

SATURDAY CHANGES

Since there are no changes for today (!), this space is will be used to thank all those who contributed to *Super News* this year. Your efforts were much appreciated!

ola AFRICA Project

The Africa Project has raised over \$17,000 at the conference. Thank you to all of those who have already stopped by the booth across from the registration desk and, by donating, have joined the club of those sporting Africa Project stickers on their nametags. Another \$10,000 in donations will ensure that Free The Children can build a school/public library in Africa this year. Your donations have already helped hundreds of Masai children to attend school.

June Wilson warns that she will personally check nametags at Saturday's luncheon. She also threatens to remove the knives and forks of those who do not have the valued stickers on their nametags.

Innovation and the Right Brain of Librarianship; Diane Bedard Presented with OLA Distinguished Service Award



Stephen Abram told us libraries are not innovative enough. The rising ubiquity of mobile communication and storage devices have captured the imagination of librarians. The innovation theme continued with OCUA sessions featuring Gohar Ashoujhan (#1303) presenting an overview of M-Learning possibilities for our digital natives: ebooks on smart phones, smart phone driven presentations, audio library tours via phones, RFID based SDI's, and the emerging availability of library information resources, like databases that can be viewed clearly as smart phones. John Dunn and Laurie Morrison (#1207) enthusiastically talked about Mohawk College's mobile service institutes and their unexpected successes. Using a ISEO smart phone, they deployed their Brain to Go service. The service offers a .wml library website, librarian on the go wireless reference and instant messaging (IM) reference service. The future of mobile library services is promising.

—James Buczynski

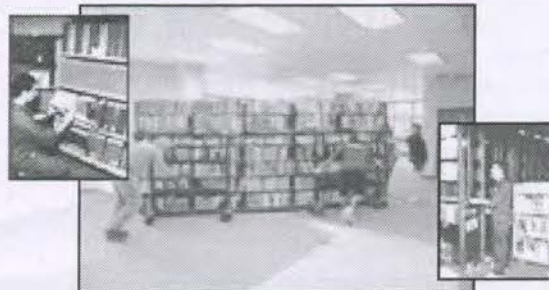


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Session Summary

Presenting in the Disciplines

Presenting. It makes most seasoned speakers nervous. For transitional year students it causes endless nights of sleeplessness, trying to decide what to focus on, how much detail to add, how much audience involvement is needed, what the professor is looking for, trying to memorize that script, and trying to fit all those elements into a twenty minute presentation without breaking out into a sweat.

Presenter Saira Mall continues to develop training courses for faculty and students focusing on enhancing the more advanced skills that transition year students require as they enter post secondary studies. "Presenting in the Disciplines," offered librarians a new opportunity to enter into the field of teach-

ing academic skills beyond research and information retrieval. Saira focus on academic communication as the culmination of a successful research assignment connects librarians in not only to the research process, but also to the product. Steering students away from the public speaking skills learned in primary/secondary schools, Saira assists students in creating clear presentation objectives, organization, and how to demonstrate critical thinking skills through analysis and supporting evidence. This allows transitional year students to become successful presenters. Saira offered advice, strategies and resources for librarians interested in adding a new focus to existing information literacy instruction programs. For more information, visit: <http://tls.utoronto.ca/instruction/presentation/default.htm>

—Christina Tooulias-Santolin

OSLA Session Summary School Libraries & the 21st Century Learning Landscape

Participants cheered to the gentle nudge Joyce Valenza provided in her inspiring presentation. Her session blossomed with metaphors to gardening and sowing the seeds of success for our students "already born with the chip".

Joyce reminded us that students are most successful when systems are customized for them, thus the need to design new "learning spaces". School library web-pages are the new gardens. 21st century students need: 21st century teachers, 21st century teacher-librarians, 21st century "learning

landscapes", and 21st century projects.

Joyce urges TL's to create pathfinders and webquests grounded in the inquiry process. Blogs and Wikis are seeds we need to plant to create authentic learning landscapes for our students. Joyce reminded us that our job is to help students develop independence while providing intervention when needed with personal and electronic learning advice. She is living proof that now is the most challenging and exciting time ever to be a TL.

Joyce Valenza's presentation was simultaneously broadcast by TANDBERG Canada to Kawartha Pine Ridge TL's in two locations.

Friends Programming

A busy schedule for Friends of Libraries began Friday with three sessions, a poster session and a reception for Friends of Libraries. In sessions from OLBA and Friends of Canadian Libraries (FOCAL) conference programmers, delegates heard how to nurture their friends, from Sault Ste Marie Public Library experts Willie Eisenbichler and Dorothy Macnaughton.

We welcomed Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) Executive Director Sally Reed. Many met Sally at the FOCAL/FOLUSA poster, and then attended her session on creating and reenergizing Friends groups, and making the case for your library. Sally's visit ended with a special Friends reception.

The Friends program ends Saturday with Friends Day sessions featuring Michael Fay, speaking on political advocacy (#1702) and a Friends showcase of successes and challenges (#1802).

