

2017 OPLA Annual Report

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2017 was an eventful year for our OLA Division. Our Treasurer's Report and the Reports of our Committees (Readers' Advisory, Child and Youth Services, Best Bets and Community-Led Libraries) have already been presented during the course of this AGM. Their reports have informed you about the fantastic events and activities they have completed this year on your behalf. I would like to briefly highlight some of the additional work your association has undertaken this last year in partnership with other champions of Ontario public libraries. Our Ministry held three Round Tables this year on Library Leadership & Innovation and Community Hubs, Standards & Performance, and Digital Services. OLA staff and Board members, myself included, attending along with representatives from the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries, SOLS, OLS-North and other public library stakeholders. These meetings were productive and I can assure you that the Ministry is listening to us. Public Libraries were also well represented at the Province's Community Hub Summit held in March. Of course, we are the 'original' community hubs! Check out www.communityhubsontario.ca for more information regarding this initiative. In November I was pleased to participate again in the Library Day at Queen's Park. The overall reception by MPPs, Ministers and their staff to the messages OLA and FOPL have worked so hard on was extremely positive. Working together, and with other organizations whose mission is compatible with OPLA's, makes us stronger and will ensure that public libraries in Ontario have the ability to adapt to different expectations and challenges now and into the future. It has been my pleasure to serve as President of this fine association over the last year and I would like to thank my Council and Committee members for their hard work and support and encourage each and every one of you to consider putting your name forward for volunteer opportunities with OLA and OPLA.

Have a great Super Conference!