

OLITA Councillor at Large - 3 year term (3 positions up for election)

John Fink



My name is John Fink, and I'm currently the Digital Scholarship Librarian at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. I've been a library IT worker for almost three decades. My principle animating drive in librarianship is to reduce scarcity whenever possible, and my primary interest in library IT is to empower and enable libraries and library workers to control their individual technological fates -- like being aware of trends in privacy and security or reducing our reliance on vendors for commodity activities.

I have served on OLITA board before and found it a wonderful and energizing activity. I hope you will consider me for this at-large position.

Susan Grant



My name is Susan Grant and I would like to serve as a member of the OLITA Council. I completed the Library and Information Technician program at Seneca Polytechnic and I am also a graduate of Trent University majoring in Geography. I have worked and volunteered in public libraries and have 15 years municipal experience as a Records and Information Coordinator. I enjoy attending library programs and am a strong advocate for libraries. I am committed to making a positive contribution to OLITA and the OLA.

Savannah Li



My name is Savannah Li (she/her), and I'm an information professional passionate about making technology accessible and inclusive. I hold a Master of Information from the University of Toronto and currently work as an Information Management Analyst at the Mastercard Foundation, where I lead projects like a global taxonomy update and design programs to improve digital literacy. Fun fact: I'm also a certified yoga instructor, which has taught me the importance of balance and adaptability.



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I'm excited to join the OLITA Council to help advance libraries' use of technology to empower communities. As a long-time OLA member, I served on the OCULA Council (2021-2024), helped plan three OCULA spring conferences, and presented at the OLA Super Conference for the past three years. These experiences allowed me to connect with information professionals, share ideas, and promote innovation.

As an OLITA representative, I want to focus on addressing the digital divide and helping members navigate emerging technologies like generative AI. I aim to support spaces like Digital Odyssey, where members can learn, share ideas, and adapt new technologies to their work.

Through this role, I hope to build stronger networks with information professionals and contribute to creating inclusive, innovative information services that meet diverse community needs.

Jodie Mandarino



Hello, I'm Jodie Mandarino, and I am excited to express my interest in serving as Councillor for OLITA! For over 12 years, I have worked in libraries, driving innovation and advancing access to technology through initiatives such as STEAM programming, makerspaces, Virtual Reality, coding, circulating discoverable technology, and computer engineering. I am particularly passionate about fostering equitable access to technology and championing information literacy to empower communities in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

My commitment to libraries as spaces for exploration and learning has also included advocating for emerging technologies. Seeing individuals grow their confidence and skills through these programs has been a deeply rewarding aspect of my career.

As Councillor for OLITA, my main priorities would include:

- Supporting libraries in adopting emerging technologies, with a focus on equitable access, ethical use, data privacy, and transparency.
- Advocating for libraries as inclusive hubs for hands-on exploration, collaboration, and skill-building with innovative tools and technologies.
- Promoting ongoing professional development opportunities in emerging technologies, including AI, to prepare library staff for the future.



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I would be honored to contribute my expertise and enthusiasm as part of OLITA.
Thank you for considering my candidacy!