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Wow! This has been a busy year! None of this could have been done, however, without the work done by your OSLA Council and the support we receive from the other OLA Divisions and the OLA staff. My heartfelt thanks to all of you!

You can see from the list above that advocacy was a key focus this year. This is my 22nd year as a Teacher-Librarian and I first heard the word advocacy 21 years ago. It is a word that we often don't all feel comfortable with, as it often makes us feel like we're 'blowing our own horn'. However, it is vital that our staff, our students, our administrators and our students' parents know that their school library plays a vital role in every child's education. We will continue to do everything we can to support you — but it begins with you. This report began with a quote, so it's only fitting to end with another...

“ I think we're going to start to see a new model of civic advocacy where people get together once in a while to protest, but it's more about an ongoing, sustained engagement in issues, networks and communities about which people care.

— Alex Steffen

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