

# Honouring Our Own

OSLA Council

If you did not attend the 2018 Ontario Library Association Super Conference, you may have missed the OSLA Awards Ceremony. These were our winners for 2018. *The Teaching Librarian* will feature all OSLA award winners in the next issue that appears after the conference – the third issue of each volume, otherwise known as the “Spring Issue.”

For more information on how to nominate someone for one of these awards, go to [accessola.com/awards](http://accessola.com/awards) and select OSLA Awards from the left column. Nominations for this year’s awards are due November 1.

## 2018 Award for Special Achievement

**Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO)**



The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is the professional and protective organization representing 80,000 teachers, occasional teachers and education professionals employed in Ontario’s public elementary schools. Through the significant work of ETFO’s Building Better Schools education agenda, where teacher-librarians are specifically recognized for their specialized skills, ETFO leverages community outreach initiatives and government advocacy to address the challenges that members, students and school communities face. In the past year, ETFO has been particularly supportive of the current inconsistent working conditions for elementary teacher-librarians around the province. Studies demonstrate the immense value a properly staffed and resourced school library learning commons contributes to the school community, and we are thrilled that ETFO is willing to recognize this and advocate for equity in Ontario schools. ETFO has recognized the importance of providing equitable funding and resources, and defending and supporting teacher-librarians where certain areas of the province are at risk of losing librarians.

*Nominated by OSLA Council*

## 2018 Teacher-Librarian of the Year

**Sue MacLachlan**

*Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board*



Sue has held many positions as Teacher, Teacher-Librarian and Special Assignment Teacher-Librarian having over 25 years of experience with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). She has excelled in all of these positions, but, most significantly as a teacher-librarian and special assignment teacher-librarian in the last several years. While I have known Sue for only just over four years, her star has shone bright since the day I have started with HWDSB. Her knowledge of what being a teacher-librarian means and ability to share this, her patience with anyone she is teaching including myself, her love of literacy and libraries overall and her enthusiasm for being a teacher-librarian and her ability to advocate for this profession all point towards why she is being nominated for this award.

*Nominated by Donna Millard, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board*