

OLITA Annual Report 2018

It has been my distinct delight to work with the wonderful people of OLITA Council as president in 2018 and OLA board over the past two years. We've had people come and go, but I'm very proud of the work we've done together and will continue to do.

2018's Digital Odyssey, with Making and Makerspaces as its theme, proved to be a success. We had an excellent keynote in the always wonderful Kim Martin, and we had the great honour of having Karen Hager from the Ontario Science Centre do our closing keynote. Sessions proved popular -- with makerspaces and hands-on sessions -- and we gathered largely popular reviews from post-conference surveying. Many thanks to the excellent people at Hamilton Public Library who allowed us to use their space and provided much needed logistical and other supports.

The OLITA Lending Library continues to be a popular option for folks across the province in 2018 and we are delighted to continue this service for our library patrons.

The OLITA library listserv, started in 2017, continues into 2018 with generous support from the dynamic and intrepid Michelle Arbuckle and infrastructure support from McMaster University. As well, the IT Crowd is an ongoing concern in OLA's Open Shelf, profiling many exciting IT workers in the province

This year we were ecstatic to be able to award the Toronto Public Library an award for their innovative Tor browser pilot (<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/using-the-library/computer-services/tor-browser-pilot/>). I was especially delighted to see this project as it is a perfect intersection of public service, technology, and privacy. Congratulations TPL!!!!

I would be extremely remiss if I did not mention the intrepid Michelle Goodridge and Lee Puddephatt and their absolutely immeasurably important work corralling OLITA activities for OLA Superconference. We are **exceptionally lucky** to have Dr. Safiya Noble, author of "Algorithms of Oppression", this year doing the OLITA spotlight talk (<https://www.olasuperconference.ca/event/olita-spotlight-dr-safiya-noble/>) .

All in all I could hardly be more pleased as this year in OLITA activities and very much look forward to seeing what OLITA will do with new president Susannah Galbraith in 2019 and beyond.