Greetings folks!
I don't know about you, but I can't believe that it is already December. It has been a year of ups and downs for everyone, I am sure. SLA is no different. We made the best of it and created some amazing programming throughout the year. The videos that were created for OBOP, Summer Performer Tour, Saskatchewan Library Week and Culture Days continue to be available to you and your communities – you can find them on our SLA website at https://saskla.ca/programs. We had the speaker series in the first few months of the year and we also had a successful virtual conference in partnership with MLA in June. The fall brought us sadness with the death of Anne Pennylegion, SLA's Program Administrator. Since Anne was such a passionate person engaged in the programs of SLA, I am pleased to say that the work of SLA continues in a positive and dedicated way.

The SLA Conference Planning Committee is well on the way to planning an amazing conference for 2022. We hope that you will consider submitting a proposal at https://saskla.wufoo.com/forms/2022-conference-presenter-submission-form/. There are several session options that you can choose from. I am not going to share any big secrets yet, but I am excited for the bit and pieces that are being discussed around the table.

The SLA Board met in November and had a productive meeting. We are looking forward to the work that we are going to be delving into around the diversity plan and policy at a facilitated session in the spring. We continue to look at SLA's work with the TRC. SLA is embarking on a journey to update and revise our land acknowledgement statement. The Board had a great discussion about steps forward with this project. We look forward to consultations and a process to respectfully move forward in this work.

Many of us take the end of year/beginning of year time to reflect on our lives, goals and thoughts for the future. I encourage you to keep SLA as a path you can follow to achieve your goals and objectives. Volunteering with SLA affords you a number of opportunities to develop new skills and to meet new people.

I wish you all a peaceful December. I hope you all will be able to take a breath and spend some time with family. Take care of yourselves.

Regards,
Amy Rankin
President, SLA