

Greetings folks!

I am excited for the upcoming year at SLA. We have an amazing Board and some very exciting committees and we are going to be busy this year with a number of projects. The 2022 Conference Committee met this week and we have an excellent and hard-working team planning to bring you an informative and engaging conference in Regina in May of 2022. The Board met and we have laid out a lot of the work that is going to occupy our time over the next few months. We will be dedicating a lot of time and effort into reviewing and updating our diversity plan. Alongside this, we will also be reviewing SLA's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, not only internally, but also as a member organization of CFLA. We also hope to look to our members and member libraries to explore what you are doing in our communities and libraries.

The SLA office was closed in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30. This is an important day for us to consider our paths and relationships moving forward in this journey. I have been able to continue my journey with much more reading through some of the amazing books that are in the library collection. Obviously, this path continues beyond the one day, but the SLA Board and staff felt it was an important day to be recognized at the office.

We were very excited to send out both the Maureen Woods and the Indigenous Student Bursary announcements to library schools and elsewhere. We are hopeful for a fulsome response. Applications must be in by the end of October. Please share this information with your colleagues and students you know. If you have questions, please reach out to the SLA office

I hope that you are staying safe and that you are taking care of yourselves during what seems to be a very busy time of year. If you have some time and energy, I encourage you to join us on one of the many committees or with the planning of the conference. You will not regret the opportunity to network and to grow and contribute to the development of SLA and of libraries in the province. In fact, I would love to speak to you about becoming a Board member in the future. May will be here before we know it.

Regards,
Amy Rankin
SLA President