

SUPER NEWS 2000

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000

Super Conference is solid education and, well, fun
Upbeat orchestra Pavlo plays CN Tower after today's stellar choice of sessions

Friday has one major session after another. The cream of the library world will flaunt their wares all day today.

OLTA has the effective Brenda Peddigrew and OCULA has Ann Dowsett Johnson from *Maclean's* annual university survey. OLITA has 'mylibrary's' Eric Lease Morgan while OSLA sweeps in with super authority, David Loertscher. OPLA is bringing back the very popular Women as Leaders.

And these are only the tips of the iceberg.

Social events to balance

Yesterday's reception in the Exhibit was one of several that gave delegates generous food and drink and lots of time to talk. Delegates were having fun and they talked shop and shared – one of the top reasons for conference-going.

There is more opportunity tonight at to have fun and socialize as Libraries Advance Ontario hosts the all-conference reception at the CN Tower.

Greek recording artist Pavlo and his five person band will provide the upbeat music that is making the group a popular attraction across North America.

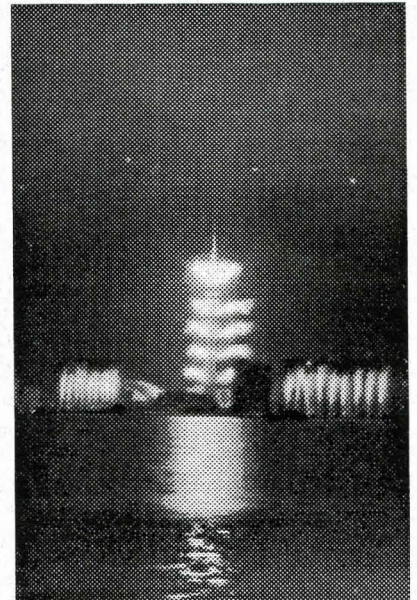
You will already have already seen many of the historical characters that will people the reception tonight and will lead to prizes. Have you figured out who they are? Fill out your contest form and bring it with you this evening.

Dinner at the top

One of tonight's big attractions is dinner at the top of the CN Tower. Over 200 delegates have signed up already. It is still possible to get tickets but order by 2 p.m. if you want to join your friends.

Public library delegates are reminded that they can talk personally with the Hon. Helen Johns when she drops in to the Tower reception around 6:30 pm.

Attendance as of Thursday, Feb. 3
PAID DELEGATES 2,153
 Excludes exhibitors, volunteers, staff.



The CN Tower at midnight, 2000

Young Voices from the Street wins Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award

In giving the Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award, OLA 2000 President Liz Hoffman provided an eloquent testimonial to the life and times

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TODAY'S CHANGES

CANCELLATIONS:

- Session #714 Withdrawn
- Session #715 Withdrawn with sincerest apologies from OLA to Mary Brace Palumbo, Information Quest and Michael Tavares, Silver Platter
- Session #719 Withdrawn
- Session #814 Withdrawn

ADDITIONS:

- Replacement: #511** - Information Studies and the Secondary School Curriculum see p. 50
- Session #518** - Emerging Technologies, MTCC/205D
- Session #604** (was #1008) Books No Library Would Want to be Without. Moved from Saturday to Friday at 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.
- Session #709** Content expands, moderated by Sya Van Geest, OSLA President 2000, see p. 59 of the Official Program
- Session #721** New, Network 2000 Users Group, 2:30pm-3:45 pm, MTCC 201C
- Session #815** Keeping CAP on Track has been refocused by Industry Canada to Libraries and the "Connecting Canadians" Initiative. Speakers: Allan Anderson, Diane Bays, and George Meek, Industry Canada. See p. 65 of the Official Program

SPEAKER CHANGES, ADDITIONS

- Session #607:** Nick Jones, Chapters Online replaces Rick Segal
- Session #718:** Panelists; Alex Tsitsias, Britannia Public School, Peel Board of Education

ROOM CHANGES:

