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# WHAT'S TRENDING IN LIBRARIES

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## LEARNING

### OCULA Lightning Strikes Student Award

Call for [proposals](#) are now open for OCULA Lightning Strikes. Submit your proposal of a 10-minute lightning talk relating to academic librarianship by Nov. 15.

The speakers chosen will receive a free 1-year membership with OLA. and get to attend a full day at Super Conference for free!

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## FUNDING

### Seniors Community Grant Program

The [Seniors Community Grant Program](#) applications are due Nov. 30.

The purpose of the grant is to plan, implement or evaluate projects that build and sustain local, provincial and regional capacity for healthy aging.

This new stream is aimed at providing funding for projects and activities that encourage greater social inclusion, learning, volunteerism, and community engagement.

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### Write Across Ontario Contest

IFOA's touring programme, [IFOA Ontario](#), and [Open Book](#) are proud to announce the return of **Write Across Ontario**, a creative writing competition for middle and high school students across the province. Students from Grades 5 to 12 will write a story using a story-starter provided for their age group by one of four acclaimed Canadian authors.

This year, **Drew Hayden Taylor** will provide the story-starter for Grades 5–6, **Heather O'Neill** will write for Grades 7–8, **Gwen Benaway** will cover Grades 9–10 and **Pasha Malla** will create the story-starter for Grades 11–12. The story-starter is used as a prompt for students to begin their writing, but where the story goes from there is in their hands.

Stories should be between 250–500 words, not including the story-starter. One submission per student will be accepted **Nov. 6**. Entries will be judged by IFOA in conjunction with Open Book. One winner will be chosen from each age group. A total of four (4) winners will each receive **\$500** each and the opportunity to have their work published online in [Open Book](#).