

THE 107TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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REPORTS OF THE DIVISION PRESIDENTS

ONTARIO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Don Kinder, Ryerson University, 2007 President

Membership at December 31, 2007: 464

Accomplishments:

- Recognized excellence in academic librarianship by awarding the OCULA Academic Librarian of the Year Award to Jennifer Horwath, E-Librarian at Mohawk College.
- Recognized the value of new graduating students and new professionals by awarding the OCULA Graduating Student/New Professional Award to Dalia Smith (University of Guelph Humber) for her Super Conference session proposal: *Success In The Job Hunt: Stories From The Trenches From New Academic Librarians*.
- Offered a program of 36 sessions for Super Conference (an increase of 14 from the previous year.)
- Created an OCULA blog for the Super Conference for live reporting of sessions and events.
- Moved two of the OCULA events previously held in Toronto to other areas of the province:
 - Organized a full-day workshop entitled: *Embedded: Library Experiences Deep Within the Trenches of Course Management Systems* at Algonquin College in Ottawa (March)
 - Organized a fall networking dinner/event at the Niagara Culinary Institute at Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, featuring food and wine produced by the college students. Featured speaker was Niagara College professor, chef and wine expert Albert Cipryk. (October)
- Co-sponsored the Academic Librarians Spring Dinner event with York University. Guest speaker was James Laxer, York professor, author and political scientist.
- Created three electronic issues of the newsletter *InsideOCULA*.
- Migrated *People News* and *Around the Province* from *InsideOCULA* to the OCULA blog to allow for immediate posting of news items.
- Solicited articles and provided regular contributions to *AccessOLA* on academic library issues.

- Produced an OCULA Council *Policy and Procedures* Manual, a guide for current and incoming council members and OCULA Super Conference planners and publications editors.
- Planned and arranged for an OCULA/Ryerson-sponsored screening of the documentary feature film *The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians in Film* for spring 2008.

ONTARIO LIBRARY BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Catherine Dowd, 2007 President

Membership at December 31, 2007: 915

Accomplishments from the 2007 OLBA strategic plan include:

- Continued to deliver or develop elements of a comprehensive trustee development program, including:
 - Distributing *Cut To The Chase: Ontario Public Library Governance At-A-Glance*, a laminated four-page monograph outlining roles and responsibilities of effective library board leadership.
 - Demonstrating at Super Conference *One Place to Look*, an online database of board resources.
 - Offering six EI teleconference programs as part of our Effective Board Governance Program featuring Dr. Ken Haycock
 - Piloting a Leadership Development Planning Tool – a diagnostic tool for boards to identify knowledge gaps in its library leadership and governance areas of responsibility.
 - Submitting a research project proposal for Ontario Trillium Foundation 'province-wide' grant to further develop the program
- Developed a number of trustee-interest workshops for Super Conference.
- In recognition of the special challenges trustees in the north face when contemplating conference attendance (prohibitive travel costs), OLBA held a contest offering a subsidy to help defray costs.
- Developed two issues of *InsideOLBA*.
- Revamped the OLBA website.
- Actively participated in the OLA inter-council Web committee and other OLA Board initiatives.
- Attended Southern Ontario Library Service's Trustee Council meetings to promote OLBA and its activities.
- Participated in the provincial library awards selection committee.
- Presented the W.J. Robertson Medallion for librarian of the year to Sharron Smith, Readers' Advisory Services Librarian, Kitchener Public Library.

ONTARIO LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

Catherine Steeves, University of Guelph, 2007 President

Membership at December 31, 2007: 1,642

OLITA Council's 2007 Accomplishments Include:

- Continual development of the InsideOLITA blog
www.accessola2.com/olita/insideolita/wordpress/
- Sold-out 2007 Digital Odyssey *Creating the Future Together*
http://www.accessola2.com/olita/insideolita/wordpress/?page_id=5
- Continued development of OLITA's presence on
www.accessola.com/olita and OLITA meeting space.
- Actively supported the OLA representative on the ICT Accessibility Standards working group, the OLA Education Committee and other OLA Board initiatives.
- Recognized innovation in the province by selecting Knowledge Ontario's *OurOntario* project for the OLITA Award for Technological Innovation.
- Provided regular contributions to Access magazine on technology related issues.
- Organized ~30 technology-related sessions for Super Conference

ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Darcy Glidden, Hamilton Public Library, 2007 President

Membership at December 31, 2007: 1,208

In 2007 we continued work on our Strategic Directions. Working teams forged ahead and developed action plans for our three areas of focus.