Session #510 has moved to 203D

TICKETED SESSIONS - CLOSED:

- Session #603 - ticket required
- Session #710 - ticket required

LIMITED SEATING:

- Session #602
- Session #1005



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

THE SUNRISE BREAKFAST: 7:15 AM CROWNE PLAZA BALLROOM B
 1999 Red Maple Award Winner - Gayle Friesen
 1999 Silver Birch Award Winners
 - Eric Walters and Marg Meikle *Tickets Required*

ALL CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENT: Rendezvous at the CN Tower 6pm to 8pm

EXPO 2000: Last chance to see Canada's largest trade show.
 Exhibit hours: 10 am to 2:30pm
Passport to Prizes: Drawing of prizes will start at 12:30pm be sure to drop your passport into the drum at top of the escalator/entrance to the Exhibit Hall for your chance to win fabulous prizes donated by many of the exhibitors.

MEET THE 2000 AWARD WINNERS:
 12:00 pm OSLA's Award of Excellence in program: Judy Fink
 12:00 pm OPLA's Trustee of the Year: Gwen MacDougall
 12:30 pm OSLA's Distinguished School Administrator:
 Karen Wilkinson
 1:00 pm OSLA's Award of Merit: Metro-Elem. Teacher-Librarian's Assn.
 1:30 pm OLITA Awards for Technical Innovation: Windsor Public Library, the Greater Essex District School Board and the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board; and CNIB's VisuNEWS

MEET THE AUTHORS AND OBTAIN AUTOGRAPHS:
 Pegasus Booth #110-116 and #111-117
 12:00 pm - Eric Walters and Joe Fiorita
 Kids Can Press Booth #518:
 11:00am Gayle Friesen will be signing samples of her new title "Men of Stone"

Listen for PA announcements being made announcing the availability of authors for autographing. Exhibitors are encouraged to let the Show Office know when their guests are ready to meet delegates.

OLA Book Store:
 12:00 pm Freida Wishinski
 1:00 pm Anne Carter, Priscilla Galloway and Eric Walters

COUNT YOURSELF IN! "ONTARIO LIBRARIES AT 2000": Visit the OLA web site at <<http://www.accessola.com>> and enter your name in the millennium census!

Warm response for trustee and educator

Bruce Walker wins OLA's Distinguished Service Award for his extraordinary contributions

Former OLTA President Bruce Walker was applauded yesterday morning as an OLA hero. His accomplishments both for the work of the Ontario Library Association and for the libraries of Ontario has earned him OLA's Distinguished Service Award, its highest honour.

Unselfish, dedicated

OLA 1999 President June Wilson regaled the audience with stories of Walker's adventures. He was part of the team that made OLTA's block membership work, moving the association from 400 members to 1,500, ultimately leading to becoming OLTA President.

He hit his stride with the fight against Bill C-54, the so-called anti-pornography legislation in the mid-80s, an event that brought national attention to then Toronto Public Library director Les Fowlie, after which the Association's Intellectual Freedom Award has now been named.

This led to years as advocate for public libraries. He chaired the fight against threats to library boards that occurred in Huron County,



Mississauga and subsequently in the Harris government's Bill 109. He always worked in the background, supporting the OLTA President of the day invisibly.

Imaginative, hard-working

When Super Conference got underway, he explored with OLA the possibility of having his senior students participate in the event by taking

responsibility for the planning and execution of audiovisual services. The students had a great life and work experience and conference planners had the joy of working with inspired, hard-working youth.

