

Registration Form
Nova Scotia Library Association 2026 Conference

Name: _____

Library/Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Conference Fees

Early Bird Period: May 20 – July 20

Regular Period: July 21 – Sept 18

Full Conference (Includes Friday night Meet & Greet, breakfasts and lunch, nutritional breaks, and banquet)

- Early Bird NSLA Member - \$185
- Regular NSLA Member - \$195
- Early Bird Non-NSLA Member - \$210
- Regular Non-NSLA Member - \$220
- One Day Conference (no banquet with NSLA membership) - \$85
- One Day Conference (no banquet without NSLA membership) - \$110
- Additional Banquet Ticket (for guests) - \$75
- Virtual Conference Pass (NSLA Members) - \$75
- Virtual Conference Pass (without NSLA Membership) - \$100

Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions: _____

Please let us know as soon as possible if you require any accessibility support.

- ASL interpreters
- Hearing assistive technology
- Transportation within the Town of Pictou and to/from Pictou Lodge.
- Other: _____

Session Information (Please indicate which sessions you plan to attend. Some sessions may have limited space.)

Name: _____

Friday, September 18

1:00pm - 6:00pm: Registration

1:30pm - 4:00pm: Pre-Conference Sessions

- The RADD: Readers' Advisory with Dewey Divas & Dudes (Virtual)
- Quilts, Community, and Culture: A Trunk Show with Myla Borden
- NS Walks, Walk Leader Workshop with Catherine Driesbeck

4:30pm - 6:00pm: NSLA Board Meeting

6:30pm - 8:30pm: Meet and Greet/ Opening Reception

All weekend: Cardigan Exchange!

Saturday, September 19

8:00am - 3:00pm: Registration

9:00am - 4:00pm: Exhibit/ Vendors

8:00am - 9:00am: Breakfast

9:00am - 10:30am: Keynote - Libraries in Ukraine with Yaroslava Soshynska, Executive Director, Ukrainian Library Association

10:30am - 11:00am: Nutrition Break

Session 1: 11:00am – 12:00pm

- Panel Discussion – “Perspectives on Public Libraries and Population Health” with Dr. Robert Strang, NS Health, Dr. Pat Craig, Chair of the Population Health Committee of the Aberdeen Health Foundation, and Dr. Christina Holmes, StFX.
- Close-knit: Building community through stitching circles and adult craft (Elizabeth Glinz, PARL)
- Collaborations between public and school libraries in practice, and possibilities (Thekla Altmann (PARL), Debbie Clark (CCRCE), and Nicholas Hart (CCRCE))

12:00pm - 1:15pm: Lunch

Session 2: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

- How can medical libraries and public libraries support each other? (Laura Mounce & Amanda Andrews, NS Health)
- Accessibility in Action: Meeting accessibility requirements at service points and in collections (Lydia Hunsberger, WCRL)
- Zine making (Nico Deagle, PARL)
- Poster Sessions

2:30pm - 3:00pm: Break

Session 3: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

- Slop! The reality of generative AI in daily life (Katrina Nicholson and Jonathan Manley, CBRL)
- History Alive: A living history fair (Meghan Jamieson and Susan Parker, PARL)
- Lessons learned from hosting a large event (Lesley Brann and Megan Cameron, CEHPL)
- Poster Sessions

Poster Sessions (during sessions 2 and 3) in detail:

- Nothing in a classroom can compare: Understanding the realities of public library work (Laura Chandler and Clara Riga, Dalhousie University)
- Kekina'masuti komkwejwikasikl - Learning Hieroglyphs (translating and providing access to an early 19th century Mi'kmaw hand-written text written using a hieroglyphic system)
- Re-Imagining our Future/Serving People Better (Accessibility)
- Multilingual digital collections (how we worked together to make languages other than English a priority for OverDrive)
- How to Use a Tiny Space for Everything (Thekla Altmann, PARL)

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Pre-Banquet Meet and Greet

7:00pm - 9:00pm: Banquet

Sunday, September 20

8:00am: Yoga

8:30am - 9:30am: Breakfast (International, Continental)

8:30am - 9:30am: NSLA Annual General Meeting and NSLA incoming board meeting

Session 4: 9:30am – 10:30am

- Panel Discussion - “Years Ahead: The Landscape of Public Libraries in Nova Scotia” with Council of Regional Librarians (CORL), Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (NS CCTH), and Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)
- Blue Cover Moments & Beyond Our Shelves: Strategies for Successful Readers’ Advisory (Nicole Radzikowski, CBRL)
- Libraries and Multicultural Associations (Multicultural Association of Pictou County)

11:00am - 12:00pm: Keynote- Making connections by Terrence Taylor

12:00pm: Wrap up and refreshments for the road

Return/Payment

Please complete the form and return by email to conference@nsla.ns.ca or by mail to:

2026 NSLA Conference
c/o Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library
610 East River Road (Suite 100, Aberdeen Business Centre)
New Glasgow, NS B2H 3S2
P.O Box 276

Please make cheques payable to Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

Etransfers also accepted at etransfers@parl.ns.ca.

Please indicate the names of the conference participants in the etransfer.

Questions? Please contact our Conference Convenors:

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We look forward to seeing you in Pictou this September!