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VIRTUAL NORTH

48TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
48E CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE

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Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I invite you all to join us for our 48th annual, and first virtual conference from May 8 to May 15, 2021. The association began planning our conference to travel to Sudbury, however due to the current pandemic, your Conference Committee has been working hard to transform our in-person conference to be the associations' first ever virtual conference. The theme of our conference is Virtual North.

With a wide range of topics and presenters from many different backgrounds we hope everyone will find something of interest. Our opening reception will kick off the conference on Saturday May 8th at 2pm. Introductions from the Board, and our guest speakers Liz Aldrey and Doug Willford will provide a presentation on the history of the association, and going into the digital age. There will also be time to catch up with colleagues.

Our sessions are scheduled to start on Monday, May 10th, with a variety of live and pre-recorded sessions with time for Q&A with speakers via Zoom. The daily schedule will run from 8:55am, until 5pm. We also welcome the Crime Writers of Canada, who will be hosting panel discussions during the lunch hours. There will also be a number of social events held in the evenings, which will include games night, an Awards Ceremony to recognize and congratulate our award winners, and a special Thursday evening panel discussion from the Crime Writers of Canada

I wish to express my thanks to Janna Munkittrick-Colton, and the Conference Committee for their hard work in planning, and execution of this fantastic event. I also wish to thank the Board of Directors and Appointed Officers for their work over the last year.

Volunteer opportunities are always essential for a conference to run smoothly. If you are interested, please reach out to our Conference Team at conference@oaltabo.on.ca.

Conference details will be posted on our website (<https://oaltabo.on.ca/conference>), and social media accounts over the next few months. Please share these widely with your colleagues and networks.

Regards,

Vincent Elit

President, Board of Directors | Président, Conseil d'administration

Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliothécaires de l'Ontario

Message du conseil d'administration

Chers amis et collègues,

Je vous invite à vous joindre à nous pour la 48^{ième} conférence annuelle du 8 au 15 mai 2021. En raison de la pandémie, le comité organisateur de la conférence travaille d'arrache-pied pour transformer cette conférence qui aura lieu en format virtuel directement de Sudbury. Le thème de cette année est « Le nord virtuel ».

Avec une grande variété éventail de sujets et de conférenciers de divers horizons, nous espérons que chacun d'entre vous y trouvera quelque chose d'intéressant. Notre réception d'ouverture aura lieu le samedi 8 mai 2021 à 14 h. Des membres du conseil d'administration vous feront part des nouvelles de la dernière année. Nos deux invités, Liz Aldrey et Doug Willford, présenteront un historique de l'Association et son évolution dans l'ère technologique. Finalement, vous aurez aussi la possibilité de renouer avec vos collègues de façon virtuelle, bien sûr.

Les ateliers débuteront le lundi 10 mai 2021 et auront lieu de 8 h 55 à 17 h. Ils seront offerts en webinaire ou en présentiel grâce à la plateforme Zoom. Tous les ateliers auront une période de questions à la fin. Nous avons aussi le plaisir d'accueillir des membres de l'association Crime Writers of Canada qui présenteront une table ronde à l'heure du dîner, du lundi 10 mai au jeudi 13 mai.

Cette année, les activités sociales se dérouleront le mardi 11 mai et notre cérémonie de remise de prix aura lieu le mercredi 12 mai. Notre partenaire, « Crime Writers of Canada », présentera aussi une activité spéciale le jeudi 13 mai en soirée.

Je tiens à remercier Janna Munkittrick-Colton et le comité organisateur de la conférence pour leur travail acharné dans la planification et l'exécution de cet événement virtuel. Je tiens aussi à remercier le travail de chaque membre du conseil d'administration et du comité exécutif durant la dernière année.

Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de bénévoles pour aider à l'organisation des conférences annuelles. Si vous êtes intéressé, veuillez communiquer avec nous au courriel conference@oaltabo.on.ca.

Des informations supplémentaires sur la conférence seront disponibles sur notre site web (<https://oaltabo.on.ca/conference>) ainsi que sur nos différents médias sociaux au cours des prochains mois. Je vous invite à partager cette invitation avec vos collègues et dans vos réseaux professionnels.

Sincèrement,

Vincent Elit

President, Board of Directors | Président, Conseil d'administration

Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario

Message from the Conference Coordinator

I would like to invite everyone to participate and enjoy our first Virtual OALT/ABO Conference called Virtual North. We had planned on travelling to Sudbury to share our workshops and knowledge with the Northern part of the Province.

With the onset of the Pandemic and having to cancel our 2020 Conference last year, we decided to hold our first virtual conference, hosted by the lovely community of Sudbury. We will still be hosted by the community of Sudbury virtually. We will take you there through some interesting videos that visit many of their great sites!