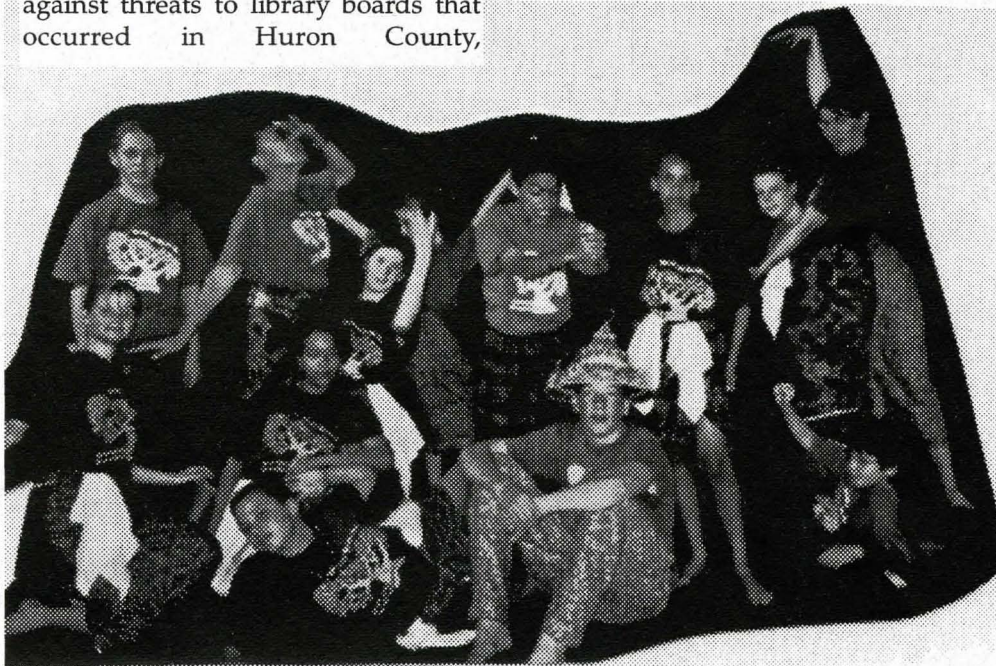
June pointed out that this commitment created some problems as when it was necessary to replace his students with his wife, son and son's friend when his school board was working to rule. Because there were so few of them, they were working around the clock exhausted but determined.

And funny, too

June's favourite moment was at the OLTA's famous conference party at Anesty's Greek Restaurant. It was a particularly free-wheeling affair with free drinks, Greek dancing, smashed plates and a belly dancer, who turned out to be one of Bruce's recent students.

"He has always been here for the Association and for libraries when we needed him. Unfortunately, he is not here today because he is fighting a fight for himself."

A guest book in which delegates can congratulate and send messages to seriously ill Bruce Walker, winner of OLA's Distinguished Service Award, is available by the Super Concierge in the Registration area from 10 am today.



Ottawa's BAOBAB Youth Performers will provide a rousing finale at the tribute to Marianne Scott at Saturday afternoon's closing reception.

Saturday luncheons all confirmed

SCHOOL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Hon. Janet Ecker

PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDS LUNCHEON

Evan Solomon, CBC Newsworld

ACADEMIC LIBRARY AWARDS LUNCHEON

Kathryn Deiss, Association of Research Libraries

CHILDREN'S AWARD LUNCHEON

GG winner Gary Clement

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES LUNCHEON

Author D'Arcy Jenish

The luncheon is included in registration. There is no extra cost.

Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award to *Young Voices from the Street*

of this dedicated man that led to the OLA Board in September deciding to name the Association's Award after him.

She pointed out how appropriate it was that the first presentation of the renamed award should be to Toronto Public Library for their risk-taking project, *Young Voices from the Street*.

Young Voices from the Street is on sale at the OLA Store and at the OLA booth for \$5.00 per copy. Proceeds are to go to organizations working with street kids.

Praised in the media

Hoffman highlighted the impact the volume has had in the media across North America and praised the library for supporting the democratic right of a normally estranged part of society to speak and for bringing that voice into our libraries. The project was an eloquent statement of libraries in a democracy.

Board Vice-Chair Gillian Mason, flanked by Ken Settrington and Katherine Palmer, who worked with Street Beat and other organizations to identify 300 street kids who might write in the project, received the Award.



Liz Hoffman, Katherine Palmer, Gillian Mason with Award, Ken Settrington

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