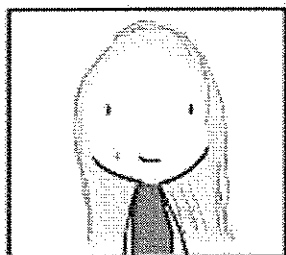


About the Contributors

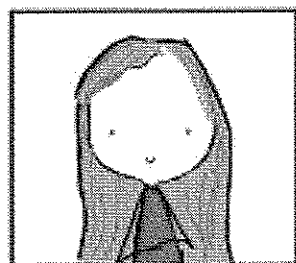
Maria Bartlett



Nova Scotian born and raised, Maria Bartlett grew up in the land of Dartmouth. She's a 2012 NSCAD grad with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Fine Art and a Minor in Art History. Maria is a die-hard Harry Potter fan who loves her hip-hop tunes. In her spare time she enjoys painting, dancing, picture books and cuddling her family Beagle, Hunnie. After completing her Masters of Library and Information Studies degree,

Maria hopes to be a youth services librarian.

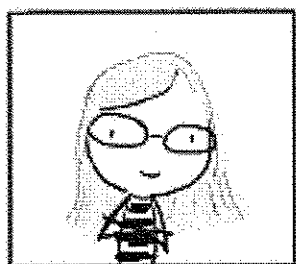
Amy Belanger



Amy has worked as a Youth Worker at the YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs for 3 years. In this position she organizes workshops to discuss issues that matter to youth, assists with homework, employment, and English and encourages active living. Her background is in fine arts and she is currently completing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Management at Dalhousie with a strong

interest in diversity, inclusion, and youth services.

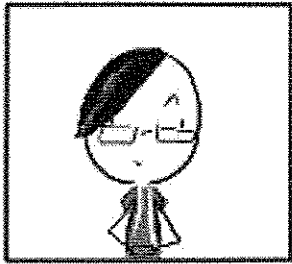
Alieda Blandford



Alieda grew up in the garden city of Victoria, British Columbia. She graduated with a BA in English from the University of Victoria in 2009. After university, she spent a year abroad, backpacking through New Zealand and the South Pacific. Alieda loves science, literature, comfortable chairs, and the Internet. In her spare time, she likes to hike with her dog, play video games, grow vegetables, and play "Magic: The Gathering." Alieda hopes to become a public librarian someday, and she

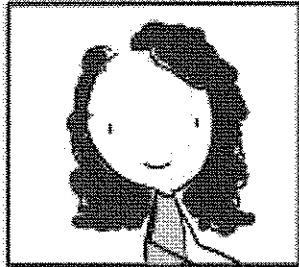
is particularly interested in collections development, emerging technologies, and community outreach.

Elliott Gish



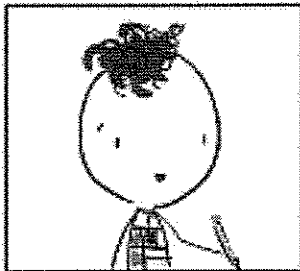
After graduating from Memorial University of Newfoundland with a degree in English Literature, Elliott Gish realized that they just hadn't had enough of higher education and decided to pursue a degree in library science. Elliott hopes to build a career as a public librarian, with a special emphasis on community development and youth services. When not writing issues of *YA Hotline*, Elliott can be found reading, writing, and constructing elaborate pasta dishes out of miscellaneous kitchen leftovers. Elliott's main claim to DIY fame is that one time they constructed a bookshelf using only a butter knife and a hardcover copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Kaitlin Haley



Kaitlin is a coastal girl who moved from Vancouver to Halifax to complete a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at Dalhousie University. Her career interests are varied, but she would love to someday work with her community in a public librarianship position, specifically community outreach. A lifelong learner, she loves travelling, a good song and sitting by the sea. Although not much of a painter she has recently taken up DIY artwork.

Maggie Pearson



Maggie Pearson holds a diploma in Textile, Craft & Apparel Design from College of the North Atlantic, where she majored in Knitting and Weaving. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts at NSCAD University and her MLIS at Dalhousie University. Pearson has worked in archives describing audio visual collections and as an assistant reference librarian; she also draws a weekly web comic. Pearson's professional interests include information literacy and visual communications.