

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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#FLACON2024, “Florida Libraries: Fundamental to Freedom,” was a hit! Thank you to all who attended, exhibited, or sponsored items and events. We appreciate your support of our annual conference.

Thank you also to FLA’s Conference Planner Jeanice Caskey and her staff as well as the Conference Planning Committee members for their extraordinary work each year.

And thank you to the Conference attendees and exhibitors for your survey responses. The Conference Planning Committee takes your feedback seriously in order to improve your conference experience.

I am looking forward to FLA 2024-2025 President Jorge Perez’s theme: “Overdue for Joy: Celebrating Libraries and Ourselves” being lived out during the next year. If you haven’t had a chance to read Jorge’s President’s Message, look for it in this issue.

Planning for #FLACON2025 has already begun! In fact, 2025 Conference Breakout and Pre-Conference session proposals are due September 7, 2024. Make plans now to attend our Conference May 14-16, 2025, once again in Orlando.

In early August, FLA will hold a retreat at the University of Central Florida (UCF) for the Board of Directors and Committee leadership, to include a facilitated strategic planning session. We’ll also hold a Meet-up on August 2, starting at 1 pm at the John C. Hitt Library at UCF, with an FLA Information Session and Library Tours, and ending with a Networking Social from 4 pm at [Island Wing Company](#) across from the university. Check your email for the registration form, and [register now!](#)

I hope you are having a wonderful summer.

As always, thank you for supporting Florida libraries!

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