



# International Association of School Librarianship

## PRESIDENTIAL POINTS

**T**ime is an oddly malleable thing for an essential force of the universe, isn't it? At least we humans think so, as we try to manage it, control it, save it, spend it wisely, make the most of it, and tell others not to waste it.

We all know that 60 seconds equals 60 seconds, but also know by experience that one minute can seem eternal while a different minute has gone by in an eyeblink.

These COVID-19 days, weeks, and months are no exception.

March 2020 began as usual, then sped up as your 2020 Conference Team consulted with the IASL Board and Executive Committee about how to proceed, ultimately deciding to postpone the entire conference to 2021.

In April, all of us watched news reports, read charts, and worried about friends near and far during the early days of the pandemic... how long some of those days were while we waited for good news from anyone.

Fast forward to August, when IASL announced that the 2021 Annual Conference will be virtual, allowing every IASL member the opportunity to spend time



Katy in Dubrovnik 2019

learning, sharing, and conversing together online next July at a budget-friendly cost. <https://iasl2021.unt.edu/registration-0>

And suddenly it's October, fewer than 90 days until the new year 2021...

During the immense changes in 'the way we do school' now, I pray that you have the time to recharge by enjoying nature, time to immerse yourself in a good book, time to connect with family and friends, time to reflect on your goals, and time to let me know how you're doing.

Someday, we will have time to gather together in person and perhaps time to learn a Texas line dance!

Yours in school librarianship,  
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