



A Message from the President

Greetings,

As PNLA President, I have the opportunity to visit the Library Association Conferences of our member states and provinces. At each conference, I am impressed with the passion, dedication, and creativity of the professionals I meet. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we benefit from opportunities to learn from colleagues across the entire region, and especially from individuals with fresh perspectives and new ideas.

In Idaho, I heard from librarians working with The Special Projects Library Action Team (SPLAT) who continually search for innovation and propose, and lead experiments and pilot projects -- committing themselves to discovering new opportunities. It's a great example of a state giving an opportunity to develop and share new skills and ideas.

In Alaska, I attended an evening of storytelling organized by Dark Winter Night: True Stories From Alaska, a series of storytelling events organized to give Alaskans opportunities to share their stories with each other, and an even broader audience around the world. It's a fantastic program, and one that libraries are helping to grow.

This issue of PNLA Quarterly focuses on New Voices. Authors were encouraged to "draw on fresh perspectives, explore future visions, and pose wildly innovative ideas." I hope you enjoy hearing from them and consider lending your unique voice to a future issue. And of course, I look forward to meeting you at a conference this Spring.

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