



It has been a busy year for OCULA Council. In this report I'll highlight two issues that Council has addressed on your behalf – the NDP position paper on Education and recent changes to the Depository Services Program.

In our response to the NDP position paper: *A Brighter Idea for Education: an NDP Education Vision for the 21st Century*, OCULA Council flagged two issues as being of particular note: school libraries and accessibility to post-secondary education. Regarding the former, we suggested increasing the emphasis on the need for school

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For and about members of the ONTARIO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION No. 19

OLA LAUNCHES "THE LEARNING SPACE"

This fall the OLA launched an exciting new initiative called The Learning Space, part of the OLA Education Institute. Organizers have planned nearly 100 educational sessions and member meetings, which will be held in various locations around the province. The events are designed for members and other interested individuals working in all types of libraries and related fields.

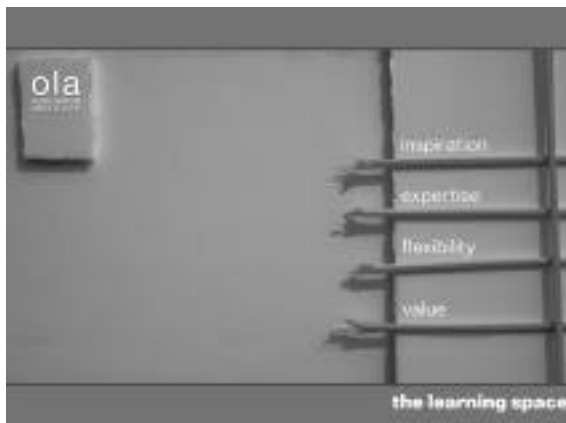
This is the largest initiative of its kind in North America and it offers members of the library community in Ontario a myriad of opportunities to expand their knowledge and update their skills.

Because the sessions are planned and coordinated by OLA staff, members of all OLA divisions such as OCULA are encouraged to take advantage of the

complete range of offerings, rather than just the one or two each division has organised independently every year in the past. This new format should allow for increased participation across the province and satisfy the educational needs of a greater variety of members.

Events of note for OCULA members are the networking Kaleidoscopes, many of which are still to come. Take this opportunity to meet elected OLA officials and other

OLA members working in a variety of libraries in your region. Plan ahead and create a "Best Practices" display to highlight something that your library does well and bring along a non-member who might be interested in joining the association. For a complete schedule of dates and events visit www.accessola.com and click on "OLA education institute." ■ ■ ■



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librarians and well-supported libraries. We made the point that "students moving on to post-secondary education without well-developed library research skills will be ill-prepared to face the challenges of college and university and may not be able to realize their potential in today's knowledge-based economy." Regarding the latter point, we applauded the NDP's commitment to decrease tuition fees, bring per capita funding "up to the national average", improve the Ontario Student Loans system, and deal with the "immediate need to repair buildings" on Ontario campuses. We emphasized that University and College libraries need increased funding to provide access to the wide range of resources required to support students in their various programs – providing effective access to information resources and technology does not come cheaply.

On the second topic, recent changes in the reporting structure for the Depository Services Program have been a source of concern for Libraries across Canada. The DSP has recently been restructured and consolidated under

Communication Canada's Publishing operations. OCULA Council based its response to Government on a draft letter distributed by the Canadian Library Association. Council expressed concern about the lack of proper consultation with the library community and Canadians. We suggested the DSP might better fit under the management of the National Library of Canada. Not only are the mandates of the NLC and the DSP compatible, but realigning the DSP with the NLC will ensure that the program continues to be administered by librarians: Canada's knowledge management specialists.

This is my last *InsideOCULA* report as President. I want to thank OCULA Council members and the OLA Office staff for their hard work and support during the past year. It is appreciated.

I hope to meet many of you at Super Conference 2003. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me <moonj@post.queensu.ca> or (613) 533-6000 ext. 77992. Oh, one last thing...don't forget to vote in the OCULA elections. Your ballot should be included in this *InsideOCULA* mailing!



LEARNING COMMONS RECEIVES AWARD

by Kelly Donaldson
Seneca College, The Learning Commons

In recognition of their innovative web tutorial entitled *Library Research Success*, The Learning Commons at Seneca College was this year's recipient of the CTCL (Community Technical College Libraries) Innovation Achievement Award sponsored by Micromedia ProQuest.

Library Research Success is an online interactive tutorial that was originally developed for first-year students enrolled in the College's School of Business Management. Developed in collaboration with faculty members, its primary goal is to teach information literacy and basic research skills. The tutorial itself is divided into five modules and incorporates

features such as: self-paced course content modules, hands-on exercises at the end of each module, connections to the Learning Commons' web site resources, connections to its electronic databases, and two assignments which are submitted electronically to professors at the end of each tutorial. Since the launch of *Research Success*, similar tutorials have also been developed for areas including Nursing, Travel & Tourism, English, and Seneca's English Language Institute (ELI).

The award was presented in June at the Canadian Library Association's conference in Halifax.



