

## **OPLA Readers' Advisory Committee**

### **Annual Report 2020**

#### Committee Members

Jeff Dodge (Chair), Vaughan Public Libraries  
Emma Primeau (Vice Chair), Oakville Public Library  
Sarah Bonish, Mississauga Library System  
Elizabeth Campbell, Bradford West Gwillimbury Library  
Kat Drennan-Scace, Hamilton Public Library  
Reagan Kapasi, Toronto Public Library  
Laura Peacock, Waterloo Public Library

#### 2020 Committee Highlights & Achievements

##### **Committee Changes**

After six years on the committee, chair Kristen Caschera (London Public Library) and vice chair Jennifer Green (Oshawa Public Library) left the committee in April. Also leaving was Neil Arsenault (Brampton Library) after three years on the committee. Reagan Kapasi rejoined in September, and after finishing her maternity leave. Jeff Dodge became chair and Emma Primeau is the new vice chair.

##### **RA in A Day Conference**

Like all in-person events from March onwards, RA in a Day (originally scheduled for April 2020) was cancelled due to the pandemic. After the 2020 cancellation, the rest of the year was largely taken up with planning for how to best move the event online in 2021. RA in a Day will take place virtually on April 21, 2021.

##### **OPLA Award for Leadership in Adult Readers' Advisory**

This award was not handed out in 2020. With RA in a Day postponed, it was felt the time was right to review the nomination process and the criteria requirements. The committee is hoping the award returns once the evaluation is complete.

##### **Publications and Collaborations**

The committee contributed four articles on various readers' advisory topics to Open Shelf magazine in 2019.

Two members (Kat Drennan-Scace & Reagan Kapasi) conducted a webinar for OLA in December on the subject of RA during the pandemic.

Submitted by Jeff Dodge

Chair, OPLA Readers' Advisory Committee

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