



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **Annapolis Valley Regional Library is a Larry Moore Challenge Fund Winner**

**Berwick, Nova Scotia:** Annapolis Valley Regional Library's (AVRL) Angela Reynolds submitted one of the top three proposals to the Larry Moore Challenge Fund announced at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference 2020, held in Toronto, on Friday, January 31.

Invited participants presented a 1-minute pitch at the Dragon's Den style session, and the Annapolis Valley Regional Library was awarded the second prize of \$2,500. The top three proposals received a cash prize.

Nearly every day the news shows us the need to move through prejudice and demeaning stereotypes. Angela's proposal is in collaboration with Marlene Joudry, a member of the Mi'kmaq First Nation from Bear River. Marlene is a Master Artisan and Cultural Facilitator. Through this project AVRL will work together to embrace the spirit of the Peace and Friendship Treaties. The project is aimed at giving First Nations families a good reason to visit our libraries.

Nova Scotia's public libraries have been doing a lot with a little. This project allows us to show other libraries that investing in social inclusion is worth it. We can develop best practices and make this project a model for rural libraries in Nova Scotia.

AVRL will invest in an Indigenous book collection. Marlene will work with Mi'kmaq youth in our local First Nations communities to create painted table coverings to accompany travelling book collections.

The Larry Moore Challenge Fund is a bi-annual leadership competition to encourage and foster leadership in innovation in librarianship and libraries in Canada, in honour of Larry's leadership at the Ontario Library Association.

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