



ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES DE L'ONTARIO-FRANCO

CATHERINE SEAMAN, PRÉSIDENTE

**2012 ABO-Franco
Membership:
133**

Quelle année occupée et pleine de beaux succès pour l'ABO-Franco! Non seulement avons-nous augmenté notre profil parmi les membres du OLA et dans la communauté, mais nous avons aussi réussi à offrir davantage à nos membres, selon les suggestions faites lors des sondages menés en 2012. Le rapport de ces sondages et les résultats alignés au plan stratégique sont disponibles sur la page Web de l'ABO-Franco.

Plusieurs efforts ont été faits afin d'alimenter la page Web de l'ABO-Franco; vous y trouverez des liens à divers articles, prix et documents en français, y inclus la traduction révisée du document du OLBA intitulé Cut to the Chase. Bonnes nouvelles : le OLA offre de traduire des documents d'importance aux membres de l'ABO-Franco au cours des prochaines années! Nous avons été surpris par le nombre de visites aux sujets discutés dans le forum de l'ABO-Franco sur le OLA Community; en fait, le sujet *Auteurs jeunesse franco-ontariens et de l'Outaouais* a eu au-delà de 5 150 visites... Le 2e sujet le plus côtoyé du OLA Community!



Christian Pilon, voyageur authentique et éducateur

Encore une fois, nous avons pu offrir une gamme variée d'ateliers en français à la Superconférence 2013, dont deux qui ont été traduits simultanément grâce à une commandite d'Archambault. L'ABO-Franco a aussi eu le plaisir de planifier, avec l'aide de Pauline Portelance et l'appui du OLA, une foire franco-ontarienne. À notre surprise, plus de 50 personnes se sont joints au visionnement du film « La Sacrée »! Chantal Hébert a participé à une table-ronde animée par Odette Gough sur l'état de la francophonie en Ontario et Christian Pilon a raconté – ou plutôt fait vivre! – à ses spectateurs l'histoire de nos ancêtres voyageurs. À noter qu'un appel a été lancé aux membres de l'ASTED et de la CBPQ à participer avec forfait à la conférence, ainsi qu'au grand public pour le Super Saturday.

Grâce à des ententes avec divers organismes ontariens et québécois, les membres de l'ABO-Franco ont pu participer à un nombre d'ateliers en français au courant de l'année. De plus, la vice-présidente du conseil a participé au Congrès des milieux documentaires au nom du OLA ; vous trouverez son rapport sur la page Web de l'ABO-Franco.

Nous avons aussi cherché divers moyens de promouvoir l'association au cours de 2012. La brochure promotionnelle du OLA a été traduite et distribuée lors de présentations à l'ESIS, le collège Algonquin et LANCR. Les programmes de la Forêt de la lecture ont été promus aux salons du livre de Toronto, d'Ottawa et de l'Est ontarien, non seulement par l'entremise d'un kiosque mais aussi, pour la première fois, par la vente sur place des livres. Le Prix Micheline Persaud a été décerné lors de la réception du OPLA... Quelle magnifique opportunité de célébrer les succès des membres francophones du OLA!

Nous sommes fiers des accomplissements du conseil de l'ABO-Franco en 2012, et nous remercions nos membres pour leur participation dans les divers comités du OLA et de la communauté plus large. Ce sont ces contributions qui assurent la visibilité du fait français en Ontario et qui portent appui à ceux qui œuvrent auprès des communautés francophones et francophiles!

THE ONTARIO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

JENNIFER PETERS, PRESIDENT

**2012 OCULA
Membership:
548**



I'd like to begin by thanking the present board for their support and hard work over the past year. Working with this OCULA council has been a real pleasure and even though this year saw the birth of what feels like a million initiatives for OCULA, I never heard one complaint.

New initiatives included creating information briefs (bit.ly/oculainfobrief). These are quick two-pagers that get you up-to-speed on hot topics in our field, such as Impact Metrics, Open Journal Systems and Learning Objects. We will be creating more throughout the year so watch your inbox for more information.

We have also created the OCULA Ambassador program (bit.ly/oculaamb) where we invite a library staff member from each college and university library in Ontario to liaise with OCULA. They will serve as your voice in OCULA. If you are interested you can contact anyone on council for more information (bit.ly/oculacouncil).

