

Although the OLA Super Conference 2011 has only just passed, there is a chance that some of the discoveries may be lost to time without reflection. If we want our annual conference to be more effective, we need to ensure that the nuggets of knowledge that enter our minds ripple beyond ourselves and even beyond our usual sphere of influence. We asked our members: what was your favourite session at Super Conference 2011? Here's what they had to say:

**D**iana Swain's message about the power of quiet leadership certainly resonated with everyone in the packed meeting room on Saturday morning. She did not focus her attention on well-known leaders who are constantly in the public eye. Instead, she chose to tell the stories of individuals and groups who have effected change in much quieter ways. These quiet leaders, including many who have experienced incredible challenges, have overcome their obstacles and made powerful contributions to the world around them. Diana ended by encouraging each of us to acknowledge the ways in which we can be quiet leaders. As Teacher-Librarians, we may not always be the ones in the spotlight in our schools. However, we are certainly in a position to be very strong and very effective quiet leaders, making a big impact on the staff and students with whom we work. Let's accept Diana Swain's challenge and see what a strong force quiet leadership can be!

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**T**op moments @ #SC2011: Michael Wesch: see him at <http://www.youtube.com/user/mwesch>, brilliant cultural anthropologist looking at social media and learning. Meeting and noshing with peeps and tweeps, best PD contacts around. Fab sessions to keep my brain spinning - so much to learn! Love what they're doing with a secondary information skills continuum @ J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate in Durham <http://richardson.ddsbschools.ca/research-links/library.html>. And our fantastic teens @ the Youth Panel who helped us understand how today's students use technology in their daily lives. They were articulate, thoughtful and fun!

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**I** attended a lunchtime session on Thursday at OLA titled, "Speed Dating with Mystery Writers." It was fantastic, energizing and fun. Since most of us school librarians have had our brains immersed in 50 or more Forest of Reading titles, it was a most wonderful break and opportunity to hear these interesting writers of adult mystery books describe their stories and backgrounds. There were two authors per table who moved around when the (truthfully, annoying but necessary) whistle blew. As an audience we moved all around Canada with them and their fictionalized characters.

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**T**here are always those gems on the sleepy Saturday morning of Super Conference. It was on that morning that I attended "Aboriginal Literature: A conversation about authors, titles and trends"; what a delight! Sherry Lawson gracefully and amiably moderated the "motley crew" of Drew Hayden Taylor, Lee Maracle, Chad Solomon and Jeremy Diamond through a heartfelt and humorous dialogue. We were reminded of earlier, inspiring writings and considered contemporary portrayals. More than anything what resonated was the truth of voice and the value of laughter. There's much to explore in this fine array of literature and writers.

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**O**SLA Web 2.0 Faceoff: This highly-charged, example-filled, and idea-rich info session gave practical ways to use great Web 2.0 tools in your classroom. Audience engagement through idea contribution made this the most inspiring session I attended at Super Conference 2011. <https://sites.google.com/site/oslahockeyfaceoff/>

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