

Library Building Award: Library Architectural and Design Transformation Award Applications Now Open

The Library Architectural and Design Transformation Award includes all additions, renovations, restorations, conversion to library use, and interior redesign and furnishing.

This award will be presented at the Annual Institute on Library as Place in July 2018.

Applications can be submitted through our online form or, as a single PDF package [here](#). **Applications are due April 30.**

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Do you have a question about copyright?

Library staff protects copyright but the scope of copyright can be complex and very situational.

OLA offers a copyright questions program in partnership with the Community Legal Services (CLS) at Western University where law students, under the supervision of a lawyer, provide legal opinions on intellectual property (IP) matters (trademark, copyright, patent, personal data protection, privacy, etc.) to persons or organizations.

If you have a question pertaining to copyright, please contact [Shelagh Paterson](#), executive director, OLA with your question, context and detail. Allow up to 4 weeks from a response from Western University.

What's New in Open Shelf

We put great store in being transformative—fundamentally changing how we think and what we do. So we owe a debt to folks like John Vincent, Ontario learning commons informationists and members of the WCAG (2.) working group whose commitment to equity and partnerships shift who we define as in or outside social, economic and political margins.



We also prize maintaining our roots, in libraries in small communities where meeting spaces may be limited but imaginations are not—whether such communities are villages or campuses.

In honour of both change and tradition, here's what we have for you this month (in order of publication):

- **Mark Weiler**, a web and user experience librarian, tackles big changes to web accessibility in [Crossing the WCAG 2.0 threshold](#).
- **Nikolina Likarev**, an *Open Shelf* digital editor, explores the role of learning commons in public schools in [Powerful IL partnerships](#).
- **LGBTQ+** is back with a twist: **Amanda Wilk and John Vincent** take on respect for anonymity and links to **John Pateman's** interview with John V. that covers the universe (of libraries) and [beyond in Open for All?](#)
- Small libraries are the backbone of the Ontario library system and as **Kelly Thompson and Erika Heeson** tell us, this means wearing [Many hats](#) and never shutting their doors.
- And finally, [InsideOCULA](#) is back and includes an introduction to a zen den, the need for quality assurance reviews and the new president's address.