

Ontario Public Library Association Treasurer Report

OPLA Annual General Meeting- January 30, 2020

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.

This fiscal year ran from September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019. Input for the September 2019-August 2020 budget is gathered at the June OPLA council meeting. With the help of Stephanie Pimentel and the rest of the OLA staff, the budget is presented to the OLA board and was approved in September 2019.

This year notable events included RA in a Day at North York Central Library, Community Led Think Tank also at North York and of course the first ever 2-day version of the Child and Youth Expo. Since the Child and Youth expo was a 2-day event instead of the traditional 1-day event, there were greater revenues from added registrations, as well as expenditures compared to the previous year. This was projected in the development of the budget, and we remained on target for the event. Our projections for the 2019-2020 budget are much lower as the event will be taking place in Thunder Bay with a much lower capacity for registration.

Every other year, the awards budget line changes as we offer a grant to attend the Public Library Association conference. The grants were not awarded this fiscal, and will appear in the 2019-2020 budget.

We were slightly under on our travel expenses due to some of our councillors, specifically our Northern councillors, calling into meetings rather than flying in. We have only lowered our projected budget for next year by \$500 as we expect councillors will be able to join in person for the majority of the meetings.

In addition, our support line budget was increased this year to allow our Best Bets committee to purchase materials to help them better represent the Best Bets choices at events throughout the year. This included a poster board, table cloth, banner, stickers and printing of posters for this fiscal year. This was a special project amount that is not reflected again in the upcoming budget.

A huge thank you to Stephanie Pimentel and the OLA staff for their guidance, quick responses, budget planning and projections each quarter.

Respectfully submitted by Cortney LeGros, OPLA Treasurer and Past President

January 27, 2020