



ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

# SUPER NEWS 2002

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2002

Dynamic, energetic, inspirational

**"My name is Buffy  
and I am a biblioholic."**

## FRIDAY AUTHOR & SPECIAL GUEST VISITS

### HARPERCOLLINS CANADA - #805

Karleen Bradford - 11 am  
Arthur Slade - 12 noon

### RED MAPLE BOOTH #105

Kathy Kacer - 12 noon - 2 pm  
Maxine Trottier - 1:30 pm

### SILVER BIRCH BOOTH #105

Lynda Wilson - 12 noon

### NATIONAL BOOK SERVICE #405

William Bell - 10 am - 11 am  
Jing-Xing Ye - 10 am - 11 am  
Virginia F. Schwartz 1 - 2 pm

### PRENTICE HALL #312

Rose Murray - 11 am - 12 noon

### S&B BOOKS

Linda Granfield - 12:15 - 1:15pm  
(courtesy Tundra)

### KIDS CAN PRESS #514

Jane Drake and Ann Love - 10:30am.  
Linda Bailey - 12 noon.

### ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS #315

Eric Walters - 11:00 am  
David Bouchard - 1:00 pm



YESTERDAY, delegates met Buffy Sainte-Marie, a speaker of enormous depth and personality. Coming face to face with gifted, thoughtful people like Buffy added immense dimension to this year's Super Conference experience.

OLA President Michael Ridley and University of Alberta Chief Librarian Ernie Ingles in their remarks both commented on the excitement with which they approached their introductions. Buffy did not disappoint them and the 1200 delegates in the session shared the moment. *Continued on page 4.*

Michael Ridley, Buffy Sainte Marie and FIS Dean Lynne Howarth with \$260,000 of the \$300,000 needed for the new Grace Buller Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples. \$20,000 donated at Super Conference will be matched by the University (see p. 4)

*"A child of the 60s, a mother of the 70s, an artist of the 80s, an environmentalist of the 90s, and a 20th and 21st century native woman."*

*From the introduction by  
Ernie Ingles*

**EXPO 2002  
ENDS TODAY  
AT 2:30 P.M.  
DO NOT MISS OUT!**

## FRIDAY CHANGES

Session #807 - MTCC/203C

Session #516 withdrawn

Session #519 withdrawn

Session #706 withdrawn

Session #711 withdrawn

## PROGRAM ADDITIONS

Session #524 - see program

Session #700 - see program

**BIG CHANGE!! Session 813  
MOVED from 201D to CP Caledon**

## SATURDAY CHANGES

Session #909 withdrawn

Session #912 withdrawn

Session #915 withdrawn

Session #902 - moved to  
MTCC/104C

**Gala Luncheon with Daniel  
Richler moved to MTCC  
South Building HALL F.** (follow the volunteers over the walkway to the South Building.

## SPEAKER UPDATES

Session #813 MTCC 201D

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

### What's Your Agenda

Speaker missed in program:

Randee Loucks, Trustee

Development Manager,

Southern Ont. Library Service.

## 30 YEARS OF QUALITY CANADIAN INFORMATION

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**Micromedia**, along with our partner groups *SilverPlatter*, *H.W. Wilson*, *Books24x7.com* and *Toronto Star - Pages of the Past*, are proud to be a part of the OLA Super Conference!

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7:00 am

## National Librarian provides engrossing food for thought

### BRIGHT AND EARLY

In the middle of our traditional OLA Super Conference snowstorm and before eight in the morning, the room was full and Roch Carrier, the National Librarian of Canada was providing engrossing food for thought.

Wearing his treasured "Peter Gzowski" baggy sweater in an emotional tribute to his dear departed friend, Roch stressed the need to speak out and to do so with a clear Canadian voice. ...speak out on behalf of funding libraries, on maintaining the book rate, on ensuring that a new National Library facility (one without leaky pipes!) gets built!

