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The following OLA associations are free of extra charge:

- Ontario Library & Information Technology Assn
- L'Association des bibliothécaires francophones de l'Ontario

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual earnings from your library work

- \$50,000 and over **\$ 100**
- \$35,000 - \$49,999 **\$ 90**
- \$25,000 - \$34,999 **\$ 80**
- \$15,000 - \$24,999 **\$ 60**
- Under \$15,000 **\$ 40**
- Institutional Membership (one person transferable privileges) **\$140**
- Institutional Membership (two person transferable privileges) **\$190**

For Board block membership, please enquire.

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Cheque payable to OLA for full amount.
- VISA     Master Card

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OLA has chosen not to charge GST on membership.

You may also join at the OLA Web site:  
**<http://www.accessola.com>**  
Click on 'Join' under 'About OLA'.

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## Membership in the ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

entitles YOU to:

- ★ *The Teaching Librarian*, three issues per year
- ★ Access, OLA's quarterly magazine
- ★ Up to 40% discount on Super Conference, Canada's largest and most attended library education event
- ★ Major discounts on workshops, audio conferences and on-line courses offered in the OLA's Education Institute
- ★ 20% off OSLA publications
- ★ Individual voting on OSLA and OLA issues
- ★ Eligibility for OSLA and OLA committees
- ★ Eligibility to hold office in OSLA and OLA
- ★ Automatic inclusion in the OSLA listserv for member-to-member consultation and information-sharing
- ★ Toll-free access to advice and referral on school library questions as they occur
- ★ Free searching in the best-known database for library information, H.W. Wilson Co.'s *Library Literature*, licensed for the exclusive use of OLA members

PHOTOS Cover: OSLA's Teacher Librarian of the Year, Pat Elliott with Lara Cohlmeier. Inside: At research study press conference: Dr. Don Klinger; OSLA President Michael Rosettis, OISE professor Dr. David Booth and Kathryn Blackett from People for Education.

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THE ONTARIO SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

# School Libraries Make a Difference!



# OSLA Makes a Difference to School Libraries!

## THE OBJECTIVES of the Ontario School Library Association

- To further the development of school library programs and teacher-librarianship in Ontario
- To strengthen and unify the voice of teacher-librarians as curriculum leaders
- To work with the full library community on shared issues and programs
- To represent the profession of teacher-librarianship as a subject association recognized by the Ministry of Education
- To provide professional development opportunities for teacher-librarians
- To promote research related to effective school libraries



The Press Conference for *School Libraries & Student Achievement*, Canada's first school library research.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ontario School Library Association is to further the development of school library programs and teacher-librarianship, and to strengthen and unify the voice of teacher-librarians as curriculum leaders in Ontario.

Strong school library programs support student success by teaching students to read for breadth and understanding, research with purpose and process, build knowledge with insight and responsibility, and transform their knowledge into wisdom for a lifetime of learning.

## ADVOCACY

- OSLA develops resources for members to use in their own professional practice at the school and board level, such as *Information Studies, Kindergarten to Grade 12*, The Teacher-Librarian's Toolkit for Evidence-Based Practice, and Be the Change.
- OSLA strengthens and unifies the voice of teacher-librarians as curriculum leaders in Ontario.
- OSLA is the official voice of school libraries at Ministry of Education consultations and at the Ontario Teacher's Federation Curriculum Forum.
- OSLA links to other groups of significance, such as People for Education and the Canadian and Ontario Coalitions for School Libraries.
- OSLA works with the Ministry to develop Ontario curriculum resources that benefit school library programs, such as Think Literacy, and the Interdisciplinary Studies course profile.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

- OSLA, through OLA's **Education Institute**, provides professional development by audio conference and Webcast on topics ranging from technological innovations to programs and services. There are over 150 programs offered every year to support your professional learning.
- As a contributor to the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference, OSLA offers an extensive selection of sessions designed to benefit our members. This conference attracts over 4,000 participants per year and is Canada's largest and most innovative library education event.

- OSLA highlights the effectiveness of school library programs in many venues, such as **ETFO's** new teacher conference, at the **International Reading Association's** conference, and at regional and local events.

## A FORUM FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSION

- **The Teaching Librarian**, a magazine for teacher-librarians and school library staff, is published three times a year, detailing the best practices of Ontario school libraries.
- OSLA provides a lively and practical **network** among teacher-librarians across the province through its e-mail based **listserv**. The advice shared is pragmatic and inspiring. Through the listserv, **OSLA Council informs teacher-librarians of provincial developments that impact on library programs.**



- Our **Web site** features some of OSLA's most extraordinary projects, including Be the Change curriculum units for global citizenship, the Tool Kit for using Evidence-Based Practice, and practical, usable resources on a variety of subjects.
- A regular contribution to the OLA's magazine, *Access*, provides additional professional reading on cutting-edge initiatives that are of interest to both our membership and the wider library profession.

## THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY SUPPORTS SCHOOL LIBRARIES

College, university and public library members of OLA collectively support school libraries as an Association priority:

- *School Libraries & Student Achievement in Ontario*, the first **Canadian research** on school libraries, was funded by OLA as part of a \$100,000 commitment to research on school library effectiveness.
- OLA's **Forest of Reading** is the major literacy initiative in many schools, and involves many teacher-librarians in its collective success. The programs encourage children to read, inspire authors and contribute to the Canadian publishing industry.