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Who We Are

Founded in 1900, the Ontario Library Association (OLA) is the oldest continually operating library association in Canada. With more than 5,000 members, the OLA is the largest library association in the country. We provide the chance for library staff and supporters to share experience and expertise while creating innovative solutions in a constant changing environment. We offer opportunities for learning, networking, recognizing, influencing and celebrating within the library world.

Whether in a formal library setting, in a commercial setting or in government, we are the people who bring information to the people of Ontario. We are experts in the organization of information and ideas and supports to research and development. We are:

- Librarians
- Technicians
- School administrators
- Publishers and producers
- Trustees and regents
- Protectors of the culture
- Directors
- Front Line Staff
- Teacher-librarians
- Authors
- Friends of libraries
- Community catalysts
- Systems specialists
- Financial officers
- Library suppliers
- Subject specialists
- Information brokers

Our Mission

We empower our members in the library and information services sector to build informed, participatory, and inclusive communities through:

- Research
- Education
- Advocacy
- Partnerships

Our Vision

Leading and inspiring the growth and innovation of the library and information services sector.

How OLA is Organized

The OLA is governed by a board of directors that is comprised of:

- The board executive committee; vice-president, president, past president, and treasurer.
- The president and vice-president of each of the 6 OLA divisions.
- The Executive Director (ex-officio) who is responsible for the operations of OLA and reports to the OLA Board of Directors.

Members of OLA are also a member of one at least one of our divisions. The association is comprised of 6 divisions; 4 represent library sectors (public, academic, school, and library boards), one represents French language library interests, and one represents library technology interests. Each OLA division has an elected council.



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