret MacLean
- 2011 Rachel Crosby
- 2010 Janet Ness
- 2009 Darlene Barrett
- 2008 Peggy Hiscock
- 2007 Lynne LeGrow
- 2006 Award established
NSLA 2019 Professional Development Spring Workshop Series

Building Intercultural Competence

As Nova Scotia becomes more culturally diverse, we all need to learn how to welcome and work with immigrants and diverse populations to build better communities together.

Presented by ISANS (Immigrant Association of Nova Scotia), this workshop will:

- Increase understanding of settlement and integration issues
- Explore ways to welcome and support new immigrants
- Develop intercultural relationship building skills for working with new immigrants

ISANS is the largest immigrant-serving agency in Atlantic Canada with over 270 staff members from more than 64 countries, who works towards helping immigrants build a future in Nova Scotia, and helping Nova Scotians build welcoming spaces and communities.

Maximum Participants: 25

Dates:
Monday, May 6 / 10am–2pm --- Windsor Public Library
Monday, May 13 / 10am–2pm --- Antigonish Public Library

Cost:
$5 for NSLA Members, or $30 for non-members. New members are welcome. A light lunch will be provided.

For more information, or to register for your preferred location, please contact:
Ray Fernandes, NSLA Professional Development Coordinator, ray.fernandes@novascotia.ca, (902) 424-2474
Call for Nominations to Serve on 2019/20 NSLA Board of Directors

Join our group of library-loving, enthusiastic, dedicated individuals working to facilitate the exchange of ideas, and to promote a forum for the discussion of issues, amongst people concerned with library and information services in Nova Scotia.

The following positions are available for 2019-2020:
- Treasurer
- Public Relations and Promotions Convener
- Newsletter Convenor

NOTE: All board positions are for 2-year terms.

Why volunteer to serve on the NSLA board? Here are a few reasons to get involved:
- Meet new people. Serving on the board is a great way to grow your professional network and work with a supportive, committed group of people.
- Develop skills that will strengthen your work.
- Learn about and advocate for libraries of all types.
- Gain insight into the incredible work that other libraries are doing across the province and speak out about issues threatening the success of libraries in Nova Scotia and across the country.

Questions? Contact Alison Brown, Nominations Convener, at alisonbrown@dal.ca. See our website (nsla.ns.ca) for more details.

Call for Submissions
Have some Nova Scotia library news?
Submissions for the next newsletter are due:

June 15, 2019

For more information contact
newsletter@nsla.ns.ca
2019 Conference Update

*Palaces For the People- Empowering Communities*

October 18-20, 2019, White Point Beach Resort

South Shore Public Libraries is pleased to be hosting the 2019 Nova Scotia Library Association/Library Boards of Nova Scotia Annual Conference, *Palaces For the People -Empowering Communities*.

Whether your library is a grand historic edifice or a popup in the local strip mall it is, at its essence a physical place. Reading, community building, sharing and existing, all of it happens in that space. Libraries across the province are reimagining their spaces not as warehouses, but as the beating hearts of the community.

Passionate about libraries? Join us at the iconic, historic, oceanfront White Point Beach Resort for a weekend of professional development, social connections and fun at this year's NSLA/LBANS Conference!

The conference kicks off on Friday afternoon with some great preconference sessions: the Nova Scotia Health Authority will be sharing information about the Opioid Crisis and showing folks how to use Naloxone in case of emergency, the chairs of the One Card NS project will share an update: and Sheena Masson, SSPL employee and certified canoe and kayak instructor, will host a kayaking for beginners workshop.

![White Point Resort in Liverpool](image)

**Article and photo submitted by Christina Pottie**
Friday evening we’ll have welcoming remarks and an opening keynote from George Elliot Clarke. Dinner will be a barbecue, and we’ll round off the evening with a bonfire and Nova Scotia ghost stories led by local author Vernon Oickle.

Saturday morning’s keynote will be delivered by author and activist Dave Meslin. Dave is a community organizer and author of 2 books; Local Motion: The Art of Civic Engagement in Toronto and Teardown: Rebuilding Democracy from the Ground Up (coming out in May). Have a listen to his Ted Talk “The Antidote to Apathy” and you’ll realize this is a must-attend presentation.

Saturday’s highlights include presenters from all types of libraries plus authors from around the province. Whether you want to learn about hosting Pride events, after hours open hours, Library and Archives Canada, how to hatch and dispatch Monarchs in your branch, or engage in discussions about whether listening to audios is reading, how to keep your palace doors open, or to listen to author Lesley Crewe or student activist Stella Bowles, Saturday has something interesting for you.

The Atlantic ocean will provide a spectacular backdrop for Saturday evening’s meal and awards. After dinner, Valley comedian and author Jay Malone/Robert MacDonald (Why the 2 names? Hopefully he’ll tell us, it’s a funny story) will send us off with a smile to walk the beach, have a drink, or relax in front of the fireplace.

Sunday morning’s plenary session is titled “Chiefs on the Hot Seat”. This moderated Q & A will feature Chief Librarians from across the province. Please come prepared and ask a Chief something you’ve always wanted to know!

We encourage you to join us for a great weekend at White Point Beach Resort. The 2019 Conference focuses on how to innovate, inspire and connect with the library community across Nova Scotia. We are expecting this year’s conference to be one of the best yet, with programs that apply to all levels of library work, from front line staff to Board members.

For more information and to register please check out: https://nsla-lbans2019.ca

Benefits of Joining NSLA

NSLA members receive a preferred member conference registration rate!
Join NSLA or renew today to be eligible for the preferred member rate, at the upcoming NSLA/LBANS Conference
Meet the Board

**Alison Brown, Nominations Convenor**
Mama, reader, hiker, baker, researcher. I like best to wander and wonder with family and friends, connect kids to beautiful books that prompt empathy and joy, research the shared reading practices of marginalized communities, and arrive early.

![Alison Brown](image1)

**Dale MacMillan, Membership Convenor**
Joined the NSLA Board November 2016. Have worked in the library field ‘forever’. Dog person! Loves to garden, sip wine, read, has caught the ‘knitting bug’ from fellow board members, and in her ‘spare time’ continues renovating her 100 year old home.

![Dale MacMillan](image2)

**Ray Fernandes, Professional Development Convenor**
Ray is the Youth Services Librarian/Consultant with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. A “Come From Away” from Ontario, he went to library school in Alberta, and has worked in public libraries for years, including Halifax, Edmonton and Vaughan. He also sits on a number of community boards including: Hackmatack, OBEY Music Convention, Cunard Street Daycare, and the Halifax Community Learning Network. He loves to read, music, hiking, travel, random adventures, and exploring our beautiful province.

![Ray Fernandes](image3)