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**The Ontario Library Association Announces 2017 Award Recipients**  
*Association recognizes contribution and achievement in Ontario's libraries*

**NEWS RELEASE**

**TORONTO, ON** (January 19, 2017): The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is thrilled to recognize several individuals and organizations that have greatly contributed to Ontario's libraries. From library advocacy to program development, the recipients of OLA's 2017 awards have supported school, academic and public libraries with outstanding service to their communities.

Awards will be presented to recipients during the annual [OLA Super Conference](#), held from Feb. 1 to 4, 2017.

The award winners are:

- Ontario Library Association Archival and Preservation Achievement Award: VITA Project, Our Digital World
- Ontario Library Association Champion Award: Andrew Frontini, Perkins + Will
- Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship, co-presented by Ontario Library Association and the Canadian Urban Libraries Council/Conseil des Bibliothèques Urbaines du Canada: Jeff Barber, Regina Public Library
- Ontario Library Association Larry Moore Distinguished Service Award: Anne Bailey, Toronto Public Library
- Ontario Library Association Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award: Faculty of Information Media Studies (FIMS) Graduate Resource Centre (GRC), Western University
- Ontario Library Association Media and Communications Award: Anne Marie Madziak, Southern Ontario Library Service
- Ontario Library Association President's Award for Exceptional Achievement: Forest of Reading®
- Ontario Library Association Technical Services Award: Aida Rudnik, Hamilton Public Library
- l'Association des bibliothèques de l'Ontario-Franco (ABO-Franco) Prix Micheline-Persaud: Le Prix Peuplier and Le Prix Tamarac Program Chairs: Christine Labelle, Evy Gambin, Eugenia Doval, and Diane Quessy
- Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA) Award for Special Achievement: La Casita Azul, York University Libraries
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- Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA) Lifetime Achievement Award: Anne Dondertman, University of Toronto Libraries
- Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA) Joyce Cunningham Award (Public Library Board of the Year): The Board of the West Grey Public Library
- Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA) W.J. Robertson Medallion (Public Librarian of the Year): Karen DeLuca, Arnprior Public Library
- Ontario Library and Information Technology Association (OLITA) Project Award: Bibliobike Project / Projet bibliovélo, Ottawa Public Library
- Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA) James Bain Medallion (Public Library Board Member of the Year): Donald Lynch, Six Nations Public Library Board
- Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA) Lifetime Achievement Award: Rudi Denham, St. Thomas Public Library
- Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Administrator of the Year: Colin Anderson, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
- Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Award for Special Achievement: TeachOntario, TVO in Partnership with the Ontario Teachers' Federation and affiliates and the Ontario Ministry of Education
- Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Teacher Librarian of the Year: Carmen Milani Condotta, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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