



NSLA/LBANS 2016 – Call for Proposals

Sense of Place: you, your community, your library, your work

Over the years, libraries have evolved from storehouses of books to community spaces. The Conference 2016 theme of ***Sense of Place*** will explore and celebrate the important place that libraries occupy in our communities, and as our place of work.

The concept of place is very inclusive. We invite conference sessions to explore the role of libraries as places of discovery and innovation, as welcoming spaces for users of all ages, and interests – for the public/patron/users we serve, including ourselves!

The library is not simply a physical place; it is also a place of being. The ***Sense of Place*** theme draws upon the concept of exploring the idea/being of place through the five senses, and through time. Libraries are a wealth of sensory experiences, from programs that explore food, the great outdoors and public art (sight, taste and smell) to collections that incorporate Braille and audiobooks (touch and hearing). Libraries are evolving – our buildings, programs, service outreach and staffing requirements, and how are we adapting to the change? We do so with sharing innovative ideas in our profession, building great partnerships, fostering collaborative opportunities and encouraging community development.

The Program Committee for the 2016 NSLA/LBANS Conference invites you to submit a session proposal for the 2016 conference to be held at the [Pictou Lodge Beach Resort](#) from September 23rd to 25th, 2016, on the beautiful Northumberland shore in Braeshore, Pictou County.

Presentations should be an hour in length and include time for questions. Sessions that are practical and interactive in nature are preferred. (Suggestions for preconference sessions of 2-3 hours are also welcome.)

Please send your submissions to conference@nsla.ns.ca, by April 22, 2016, and include a brief description of the topic/proposed session, your technical requirements, and your contact information.

With kind regards,
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2016 NSLA Conference Convenor