

# Niagara Public Libraries OnBoard

LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY, FLEMING CENTRE, BEAMSVILLE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

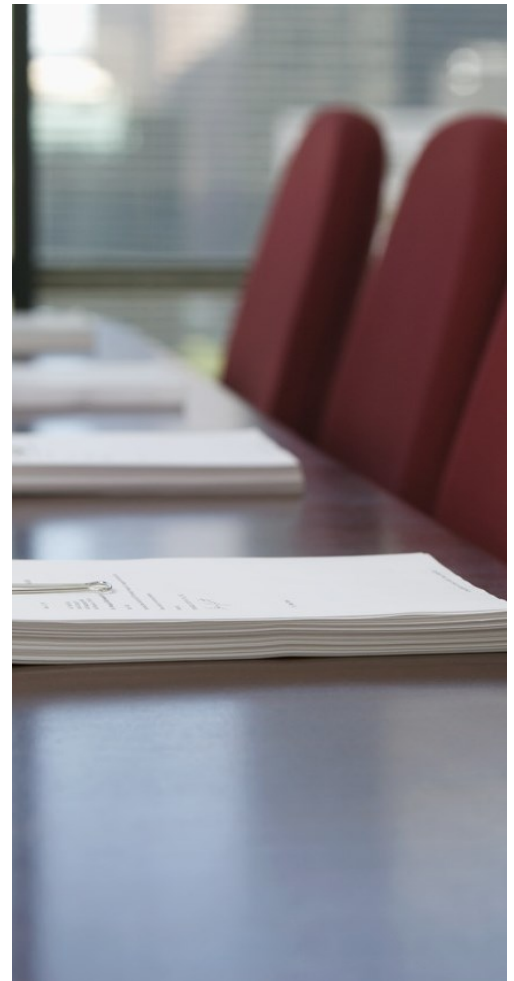
## SESSIONS AT A GLANCE:

- Opening Plenary
- Cut to the Chase: Library Governance at a Glance
- Extreme Board Makeover
- Public Library Strategic Planning in the Niagara Context
- The Effective Governance Partnership : The Board/CEO Relationship
- Closing Plenary and Keynote Address

A symposium for library board members serving throughout Niagara Region and hosted by the Lincoln Public Library Board. Geared to the interests of all board members, new and experienced, the program features topics and speakers to enlighten and inspire you in your library governance and community leadership role.

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**  
**8:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Fleming Centre**  
5020 Serena Drive  
Beamsville, ON



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**Wainfleet** PORT COLBORNE  
West Lincoln **NOTL**  
**LINCOLN** Grimsby  
St. Catharines  
Niagara Falls **PELHAM**  
**Fort Erie** Thorold **Welland**

Schedule

8:30 AM	Registration, Coffee and Refreshments		
9:00 AM	Opening Plenary		
9:30 AM	Choose to attend one of the following:		
	Cut to the Chase	Extreme Board Makeover	Strategic Planning
10:30 AM	Break		
10:45 AM	Choose to attend one of the following:		
	Extreme Board Makeover	Strategic Planning	Board and CEO Partnership
11:45 AM	Lunch		
12:45 PM	Closing Plenary		

Session Details

### Opening Plenary

9 AM

Convener: **Jill Nicholson**, CEO, Lincoln Public Library

A session to kick off the day and allow participants to get to know each other & meet the program leaders

### Cut to the Chase: *Library governance at-a-glance*

9:30 AM

Convener: **Janet Booth**, CEO, Welland Public Library

Governing is different from managing. Boards don't run an organization but ensure that it is properly run. This session will look at governance and how a board conducts business, how power will be divided and delegated between the Board and CEO, and how accountability is achieved.

Strong library governance is contingent on the board's attention to growing its performance. A NEW PROJECT, **Leadership by Design – Strengthening Public Library Board Performance: A Four Year Learning Cycle**, currently in development by the Ontario Library Association (OLA) and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL), will also be featured at this session.



**Randee Loucks**, Consultant, Building Strong Boards

**Shelagh Paterson**, Executive Director, Ontario Library Association (OLA)

**Stephen Abram**, Executive Director, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)

## Extreme Board Makeover

9:30 AM or 10:45 AM

Convener: **Cathy Simpson**, CEO, Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library

One library board's journey to overcome leadership & organizational issues in the quest to become a 'dream board'.

**Terry Flynn** - Councillor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake; Member, Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Board

**Andrew Porteus**, - Chair, Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Board; Councillor, Central West, Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA)

## Public Library Strategic Planning in the Niagara Context

9:30 AM or 10:45 AM

Conveners: **Monika Seymour**, CEO, Niagara Falls Public Library, and  
**Kirk Weaver**, CEO, Pelham Public Library

This session will focus on the community profile work that is required for a good strategic plan, and highlight the Board's role and staff roles in the strategic planning process.



**Hélène Golden** - Consultant, Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS)

**Mary Wiley** - Executive Director, Niagara Connects

## The Effective Governance Partnership: *The Board/CEO relationship*

10:45 AM

Convener: **Colleen Lipp**, CEO, Grimsby Public Library

A healthy, productive partnership between the Library's CEO and Board is crucial to effective governance and to the successful delivery of responsive, relevant library service. In this session, we will analyze a number of challenging situations and explore the success factors that contribute to a healthy, productive partnership and good decision-making. Together, we will identify strategies and best practices for sustaining the Board/CEO relationship.

**Anne Marie Madziak** - Consultant, Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS)

## Closing Plenary

12:45 PM

Convener: **Margaret Andrewes**, Consultant, Building Strong Boards

### Keynote Address

#### *Library Leadership as a Public Library Board Member*

**Jane Hilton**, President, Ontario Library Association (OLA)

Member, Whitby Public Library Board

### Response Panel

#### Moderator:

**Ann McLaughlin** - President, Friends of Fort Erie Public Library; Former Chair, Fort Erie Public Library Board

#### Panelists:

**Lynn Humfress-Trute**, President, Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA); Former Chair, Middlesex County Public Library Board

**Michael Petrachenko**, Councillor, City of Welland; Former Member, Welland Public Library Board

**Representative**, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)

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Please include the names of all Board Members and Staff (including yourself) who will be attending, below. Please also indicate any relevant titles or positions (ie: Chair, Vice-Chair, Councillor, Alderman, CEO, Director, etc.)

Registrants

Name	Title/Position

Please forward completed form to Maria Brigantino via email at [mbrigantino@fepl.ca](mailto:mbrigantino@fepl.ca) by 5 PM on Friday, March 20, 2015.