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## The Ontario Library Association Announces 2023 Award Recipients

*Association recognizes contribution and achievement to Ontario's libraries*

### NEWS RELEASE

**TORONTO, ON** (February 1, 2023): The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is thrilled to recognize individuals, organizations, and initiatives that have greatly contributed to Ontario's libraries. From library advocacy to program development, the recipients of OLA's 2023 awards have supported school, academic and public libraries with outstanding service to their institutions and communities.

Awards will be presented to recipients during the annual [OLA Super Conference](#), held from Feb. 1-4, 2023, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The OLA Super Conference will also feature an introduction to the 2023 OLA Board of Directors.

The award winners are:

- **Larry Moore Distinguished Service Award:**  
Victoria Owen, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto  
Presented at the Anand Giridharadas Keynote, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ontario Library Association Media and Communications Award:**  
#SchoolLibraryJoy Social Media & T-Shirt Campaign  
Presented at the School Library Spotlight, on Friday February 3
- **Ontario Library Association President's Award for Exceptional Achievement:**  
First Nation Public Library Librarians  
Presented at the Vivek Shraya Keynote, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ontario Library Association Technical Services Award:**  
Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library  
Presented at the Public Library Awards Gala, on Thursday, February 2
- **L'Association des bibliothèques de l'Ontario-Franco Prix Micheline-Persaud:**  
Scholars Portal for their Service de clavardage en français  
Presented at the French Libraries Spotlight, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ontario College and University Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award:**  
Barbara McDonald, University of Guelph  
Presented at the Academic Libraries Spotlight, on Friday, February 3



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- **Ontario College and University Library Association Special Achievement Award:**  
Mark Swartz, Queen's University  
Presented at the Academic Libraries Spotlight, on Friday, February 3
- **Ontario Library Boards' Association W.J. Robertson (Librarian of the Year):**  
Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries  
Presented at the Public Library Awards Gala, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ontario Public Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award:**  
Gayle Hall  
Presented at the Public Library Awards Gala, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ontario Public Library Association James Bain Medallion (Public Library Board Member of the Year):**  
Rose Savage, Vaughan Public Library Board  
Presented at the Public Library Awards Gala, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ontario School Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award:**  
Caroline Freibauer  
Presented posthumously at the School Library Spotlight, on Friday February 3
- **Ken Haycock Award:**  
Victoria Owen, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto  
Presented at the Anand Giridharadas Keynote, on Thursday, February 2
- **Ken Haycock Super Conference Grant:**  
Allie Barrett, Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

Congratulations to all our award recipients! More information on awards is available at [accessola.com/awards](https://accessola.com/awards).



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**About the Ontario Library Association:** The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is a centre of excellence for the library and information sector, with more than 5,000 members who work in public, school, academic and special libraries. OLA members advocate for the right of individuals to have free and equitable access to information. Our members research, develop and participate in educational programs designed to provide exemplary library services. Signature OLA events include the annual Super Conference and the Forest of Reading® program.

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