### BE PROACTIVE!

Roch made a personal commitment to raise the focus on kids and their school libraries... "it's the beginning" he said, "kids are the beginning. Our strategy has to be built on kids and helping them grow. I try to visit a school library every three weeks to encourage kids and literature".

"We need kids who can read and think critically, and what we are growing is a generation of copiers! Kids who just click and paste and move the paragraphs around. We need teacher librarians, they are the knowledge leaders who teach the critical skill of getting the kids to learn to think!"

Along this same line he warned public libraries not to think or look like banks... implying that walls of workstations without the staff were not the way to go! Libraries must remember to

not become just "techie"... we need to remember that we are more than just access to information... we are about education and using the information.

### LIBRARIES ARE NOT DEAD!

Technology can build wonderful connections, but the literature must always be there and be supported. In this day and age of networks and globalization, Canada needs to develop a competitive edge, and growing a population of critical thinkers who can work creatively will be our biggest edge.

### ROCH'S RANT

Now, more than ever, sovereignty is a key issue... I am a Canadian, I want Canadian content, I want my own identity, I want my own understanding. And in the crush and global glut of information out there... I want the world to know that there is a Canadian voice, I want the world to know that there is a Canadian knowledge base, I want the world to know that we have Canadian solutions to problems! .... We have to compete!"

## Excellence recognized at OSLA awards night

Congratulations to all recipients who received an award from the Ontario School Library Association for their outstanding achievement, leadership and vision toward school libraries.

### Teacher-librarian(s) of the Year:

Michelle Regina, York Catholic District School

## Brodart sponsors four first time conference delegates



Photo L-R: Ray Fernandez, Vaughan Public Libraries; Sherry Caibaisai, Mississauga First Nations Public Library; Franc Chenet, VP Marketing, Brodart; Joy Leslie, St Lawrence College; Jason Graham, Canadian Sales Representative, Brodart; Karen Foster, Georgina Island First Nations Public Library.

### New Partnership

"This pairing is an ideal combination for customers, publishers and employees," said Stephen Abram.

Through Micromedia's strong presence in and knowledge of the Canadian marketplace, and ProQuest's strong sales network, it is anticipated that Micromedia ProQuest will become the premier information source in Canada.

It will take the next three months to set a clear strategy... but it will be worth the wait.

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### NOT A MEMBER OF THE OLA?

Be a smartie and Save 50% off a new membership. Visit Trevor Balla, membership co-ordinator at the booth before the exhibit closes to save!

Offer expires by 2:30 pm today!



## Peter Rogers receives OLA Distinguished Service Award



The audience rose to their feet with spontaneous applause as OLA President Michael Ridley presented the OLA Distinguished Service Award to Peter Rogers. Peter was recognized for his multi-faceted contribution to the Association. As OSLA President, OLA President, Conference chair, member of many committees, current president of OLTA, Peter's enthusiasm and leadership is extraordinary.

Peter had a second reason to celebrate yesterday as he officially retired from his thirty-two year career as a teacher-librarian with Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. Way to go Peter!

## OPLA's Thursday Spotlight speaker Virginia Walter Children's specialist keeps her focus

"How are all the children?"  
"All the children are well."  
Virginia Walters, well known children's librarian, professor and author of *Children and Libraries: Getting It Right* issued this traditional Masai greeting as a challenge to colleagues at her spotlight session on Thursday morning. Walters shared her concern that, in fact all the children are not well and outlined opportunities for public libraries and children's librarians to take an active role in changing this situation. With a nod to pioneers in library services to children, she acknowledged that what

we do best now is what we've always done, but argued that to remain relevant, children's librarians need to do more. Walters asked "Who are our customers?" She identified three profiles: child as reader, child of the information age, and child in the community, with the latter offering the greatest opportunity and challenge. In striving to develop meaningful services to children with rights and responsibilities within their community, she encouraged those present to "keep our eyes on the prize."

