Ontario Library Association
SUPER NEWS 1998

Opening program long but dense with interest

John Ralston Saul, Celtic dancers and a dazzling range of accomplishments

LIBRARIES ARE PART of the social good and Canada values the social good. Last night, John Ralston Saul enlightened and entertained with his historical perspective on Canada's culture and its role in shaping our outlook - constitution, imperialism, and identity.

Canada is a profoundly poor country – rich in natural resources, rich culturally but poor economically. However, it is this environment that has produced the support for the social good, public education and publicly accessible libraries. The method in which we separate and organize our information is a symbol of our Canadian identity.

The speech had the depth OLA centenary organizers were looking for as part of its series of distinguished as the Association takes its members to the millennium and to the OLA's hundredth birthday in 2000. The reaction of the audience in spite of the late hour showed considerable appreciation.
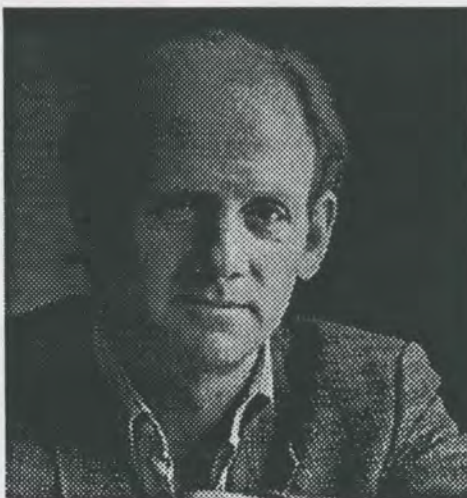
Ameritech Library Services made John Ralston Saul's appearance possible – OLA's most generous supporter.

AWARDS PLENTIFUL AND MORE THAN ADMIRABLE

The strength of a profession is in its accomplishments and a wide range of successes were honoured by the Association last night.

The range of abilities and contributions was extremely impressive, The winners drew much admiration and the reception for them was lively. Complimentary drinks came through IHS/Micromedia's support.

The winners are profiled on pages 3 and 4. If you did not get to talk to them

last night, they will be at the OLA membership booth in the Hall C Exposition.

FEET AND WHAT YOU DO WITH THEM

"Come Walk in My Shoes" was not only exemplified through the audience's vicarious bond to the award winners but through the lively diversion of Celtic dancers including a pair of award-winning Irish dancers. They opened the program, provided two breaks in the evening, and danced at the following party and reception.

PROGRAM UPDATE

ROOM CHANGES:
- Double session #200A/300 moved to CP/Kingsway.
- Session #201 moved to CP/High Park.
- Session #211 moved to CP/Ontario Room.
- Session #217 moved to CP/Ballroom B.

CANCELLATIONS:
- Session #213.
- Session #313.
- Session #508.

ADDITIONS:
- Session #319a. "Survival Skills for Teacher-Librarians." See p. 3.

OTHER CHANGES:
- Session #205 convenor is Jim MacDonald, Brantford Public Library Board.
- Session #305. Additional speaker: Alan Pepper, CEO, Ontario Library Service-North.
- Session #309. Laurie Irvine, CEO, Southern Ontario Library Service, replaces Stan Squires.

Minister wants to hear Polanyi on Saturday

First major library appearance since Forum announcements

THE HON. ISABEL BASSETT wishes to hear Dr. John Polanyi at Saturday's much-anticipated plenary session. OLA President Brian Bell confirmed that the Minister will be guest of honour on the occasion, her first major library appearance since her jaw-dropping visit to the Association Policy Forum last November. Tickets for non-conference-goers are available.

OLITA's Exciting Emerging Technology Sessions Get Fuller Descriptions

Once again this year, OLITA offers you a series of workshops on the latest technologies. Join us in MTCC/206C to learn how to put these innovations to use at your library.

Friday, January 23, 1998
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Session #110   MTCC/206C
**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES -
NETWORK PCS AND INTRANETS**

Speakers: *Rosemary Bonanno*, CEO, Vaughan Public Libraries; *C.K. Tan*, President, Avita Technologies; *Jack Lawrence*, Manager, Integration, City of Mississauga

This session will explore two hot technologies: network PCs and intranets. You have read the claims that they are the solution for securing systems and reducing costs associated with maintaining and upgrading systems. Now hear about a real project which uses NEC's network PCs in the City of Vaughan.