We are now in the 4th year of the OCULA Resident Librarian program (bit.ly/oculalibres), which gives a recent graduate a chance to obtain experience in an academic setting. This year the winning submission was from Seneca College for an exciting dual User Experience/eLearning librarian position. Lydia Tsai was the successful candidate and has been working on some innovative projects and has recently been offered the opportunity to continue on with Seneca in the role of part-time metadata and digital services librarian!

Last April we held our second annual spring conference (co-hosted by the WNY/O/ chapter of the ACRL) in beautiful Jordan Village. Our theme was "Bring it ON! Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries". We had a fantastic time delving into uncomfortable topics like "why does the world still need librarians?"

Ryerson hosted the spring dinner in May with an inspiring talk from Valerie Fox, the executive director of their business incubator, the *Digital Media Zone*. In the Fall, Western hosted a mentoring themed event guided by the

brilliant Jim Brett, Laurie Morrison and Tanis Fink. It was equally valuable for mentors and mentees alike!

Super Conference 2013 was another great success. Thanks to Cyndi Smith and Monica Rettig for providing thought provoking sessions, and a very popular, dynamic spotlight speaker, Alison Head.

Congratulations to our award winners: Cory Laverty of Queen's University for Lifetime Achievement, and Wendy Traas of UofT who won the Student Lightning Strikes at Super Conference, a unique award where the audience votes for the best presentation.

InsideOCULA published their last three print issues and have now migrated to a more dynamic online version. Please do check it out (bit.ly/insideocula) and we happily welcome any contributions, text or video based!

We also spoke up this year. In August we sent a letter to the Confederation College President expressing our disappointment at their decision to eliminate the library director role and instead have the library report to someone with no formal library training or background. We also released a statement encouraging colleges and universities to consider alternate options to re-signing with Access Copyright. We were very pleased to hear from our members that they were hoping for a stronger statement from us. Next time we will feel strengthened to speak up more firmly and definitively.

I'd personally like to thank all of the staff at the OLA office for their support and hard work. We wouldn't be able to do our work without them.

I look forward to being past president. Kristin Hoffmann is president for 2013 and I know she will be amazing!

Being president was far more challenging than I expected but also far more rewarding than I could have hoped for and I would urge anyone to get involved in OCULA Council.



ONTARIO LIBRARY BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

FRANCES RYAN, PRESIDENT

**2012 OLBA
Membership:
716**

In 2012 the Ontario Library Boards' Association continued to pursue its mission to be the recognized centre of excellence in governance for public library boards.

In keeping with OLBA's vision to be a leader and recognized authority in public library governance and leadership development, two projects with Andrewes-Loucks have renewed and invigorated Leadership by Design.

The first project revised and updated *Cut to the Chase* incorporating changes to the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, cP44 enacted since *Cut to the Chase* was originally published years ago. One Place to Look was also realigned with those changes, updated and enhanced.

The second project focussed on the Leadership Development Toolkit. This element is a three-part exercise designed to help Public Library Boards identify their governance and leadership knowledge gaps, assisting boards to design board training and development programmes. The revised package offers updated survey tools, and applications streamline access and completion of the seven gaps analysis sheets and collating results – all in one sleek and user-friendly module!

The OLBA partnered with OLA, ABO-Franco, OLS-N and SOLS to produce a French translation of *Cut to the Chase*. Both *Cut to the Chase* and *Le vif du sujet* are available online and through the OLA bookstore.

OLBA Councillors' Handbook was updated and revised and now contains links to all the relevant pages on the OLA website ensuring currency.

The Education Institute drew the highest board registration ever for its series Building Better Boards: a four part series to improve library board effectiveness.

OLBA engaged public library board members in conversation and training opportunities through the SOLS Trustees Council meetings and presented 3 sessions at the OLS-N Conference.

The OPLA/OLBA Partnership continued at a joint meeting in September with two guests presenting. Bessie Sullivan introduced the work of the OLA Advocacy Committee and sought preliminary feedback and divisional contacts.

Bill Irwin, Associate Professor, Western University outlined a research proposal being presented to OLA to qualitatively evaluate the impact of public libraries on society and culture.

The article exchange between OPLA and OLBA publications was very successful and the consensus was to continue. Additionally, a joint OLBA/OPLA forum was established in the OLA Community.

The Editorial team published the first electronic edition of *InsideOLBA* with an outstanding issue which was well received; initiated much discussion and presented stimulating articles.

Five bursary winners attended Super Conference 2012. The Bursary Committee recommended a change to the criteria, allowing any Board member who has not previously attended Super Conference to enter the draw for Super Conference 2013.

