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OPLA Committee Report

Committee Name:

OPLA Research and Evaluation

Committee Members:

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Date of Last Meeting:

January 7, 2021

Date of Next Meeting: March 3, TBC

Summary:

The Research and Evaluation Committee supported the COVID19 library services survey administered in Spring of 2020 and assisted with the data analysis for the Ontario Public Library Response to COVID-19 Report (https://accessola.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-06-PLResponsetoCOVID-19-SurveyReport.pdf).

The OREC also presented two webinars, for library staff and Boards, on data collection and analysis during COVID-19.

2021 SuperConference: OREC will be presenting on the topic "What's your Data? Choosing, analyzing and using your library data for advocacy and decision-making".

OREC is currently working on a plan in 2021 for some targeted shorter workshops that deal with specific data-related challenges.

Submitted by:

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