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*Learning commons***T4L SHOWCASE**

Networking with our professional colleagues is a powerful learning experience! Following opening remarks by Michael Bowman, Principal, Durham DSB and a past winner of the OSLA Administrator of the Year Award, each of the following speakers will give a brief presentation to the full audience, after which everyone will visit individual table displays and talk with the speakers more informally about their projects and research.

- *Learning Commons @ Lisgar Middle School* with **Sonia White**, Teacher-Librarian, **Bill Macgregor**, Principal; Peel DSB
- *Transforming a 1970s High School Library into a 21st Century Learning Commons* with **Karen Morrow**, Teacher-Librarian, Hastings Prince Edward DSB
- *Ethnographic Research Study that focuses on Learning Commons (Student Centered Learning Spaces)* with **Mari Roughnead**, Teacher-Librarian, & **Julia Kinnear**, Academic Dean, Upper Canada College (TBConfirmed)
- *Information Commons as a Physical Space: 1966 – Into the Future* with **Karen Whiteman**, Teacher-Librarian, Durham DSB
- *Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB Library Learning Plan modelled on the Board's three-year Learning Plan (2013–2016)*, with **Peter Graham**, **Carmen Condotta**, & **Lori McCannel**, Teacher-Librarians, Dufferin-Peel DSB
- *Bibliotecarios sin fronteras: Visiting a School Library in Guatemala* with **Suzanne Fernando**, Toronto PL. *Both*

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ICTC KINGSWAY

*Inquiry, Learning commons, School improvement plans***THE LEARNING COMMONS: HOW IT CAN SUPPORT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**Morris Hucal**, Assistant Superintendent – School Effectiveness Lead; **Phillip Jeffrey**, Manager, Library & Information Services; **Jamie Mota**, Teacher-Librarian; Hamilton Wentworth Catholic DSB

Learn how the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has included the Learning Commons within its Board Improvement Plan to support its Literacy System Goal. Presenters will share the rationale and the impact of this targeted action as evidenced through the work of school improvement teams which include teacher-librarians and other educators. The work of teacher-librarians in regards to inquiry-based collaborative teaching and learning will be shared. *Both*

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*Community-led libraries, User engagement***THE COMMUNITY-LED LIBRARY MODEL & HOW TO GET STARTED**

**Miranda Hill**, Executive Director, Project Bookmark; **Laura Lukasik**, Manager, Partnerships, Hamilton PL; **Jenny Schnoll**, Senior Services Specialist – Community Connections & Partnerships, Toronto PL; **Erin Scuccimari**, Communications & Community Development Officer, Innisfil PL

The community-led approach to librarianship is becoming more and more prevalent – particularly as we see an increase in digital circulation. Whether you are still considering adopting the community-led approach or have already started to implement it, discussion will provide an overview of the model and will highlight the basics of getting started, best practices for engaging the community, and how to measure the outcomes of your efforts.

**Karen Bisschop**, Peterborough PL

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*Advocacy, Community engagement, Funding***LIBRARY FUNDING: LIBRARIES SURVIVING vs THRIVING**

**Rick Austin**, Municipal Councillor; **Greg Burns**, Municipal Councillor; Municipality of Port Hope

Public libraries continue to experience problems in obtaining adequate funding from municipal councils. Learn some strategies in a highly interactive workshop from two municipal councillors who serve on a library board and have had great success in promoting the value and benefits (read “money”) of a library to their fellow council members. Do you want to simply survive, or do you want to thrive? The choice is yours!

**Grant Karcich**, Oshawa PL Board

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*Friends of libraries, Volunteers***SIZE DOES NOT MATTER... LEADERSHIP DOES**

**Ashley McCool**, President, Friends of the Library, Cornwall PL; **Colin Plows**, President, Friends of the Ottawa PL; **Judy Sauve**, Vice-Chair, Friends of the Library, Bonnechere Union PL

Do you have a Friends of the Library group at your library? What challenges are they facing? How can you contribute to their success? Discover successful Friends groups, and learn how leaders adopt strategies and find solutions to keep their association thriving. Our panel includes representatives from large, medium, and small Friends groups. Bring your questions for an interactive exchange of ideas.

**Jami van Haften**, Friends of Canadian Libraries