2017 was an incredible year of change for the Ontario Library Association!

**Super Conference 2018**
This year’s theme *Fearless by Design* captures the essence of the library and information profession in our society – we are here to support society in being the best it can be and, sometimes, we are called upon to be fearless in ensuring equitable access to accurate information with relevant and innovative services for all members of our communities, especially those that may be marginalized. I know that this year’s conference will be fearless by design, thanks to all our fearless speakers, conveners and attendees and a special thanks to our fabulous conference planning co-chairs, Emily Burns and Jacqueline Whyte Appleby and their incredible conference planning team, what an excellent job they have done!

**Strategic plan**
In 2017, OLA approved its new strategic plan to guide the Association though 2020 with the new vision to *lead and inspire the growth and innovation of the library and information services sector*. Our updated mission is to *empower our members in the library and information services sector to build informed, participatory, and inclusive communities through: Research; Education; Advocacy; Partnerships*. Our Strategic Priorities that will guide our actions until 2020 include:

- Focusing member services across diverse career paths.
- Influencing policy and demonstrating value.
- Building evaluation and research capacity.
- Addressing the unique needs of rural, remote and indigenous communities.
- Enablers: People, Technology, and Fundraising.

**Advocacy**
Government advocacy, as reconfirmed in our new strategic plan, remains one of OLA’s top priorities and as such, OLA participated in meetings with key government officials and several roundtable consultations. November 23 was Library Day at Queen’s Park! Working in close collaboration with the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL), we took Queen’s Park by storm with our message that we need “A Modern, Sustainable Approach for Ontario’s Libraries”. Major “Budget Asks” included mandating school boards and schools to properly spend the $100 million in funding currently invested by the Ministry of Education to support school libraries and teacher-librarians, providing enhanced, predictable and sustainable funding for all public libraries with an increased annual investment of $17 million, and support of the Ontario Digital Library, currently under study by the government, with a recommended $25 million annual investment. We will follow-up Library Day at Queen’s Park with a submission to the provincial budget process, formalizing these “Asks”.  

**CFLA-FCAB**
We are excited that the Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) will hold its 2nd Annual General Meeting in collaboration with OLA Super Conference 2018. I look forward to hearing about their policy meeting planned for Regina. OLA continues to support this important voice in national advocacy on behalf of all libraries, though the active participation of Shelagh Paterson, the Executive Director, who has been a board member and treasurer of CFLA for the past two years.

**Revenue**
The Library Marketplace, with its national role as a seller of library-themed merchandise through The Partnership, has had a great year, with very successful product lines that have led to increased revenue. Check out the favourite Library Lust series as well as the Partnership perks! OLA has launched its Fundraising Committee that has developed a plan for OLA fundraising and member-giving recognition. This year, OLA is highlighting the New Librarian Residency Award ($20,000 that any college or university library can apply for) to hire a new grad from an Ontario library program that will get a one-year contract! Our goal this year is to raise $10,000 by February 2018. Please check it out and consider contributing.

With our new fiscal year in place (September-August), we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at Super Conference 2018 – looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 PM

It has been an incredibly rewarding year for me, working with the Board, staff and members, in my role as President. Thank you all for your engagement, enthusiasm and commitment to OLA and keep doing what you are doing, being *Fearless by Design!* 

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**REPORT OF LESLIE WEIR**

**2017 PRESIDENT, ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**
Merci pour une belle année remplie de projets!


Des représentants de l’ABO-Franco ainsi que d’OLA ont participé aux table rondes du Ministère du Tourisme, de la Culture et du Sport pour aider le ministère à mieux comprendre les besoins des bibliothèques publiques et permettre le développement de ce que l’on appellerait le “Digital Public Library” en Ontario.


Nous cherchons à communiquer en français et je tiens à remercier Paul Laverdure pour son excellent compte-rendu de la présentation de Monsieur Bénêteau à la Super Conférence 2017. Son article a paru dans l’Inside OCULA de juillet dernier. De plus, je remercie Véronique Dupuis d’avoir offert le webinaire “Better Service for your French-speaking Patrons” en août.

Saviez-vous que nous avons fait un changement au règlement no. 77. Depuis juin 2017, nous avons un poste de conseiller étudiant qui a été approuvé à la dernière assemblée générale d’OLA. Avis aux intéressés!