At Saturday's Sunrise Breakfast
Red Maple Award to be launched

ON THE OCCASION OF of the fifth anniversary of OLA's Silver Birch Reading Program, the new Red Maple Award program for Grades 7 and 8 is being launched.

The first list of official selections will be unveiled during Saturday morning's annual Silver Birch breakfast.

The 1997 fiction winner of OLA's Silver Birch Award, Eric Walters, will be in attendance. Non-fiction winner Shelley Tanaka cannot participate.

The 1997 Silver Birch Awards were voted on by some 18,000 young readers in Grades 4, 5 and 6 last May. 35,000 took part in the program.

Registration on the new Red Maple program is already quite healthy but development will go slow.

Tickets are $10 plus GST.

Need a better way to manage and disseminate information internally? An intranet may be the solution. The same tools you use for navigating external sites or creating your web pages for external users can be used to organize and search internal documents. Hear how from a leading vendor and an integration specialist.

Convenor: *Bob Eastman*, Mississauga Library System

Friday, January 23, 1998
1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Session #208   MTCC/206C
**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES -
DYNAMIC DATABASES FOR THE WEB/
OPEN TEXT AND XML**

Speakers: *Steve Sloan*, Systems Librarian and Campus Webmaster, University of New Brunswick
Bill Oldfield, Networked Information Research Associate, University of Waterloo Library

Two of our most innovative colleagues will share their expertise with us and provide an opportunity for discussion. Steve started one of Canada's first university web sites and is presently aiding the Libraries' Electronic Text Centre with its database design. He will give us some tips about Open Text, a tool for indexing web sites.

Bill Oldfield participated in the development of the award winning, UWELib, an electronic library, as well as the implementation of the Library's Electronic Data Library. He will talk about XML (Extensible Markup Language), a SGML derivative, which could become the dominant markup language of the Web.

Whether you are a webmaster, web user or digital library designer, you will benefit from this session.

Convenor: *Kathy Scardellato*, Metro Toronto Reference Library

Friday, January 23, 1998
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Session #311   MTCC/206C
**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES -
CATALOGUES FOR THE WEB**

Speakers: *Andy Spilioe*, Customer Account Manager, DRA Information Andre Paradis, Sales Representative, Geac; *Allison Standen*, Sales Support Representative, Geac; *Gilbert Mongeau*, Senior Sales Representative, Ameritech Library Services

Need to make your library catalogue accessible in a secure manner via the World Wide Web? Want to provide easy access to an increasing number of resources to your library users and staff? In this workshop leading vendors will showcase their Web-based catalogues which act as gateways to both local and remote information resources. Hear about Ameritech's WebPAC, Geac's GEOWeb and DRA's Web2 product.

Convenor: *Ron Gabor*, Hamilton Public Library

Saturday, January 24, 1998
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Session #409   MTCC/206C
**EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES -
ADVANCED WEB AUTHORING TOOLS**

Speakers: *Russell Cook*, Systems Engineer, Sun Microsystems; *Glen Donegan*, Account Representative, Organization Customer Unit, Microsoft

Leading edge vendors will look at some of the hottest tools available today for creating effective web pages. Microsoft's Front Page and Publisher and Sun Systems' Java will be highlighted. Learn how to make these tools work for you.

Convenor: *Ian Heckford*, Oshawa Public Library

Don Hamilton Adds Workshop on Survival Skills for Teacher-Librarians.

THE UNIVERSITY of Victoria's Don Hamilton, already giving workshop #520, has offered to do an extra program while visiting Super Conference.

"Survival Skills for Teacher Librarians" has therefore been added to the schedule. It will take place Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Room 202C.

"It is not enough that the teacher-librarian is competent, enthusiastic and motivated," says Hamilton. His workshop explores the "practical politics" that the teacher-librarian must employ to advance his or her cause in the school.

