

Ontario Library Association  
**SUPER NEWS**

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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.

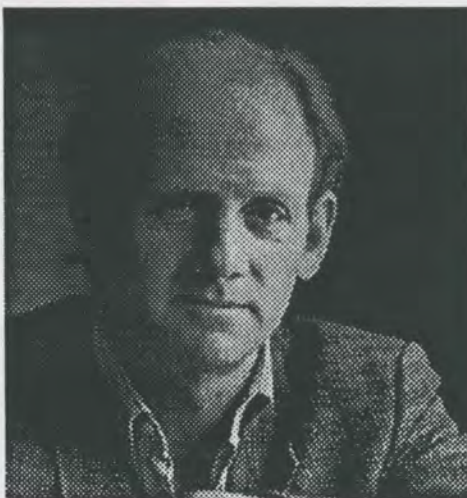
Ameritech Library Services made John Ralston Saul's appearance possible - OLA's most generous supporter.

### **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.

## **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.



## **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.