This year I had the privilege of leading OCULA Council in 2017. We had a successful year of activities, events, and strategic planning. I am proud to highlight our achievements.

The OCULA Spring Conference discussed “Storytime! Using Narrative to Represent Ourselves, Our Work, and Our Libraries”. Keynote speaker Sage Tyrtle (Seneca College) delivered a theatrical session that examined what makes narratives compelling, and gave audience members a chance to practice through a participatory storytelling exercise.

The OCULA Spring Social, in its inaugural year as a social, encouraged attendees to “Eat, Meet, and Compete”. The event was a “pre-game” to OLITA’s Digital Odyssey, and participants joined us for board games like Codenames and Bananagrams plus a digital game, Jackbox. Rob Makinson, InsideOCULA editor helped us to highlight Centennial College’s board game collection. Our special guest Scott Nicholson (Wilfrid Laurier University) lead us through an invigorating trivia game where everyone left a winner.

The online OCULA Fall Conference focused on “Overcoming Fears”. Anita Boey’s (York University) keynote discussed the power of failure as a learning opportunity that can lead to future success. Hamza Khan’s (Seneca College/Ryerson University) keynote shared a simple framework for mastering one’s fears in order to break through creativity and productivity. The New Librarian Residency Award (NLRA) Fundraising Committee continued its crowdfund fundraising campaign with the OLA’s Fund Development committee. We updated the website with a FAQ section, updated the NLRA terms of reference to include a research component, launched an incentive program for contributing, developed a hashtag, created a video about the NLRA that will be launched at OLA Super Conference 2018, and are hoping to host a panel with past winners at OLA Super Conference 2018. We hope to achieve our goal of $20,000 by OLA Super Conference 2018, that includes the OLA Board match of every contribution made to the award up to a maximum of $10,000. Learn more at: nlra.accessola.com.

This year InsideOCULA had four issues and migrated to a new Open Shelf platform. The new platform promises flexibility and reflects best practices in website design and web publishing. Each issue features engaging content for our members on events, issues, and research. This year we also welcomed new editors Thomas Guignard (OCLS), Jennifer Robinson (Western University), and Rob Makinson (UBC, formally Centennial College).

The OCULA Award for Special Achievement was presented to an open source online learning tool, The Learning Portal (Heads of Libraries & Learning Resources), that serves as an academic skills hub for students and faculty in Ontario Colleges. This special initiative was crafted collaboratively across the 27 Ontario Colleges by librarians, learning strategists, faculty, and more.

The OCULA Award for Lifetime Achievement went to Gladys Watson, former Director of Libraries at Centennial College. This award recognizes Gladys’ significant contributions to the profession as a longstanding member of OLA, and to college libraries across Ontario. She has affected the lives and careers of librarians and library technicians, and has made impacts evidenced by her strong record of publications and presentations.

OCULA council aligned their activities to the new OLA Strategic Plan 2017-2020. We collaboratively decided on new activities for the next three years. We are renaming the strategic voice committee to the advocacy committee, starting a research liaison role, exploring providing an OCULA research award, exploring the idea of involving library technicians more formally, and reframed other initiatives to align with the strategic goals.

To summarize, thank you to the 2017 OCULA Council, our volunteer members-at-large, and our ambassadors for all their time, effort, and exceptional contributions to our OCULA initiatives and activities. Thank you to our outgoing Council members Denise Smith, Jack Young, Fiona Inglis, and Courtney Lundrigan for their hard work and accomplishments that benefit all members. It has been a pleasure to serve as OCULA President for 2017. I look forward to seeing how OCULA evolves over the next three years with the new strategic plan.
I am fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA) President for 2017. As you know, OLBA is a division of the Ontario Library Association (OLA), representing public library board members on issues relating to their areas of responsibility. It serves chiefly to build a professional development program, and to provide information and training in aid of board development. The past year has been a busy and productive one for your OLBA Council, and what follows are highlights of some of our activities.

Bursaries
I am pleased to report that Council has added another Super Conference bursary to our list, making six in all: two for the North-West, two for the North-East, one for rural libraries serving populations of fewer than 5,000 people, and one designed to offset travel costs associated with attending the Saturday Boot Camp only. Virtually everyone who attends Super Conference believes it is a positive experience, and we are endeavouring to make Conference attendance a reality for as many board members as possible, regardless of location and/or resource constraints.

