

# Highlights of OLA's 89th Annual Conference



## THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM



OLA President Stan Skrzyszewski has assembled a stellar group of speakers and special programs.

### *The techniques*

The nature and technique of partnering are explored by internationally prominent Jordan Lewis in two sessions.

### *The future*

The proposal to the Ontario government for an information policy is already bringing private and public sector interests in information together, thanks to the major initiative taken this year. The developing results will be explored.

### *Publishing and literacy*

Keynote speaker Arlene Fingeret describes partnerships to overcome illiteracy and a powerful, full-day program looks at the publishing crisis in Canada and how libraries must react to it.

### *Small libraries and the urgency of liaisons*

Special emphasis is being given to the special problems of small libraries across the province and what they can do to help themselves by working with other people and other agencies.

## THE GREENING OF LIBRARIES AND OF OLA



As Ontario Library Association members are aware, OLA has embarked on an environmental update. **All publications are now produced on recycled paper.**

With this conference program, the Association begins the "greening" of OLA-sponsored education programs. You are asked to help our environment by **putting your papers in recycling bins and boxes** that will be located throughout the Convention Centre and hotel facilities.

OLA has, in the past, avoided conference kits to cut down on the wastage they cause. We continue this practice. **"Pickup tables"** allow you to choose the handouts that *you* need.

We are encouraging speakers to backprint their handouts and to use recycled paper where feasible.

We will use **your plastic badge holder** at future programs if you return it to us when you leave. Boxes will be positioned at most exits to make this easy for you.

During the conference, we will be trying other ideas out and welcome your suggestions for future years.

## LIBRARY ISSUES: YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK



The Ontario Library Association is constantly on the lookout for issues of importance to its members and to library development in Ontario.

OLA or division task forces are struck as each issue arises. Each task force analyzes the issue or legislation and proposes a plan of action appropriate to the situation. The Executive Director and OLA elected officials meet government officials regularly and support task force recommendations wherever and whenever possible. All parts of OLA work together to provide members with lobbying support and with pertinent information where and when it is most necessary.

At the 1991 OLA Conference, task forces are providing sessions on funding, governance, information policy development, copyright, the implementation of the Ontario Public Library Strategic Plan, native issues and employment equity. Other issues that come up between now and November will be added to the program as information becomes available.