With a virtual conference it does give us the opportunity to reach a wider audience and you can attend the workshops from home or work. Some of the sessions will be live with a question and answer period to follow, while others will be presented as a webinar that you can attend at your convenience.

When you register for the conference and pay the admission fee, you will be sent a link and password to access the workshops. The conference will be broadcast using the Zoom platform.

Monday through Thursday at noon you will have the opportunity to view panel discussions presented by the Crime Writers of Canada. We are also planning to have a Thursday night extravaganza from them as well. With a wide variety of topics being offered by so many talented presenters this year, we hope that you will find this "First Virtual Conference" as exciting to attend as the organizers did to plan it.

I would like to thank Melanie Taylor-Ridgway, Pauline Gordon, and the Board of Directors of the OALT/ABO for all of their support.

Janna Munkittrick-Colton

Conference Coordinator | Coordinatrice de la conférence

Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliothécaires de l'Ontario

Message de la Coordinatrice de la conférence

J'aimerais vous inviter à participer à la première conférence virtuelle de l'OALT/ABO, « le nord virtuel ».

Cette année, nous avions prévu nous rendre à Sudbury pour partager nos connaissances et nos ateliers avec nos collègues du nord de la province. Toutefois, en raison de la pandémie et de l'annulation de la conférence de l'an dernier, nous avons opté d'offrir une conférence virtuelle. La communauté de Sudbury sera notre hôte ; elle vous proposera de découvrir la ville et ses différents attraits grâce à des visites virtuelles.

Grâce à cette conférence virtuelle, nous espérons avoir l'opportunité de rejoindre plus de bibliotechniciens et bibliotechniciennes, que vous soyez au travail actuellement, maintenant retraités ou de futurs collègues. Comme par le passé, nos conférenciers offriront une variété d'ateliers sur une multitude de sujets. Vous pourrez participer aux ateliers de la maison ou de votre lieu de travail. Certains ateliers seront en direct et incluront une période de questions à la fin. D'autres sessions auront deux formes : en webinaire pour être visionnées ultérieurement ou en présentiel avec un jour et une heure fixe si vous désirez participer à la période de questions en direct.

Une fois votre inscription à la conférence payée, vous recevrez un mot de passe pour accéder à toutes les activités. L'accès se fera à partir du site web de l'Association et nous utiliserons la plateforme Zoom.

Nouveauté cette année : Des membres de « Crime Writers of Canada » présenteront une table ronde du lundi au jeudi à midi ainsi qu'un événement spécial le jeudi 13 mai en soirée. Le comité organisateur a pris un grand plaisir à organiser cette première conférence virtuelle qui, nous l'espérons, comblera vos attentes.

J'aimerais remercier Melanie Taylor-Ridgway, Pauline Gordon, ainsi que le conseil d'administration l'OALT/ABO pour leur soutien.

Janna Munkittrick-Colton

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Meet the Board / Rencontrer le Conseil d'Administration



President | Vincent Elit

Vincent Elit is in his third year as President, and has previously held positions in the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa as President, Secretary and Archivist. He is currently working as a Senior Library Services Technician at the Courts Administration Service Library, managing their integrated library system and digital resources. Vincent earned his Library and Information Technician Diploma from Algonquin College, and has a Graduate Certificate in e-Publishing. He is currently taking courses as part of the Mohawk College Libraries and Digital Technologies Graduate Certificate Program. In what is left of his spare time, you may find him reading the latest mystery novels.



Treasurer | Lori O'Connor

Lori O'Connor is a graduate of Mohawk College. She has been the OALT/ABO Treasurer since 2014 and has worked on a few conference committees. Lori works as software support, on the Systems/Webteam at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library, where she has worked for the past 20 years. Lori is also the treasurer of the V-users group, which is KFPL's ILS provider. Lori has also volunteered in school libraries, unions, soccer teams and girl guides. She is very excited to be part of OALT/ABO as the association strives to provide quality professional education and support and to be an advocate for Library and Information Technicians emphasizing the value of LITs in all libraries and businesses across Ontario.



External Communications Coordinator | Kate Terech

Kate Terech is currently serving her first year on the Board as External Communications Coordinator. Kate has worked as a Circulation and News Technician at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario since February 2019 and, prior to this, worked as a Library Technician in a law firm for over 5 years. Kate also worked at the Seneca College Library as a circulation/audio-visual assistant while earning her Library and Information Technician Diploma from 2011-2013. She has a B.A. in History, with a minor in English from the University of Western Ontario.



Internal Communications Coordinator | Sarah Goodyear

Sarah Goodyear has worked as a Library Technician at the Ontario Legislative Library since 2016. She also currently serves as the Promotions Coordinator for the Legislative Library and Research Services. Prior to her role at the Legislative Assembly, Sarah worked in the Library Learning Commons at George Brown College. Sarah earned her Library Technician diploma from Seneca College and has an Honours B.A. in English Literature and Art History from the University of Toronto.

