

**What was your  
favourite session at  
Super Conference  
2011?**

I really enjoyed Mike Wesch's presentation because he emphasized the need for us as teachers to go beyond the teaching of critical literacy skills and work on digital citizenship with our students. He said that social media is "nothing more or less than we make of it." We can simply be observers or we can participate in our world.

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"Embracing happiness in a complex world"? I didn't know if I'd learn anything new from Dr. Sarah Maddocks, but I really did find this session left me feeling 'happier' with myself and my life, and with some insights on how to 'adjust' my thinking in order to be happier. Did you know we are born with a certain 'level' of happiness, which we can adjust slightly, but which often returns to the 'set' state? We should learn to live in the moment, and not in the past, and appreciate what we have, not think about what we don't have. She dispelled any myths about how money can make us happier by supporting the notion with statistics on how the effect usually wears off after about 2 years and this can work with relationships too. All in all, this was a satisfying way to end the conference for me.

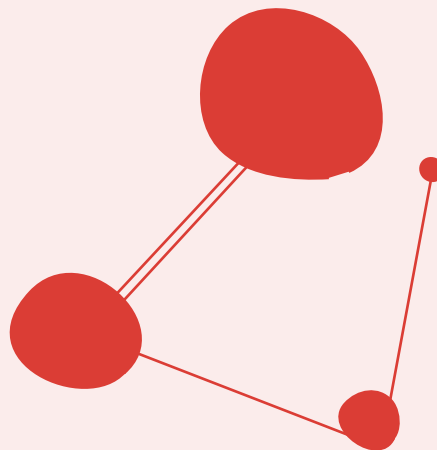
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There were so many great sessions, but for pure inspiration I found that Dr. Peggy MacInnis, Teacher-Librarian at Sir Robert L Borden B.T.I., gave an amazing overview of the magic of Manga to reach reluctant readers. In 7.5 years the number of readers and the number of books read has skyrocketed. One of the Book Club student members was also available to share information about the annual buying trip, by TTC, to Beguiling Books in Toronto and the processing of the new purchases. The library is open from 8-5, grads return to read, and the number of volumes signed out over the summer is in the multiple hundreds.

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I love attending the OLA Super Conference because I always return to my school with a renewed energy and enthusiasm for teaching along with a myriad of ideas for enhancing my library program. For instance, I am using all the great information I learned from Ruth Hall's session in my workshop on Turnitin ([www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)). I am also inspired to reach all the grade eleven students this year with an Academic Honesty seminar. I was also inspired by Terence Kernaghan and friends who presented a Human Library session and I am now collaborating with our peer mentorship teacher to plan a Human Library event for Education week with her classes. Michael Wesch's speech inspired me to join Twitter and I now follow the latest edtech tips on my TweetDeck! A special thank you also to Anita Brooks Kirland and her team's presentation on building an online library learning commons. This presentation gave our Superintendent of Information Technology and our library consultant a clear vision for the kind of library portal we would like to build in our board! The OLA Super Conference is simply the best professional development experience I have ever had and it's why I keep coming back every year!

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