Web Site Renewal
We were also very fortunate to have had a student assist us in reviewing and revising our web pages and related documents, including our Councillors’ Orientation Manual (which will henceforth be known as the Councillors’ Handbook). We thank Allana Mayer for her superb work on this project. I encourage members to make use of our web resources, and to let us know if there are ways that we can improve them.

OLBA Work Plan
I am also excited to announce that your Council has developed a new Work Plan. Now that the OLA has developed and approved its three-year Strategic Plan, OLBA developed and approved its own Work Plan. OLBA’s Plan is designed to identify our key priorities, what we intend to do about them, and when the work will be accomplished. At the same time, we endeavoured to align our priorities as much as possible with those of the OLA. Consequently, our new Work Plan is not set for a period of one year (as had been the case in the past); instead, we have developed a three-year Plan that will enable the Council to take a long-term view on some of its key objectives. The new Work Plan is available on our web site, and I encourage you to read it. We are excited by our ambitious yet realistic Plan, and we hope that you will be, too.

Other Items
In addition to all of the above, we have been busy on a number of fronts, such as planning for OLBA Council elections, addressing questions we receive from boards, attending SOLS Trustee Council meetings, publishing InsideOLBA (our semi-annual newsletter, available online) and the day-to-day governance associated with our organization.

What’s Ahead?
The coming year promises to be an exciting one under the direction of our new President, Mariam Hamou. Mariam brings incredible abilities and enthusiasm to the position, and I am certain that she will focus on priorities such as increasing OLBA’s membership, enhancing ties with Northern Ontario board members, and fostering an enduring relationship with First Nations libraries. I am looking forward to working with Mariam in my capacity as Past President.

To Conclude
In conclusion, my sincere thanks are extended to the OLBA Council for their enthusiasm, dedication, hard work this past year. I am very proud to work with you. And my sincere thanks to you, public library board members, for all you do for your respective local public libraries. Your efforts have a positive and significant impact on people throughout Ontario.
It has been a joy and a privilege to work with OLITA Council in 2017 and our OLITA membership. This year brought new OLITA council members to join with our returning councillors and I’m proud of the work that we have accomplished together and have planned for the future.

This year’s Digital Odyssey was dedicated to games and it lived up to its tag-line of “We Got Game: Gaming, Learning and Playing Together.” Dr. Scott Nicholson, Professor of Game Design and Development from Wilfrid Laurier University in Brantford and author of Everyone Plays at the Library was our opening keynote. He started our one day conference with jolts and other playful activities for all of us to integrate into our teaching and presentations. Then there were sessions on Minecraft, on interactive fiction, integrating coding and creating, partnering with your local game development community, and exploring new worlds in virtual reality. We want to thank OCAD for hosting Digital Odyssey and being our playground.

Use of OLITA’s Technology Lending Library continued to grow in 2017 and we’re excited to introduce new items for our members and their communities to try out including the BreakoutEDU’s “Escape Room in a Box” and an OSMOT kit.

In 2016, OLITA Council launched a Social Media Roundabout as an excuse to try different social media channels to see which ones resonated with OLITA members. Our OLITA members told us what they really wanted was a listserv and in 2017 through the generosity of McMaster University, we launched OLITA-L mailing list. If you are a member of OLITA, please join us and sign up at: bit.ly/2B0z5PH. OLITA Council member Sarah Macintyre continues to bring the people behind the technology to the forefront through her regular feature IT Crowd column in OLA’s Open Shelf.

This year’s Technology Track at OLA Super Conference was put together by Graham Lavender (Michener Institute) and Michelle Goodridge (Wilfrid Laurier University). Our featured Spotlight speaker was Sara Grimes, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Information of the University of Toronto. Among the many talks in the technology stream, our coordinators also brought Tech Talks back by popular demand as well as an inaugural OLITA debate on the topic of Makerspaces. Thank you so much Graham and Michelle for all your hard work.

And I would like to again extend thanks to my fellow OLITA Councilors for all their good work and I offer a hearty welcome to our new councilors and new OLITA members.
2017 has been a busy year for the OPLA Division. Major undertakings have included moving to a new budget year format, reimaging the Children and Youth Services Survey, and supporting a grant proposal for an innovative program for older adults.

