

OLITA Technology Advancing Libraries Award

Description

The OLITA Technology Advancing Libraries Award recognizes a project that demonstrates leadership in the application of technology to benefit library users, enhance library operations, and extend partnerships.

Please provide details for a primary contact of the group/project in the nomination form.

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Nominations must be for a project and not an individual.
- Nominations may be made by the library representative or others.
- All projects must be operational by the close of the nomination period.
- Libraries must be operating within the province of Ontario.

Nominations will also be judged on the following criteria:

- Problem solving.
- Innovation.
- Impact.
- Timeliness.
- Contribution to the library community.

Timeline

November 1: Nominations Due

November Council Meeting: Nominations deliberated and decisions made

Early-Mid December: Nominators/Nominees informed of decisions and picture of winner(s) requested

Early-Mid January: Final presentation details known and provided to Nominators/Nominees

Nomination Procedure

- The nominator must be a member in good standing of OLA/OLITA.
- The nomination form can be found on the OLA website on the awards information page.
- The nominator must provide sufficient documented evidence of the nominee's contribution potentially including but not limited to:
 - Examples of how the candidate project meets the award criteria.
 - Screenshots, screencasts, or documentation that provides evaluators with an understanding of the project.
 - Letters of support from beneficiaries of the project (maximum of 5).
 - Quantitative and/or qualitative measures of the impact of the project.

- Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years with the submission of updated documentation.
- Nominations will be accepted between: September – November.
- The closing date for nominations in any given year is: 1 November.
- Once the winner has been chosen, the OLITA President will contact the successful nominator.
 - The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.

- Unless otherwise arranged, the OLITA President will also contact the successful nominee and request a photo for promotion purposes.
 - The OLA office will later connect with the nominator and the winner for award presentation logistics.
- If desired, nominators may be involved in the award presentation such as creating and/or writing the presentation speech. Please indicate your interest to do so in the nomination form.

Selection Process

- Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above and any supporting the documentation.
- OLITA Council will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.
- The presentation of the award is at the discretion of OLITA Council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation Information

- This award is presented at the OLA annual Super Conference at the end of the OLITA Annual General Meeting.
- The winner will be notified in advance of the award presentation.
- At the presentation, an introductory speech will be delivered outlining the achievements of the award winner.
- The recipient will prepare a short acceptance speech.
- Guests of award winners are welcome to attend the award presentation, however, they must be a registered conference attendees or registered guests. All attendees must have a conference badge to be onsite.