

OPLA Children and Youth Services Committee Report Jan 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

- Committee Members:
 - Douglas P. Davey, Halton Hills Public Library (Co-Chair)
 - Cameron Ray, Toronto Public Library (Co-Chair)
 - Jane Venus, Ottawa Public Library
 - Kelley England, King Township Public Library
 - Greer MacDonald, Lambton County Library
 - Amy Kay, Amherstview Library, County of Lennox and Addington
 - Amanda Wilk, Burlington Public Library
 - Stephanie Park (Student)
 - Amanda Hodgkinson, Orillia Public Library
- Council Liaison:
 - Monika Conduit
- Guest member:
 - Michael Rogowski, OLA Event Coordination

CHAIRSHIP:

In fall 2015, Cameron Ray was selected as Co-Chair. This marks the start of an overlapping two-Chair system, with each Chair serving two years, but only one year with any given Co-Chair.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

- 2015 saw very few changes
- 2016 will see the end of Douglas' term as Co-Chair, and the turnover of our student member
- 2017 will see significant change as terms finish up on four long-term members.

AWARDS

Due to the relocation of the award ceremony from SuperConference to the Children's and Youth Expo, we had two sets of winners in 2015. The winners announced at the latter event were:

- Andrea Wesson - OPLA's Children's or Youth Services Librarian of the Year Award
- Daria Sharanewych - OPLA's Advocacy in Action: Excellence in Children's or Teen Services Award

BENCHMARKING SURVEY AND REPORT

In 2015, Counting Opinions were brought on board to begin data collection for *The OPLA Child and Youth Services Benchmarks and Statistical Report 2016*. This year's report will focus on children. Data

has now been collected and analyzed. The report is being finalized and should be ready for distribution in February.

THE CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH EXPO:

The Children’s and Youth Expo was a huge success and it is the intent of this committee to offer the event again next year.

CONCLUSION:

The Children and Youth Committee is operating well, with many changes having been made to ensure its ongoing success, including the adoption of a two-chair system, and the collection of committee document on the OLA’s Community website.

Thanks to OPLA council for their continuing support of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted by:

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