In 2016 the OLA Board approved changing the fiscal year of the Association from January-December to September-August. This change aligns OLA’s budget with its events and revenues/expenditure flows. Divisions, including OPLA, have worked diligently to ensure that the double budget year in 2017 has not disrupted any program or event planning activities.

The Child & Youth Services Committee conducts statistical surveys and reports alternating on children’s services and young adult services. This year OPLA Council discussed with the Co-Chairs of the Child & Youth Services Committee the possible expansion of the survey to include more demographic groups, library services and other topics. Past President Alex Yarrow and CYS Co-Chairs Amanda Wilk and Cameron Ray will sit on the newly ad-hoc committee to develop a strategy for surveying Ontario public libraries on other demographic groups and services.

Talking of Child & Youth Services, the CYS Expo held on November 3 at the Mississauga Civic Centre was a huge success. The theme this year was Think Outside...Your Library, The Box, Your Comfort Zone. Sarah Vermunt’s Keynote Session was entitled Easy There Tiger: How to stay fierce without losing your mind. Join us next year for an equally thought provoking day!

In April the Readers’ Advisory (RA) Committee hosted RA in a Day. The theme this year was To Boldly Read Where No-one Has Read Before! – Science Fiction & Readers’ Advisory. If you’re looking for RA inspiration you will find no better venue than this extraordinary one day conference. Watch for the April 20, 2018 registration information on OLA’s website.

OPLA has provided a letter of support for the Aging By The Book program grant application to the Ontario Seniors Community Grant program. This volunteer-led reading circle program provides older adults with a safe and stimulating context to explore aspects of aging. Ottawa Public Library has successfully run this program since 2012. The grant application would, if successful, will refine the materials and guides produced by Ottawa Public Library and distribute them, establish an ongoing ABTB steering group, and provide training for interested libraries and for volunteer facilitators.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of OPLA Council and all of our dedicated Committee and Task Force members for the outstanding effort they have put forth this year. These extra duties take time away from our work and families and add responsibilities on top of our already busy lives. My thanks also go out to our OPLA Super Conference Planners Beth Crawley (who used to be MY staff member – miss you Beth) and Alex Karlovski. They have prepared an incredible stream of sessions for the 2018 OLA Super Conference. I hope you can all attend. And finally, please join me in thanking outgoing editor Catherine Coles (Open Shelf) for her contributions to making our professional reading thoroughly satisfying!

I have enjoyed my tenure as President of this remarkable Division of OLA and look forward to next year when I will be Past President (and apparently Treasurer, yikes!).
The Ontario Library Association (OLA) consists of six divisions: L'Association des bibliothèques de l’Ontario-Franco (ABO-FRANCO), Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA), Ontario Library and Information Technology Association (OLITA), Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA), Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA), and Ontario School Library Association (OSLA).

**4,708 MEMBERS**

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**2017 OLA REVENUES**

In 2017, The Library Marketplace had approximately 2,600 titles available in print. The most sought after items were: *Creating a Culture of Evaluation*, *This Meeting is Bullsh*t socks*, the *Fact or Fiction* bookmark, and *Delicate F*cking Flower socks.

**SHoppers from +115 CITIES**

**31K items sold**

*Creating a Culture of Evaluation* was published under OLA Press.

*ORN 2017 OLA Super Conference was held in Toronto, ON, from Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2018.*

*Overall registration numbers are lower this year due to bulk registration from Toronto District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, which were unable to provide information on specific programs being run in each school or library.*
### Forest of Reading® Registrants

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- **4,537** registered sites in 2016
- **3,641** registered sites in 2017

### OLA Super Conference

#### Highlights by Day
- **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday** featuring Keynote DeEtta Jones, Community Partners Boulevard and Tours
- **Saturday** featuring Keynote Jesse Wente, Public Library Awards Reception, and Games Night
- **Sunday** featuring Keynote Naomi Klein, TIFF Library Tour, and Super Expo

#### Forest of Reading®

- 206,000 program participants
- 118 nominated titles in the program
- $1.62M books sold by the official program wholesaler
- 163,000 registered voters
- 184 Instagram followers for OLA and 166 for The Library Marketplace as of December 2017
- 6875 Twitter followers as of December 2017
- 2485 Facebook fans as of December 2017
- 1446 Webinar (site) registrants for 67 Education Institute webinars
- 59,000 website visits exclusively to the OLA homepage
- 300+ student volunteers who volunteered over 1,500 hours collectively

