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Through the Grapevine—Notes from the OPLA President  
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## 1.1 Welcome everyone to the 2011 OLA Superconference.

This is the highlight of my professional year. I get to meet with colleagues that I do not normally see (although we are always in touch via email, etc.) and learn about new programs, services and best practices. I hope that all of you will return to your libraries with a renewed energy and with great ideas to implement. I commend Angela Bower and Lita Barrie, the OPLA Conference Planners, in putting together a great program for public libraries.

Congratulations to the winners of the Children's/Youth Librarian of the Year, Leadership in Adult Readers' Advisory Award and the Trustees of the Year.

2010 was a productive year for the OPLA Council. With a grant from Enabling Change Partnership Program from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, four captioned videos dealing with the Customer Service of Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act were created. The project was a collaborative

and learning experience. OPLA members chose the specific service scenarios by responding to a survey. A core committee drafted the story for each scenario, recent film studies graduates donated their time and expertise in shooting and editing, and actual library staff and customers performed in each scenario. Libraries of any type can use the videos in combination with other training tools. They can be found at [www.accessola.com/accessibility/](http://www.accessola.com/accessibility/).

The Readers' Advisory Committee held another successful "RA in a Day". Speakers included Rachel van Riel, Director, Opening the Book, UK on "Putting Readers First"; Dr. Raymond Mark, York University on "Empirical Research on Reading and its Implications for Advising Readers" and members of the RA Committee on book trailers. Planning is already underway for the 2011 event.

I will be passing on the mantle of President to Tammy Robinson. I wish her good luck in her new position.



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