

OSLA Council



OSLA Award for Special Achievement

Leigh Cassell, Live Learning Canada – Human Library

Leigh Cassell is an educator, adventurer, edupreneur and partner in learning with teachers and students around the world. She is an education and innovation consultant currently working as the Manager of Innovation and Learning at SPARK, and the Founder and President of Digital Human Library (@dHL_edu). Driven by her passion to inspire in others a love of learning, Leigh's expertise is grounded in how we integrate digital technologies for the purpose of building relationships for learning, developing global competencies, designing new literacies, and preparing students to succeed as next generation learners. Leigh is also the Founder of the Ontario Edu Students' Twitter Chat (@ONedSsChat), Co-Founder of A Kids' Guide to Canada (@AKGTCanada) and OnEdMentors Connect (@OEMConnect), and a Founding Partner of Live Learning Canada (@LiveLearningCA). Leigh works as an Apple Distinguished Educator, certified Google Educator, and SMART Certified Interactive Teacher.



OSLA Teacher-Librarian of the Year

Kate Tuff, Bloorview School Authority

Kate passionately fosters the love of learning in her students. Her enthusiasm for literature and finding engaging books for all students is immediately apparent when you walk into the Library Learning Commons. Students are seen actively reading, seeking books and leaving with a positive attitude. As an educator for 23 years, Kate is keenly aware of the importance of students seeing themselves reflected in their learning, not just students with special needs, but also with culturally responsive literature. Kate critically evaluates texts in order to create a collection of resources that enhances student learning, achievement and programs. Kate recognizes her responsibility as a leader in her school to model innovative practices, promote diversity and cultivate the love of learning and literacy. Through her collaborative initiatives with colleagues Kate has built capacity in the area of Inquiry Based Learning. As both writer and reviewer, Kate has contributed to two inquiry-based learning publications with the Toronto District School Board while on secondment to Bloorview.



OSLA Teacher-Librarian of the Year

Glenn Turner, Nepean High School, Ottawa Carleton District School Board

Glenn Turner has been an outstanding advocate for school libraries in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) and has role modelled the implementation of *Together for Learning* through inquiry based activities as a teacher-librarian at Nepean High School. Glenn has provided outstanding library leadership for our district, as the chair of Library Subject Council, a voluntary position, and in this role was instrumental in supporting new teacher-librarians, providing consultation on the transition of library spaces to learning commons and has advocated and secured shared database resources for the entire district when Knowledge Ontario was no longer available. In his capacity as Library Subject Council chair, Glenn has coordinated numerous opportunities for OLA presenters to provide professional development opportunities to the teacher-librarians in the Ottawa area. Glenn has organized collaborations with the coterminous Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) and has also coordinated facility visits and professional development with Carleton University Library and Algonquin College Learning Commons.