

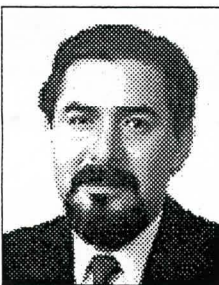
Town Hall Meeting this afternoon at 2 p.m.

OLTA to address current issues and build the dream library of the future

"There is nothing incompatible between the virtual and the real." This is just one of the 10 Points on the Vision List the Ontario Library Trustees Association will be discussing at their 1999 Town Hall Meeting.

Policy Forum discussion

The 10 Points Vision List was initially put together from the November



Edmundo Vásquez

7,1998 OLA Policy Forum Notes: The Leadership Role of Public Libraries in the Information Age.

This year's Town Hall Meeting should be quite lively and interesting as the OLTA

works to bring their vision to reality. They are basically considering their idea of a dream library of the future and how to achieve the dream..

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Linda McQuaig exciting plenary speaker

Her latest book, *The cult of impotence*, refutes the popular notion that governments are powerless in the global economy to deliver full employment and well-funded social programs to their citizens.

McQuaig also made a brief appearance on the CBC series, *The Newsroom*.

A rare opportunity

Don't miss this session. It happens at 10:00 a.m. this morning in MTCC room 105.

Ms McQuaig will be available for autographs following her talk. Books are for sale both in the meeting room and at the OLA Bookstore.

Many, many thanks to Ameritech Library Services for making this plenary session possible.

It will take a great deal of work and cooperation to make this dream a reality but it will be well worth the effort.

Looking ahead

Some highlights from the Vision List include: an Ontario Library Card enabling free borrowing from any publicly funded library in the province, the accreditation of Librarians and Information Specialists, representation for libraries at the tables of power, universal access across present ministerial boundaries, the recognition of libraries as the defenders of freedom of information including intellectual freedom, and libraries being the major players for public access to information.

The future looks bright.

Additional Changes

Session Changes

- Friday:** Session # 518 moved (was #902)
Session # 701 cancelled
Session # 721 time change
- Saturday:** Session # 1015 cancelled
Session # 1002 new session
(see below)
Session #1104 (was #1002)

Speaker changes, additions

- At the OLA Career Centre Friday, 1 pm, Jim Brett.
- At the Expo 99 Theatre Thursday, 12:00, CEDROM-SNi presenter is Kristine Caniff; 12:30, Ancestry.com presenter is John Tolman; 1:30, Statistics Canada presenter is Sunita Poona

New sessions

- Session # 814, ABFO CP Simcoe, Friday January 22, 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- Session #1002. New OCULA session. What's New in Online Reference Service. Rita Vine, Integrated Management Resources. Real time reference services over the internet.
- OCULA Super Session # 1104 will be replaced by an expanded version of the former program Session #1002, thanks to the generous offer by speaker Brenda Derwin, Professor of Communications, Ohio State University.

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