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I am honoured to be starting a three-year term as Editor-in-Chief for the Partnership Journal and wish to thank my predecessor, Jessica Lange, for her guidance and expert leadership. Along with the editorial team, I will continue to promote Canadian scholarship and maintain the high quality of research that this open access journal has become known for.

The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply affected the library community. I could never have imagined an event that would close literally every library in Canada, let alone in the entire world. Yet despite workload adjustments, layoffs, and home commitments, the editorial team has managed to keep to schedule and has released this issue right on time. Thank you to the team for their hard work as well as for their welcoming and encouraging support.

The Features section focuses on library associations in Canada. The theme was inspired by The Partnership (Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations) and this collection of articles show the associations' progression over the years including some recent and significant changes. Guest editorial authors Susan Cleyle and Suzanne van den Hoogen have cleverly called it, "Shift happens." I am pleased that my first issue as Editor gives recognition to the value of association work for the Canadian library landscape.

I believe that associations should and will play a role in re-envisioning the post-pandemic library, but most importantly in supporting and encouraging the library workers that have been hit hard by this unanticipated event. My thoughts and concern are with those who have been deeply affected and I, along with all of you, look forward to the safe reopening of libraries.

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