OPLA member reporter:  
Donna Bolton-Steele

## Prize winners announced in Saturday's SuperNews EXPO PASSPORT TO PRIZES DONORS

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Products  
and many others

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**BETWEEN THE LINES**  
All books 20% to 50% off; discounts on all orders placed at the conference; book draws.

## CONVENOR UPDATE

Thanks to all the convenors and these new ones who help make the Super Conference run smoothly.

Session #523 - Ralph Manning,  
National Library of Canada  
Session #524 - Patty Lawlor,  
Southern Ontario Lib. Service  
Session #607 - Geoffrey Allen,  
Toronto District School Board  
Session #613 - Daniel Boivin,  
OCLC  
Session #700 - Stephen Abram,  
OLA President & Micromedia.  
Session #703 - Mohamed Taher,  
Multifaith Council Library

Session #707 - Joyce  
Cunningham, retired  
Session #720 - Lesley Prange,  
Waterloo Region DBS  
Session #808 - Jennifer  
LaChapelle, Clearview PL  
Session #815 - Marilyn Legault,  
Hamilton-Wentworth District  
School Board  
Session #902 - Connie Ruscica,  
Toronto District School Board  
Session #907 - Karen Taylor,  
CNIB Library for the Blind  
Session #1010 - Doreen London,  
Seneca College

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## Buffy Sainte-Marie where ideas live

"My Academy Award Oscar is a very pretty thing but it's never done me as much good as my library card!"

I have a lot of passion for a lot of passions," she said. "I am not a linear person. I like to go backwards and forwards almost at the same time."

And Buffy Sainte-Marie demonstrated how that works as she spun her circle of thinking which produces a kind of world where all points are equal.

She raised several persuasive examples of how natur-

al gifts we all have are not valued unless they create money. In the very young, what children do with sand-castles or by dancing is considered to be play and not art.

"A natural artist swims upstream a lot and is subject to accidental drowning by well-meaning folks who can't see beyond the system they own - like the piano teacher who discourages a natural musician whose talent moves too fast to ever learn to read music... I love that which appreciates the song within.

She talked about her life from her successful start in music in the 60s through her five years in a trash can with Oscar the Grouch at the Children's Television Workshop through the creation of her Nihewan Foundation from the money she made with her singing to the Foundation's education projects such as Cradleboard seen at this conference.

It was a major and amazing journey by a natural artist and philosopher at the bleeding edge of creation.

Every dollar donated to the Grace Buller Scholarship by Saturday will be matched by the University of Toronto! Fill out the form below and help us reach the \$300,000 goal! But hurry! You must pledge by Saturday at the latest.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WORTH NOTE

- Silver Birch and Red Maple Breakfast - CP Ballroom 7am  
2001 Silver Birch non-fiction winner - Linda Bailey  
2001 Silver Birch fiction winner - Bill Richardson (video)  
2001 Red Maple fiction winner - Eric Walters  
7:45 am - presentation (ticket not required)
- Career Centre with Caitlin Williams in the EXPO (Aisle 800). Career articles and tips, job board, plus more.
- Resources Feature Area. Be sure to see the Native Educational Resources with: Goodminds.com; Ningwakwe Learning Press; Aboriginal Canada Portal and Cradleboard Teaching Project. At the back of the Hall in the 400 aisle.
- Super EXPO 2002 is open today from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Don't forget to enter your passport into the draw for prizes.
- The Annual Meetings today include:  
Ontario School Library Association - MTCC/104C  
Ontario Library and Information Technology Association - MTCC/205B  
L'Association des Bibliothécaires Francophones de L'Ontario - CP Simcoe
- 6:15 pm  
2002 Super Conference Reception for all registrants  
"Unlock the magic @ your library™" Get your lock combination at the door and try the combinations on the trunks to win great prizes! Steamwhistle Brewery at the historic Railway Roundhouse - A mix of magic, wine-tasting, beer-tasting, hors d'oeuvres, camaraderie, music and prizes - Don't miss it!
- Breakfast tickets for Saturday are still available.

## OLA Grace Buller Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

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