This year has proven that once again, the dedication of volunteers is without limit. Each member of the OLBA Council not only volunteers on their local public library board, but further expands on that dedication by contributing countless hours to OLBA.

Enthusiastic and knowledgeable work by our Councillors on various committees, portfolios and ad hoc opportunities advance public libraries and their boards. The level of expertise and spirit of collaboration is nothing short of superb!

I thank you for the opportunity afforded me to serve as your President for 2012 and in turn thank those who worked so tirelessly on our behalf.

All the best,
Frances Ryan

ONTARIO LIBRARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION

NICK RUEST, PRESIDENT

**2012 OLITA
Membership:
1912**



Yet another wonderful year for OLITA, and I could not have been more proud to be apart of such a wonderful and strong association!

We continued our work on the strategic plan, *Growing Career Paths*, **AND** we moved Appetizers from OLA Community to our blog. Our council did not believe that access to these should be restricted, and we must demonstrate open access! We also re-launched Appetizers as a community driven collaborative by soliciting topics and authors from the OLITA community. We have an extremely diverse division, and our appetizers need to reflect that.

COLLABORATING TO EXTEND LIBRARIES' STRATEGIC VOICE

OLITA teamed up with OCULA to write a statement on the AUCC/Access Copyright Model License, and both councils unanimously passed resolutions in opposition to the Access Copyright license agreements. OLITA Council also voted unanimously to sign the Declaration of Internet Freedom — standing for a free and open internet — and signed on to Protect Global Internet Freedom, a response to the attempts by some governments proposing to extend the authority of the UN agency, International Telecommunication Union, to Internet governance. These attempts are a potential threat to openness, innovation,

increase in access costs, and an erosion of human rights online.

TRANSFORMING IDEAS INTO SOLUTIONS

OLITA continued to build up its fantastic Technology Lending Library by adding Android tablets, Arduino starter kits, and Raspberry Pi computers. We simplified and streamlined the lending process with a webform on the OLITA site, as well as opened up borrowing to individual members and extending the borrowing time.

STRENGTHENING OUR ORGANIZATION

Digital Odyssey 2012: Liberation Technology was an amazing success. This year we also piloted recording the sessions, and made them available as open access. I believe OLITA should continue tackling and providing a forum for ethical issues around technology in our profession.

Finally, I want to close by stating what an honour it was to serve as President of this association. I am extremely proud of the community for recognizing the importance of social justice in our profession, and particularly proud that we were able to recognize and honour the work and life of Aaron Swartz with a resolution at our AGM this past year.



Our wonderful Super Conference planning team with OLA President Karen McGrath.



ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ELIZABETH GORDON, PRESIDENT

**2012 OSLA
Membership:
1146**

I am happy to report that 2012 was a busy and productive year for OSLA council. Like OLA, we kicked it off by re-working our mission statement, really thinking about the components and how they guide us in our work.

The opening statement says that: The mission of the Ontario School Library Association is to promote, develop and advocate for strong, equitable school library programs throughout the province. It includes specific actions such as strengthening and unifying the voice of school library staff and supporting effective operation of school libraries.

This report highlights what we've been working on this past year, to realize our goals.

T4L WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

With funding from OLA, this project was led by Carol Koechlin, Anita Brooks-Kirkland and Liz Kerr. A summer writing session took place at the OLA office in Toronto, where several people joined forces to contribute their ideas. After that, the committee worked tirelessly to put the pieces together in the format of a web-based, interactive resource to support school library staff and their communities in putting the components of Together for Learning into action. The website can be found on the front page of both the OLA and OSLA webpages, or by going to togetherforlearning.ca directly.

Karen McGrath, president of OLA, attended September's OSLA meeting, heard an update on the project from Anita, and was so impressed at the accomplishments, she nominated the entire T4L project (document + interactive website) to receive the **2013 OLA President's Award for Exceptional Achievement**. The website was officially launched at the 2013 Super Conference, complete with noise-makers, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a showcase of teacher-librarians from various regions highlighting their work in schools and alignment with the vision of T4L.

Other OSLA award winners recognized at the Superconference were: The OLA/Brodart Award for Technical Service (Deanna Harron, Peel DSB), Teacher-Librarian of the Year (June Rysinski TBCDSB),

Administrator of the Year (Troy MacKenzie KPRDSB), and Award for Special Achievement (Anita Brooks-Kirkland WRDSB).