OCULA Summary

Work/Life Balance

For a SuperConference whose motif is a hemisphere of the brain, the theme of "consciousness" is emerging in several sessions. Dr. Donna Lero (Session 1206) of the Centre for Family Work & Well-being at the University of Guelph spoke to a jam-packed room about the necessity of becoming more conscious of our work, hours of our work/life balance, and of the value and meaning in our life. How

are we juggling our work roles and our many other roles? Are we aware of our limits? Are we conscious of when we need to separate "work" and "life" and when we need to integrate these? The economic and demographic trends dismally point to greater overload and stress in the future, especially for managers and supervisors and for those with aging parents. Dr. Lero raised our conscious of work/life balance as the work issue of the 21st century.

—Robin Bergart

OLITA Saturday Spotlight

Come one and all to check out the Top Tech Trends (Session 1701) coming down the pipe! Listen to Stephen Abram, VP of Innovation at SIRSI, Jenny Levine of "The Shifted Librarian" fame and Alan

Darnell, Project Manager for Scholars Portal, one of the largest collections of scholarly resources in the world, discuss the Top Technology Trends they see showing up on the horizon, in our libraries and on our desktops!

This morning at 9:05 in IC Ballroom B

Passport to Prizes Winners

Visit the OLA Office (205A) this morning to claim your prize. Those not claimed today will be shipped by courier. Thank you once again to all those that participated!

Adams, Beth	MacDonald Gene-Marie
Bain, Sandra	McBrain, Nico
Benoit, Helen	Moon, Lynda
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Bombay, Dawn	ONeill, Suzanne
Bradbury, Vivienne	Oakleaf, Cathy
Bureau, Valerie	Park, Karen
Campbell, Jill	Poyner, Marian
Cavers, Christine	Ramberansingh, Candy
Clarke, Sheila	Ridgewell, Barb
Condotth, Carmen	Robinson, Anne
Conte-Pitcher, Eda	Rocca, Heather
Coughlan, Shirley	Roebuck, Patricia
Coutts, Paula	Senior, Christine
DaSilva, Guido	Sharp, Ted
Deberham, Sue	Shields, Jacqueline
Dennis, Sharon	Spoelstra, Joanne
Dobson, Katie	Stephenson, Patricia
Duhaime, Andree	Swain, Lorraine
Gill, Theresa	Symons, Corinne
Harris-Wheatley, Jannie	Tolen, Rebecca
Hart, Muriel	Tollan, Jan
Hatten, Valerie	Turrie, Cathy
Hibbard, Dorothy	Warrener, Elizabeth
Kelly, Tracy	Weir, Cindy
Kerr, Sandra	Wilker, Jennifer
Kostiuk, Joanne	Williams, Kathy
Lamwatt, Royden	Wray, Kathryn
Lawson, Nancy	Zion, Rene

Ontario Cultural Pavilion Library Collection Winner

The prize for a collection valued at \$5,000 is...
Mary Jo Mahoney. Your prize will be shipped by courier.

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to all the donors!

OPLA Spotlight

Friday began with several highly rated, popular sessions. Todd Kyle's humour and knowledge shone through at his well-attended session Dora the Explorer vs. Stella Queen of the Snow and almost 200 lovers of Canadian fiction received an extensive reading list of debut novels in session 1012, great Canadian First Novels. Happy Reading All!

Now as we head into the last day of the conference, there are still lots of thought-provoking session to keep your right brain thinking. Teen parents and their children face many challenges in their day-to-day lives. The **session 1815** panel of Jackie Howard (TPL), Jo Altilia of Literature for Life, and author Sylvia Olsen, Just Ask Us: Conversations with First nations Teenage Moms, will offer advice and strategies on how your library can reach out to these young at-risk families.

Be sure not to miss these other session that are sure to peak your interest:

- Session 1712 (9:05–10:15 am) Deepening Community Partnerships
 - Session 1713 (9:05–10:15 am) The Power of Focus Groups
- And rounding out the conference at 10:40 am:
- Ken Setterington and Andre Gagnon—The Doors Are Open (1807) and,
 - Session 1813 featuring OLA's Best Bets Committee; join committee members as they share their favourite reading picks.

OLBA Saturday Spotlight

Hello, fellow trustees. It's the last day of the conference. How do you feel? Energized? Empowered? Excited? We have 4 more sessions to cap off your experience here before sending you home to galvanize your board.

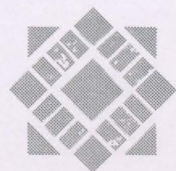
Today for left-brainers:

- 1709—Please Mr. Postman

Starting a Direct Mail Campaign.

- 1711—Media Relations Do's and Don'ts
 - 1809—Rules! We Don't Need No Stinkin' Rules...Or Do We??
- And for right-brainers:
- 1808—Got to Get You Into My Life

Here's to an innovative year ahead. See you next year!



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Session Summary User-Created Content

How does your library compete with Amazon? According to Beth Jefferson (#1217), libraries need to embrace user-generated content to provide peer-to-peer relationships, creating a democratic sharing of ideas and recommendations. Users appreciate peer reviews and browsing, not subject readings or library recommendations. By allowing for user-generated content, libraries can support patrons in how they prefer to search. Ideas for user content include user-written reviews and digital return to allow for serendipity. Jefferson concluded that libraries should work together to develop and support user-generated content to meet the needs and preferences of the patrons we serve.

—Carly Brake

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