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Meet the Board / Rencontrer le Conseil d'Administration



2021 Conference Coordinator | Janna Munkittrick-Colton

Janna Munkittrick-Colton is a graduate of Sheridan College. She has worked at the Belleville Public Library for over 42 years. She has had multiple responsibilities at her library from planning and running Children's programs, helping adults find books to now cataloging for her library and working on several projects to update their database. She is past Vice-President, President, and Secretary of the OALT/ABO. She is serving her second term as the Conference Coordinator. She is passionate about bringing a wide variety of workshops to our attendees.



Chapter Coordinator | Jeka Dupont

Jeka is a part time Library and Information Technician student at Algonquin College in Ottawa. She has been a member of the Board of Directors for two years serving as the Membership Coordinator before moving into the Chapter Coordinator role in 2019. Originally from a small town in New Brunswick, Jeka left NB to move to the smaller Arctic town of Kimmirut, Nunavut before making her home now in Ottawa. She works for the federal government at the National Research Council's National Science library as the collections assistant. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Chris, playing board games and in her free time can be found with her nose in a book.



Archivist | Tiffany Ribeiro

Tiffany has been a Circulation and News Technician at the Ontario Legislative Library since 2017. She earned her Library and Information Technician Diploma from Seneca College. As the OALT/ABO Archivist, she helps to maintain and preserve the association's collection of older and newer documents. She is also a metadata editor for the Ontario Library Association's Open Shelf publication. She spends her spare time in local coffee shops and reading the latest thriller.

Vacancies

President-Elect

Membership Coordinator

OALT/ABO 48th Annual Conference Code of Conduct

The Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario uses the annual conference as a venue to promote the association's mandate to:

1. Define clearly the role of the library and information technician and to make this definition widely known.
2. To publicize the value of library and information technicians and promote a wider understanding and acceptance of their status.
3. To institute recognized standards operating on the provincial level.
4. To work to liaison with related professions and institutions and to promote effective communication among library and information technicians and others in closely related fields.
5. To be receptive and aware of the constant changes and needs in the field of library and information technology, and the community.
6. To disseminate information relating to Library and Information Technicians.

So that the annual conference is a positive reflection of the Association and its mandate conference attendees, speakers, volunteers, and staff of the venues are required to show respect and courtesy throughout the duration of the conference. The Association values the ideas, thoughts, and expression of all those that gather in the Association's name.

Discriminatory language and imagery are not appropriate for any event be that online or in person. The Association will not tolerate harassment in any form. Harassment is understood as any behavior that threatens another person or group, or produces an unsafe environment. It includes offensive verbal comments or non-verbal expressions related to gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religious beliefs, sexual or discriminatory images in public spaces (include online), deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

If at any time a conference attendee, speaker, volunteer, or staff of a venue feels that they have been harassed or that this code of conduct has been breach, it is important that this person report it the OALT/ABO's President. The President will complete a review of all reported violations of the code of conduct. The Board of OALT/ABO will be notified of any reviews.

Adapted from Ontario Library Association's Code of Conduct for OLA Events and Code4Lib Creative Commons Conference Code.

*Dans le présent document, le masculin s'applique également à la femmine.

La conférence annuelle de l'Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliothécaires de l'Ontario est une tribune pour promouvoir le mandat de l'Association qui consiste à:

1. Définir clairement le rôle du bibliothécaire et du technicien de l'information et faire en sorte que ces définitions soient bien connues.
2. Faire connaître au public la valeur des bibliothécaires et des techniciens de l'information et renforcer la compréhension et l'acceptation de leur statut.
3. Établir des normes reconnues à l'échelle provinciale.
4. Travailler à établir la liaison avec des professions et établissements connexes et promouvoir la communication efficace des bibliothécaires et des techniciens de l'information avec des professionnels de domaines voisins.
5. Être réceptif aux changements et aux besoins des domaines de la bibliothécaire et des technologies de l'information et de la communauté.
6. Diffuser des informations relatives aux bibliothécaires et aux techniciens de l'information.

Afin que la conférence annuelle représente favorablement l'Association et son mandat, les délégués, les orateurs, les intervenants, les bénévoles et le personnel sur les lieux sont tenus de se montrer courtois et respectueux pendant toute la durée de la conférence. L'Association apprécie les idées, les pensées et l'expression de toutes les personnes qui se rassemblent en son nom.

