



ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

# President's Report

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### Welcome back!

When I assumed the role of President of the OSLA, little did I know of the experiences ahead! It has been an exciting time to be involved in the Ontario School Library Association, and I would like to share some of the highlights so far with you.

### Research study—Phase two:

The second, more in-depth, phase of the research study is well underway. Representatives from Queens University and People for Education spent a considerable amount of time interviewing, observing, and following a teacher-librarian last May to get a greater sense of the role. In addition, time was spent with students, staff members, and administrators at the same school, determining the impact that an active library program has on the school community. From this experience, research tools will be developed and an additional 20 schools will be surveyed in the fall. It is hoped that the results will be ready for publication in the spring of 2008. We already know that we make a difference at our schools, now that will be qualified, quantified, and published for the public to see.

### International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions:

### That's IFLA for short!

This is just a heads up that on August

10–14, 2008, the IFLA annual conference will be hosted in Quebec City. The theme for this conference is “*Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding.*” OSLA has been asked to plan and host a satellite conference in Toronto on August 7–8. A committee has been struck, and Deb Kitchener is taking the lead. We are also partnering with public libraries to create a rich and interesting program for all to enjoy. We hope that it will be intriguing enough to lure some (many) of you away from your cottages, families, and summer fun to attend this two-day summit. You can go to [www.ifla.org/IV/index.htm](http://www.ifla.org/IV/index.htm) for more information on both the main conference and the satellite conference in Toronto. Hope to see you there!

### Super Conference:

Bobbie Henley, Lisa Teodosio, Pat Elliot, and Ann Perez, our talented planning team, have been working hard to provide a diverse and interesting program for all members of OSLA within the OLA Super Conference. In the spirit of the by-law passed at the last AGM, we are ensuring that there will be sessions that interest all qualified school library staff. (Be sure to read the article in this issue of *The Teaching Librarian* that addresses the roles of both teacher-librarians and library technicians within the school setting.) As of this writing, both Stephen Heppell (back after