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The OLA President's Award for Exceptional Achievement

The President's Award for Exceptional Achievement acknowledges an outstanding action or contribution that has in a major or unique way enhanced or furthered librarianship in Ontario. The selection is at the full discretion of the President of the OLA. Awards are only given if there is something of true historic significance to recognize.

Past Recipients

- 2020 John Paul and Kaleb – Fay and Fluffy
- 2019 Mary Lou Souter, Mississippi Mills Public Library Board
- 2018 Dr. Guy Berthiaume, Library and Archives Canada/ Bibliothèque et Archives Canada
- 2017 Forest of Reading® Program, Ontario Library Association
- 2016 OLA Governance Review Committee, Ontario Library Association
- 2015 Leading Learning Project, Canadian Library Association
- 2014 Liz Kerr, Super Conference Coordinator, Ontario Library Association
- 2013 Together for Learning Project (T4L)

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Ester Rosenfeld, Ontario Library Association ((2007 President)
Peggy Thomas, Ontario Library Association ((2009 President)
Michael Budd, Professional Learning Facilitator
Timothy Gauntley, Toronto District School Board (retired)
Cathi Gibson-Gates, OISE
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- 2012 Jim Brett, University of Guelph
- 2011 Wendy Newman, University of Toronto, Faculty of Information
- 2010 Eric Walters and Deborah Ellis
- 2009 The "Working Together" project. Project partners: Vancouver Public Library, Regina Public Library, Toronto Public Library and Halifax Public Libraries.
- 2008 Knowledge Ontario
- 2007 The Partnership
- 2006 The Ontario Council of University Libraries for The Scholar's Portal
Be the Change Project
- 2003 Roch Carrier, National Librarian of Canada and Charles Baillie, TD Bank
Financial Group
- 2002 To library teams that have worked together to provide extraordinary
leadership and remarkable results in the legislated amalgamation of library
systems and services.
- 1991 Peel Board of Education, the first school board in Canada to put a full-time
teacher-librarian in every school.
- 1990 Elizabeth Hoffman, Chair, Ontario Public Library Strategic Planning Group,
for the creation of Ontario's first public library strategic plan and for the
innovative involvement of the Ontario public library community in its
development.
Lionel Koffler, Firefly Books, for his innovative advocacy against the
application of the Goods and Services Tax to books, most specifically for
the creativity and investment in the innovative "I Tax Books" postage
stamps.