This workshop is a call to recognize that teachers and administrators must be the force behind the school library program not merely driven by it. This workshop was motivated by the article "Survival Tips for an Endangered Species" by John Caldwell and Donald Hamilton that appeared in *School Libraries in Canada*, Spring 1996.

URL Links Available

URL FOR LINKS to the presentations made at the New Technologies Update pre-conference sponsored by OLITA and CLA's ETIG will be: http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/etig/ Emerging Technologies Interest Group News, Vol 3. #2, available in early February 1998.

association award winners
MEET IN THE OLA BOOTH IN THE EXHIBIT HALL AT THE TIME SHOWN

THE HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kit Rankin, the Superintendent of School Program Services, and Alison Mitchell, Instructional Leader for Language (K-OAC), received the OLA's Intellectual Freedom Award, not for their decision to retain *Foxfire* as part of the curriculum but in recognition of the clear and equitable process that the Halton Board of Education has in place, and followed, to allow parents and staff to approve and if necessary reconsider selection decisions on learning materials. (Fri., 1:00 pm)

MARY BEATY

The head of children's services at Kingston Public Library received the Youth Services Award presented by the OLA Youth Services Task Force. (Fri., 11:00 am)

HELEN BENOIT

The head of children's services at Hamilton Public Library received the Youth Services Award presented by the OLA Youth Services Task Force. (Fri., 11:00 am)

MAUD-MARY SWALM

The Ontario Distinguished Service Award for her broad-based and deeply felt contribution to public library service in this Province and especially to the Ontario Library Association which represents the many practitioners of that library service. She has worked for this Association tirelessly in the front lines and behind the scenes. (Sat., 1:30 pm)

ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM

The Ontario Public Library Association presented the James Bain Medallion as library trustee of the year for her extensive contributions to the development of the Ottawa and area public library system. (Sat., 1 pm)

CAROLYN BIERWORTH

The OSLA Award of Excellence in Library Program was presented for her leadership in developing technology initiatives, such as "The Safe Use of the Internet", the "Internet Cafe", and Internet links for Board curriculum. (Sat., 12:30 pm)

JO-ANNE LAFORTY

The OSLA Award of Excellence in Program presented for work in developing the Information and Electronic Literacy course, an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to delivering information literacy skills in the curriculum that gives the teacher-librarian a vital role in ensuring that students have the information skills needed in the Information Age. (Sat., 12:30 pm)

SANDI ZWAAN / CAROL KOECHLIN

The OSLA Award of Merit for work in producing the HELP and Connections Skillsbooks. They contribute greatly in providing students with a learning guide for developing information literacy skills. What is even more remarkable is the implementation and use of these skills books in every school in Scarborough and at every grade and subject level to support a variety of different literacies. (Fri., 12 noon)

COLETTE PREVOST
Le Prix Micheline Persaud
(Fri., 12:30 pm)

GLORIA LECKIE

Dr. Gloria Leckie (Associate Professor, Faculty of Communications and Open Learning; UWO) received the OCULA Award of Excellence. She has been an outstanding contributor to OCULA. For many years Dr. Leckie has served as an OCULA Councillor (1994-1996) as a co-compiler of two editions of the OCULA Directory of College and University Librarians in Canada and a respected speaker at several association conferences and divisional meetings. Dr. Leckie has been recognized internationally for her research into information literacy, faculty attitudes and the pedagogical process. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships including a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship and in 1997, the Association of College and Research Libraries Publisher of the Year Award. OCULA members take pride in celebrating Dr. Leckie's many accomplishments. (Fri., 11:30 am)

MARY PODOLYAK

The Ontario Library Trustees' Association presented its 1998 W.J. Robertson Medallion as librarian of the year. (Sat., 1 pm)

ALISON GIRLING/KATHERINE BLAKE

The OSLA Award of Merit for the commitment and dedication in putting together the School Libraries 2000 Symposium to make this a very memorable event for all the stakeholders concerned about school library programs and their impact on our children's' learning. Their parental activism is a model for other parents. (Fri., 12 noon)

THE PRODUCERS AND WRITERS OF *DUE SOUTH*

The OLA's 1998 Sweet Apple Award for the positive view of libraries, librarians and reading in the program.

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