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE & TREASURE MOUNTAIN

The CLA Conference was held in Ottawa in June, followed by the second installment of Treasure Mountain; a weekend to share and gather ideas around national standards for school libraries in Canada. This work is continuing with OSLA's involvement in the **CLA Standards Project**.

LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

We continue to build relationships and have representation at conferences with various associations such as: Ontario Teacher's Federation, ECCO – Educational Computing Organization of Ontario, TALCO – the Association of Library Consultants & Coordinators of Ontario, Ontario Principal's Council conference, People for Education, and more. We recently contributed to the revision of the Additional Qualification course for Librarianship Parts 1, 2, 3.

ADVOCACY

One way we continue to advocate for equity in school library programs across Ontario, is through letters sent to various stakeholders where we emphasize the positive correlation between a properly staffed school library and higher student achievement, positive attitudes toward reading and equitable access to resources including technology.

The mission of the Ontario School Library Association is to promote, develop and advocate for strong, equitable school library programs throughout the province.

It's my hope that through our actions as a council we have kept this statement alive as our vision and put its specific goals into practice. I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to all members of council past and present who dedicate their spare time to work hard for this organization and the well-being of school libraries in Ontario. It's been my pleasure to serve as President for 2012 and I look forward to continued involvement as treasurer under the trusted leadership of Isabelle Hobbs.



ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

LILA SAAB, PRESIDENT

**2012 OPLA
Membership:
1154**

2012 was a good year for the OPLA Council. We continued with well-established and popular core programs and we started some new initiatives.

The Readers' Advisory Committee held another successful Readers Advisory in a Day workshop in October, and the Children's and Youth Services Committee launched the results of its Teen Survey at Super Conference 2013. Our Super Conference planners Barb Janicek and Nicole Adams did an excellent job in organizing sessions of particular interest to public libraries.

Rudi Denham continued her remarkable work as editor of HoOPLA with the assistance of Carla Wintersgill of the OLA office. HoOPLA is a quarterly newsletter highlighting the activities of our public libraries. A new electronic format was introduced at the end of 2012.

Our Kickstart to Participation program is proving to be very successful. Our 2011 candidate Chantal Boileau ended up being elected on OPLA council for 2012. Our 2012 candidate was Erin Kent, who played a major role in our Community Forum project.

One of our new initiatives was to build a direct relationship with the Ministry of Immigration and Citizenship since both public libraries and the Ministry share a common interest of having newcomers settle successfully in their country of choice. One of the Ministry's programs is Global Experience Ontario, and they are now offering free information sessions in public libraries. The Ministry is also publicizing the services of public libraries to newcomers before they even arrive in Canada.

Another new initiative we undertook is promoting the use of OLA's community forums amongst our members. Our vision is to see the use of the forums increase and have it as place for public library workers to share best practices, including policies and procedures, and to archive our topics so they are always there for others to use.

We have strengthened our ties and mutual

understanding with OLBA by continuing to hold a joint meeting once a year, and by exchanging articles in our respective newsletters. One of the outcomes of our joint meeting is to have both divisions working with Dr. Bill Irwin on a research project on Qualitative Models of Evaluation, measuring outcomes and not outputs in public libraries. Another new project is for OPLA Council to working closely with OLA's Advocacy Committee in 2013.

We listened to feedback from our membership and changed the format of our annual Public Library Awards event. Kevin Sylvester was our MC and our special guests were the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Steven Davidson, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Please see our web page or page 13 for a list of all our award recipients for 2012.

We changed wording in our OPLA by-law to make it more inclusive and more reflective of our public libraries in Ontario.

Joanna Aegard and I attended the OLA Board meetings representing our division. One of the exercises I enjoyed was helping create the new OLA Board Values.

Getting involved on the OPLA Council and OLA board was truly a very rewarding experience for me. I learnt a lot and I met amazing people. One of the things "I know for sure" is that there a lot of very dedicated volunteers putting in a lot time to make and keep our public libraries strong. There is also a remarkable staff working at the OLA office. A special thanks to Shelagh Paterson, Executive Director of OLA, and to Karen McGrath, President of OLA for 2012 for their leadership and guidance.

A sincere thank you to everyone on OPLA Council for a great year. I wish Joanna Aegard, our President and Lisa Moran, our new vice-president for 2013 all the very best in 2013.

Thank you.
Lila Saab