The Ontario Library Association Announces 2019 Award Recipients
Association recognizes contribution and achievement to Ontario’s libraries

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TORONTO, ON (January 28, 2019): 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 2019 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 Jan. 30 to Feb. 2, 2019 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The award winners are:


• Ontario Library Association (OLA) Champion Award: Brian Pichman, Evolve Project

• Ontario Library Association (OLA) Larry Moore Distinguished Service Award: Yvonne Patch, Hamilton Public Library

• Ontario Library Association (OLA) Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award: James Turk, Centre for Free Expression, Ryerson University

• Ontario Library Association (OLA) President’s Award: Mary Lou Souter, Mississippi Mills Public Library Board

• Ontario Library Association (OLA) Technical Services Award: Library Support Services Team, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

• L’Association des bibliothèques de l’Ontario-Franco (ABO-Franco) Prix Micheline-Persaud: Claire Dionne, Bibliothèque publique du canton de Russell

• Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA) Lifetime Achievement Award: Tanis Fink, Seneca College

• Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA) Joyce Cunningham Award (Library Board of the Year): Vaughan Public Library Board

• Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA) W.J. Robertson Medallion (Librarian of the Year): Cathy Grant, Pickering Public Library

• Ontario Library and Information Technology Association (OLITA): Technology Advancing Libraries Award: Jonathon Hodge, Toronto Public Library
• Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA) James Bain Medallion (Library Board Member of the Year): Patricia Symon, Bruce County Public Library

• Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA) Leadership in Adult Reader’s Advisory Award: Catherine Coles, County of Lennox & Addington Libraries

• Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA) Lifetime Achievement Award: Susan Downs, Innisfil ideaLAB & Library

• Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Administrator of the Year: Amanda Chapman, Durham District School Board

• Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Award for Special Achievement: Leigh Cassell, Live Learning Canada - Human Library

• Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Teacher-Librarian of the Year: Kate Tuff, Bloorview School Authority

• Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Teacher-Librarian of the Year: Glenn Turner, Nepean High School, Ottawa Carleton District School Board

Congratulations to all our award recipients! More information on awards is available at 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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