

ABQLA Call for Proposals, due January 29

ABQLA invites members of the library and information professional community to submit conference proposals for their 84th annual conference to be held in Montreal on Wednesday, May 4th, 2016. The theme for this year's conference is Libraries Moving Forward: Innovations that Work. The conference will emphasize practical strategies and methods that can help librarians and information specialists ensure their services remain responsive to their communities' needs in a rapidly changing world.

The ABQLA Conference Committee welcomes presentations that exhibit creative, out-of-the box ideas and practical approaches on topics relevant to library and information professionals.

For more information and to download the proposal submission form, consult the [website](#). The submission deadline is Friday, January 29, 2016.

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Template Letter to New MPs Available

The Canadian Library Association has provided a [template welcome letter](#) to the newly elected Members of Parliament (October 2015) that you may customize and send to your [MP](#).

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The 37th annual IATUL Conference takes place at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia from June 5 - 9, 2016. The IATUL 2016 Programme Committee invites [proposals](#) for papers and posters which should reflect the conference theme: Library Leadership in a Sea of Change.

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