

Ontario Public Library Association Treasury Report

OPLA Annual General Meeting, Thursday January 28, 2016

Every year budgets are created by OLA's divisions based on the previous year's expenses, projected expenses for the coming year, and estimations of travel costs for incoming councillors.

The awards budget line changes every year as we offer a grant every second year to allow a member to attend the Public Library Association (PLA) conference. There were no expenditures for this line in 2015 because the next conference is being held in 2016.

The travel budget line was overspent in 2015, resulting from a higher number of Councillors attending meetings from a distance.

The funds in this budget also cover the cost of the award plaques including engraving.

This year the Children's and Youth Blow Out Event was fully-subscribed for the second year in a row and was held conjunction with the Toronto International Book Fair.

RA in a Day was held at the University of Toronto Faculty Club again this year. Exhibits were hosted by Library Bound, the OLA Store, Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster Canada.

The 2016 OPLA budget has been drafted, and will go to the next OLA Board Meeting for approval. Many thanks to Stephanie Pimentel and the rest of the OLA staff for their expert assistance this past year.

The OLA Board has approved changing the fiscal year of the Ontario Library Association from January – December, to September – August to align more logistically with the OLA's annual calendar of events, and revenue and expenditure flows. More details will be made available in 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Sandi Burgess, OPLA President

January 28th, 2016