Le langage et les images discriminatoires n'ont pas leur place, qu'il s'agisse d'une activité en ligne ou en personne. L'Association ne tolérera aucune forme de harcèlement. L'Association considère comme du harcèlement tout comportement qui représente une menace pour une autre personne ou un groupe ou qui crée des conditions dangereuses. Cela comprend les commentaires verbaux offensants ou les expressions non verbales liées au sexe, à l'identité sexuelle, l'expression sexuelle, l'orientation sexuelle, un handicap, l'apparence physique, la taille, la race, l'âge et les croyances religieuses; les images sexuelles ou discriminatoires dans les lieux publics (y compris en ligne), les tentatives délibérées d'intimidation, le harcèlement par traque furtive, la prise de photographies et d'enregistrements sans permission, la perturbation prolongée de conversations, de causeries ou d'autres activités, les contacts physiques inappropriés et l'attention sexuelle non sollicitée.

Si, à n'importe quel moment, un délégué, un orateur, un intervenant, un bénévole ou un employé sur les lieux se croit victime de harcèlement ou pense que le présent code de bonne conduite a été enfreint, il est impératif qu'il le signale au président de l'OALT/ABO. Le président procédera à l'examen de toutes les violations signalées associées au code de bonne conduite. Le résultat de tous les examens des violations sera communiqué au conseil d'administration de l'OALT/ABO.

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Saturday, May 8, 2021 / samedi 8 mai 2021

2:00 PM – 3:30PM	Land Acknowledgement Hazel Fox-Recollet
	Sudbury Welcome Mayor for the City of Greater Sudbury Mayor Brian Bigger
	Conference Introduction Vincent Elit, Janna Munkittrick-Colton, Doug Willford & Liz Aldrey

Sunday, May 9, 2021 / dimanche 9 mai 2021

All Day	Mother's Day Crafts Janna Munkittrick-Colton
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Monday, May 10, 2021 / lundi 10 mai 2021

9:00 AM – 9:55AM	Metadata Done Wrong : how to recognize and learn from metadata mistakes Jessica Hymers
10:00AM – 10:45AM	Cataloguing From Home : exploring the transition to remote work at the Children's International Learning Centre Jessica Hymers
10:45AM – 12:00PM	Leveraging circulation data and market research at your library with BookNet Canada Monique Mongeon
12:00PM – 12:45PM	Clearly Canadian : All Canadian settings, eh? Crime Writers of Canada
12:45PM – 1:30PM	Whodunnit: Traditional, Amateur Sleuth, and Cozy Crime Writers of Canada
1:45PM – 3:00PM	Spark Your Creativity with Adobe Spark Videos Alana Otis
3:00PM – 4:00PM	Library Volunteering During COVID-19 Melanie Taylor Ridgway
4:00PM – 5:00PM	A Seed Library : No Budget and COVID-19 Brynley Eckhart & Mikayla Gora

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Tuesday, May 11, 2021 / mardi 11 mai 2021

9:00 AM – 9:55AM	Indigenizing the Library and Information Technician Program at Algonquin College Helena Merriam
10:00AM – 11:00AM	Videoconferencing and the Creation of Community-led programming for Youth Graeme Langdon
11:00AM – 12:00PM	CELA : Making Library Service Accessible for All Faline Bobier
12:00PM – 12:45PM	The Long and the Short of It : Writing short stories and novellas Crime Writers of Canada
12:45PM – 1:30PM	Make 'Em Laugh : Humorous Crime and Capers Crime Writers of Canada
1:45PM – 3:00PM	Repairing Old Books Matt Scholz
3:00PM – 4:30PM	Managing Cultural Change : A framework for assessing whether your library is Traditional, Community Led or Needs Based John Pateman
6:30PM – 9:00PM	Games Night

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 / mercredi 12 mai 2021

9:00 AM – 10:00AM	Creative Approaches to Makerspaces Kimberly Sutherland Mills
10:00AM – 11:00AM	Identifying Gaps, Creating Workflows and Generally Saving the Day Margaret Piper
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Clay Castle Sarah Emtage
12:00PM – 12:45PM	True Crime...can be stranger than fiction Crime Writers of Canada
12:45PM – 1:30PM	Shades of Crime : Suspense, Thriller and Noir Crime Writers of Canada
1:45PM – 3:00PM	"The Road to Alright" Yvonne Van Lankveld
3:00PM – 4:30PM	Revamping Your Early Reader Collection Lindsay Shaw
4:30PM – 5:00PM	Clever Techs Are Everywhere : A Panel Discussion on the Variety of Opportunities for Library Technicians Janna Munkittrick-Colton, Karolina Roussakis, Tiffany Ribeiro, Krista Siemens & Kate Terech
6:30PM – 8:30PM	Awards Night

Thursday, May 13, 2021 / jeudi 13 mai 2021

9:00 AM – 9:50AM	Tour & Talk at Ontario's Legislative Library Sarah Goodyear & Kate Terech
10:00AM – 11:00AM	There's No Place Like Home (Pre-pandemic) Jane Bedard
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Virtual Programming at a National Historic Site Melissa Wakeling
12:00PM – 12:45PM	Two Sides of the Law : