

Conference 2021 Libraries: Better Together

The 2021 Conference jointly hosted by MLA and SLA was held June 14-16. This was our first virtual conference and a great learning experience for all involved. There were 420 registrations; our ability to offer an economical group rate along with the convenience of a virtual platform were factors in the attendance.

The **program** was a thoughtful mix of sessions with key note speaker, the Honourable Murray Sinclair, featured speaker, Chris Kutarna, and Nora Young as a closing key note speaker. There were 34 sessions which were well attended. The presenters are critical to a high-quality professional development experience and we were fortunate to have excellent sessions. A social committee introduced creative activities including a pet show, trivia, and yoga.

As always, our gratitude is extended to our **sponsors** who are a huge support:

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We were fortunate to have 27 **exhibitors**. As always, our sincere gratitude is extended to exhibitors for their participation and support. Thank you to:

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This year our **volunteers** were called upon for different tasks to be carried out in very different ways. They stepped up with skill and enthusiasm. Our thanks goes out to:

Conference Co-Chairs - Kerry Macdonald and Michael Shires

Conference Program Chairs - Melanie Sucha and Geoffrey Allen

Committee Volunteers - Julie Arie, Justin Fuhr, Marika Hunter, Catherine Hana, Amy Rankin, Tasha Maddison, M Falk, Caroline Monnin, Ellen Tisdale, Nicole Askin, Victoria Ho, Jamie Orr, Sara Radshirazi, Lindsay Baker and Danielle Hubbard.

Sessions will be available on line for delegates to view. Stay tuned for information on availability.