### Festival of Trees®

- **59K** program participants
- **$1.62M** books sold by the official program wholesaler
- **163K** registered voters
- **184** Instagram followers for OLA and 166 for The Library Marketplace as of December 2017
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### Quick Facts

- **Websites Visits**: 59K exclusively to the OLA homepage
- **Student Volunteers**: 300+ who volunteered over 1,500 hours collectively
- **WYD Website Visits**: 59K
- **WYD Instagram Followers**: 184
- **WYD Facebook Fans**: 2485 as of December 2017
- **WYD Twitter Followers**: 6875 as of December 2017
- **WYD Webinar Registrants**: 1446 for 67 Education Institute webinars

### OLA Signature Events

- **Child & Youth Expo** (162 registrants)
- **Library as Place** (126 registrants)
- **Marketing Libraries Think Tank** (107 registrants)

### Most Watched Webinars

- **Great Expectations! Initiating Outcome-Based Programming**
- **Teen Instagram Engagement**
- **Leading In Times Of Change**
- **One-Shot Library Sessions**
- **Book Club Picks That Will Keep Them Talking**

*Each circle represents approximately 200 Festival attendees.*
It has been a wonderful privilege to work with OSLA Council in 2017 and to continue to be a part of our journey in 2018. We have had many successes this year, continuing to advocate and support Ontario School Libraries.

The collaboration between OSLA and TeachOntario continues to develop through opportunities to innovate and grow. The projects led by OSLA members included online book clubs, online courses and outreach opportunities for educators to connect with stakeholders. We are thrilled by the continued relationship and support for student achievement and library programming provided by TVO and TeachOntario.

Since January, OSLA has participated in the Ontario Ministry of Education Joint Implementation Working Group. This group was formed in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action 62 and 63. OSLA members were honoured to be part of the discussion and collaboration that played an integral part of the curriculum revision of the Ontario Social Studies and History Curriculum, Grades 4 - 10.

In partnership with TALCO, the Association of Library Consultants and Coordinators of Ontario, in May we demonstrated the role of school libraries as partners and leaders at the Ministry of Education Faculties of Education Forum, building capacity and knowledge through Indigenous education curriculum connections in the Learning Commons.

OSLA teacher-librarians taught summer courses through the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Teachers Federation (OTF). The courses focused on examining and applying innovative practices, inquiry, developing makerspaces, technology and fake news. OSLA appreciates the ongoing support of ETFO and OTF in providing the opportunity to demonstrate the immense value of school libraries in learning and teaching.

OSLA council rep Johanna Lawler played an integral role in the recent resolution passed by the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) calling on the Ontario Government to amend the education funding formula to specify proportional staffing of teacher-librarians based on student population, with a minimum allocation of a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Teacher-Librarian in each work site. We continue to share the message: properly staffed school Library Learning Commons are vital parts of Ontario schools and fundamental to student learning and developing a love of reading.

In October, OSLA council members Alanna King and Diana Maliszewski presented in Manitoba at the Canadian School Libraries Treasure Mountain Canada Research Symposium and Think Tank. The focus was on Culturally Relevant and Responsive School Library Learning Commons. The Manitoba School Library Association also partnered with CSL to provide opportunities to learn and share about Truth in our Stories: Seeking a Path to Reconciliation.

In November, OSLA partnered with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to host Indigenous elders and guest speakers in school libraries and public libraries during Treaties Recognition week. Five school libraries and two public libraries educated students and citizens about the importance of the role of Treaties in the history and the future of Ontario.

On November 23, 2017, the Ontario Library Association Board partnered with representatives from the Federation of Public Libraries to attend Library Day at Queen's Park. We gained significant momentum and progress meeting with Members of Parliament and notably Hon. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education, where we advocated and expressed our concerns about the inequity in our Library Learning Commons across the province. Through OLA advocacy, the conversation about the importance of school libraries continues.

A special thank you to OSLA council and OSLA Super Conference planners Jessica Longthorne and Alanna King for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. I am honoured to have served as your President of OSLA for 2017 and look forward to our continued journey together in 2018.

ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
KELLY MAGGIRIAS, PRESIDENT

2017 OSLA Membership: 1,220
Report of Shelagh Paterson
Executive Director, Ontario Library Association

2017 was the year to launch the association into the next three years of strategic possibilities! Thank you to OLA members for identifying a number of new areas for the association to tackle, and that will ultimately strengthen our library sector.

Under the leadership of Leslie Weir, OLA president, the OLA board of directors, divisional councils and committees, we are off to a great start with implementing our strategic plan as evidenced by the following 2017 highlights:

- OLA connected with the provincial government to secure further support and funding for public libraries. OLA’s and FOPL’s idea to strengthen broadband and digital access for rural and First Nations libraries was selected by Ontarians as part of “Budget Talks” to receive provincial funding (ultimately an investment of $3 million!), out of more than 400 submissions. Further, OLA participated in a series of Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Round Tables on the culture strategy.

- Via The Partnership, Canada's network of provincial and territorial library associations, OLA members became part of an international conversation about libraries with the #IFLAGlobalVision conversations. OLA also became a member of IFLA this year!

- Establishing a Fund Development program including creation of an advisory committee and identifying our annual campaign targets for 2017/18: The I Read Canadian Fund to help kids have access to great Canadian books, and the New Librarian Residency Award which jumpstarts a career in academic libraries. Giving to an OLA fund is a direct investment in the library sector.

- OLA’s Indigenous Task Force co-sponsored the First Nations Gathering in North Bay, May 2017 with Ontario Library Services-North and Southern Ontario Library Services. Ontario’s First Nations Public Libraries are community leaders in cultural engagement and language revitalization.

- The launch of “Forest Fridays” (free to Forest registered sites!), which virtually brings an OLA Forest of Reading nominated author into classrooms and school libraries across Ontario. Approximately 1,000 students participate in each Forest Friday by using the chat feature to ask questions.

At our recent staff development retreat at the Ontario Science Centre we became astronauts and mission controllers and journeyed to Mars. Our commander remarked that he had never witnessed such a focused and calm team. With 16 annual events including the OLA Super Conference, Mars is a walk in the park. Thanks as always to a great staff team and our more than 400 volunteers annually who continue to make OLA a fearless organization!
## OLA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 2017

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (GENERAL FUND)

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The Statement of Operations & Changes in Net Assets (General Fund) and the Statement of Financial Position are drawn from the audited statements for the year ended August 31, 2017, with the audited comparative figures for the year, which ended December 31, 2016.

Complete audited statements for the year ended August 31, 2017, as prepared by the accounting firm of Hillborn, LLP, and approved by the Board of Directors on January 15, 2018, are available on the OLA website at www.accessola.com.
I would like to take this opportunity as 2017 OLA Treasurer to say that it has been an honour for me to work with the exceptional OLA staff and Board during my first year. I would like to extend my thanks to the collective efforts of the staff and Board for their ongoing commitment to serve the OLA membership and the Ontario community.

We ended 2017 with a surplus of $143,872 allowing us to increase our accumulated surplus. The Super Conference and the Library Marketplace did exceptionally well adding to the overall surplus. Expenses were lower than expected across the association and its divisions when comparing to 2016. 2017 presents an eight-month period with our new fiscal year cycle beginning September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. The new cycle allows the fiscal year to closely align with OLA’s major activities.

A special thanks and congratulations to Stephanie Pimentel, OLA’s Director of Operations, for her judicious financial management for another successful year. I would like to share with you some highlights: A Fund Development Committee was created in 2017 to assist the OLA Board of Directors with an annual crowd funding campaign for The New Librarian Residency Award with a goal of raising $10,000 by February 2018 and the I Read Canadian fundraising campaign with a goal of $20,000 for the 2018 fiscal year.

It is clear that OLA’s commitment to innovation, vision, and strong leadership in our profession continues to contribute to OLA’s many successes. It is a privilege to be part of such a vibrant and important organization. I wish the new OLA Board of Directors, OLA staff, and OLA members much success.
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Dr. Guy Berthiaume, Library and Archives Canada

OLA ARCHIVAL AND PRESERVATION AWARD:
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OPLA JAMES BAIN MEDALLION
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Julie Brandt, London Public Library

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