

Notes and Reminders

WHERE TO FIND MEETINGS

Floor plans for the METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE and the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL will be found on page 68. Meeting room names to some extent identify their location:

Numbered rooms (202A, 205D, etc.) are located in the METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE (MTCC)

Named rooms (Caledon, Ontario, etc.) are located in the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL (CP)

Bassett Theatre is in the MTCC's lower level,

Ballroom A & B are in the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

The OLITA Cyberport is a constructed area within Exhibit Hall C. The escalator to the Exhibit Hall is opposite Room 206E.

ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

Your badge is your admittance to any meeting being held on Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday, except for sessions where a ticket is required. You are not confined to the conference in which you are registered. Please wear your badge at all times. Admittance to the Exposition Hall is by Badge only.

For Fire and Safety reasons, admission will be denied to meetings when facility is full. Rooms have been assigned based on the patterns discerned from sessions chosen by delegates in the registration process. Not everyone provides session selection information and the pattern may change, causing some sessions to fill up unexpectedly. Delegates are requested to make an alternative choice from the approximately 24 choices being offered at any given time. Sessions that have limited registration (eg. #407, etc.) will have volunteers posted who are instructed to close the doors when the maximum number have arrived.

Certain sessions have been cancelled based on pre-registration statistics. We apologize for the inconvenience.

AWARDS

All awards will be presented at the Gala Opening Session Thursday night.

J.W. ROBERTSON MEDALLION

OLTA's Award for Public Librarian of the Year will be presented to Mary Podolyak, Wainfleet Public Library.

JAMES BAIN MEDALLION

OPLA's Award for Trustee of the Year will be presented to Elizabeth Buckingham.

OCULA MERIT AWARD

This annual tribute to an exceptional academic librarian will be presented to Dr. Gloria Leckie from the Faculty of Communication and Open Learning, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario. A reception for Dr. Leckie follows the OCULA AGM on Friday evening.

OSLA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The OSLA Award for Exemplary Library Program in a School will be presented to Joanne LaForty, Durham Board of Education; and Carolyn Bierworth, Clarington-Northumberland Board of Education.

The OLA Award for INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM will be presented to the Halton Board of Education.

The OLA's highest honour, **THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**, will be presented to Maud Mary Swalm, Chair, Gravenhurst Public Library Board.

ABFO 1997 PRIX MICHELINE PERSAUD will be presented on Thursday evening at the Plenary Session.

BADGES, TICKETS AND RECEIPTS

Your receipt is part of the sheet that contains your badge. Do not lose or destroy your badge if you require a receipt.

Your receipt lists all events for which you have paid. You should have a ticket for each item listed. If you are missing an item, please enquire at the official Registration Desk in the METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE's main lobby.

EXPO '98

The hours of the largest library trade show in Canada are:

Friday, January 23 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 24 10:00 am - 2:45 pm

The Exposition is a significant contributor to the financial well-being of the Ontario Library Association, as well as a significant contributor to your education experience at the conference. Please spend your non-workshop time in the exhibit. There are two food concessions and over 250 booths to explore while enhancing your conference experience.

MEETING CHANGES

Although every attempt is made to avoid changes in meeting rooms and sessions, some alterations may be necessary in such a large program. Watch the Super News for details. The newsletter will be published on Friday and Saturday.

THE OLASTORE

The OLA Store, located in the main lobby of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, will be open on Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday. The store is operated on behalf of the Ontario Library Association by National Book Service. The store includes works by our speakers and visiting authors, Silver Birch Award nominated titles and a very large cross section of current and classic library literature from across the continent. Professional literature from Libraries Unlimited, Library Solutions Press and Neal-Schuman will be featured. OLA's own products will be available. A complete autographing schedule for visiting authors is on page 34.