

- Clarifying if or how the new organization will defend and uphold the value of our professional roles such as Librarians, Library Technicians, and Teacher Librarians.
- The need for more clarity about the voting structure and how this would work (currently presented as one vote per member at the board table, but multiple votes at the AGM depending on size of the association).
- The recognition that while OLA needs to have a voice on national issues via a new federation of library associations, we must balance that work with local and provincial efforts.
- We must not lose the ability to champion for school, rural, small and First Nation libraries.
- A willingness to pay a slightly higher membership fee to enable OLA to pay to join, with a smaller percentage of respondents cautioning against an increase.

The CLA working group is gathering all responses to the various surveys across Canada with a view to refining the plan for the proposed federation of library associations. We'll be sure to keep you updated!

## COMING UP @ EDUCATION INSTITUTE

### Registration Open for NEW Education Institute Sessions!

The **Winter Calendar** will be released at the end of this month. Stay tuned! Coming up at the Education Institute:



**Tuesday, January 19, @ 12 PM ET**  
[Developing Partnerships for Teen Programming](#)



**Thursday, January 21, @ 1 PM ET**  
[Best Book Displays Ever!](#)



**Tuesday, February 9, @ 1 PM ET**  
[Library Marketing with iBeacon Technology](#)



**Thursday, February 11, @ 2 PM ET**  
[Loan Stars: The New National Readers' Advisory Initiative](#)

## FOREST OF READING® AND FESTIVAL OF TREES™

### Tickets for the Festival of Trees™ on Sale NOW!

**About the Festival:** The Festival is Canada's largest literary event for young readers and is continuing to grow. More than 9,000 people attend this event in Toronto, which is co-presented by IFOA, at Harbourfront Centre. The satellite Festivals are attended by thousands more. In addition to the award presentations featuring the nominated authors/illustrators, the days are packed with fun and engaging activities, including workshops put on by the authors/illustrators themselves.

#### Confirmed Festivals to Date:

Visit the [Festival of Trees website](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Festival dates	Tickets Available	Ticket Price
<b>London, Western Fair District (May 13)</b> <i>Silver Birch, Red Maple</i>	Jan. 12	\$11
<b>Toronto, Harbourfront Centre (May 17, 18)</b> <i>All school-aged programs</i>	Jan. 12	\$15.50
<b>French Festival, Harbourfront Centre (May 19, Toronto)</b> <i>Le Prix Tamarac, Tamarac Express, Peuplier</i>	Jan. 12	\$15.50
<b>Sault Ste. Marie, Essar Centre (May 27)</b> <i>Blue Spruce, Silver Birch</i>	Jan. 12	\$11