Attend OCULA's Annual General Meeting
January 30th, 2003 at 5:15 pm
OLA Superconference 2003
Presiding: Jeffrey Moon, OCULA President

The meeting will be followed by
OCULA's Academic Library Award
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SUPER CONFERENCE 2003

OCULA is sponsoring nearly 20 sessions at the upcoming Super Conference (January 30-February 1), which will include information on topics such as fundraising, teaching, web-related issues and more. OCULA's spotlight speaker is Jean-Claude Guédon, a professor in the department of Comparative Literature at the Université de

Montréal. Guédon is a well-know and dynamic speaker who will be talking about the reform of scholarly publishing and ways of overcoming the difficulties of creating open access archives. Another event to mark in your calendar is OCULA's annual general meeting, which will take place on Thursday, January 30 at 5:15pm.



ONTARIO COMMUNITY COLLEGES INVOLVED IN AN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL REFERENCE PROJECT

by Cynthia McKeich

The Virtual Academic Librarian (VAL) initiative is a collaborative virtual reference project involving three Ontario Community Colleges and one international college. Algonquin, Mohawk, and Seneca Colleges in Ontario, and New College Nottingham in England are partnering together to develop a shared live chat reference desk. Building on Seneca College's current live chat reference service, the VAL project will utilize LSSI's Virtual Reference Desk software. Staffing of the live chat reference desk will be

shared among the four participating colleges. This will allow for extensive hours of service and with the involvement of New College Nottingham, the hours of service will extend beyond the norm. Negotiations are also underway with colleges in Australia, British Columbia, and two other Ontario colleges to join the partnership that will further extend the hours of service. The project is in the development stage with a projected launch date of January 2003.



PEOPLE NEWS

THE BIBLIOCENTRE

The Bibliocentre announces two recent changes in its administration staff. **Alexander Eykelhof** has been promoted to Director, IT and Colleges Digital Library. Alex has been with The Bibliocentre for the past five years and has implemented a wide range of innovative technologies and system enhancements, including the national award-winning Bibscan, a scanning-based tool for distance retrospective cataloguing.

André Paradis has been hired as Director, Marketing, Communications and Production. André has worked in this position as a contract manager since January 2001. He brings to The Bibliocentre his lengthy experience in the private sector from his years with Utlas, Geac and DRA.

BROCK UNIVERSITY

Jennifer Thiessen, reference librarian, started an eight-month position in October and **Phyllis Wright**, Head of Collection Management, is on academic leave until April.

COLLEGE BOREAL

Diane Henry received College Boreal's Award of Excellence for faculty on June 6, 2002. College Boreal bestows three awards each year: one to a member of the support staff, one to a faculty member and one to a

member of the administration. The College's selection of a librarian for the faculty award displays its recognition of the importance of librarians in the academic lives of both students and faculty.

CONFEDERATION COLLEGE

Laraine Tapak was awarded the Community and Technical College Libraries Award for Outstanding College Librarian in Canada for 2002. This award recognises Laraine's outstanding contribution to college librarianship and library development at the national level. Laraine, the director of Learning and Resources at Confederation College, also won the OCULA Award in 2002.

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Joan Macdonald, Assistant University Librarian, Information Resources, is taking early retirement effective December 31 2002. A search committee has been formed to find a replacement for **Murray Shepherd**, who will be retiring from his position as University Librarian in July 2003. **Laura Briggs** assumes the position of Chemistry Liaison Librarian on January 2, 2003.



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explains OCULA program and pro-
vides news of Ontario's college and
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Around the Province

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As part of an initiative to promote the services of the National Library, Sase Deopersaud, Senior Systems Librarian, Client Services Management, is currently visiting public and academic libraries in Ontario. He visited Brock on November 22 to speak about the mission and mandate of the National Library, the collections and programs it offers, and its web site and catalogue, AMICUS.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

Access 2002, one of North America's leading library technology conferences, was held at the Cleary International Centre in Windsor from October 21-23.

The conference was convened by the Leddy

Library and co-hosted by Windsor Public Library, and featured speakers and delegates from as far as way as Mexico and Slovenia.

The conference was generously supported by the Ontario Library Association among other organizations, and staff from the Leddy Library coordinated and organized the event, in addition to presenting several of the sessions.

The theme for the conference was "Delivering the Promise" and focused on the successful uses of technology to help libraries empower individuals, organizations, and communities. About 200 people participated in the event and represented a broad range of academic, public, and special libraries. Featured speakers included Clifford Lynch, the

Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, and Jenny Levine, the "Shifted Librarian".

The conference was also the site of the first "poetry slam" and first "hackfest" to be held at a library gathering. The results of both activities, as well as many of the presentations, can be seen on the conference web site:

<<http://www.access.uwindsor.ca>>

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

In October the online reference service "Ask a Librarian" was launched. During this start-up phase, real time chat with a reference librarian is offered Monday-Friday, 1-4 pm.



**Welcome New
OCULA Members 2002**

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