# **Author Biographies**

## Gabrielle Brydges

Gabrielle Brydges was born and raised in the Greater Toronto Area. She graduated with her Honors Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Education and Masters of Music from the University of Western Ontario. She spent seven years teaching music and English within the public school system in Ontario. Her love of reading and the written word prompted Gabrielle to pursue her library degree. In her free time Gabrielle studies Scottish Gaelic music and is a member of a competitive dragon boat team.

### Caitlyn Carson

Caitlyn Carson was born and raised in rural Pickering, Ontario where she spent winters skiing and summers reading. She graduated from Nipissing University with a BA Honours in English, as well as certificates in Digital Humanities and Health Studies & Gerontology. She currently attends Dalhousie University and is soon to graduate with an MLIS degree which she hopes to take back to rural Ontario libraries.

#### Laurie Chase

Laurie Chase grew up on a farm in rural Northern Saskatchewan, and spent a decade in the Rocky Mountains. As a Metis person, her research interests involve issues of ownership of Aboriginal knowledge, and equal access to education and information. Her undergraduate was an honours degree in English literature, with a minor in Anthropology. She is excited to graduate this year, and start a new career. When she doesn't have her nose in the books, she can be found puttering in her garden, and cutting firewood.

### Alyssa Dawson

Growing up in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Alyssa completed a BA in History, English and Psychology. She has spent many summers working at summer camps, where she got to play camp games and do arts and crafts. She has finally gotten the glitter contained from those summers and is ready to dive in again. She is excited to graduate from Dalhousie University's MLIS program so she can start her career in libraries.

#### Claire Dionne

Claire Dionne is a 2016 candidate for the Master of Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie University. She is originally from Ottawa and holds a Bachelor degree in Lettres françaises with minor in theatre from the University of Ottawa. She has experience working in public libraries, and is looking forward to working in traditional and less traditional areas of Information Management. She aspires for a career in which she can help connect people to the information they are looking for.

#### Megan O'Brien

Growing up in Northern Manitoba, Megan completed a BAH in English literature at Queen's University, then spent two years working as a children's librarian, where she got to play with glitter, read children's books, and dress up in ridiculous outfits. She is excited to graduate from the Dalhousie's MLIS program so she can once again engage in similar shenanigans. Megan is also a co-chair for Dalhousie's student chapter of the Canadian Library Association.