



# SLAV MASTERCLASS SERIES 2023

**March 9  
Online**

**10am to 12 Noon**

## **Topic -The Collection Diversity Toolkit, Canada**

This masterclass looks at how teacher-librarians in Canada strive to support diversity, particularly in collection development. We will take a deep dive into the Canadian School Libraries Collection Diversity Toolkit, and how one large school district has used the toolkit to guide change.

### **Introducing the Canadian School Libraries Collection Diversity Toolkit**

Upheaval and change. Over the past few years and as the pandemic raged in the background, Canadians have witnessed the dramatic uncovering of the colonial brutality of Canada's residential school system, and the ongoing realities of systemic racism. Add onto that populist backlash characterized by the current epidemic of book challenges and censorship south of the border. Against this tumultuous backdrop, we, as school librarians, feel the urgency to effect positive change for equity, diversity, and representation, starting with our collections.

Who is represented in our collections? Can students see themselves reflected in what they read? Are the cultural practices of Canada's Indigenous peoples represented as historical anachronisms, or as part of lived, contemporary culture? Why is weeding an important part of developing and maintaining diverse collections? How do selection and reconsideration procedures provide library professionals with confidence to develop diverse collections? What does an equity-informed library collection look like?

The **CSL Collection Diversity Toolkit** provides a framework for building vibrant collections through an equity lens. Join us as we tackle the tough questions, and explore the toolkit's comprehensive and practical suggestions for making sure that school library collections meet all of our students' needs, representing the full diversity of Canadian society.

## **SPEAKERS**

**Rebeca Rubio** is an educator, teacher librarian, consultant and the District Curriculum Coordinator for Libraries and Information Services in SD38 (Richmond, BC, Canada). She supports teacher-librarians in developing programs, redesigning flexible spaces and developing culturally responsive Library Learning Commons. She supports teachers and schools with resource acquisition, database navigation, digital literacy and other literacy initiatives. She also manages and maintains the District Resource Centre, acquiring and circulating valuable resources for all SD38 educators. She is actively engaged in exploring student engagement, multiple literacies and diversity and equity in LLCs.

**Anita Brooks Kirkland** is the Chair of Canadian School Libraries and co-editor of CSL Journal. She is a past president of the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario School Library Association. Professional interests focus on information literacy, the virtual library, action research, and the role of the library learning commons. Anita draws on her extensive experience as a teacher-librarian and as a teacher educator, both in her previous roles as the library consultant for the Waterloo Region District School Board and as an instructor in teacher-librarianship for the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. Anita was the project coordinator and a lead writer for the CSL Collection Diversity Toolkit.

## **PADLET**

A padlet will be created to facilitate the sharing of resources.

# Registration

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This includes the online session, access to the padlet and a recording of the session. A participation certificate will be supplied upon request.



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