- Identifying Member Needs
- Developing Partnerships
- Regeneration.

Other OPLA accomplishments from 2007

- Hosted another successful RA in a Day workshop.
- Sharron Smith of the Kitchener Public Library was the deserving winner of the W.J. Robertson Medallion as Public Librarian of the Year
- Presented Joyce Smith of the Clearview Public Library Board with the James Bain Medallion as Public Library Trustee of the Year.
- Launched the OPLA Award for Leadership in Adult Reader's Advisory. Marcia Aronson of Ottawa Public Library was the inaugural recipient.

- Zeta Phillipso from Brant County was the Children’s Librarian of the Year.
- Julie Ringrose from Sault Ste. Marie Public Library was the winner of the Leadership in Youth Services award.
- The Children’s and Youth Services Committee began work on the next Benchmarks and Statistical Report.
- Continued representation on Guidelines and Accreditation Council.
- Participated in the OLA Web Committee and made improvements to the content and timeliness of OPLA information on the web.
- Offered a pre-conference session for new or aspiring managers.
- Presented a slate of over 35 interesting and informative sessions at Super Conference. The highlight was a stimulating and controversial interactive Spotlight session with Andrew Keen, the Antichrist of Silicon Valley.

ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Peggy Thomas, Library and Learning Resources, Toronto District School Board, 2007 President

Membership at December 31, 2007: 2,061

Accomplishments from the 2007 OSLA Strategic Plan:

- OLA funded Research Study Phase Two: Queens University and People for Education are currently conducting the second phase of research into the impact of teacher-librarians on student learning. This is being done by a case study approach and should be completed by early 2009
- The provincial government announced in February the intent to fund an increase of library staffing by 10 million dollars per year for four years. This is a follow up to the election campaign promise from the fall.
- Focused advocacy and continual communication with the federations representing teachers in Ontario (OSSTF, ETFO, OECTA)
- OSSTF and ETFO, two of the three teacher’s federations have continued to support the need of teacher-librarians in all schools, and have actively advocated for this with the provincial government.
- OSLA participated in the technical review of the Social Studies and Humanities curriculum document and has been invited to submit writers for the renewed curriculum writing project in the summer of 2008
- OSLA was awarded \$70,000 from the Ministry of Education to write, on their behalf, a support document for school libraries. The writing took place from April 2007 to January 2008

- OSLA held a think tank in June with David Loertscher, Ross Todd, Ray Doiron and David Warlick to jump start the writing of the school library document and a second one in November to clarify the ideas and concepts
- OSLA conducted an online election for the position of Vice-President, congratulations to Marilyn Willis
- Three issues of the Teaching Librarian were published, and the publication continues to thrive under the direction of Diana Maliszewski
- Continual renewal of the OSLA website to keep membership informed
- Members of OSLA attended open houses for the Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne, and were able to discuss at length issues relating to school libraries
- Continued participation in Ministry Subject Association meetings and OTF curriculum forum to provide representation for school libraries

L'ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHÉCAIRES FRANCOPHONE DE L'ONTARIO

Céline Marcoux-Hamade, Toronto Public Library, 2007 President

Membership at December 31, 2007: 25

- ABFO a offert au congrès de 2008, huit ateliers en langue française qui ont été très bien reçus par les participants
 - ABFO continue de travailler avec Knowledge Ontario pour développer un service en français
 - ABFO est représentée sur la table de concertation du livre franco-ontarien
 - Des fournisseurs de matériels en français étaient au congrès de OLA
- Pour l'année 2008 nous travaillerons aussi à développer certains aspects de « Forest of Reading » en Français.

- ABFO presented 8 workshops in French at the OLA Super Conference in 2008
- ABFO continued to work with Knowledge Ontario to develop French service
- ABFO is represented at the round table discussion regarding Franco-Ontarian's literature
- Vendors of French materials were exhibitors at Super Conference

For 2008 we are working on developing some aspects of OLA's "Forest of Reading" Program in French .

