

Honouring Our Own



If you did not attend the 2019 Ontario Library Association Super Conference, you may have missed the OSLA Awards Ceremony. These were our winners for 2019.

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

OLA Technical Services Award **Library Support Services Team,** **Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board**

With most of our teacher-librarians shouldering additional responsibilities beyond their libraries, (i.e., planning time) they rely heavily upon Library Support Services to assist in the development, maintenance and delivery of quality library collections for staff and students. Library Support Services consists of two departments: one central, one itinerant, led by Supervisor Greg Smith. The Central staff handle the cataloging and processing of library purchases, maintenance of the board-wide Symphony database and a comprehensive Media and Professional Catalog. Itinerant technicians play a large role in supporting school staff directly, dealing with everything from repairing, weeding and shelving books to advising on collection development and processing books at a school level. This department, as a whole, consistently goes over and above to provide a unique combination of leadership, technical advancement, training and development for our teacher-librarian community.

OSLA Administrator of the Year **Amanda Chapman,** **Durham District School Board**

Amanda Paterson is the current Innovation Officer for the Durham District School Board (DDSB). Her portfolio includes K to 12 Library Learning Commons programming, Innovative Education and Inclusive Technology. Amanda's steadfast commitment to school libraries and innovation has allowed the DDSB to offer exceptionally strong library programming, run by qualified teacher-librarians to all students across the district. Amanda has been a fierce advocate for school libraries for many years, ensuring school libraries, and teacher-librarians are on our system road map and always supported. This philosophy, dedication and leadership to school libraries allows DDSB libraries to continually grow, offering our students rich opportunities for innovative teaching and learning inside our LLCs.