

The plenary sessions at OLA continue to delight

Mark Kingwell joins a list of great speakers brought to Ontario library audiences

The Ontario Library Association's continuing engagement of the best speakers and thinkers from around the world has brought distinction and breadth to our vision of ourselves and our role in Ontario. Libraries have been brought closer by the great ideas presented by so many engaging, unique perceptions.

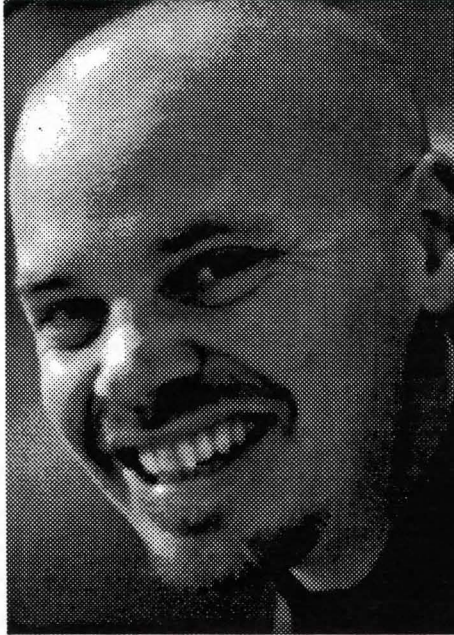
This year is no exception with Mark Kingwell, David Suzuki, Roch Carrier, and now Evan Solomon (see p. 1) leading an army of experts from all types of libraries and all walks of life.

First plenary at 10 today

Mark Kingwell is the best-selling author of *Dreams of Millennium: Report from a Culture on the Brink*. In a time where innovation and creation accelerates how we work and live, pausing to examine the moment is a luxury most of us can not afford.

Mark Kingwell, who's latest work is a collection of essays titled *Marginalia: A Cultural Reader*, has stopped to explore and interpret the time we live in. Conference delegates who have read Kingwell's commentaries and essays in *The Globe and Mail*, *Saturday Night*, *Adbusters* and *Harper's* will recognize the authors uncanny ability to target the cultural implications of the *marginalia* we all live with from men's underwear to the sitcom. Today's session promises to inspire us to take a close look the challenges and consequences of the overwhelming abundance of information surrounding us.

Author and critic Mark Kingwell was born in Toronto and grew up in different parts of Canada, including seven years in Winnipeg. After studies at the University of Toronto and at Edinburgh University, he completed a Ph.D. at Yale University in 1991 and is now an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto. He is the author of four books: *A Civil Tongue* (winner of the 1995 Spitz Prize in political theory); *Dreams of*



Millennium (a Maclean's top ten book for 1996); *Better Living* (a *Globe and Mail* top ten book for 1998 and winner of the Drummer General's Award); and *Marginalia* (1999). Kingwell is a contributing editor of *Saturday Night*, *Shift* and *Descant* magazines. He is currently at work on a book about citizenship.

Bruce Walker and Voices from the Street

In other special business, the OLA Board of Directors will give two awards for very special efforts. Bruce Walker's kids have run the audiovisual services of our conferences for a number of years, but Bruce has been involved in causes both inside and outside the OLA as long as we can remember. This is a very special acknowledgement of a great and wonderful man.

The Board will also give Toronto Public Library the first Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award for its risk-taking project, *Voices from the Street*.

Mark Kingwell's books and *Voices from the Street* will both be available for sale in the meeting room, at the OLA booth and in the OLA Bookstore.

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"Canadian Personalities of Our Time" A daring new concept in the exhibit

Hall C in the North Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre will never be the same. Gathered at The Follett Software Booth on Thursday and Friday will be a host of talent never before assembled under one roof - All available for autographs and photos. Mark Stenabaugh popular radio, television and stage personality will act as Ambassador for Follett Software.

On Thursday alone the schedule is as follows:

10:00 - 12:00

David Broadfoot, Author/TV
Commentator

Jaymz Bee, Entertainer/Singer

12:00 - 2:00

Susan Hay, Global TV Personality
Liberty Silver, Juno-winning
Songstress Extraordinaire
Maureen Forrester, Canada's
Premier Contralto

2:00 - 3:00

Liberty Silver
Michael Danso, Riverdance

3:00 - 4:00

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This not to be missed event is in support of Libraries, Literacy and Education and there is even more on Friday. This highly original program is unmatched in trade shows this year.