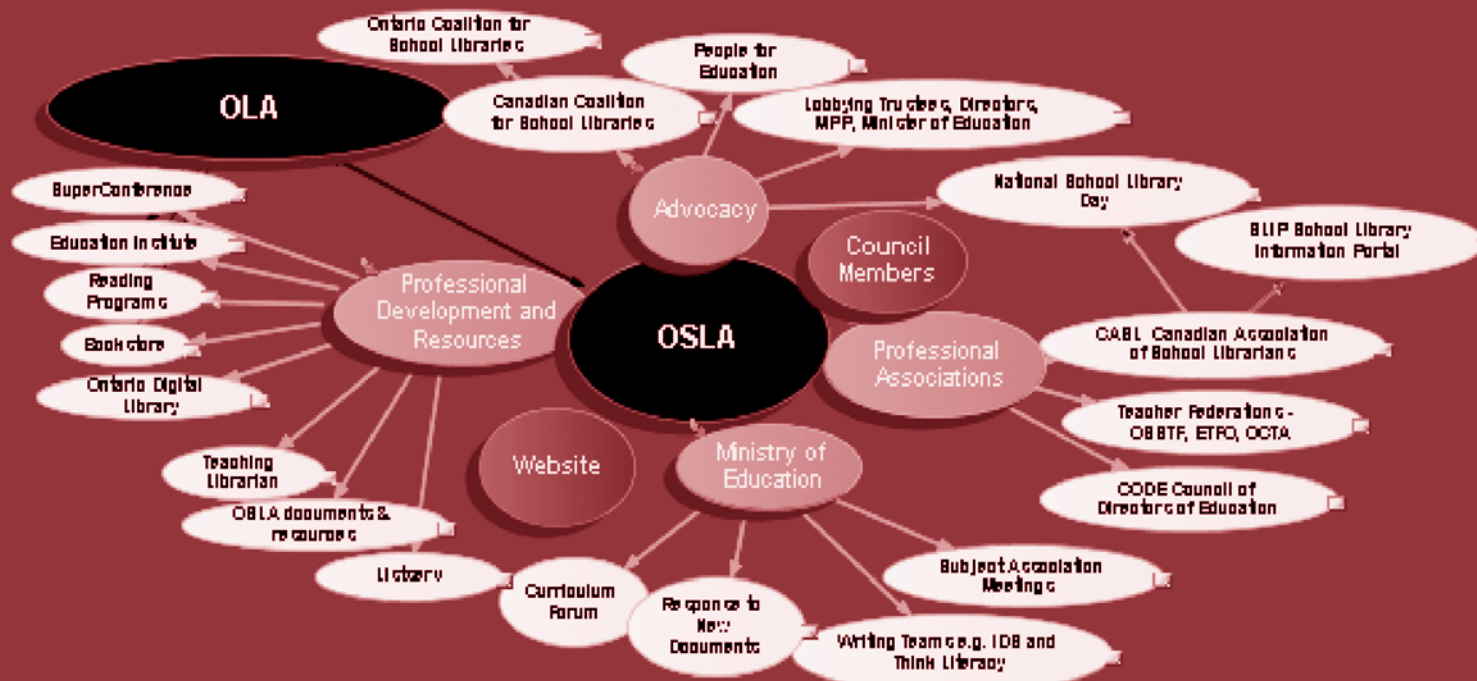


## OSLA: Making Connections



include **READING STRATEGIES:** Getting Ready to Read, Modelling Independent Reading and Reading Different Text Forms, and **ORAL COMMUNICATION:** Small-group Discussions. The instructional approaches are designed for teacher-librarians working with students and their teachers. This fabulous resource has recently been posted on our Web site for your use. Congratulations and thank you to Carol and team!

### OSLA and CASL

As noted in the new column, *School Library World*, the Canadian School Library Association (CSLA) and the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada (ATLC) have merged to form a new association, the Canadian Association for School Libraries (CASL). President Marlene Asselin and I met at the CLA/BCSLA conference in Victoria last June, and have since had a

very positive discussion via telephone in which we have shared some ideas for working together.

### OSLA :

- ◆ will confirm CASL's presence at the Hot Issues session at Super Conference
- ◆ will add a link from our Web site to theirs.

### CASL:

- ◆ will offer a new membership price for provincial members for only \$40.00
- ◆ will annually post National School Library Day materials – templates, etc. – for TLs across the country to use
- ◆ will develop a Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) and have a column on PAC activities in *School Libraries in Canada*
- ◆ will be moving *Achieving Information Literacy* online

Marlene, who believes that CASL is only as strong as the provincial associations, has started her partnership with Ontario, and plans to call each one of the other provincial associations. In addition to this, another Marlene, Thames Valley's Marlene Turkington, has taken on the role of president of CASL for the upcoming year. We are thrilled with this appointment, as Marlene is a very strong advocate for school libraries, with a strong vision and concrete goals, who will work closely with OSLA members.

### Other Highlights

For updated information about the Ontario Digital Library, go to the OLA Web site, where the full business plan is available. As noted in the Executive Summary, "The ODL will coordinate the purchase and delivery of electronic information and virtual services on behalf of all Ontarians and Ontario libraries.