The Ontario Library Association Announces 2020 Award Recipients
Association recognizes contribution and achievement to Ontario’s libraries

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TORONTO, ON (January 28, 2020): The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is thrilled to recognize individuals and organizations that have greatly contributed to Ontario’s libraries. From library advocacy to program development, the recipients of OLA’s 2020 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 Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, 2020 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The award winners are:

- Ontario Library Association (OLA) Archival and Preservation Achievement Award: Local History Room — Oshawa Public Library
- Ontario Library Association (OLA) Champion Award: The Brandvan Initiative
- Ontario Library Association (OLA) Media and Communications Award: Stephen Hurley, VoicEd Radio
- Ontario Library Association (OLA) President's Award for Exceptional Achievement: Fay and Fluffy
- L’Association des bibliothèques de l’Ontario-Franco (ABO-Franco) Prix Micheline-Persaud: Monique Désormeaux, Bibliothèque publique d’Ottawa
- Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA) Lifetime Achievement Award: Joan Sweeney Marsh, Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning
- Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA) Joyce Cunningham Award (Library Board of the Year): Guelph Public Library Board
- Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA) W.J. Robertson Medallion (Librarian of the Year): Steven Kraus, Ontario Library Service - North / Service des bibliothèques de l’Ontario - Nord
- Ontario Library and Information Technology Association (OLITA): Technology Advancing Libraries Award: Tim Boudreau, Lougheed Reads Podcast, Peel District School Board
- Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA) Lifetime Achievement Award: Sheri Mishibinijima, Wikwemikong Public Library First Nation
- Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Administrator of the Year: Tim Pedersen, Peel District School Board
• Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Teacher-Librarian of the Year: Heather Stoness, Halton District School Board

• Ontario Library Association (OLA) / Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Ken Haycock Super Conference Grant: Lila Armstrong, École Willow Point Elementary School

• Ontario Library Association (OLA) / Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) Ken Haycock Super Conference Grant: Carole Harfst, Pringle Creek Public School – Durham 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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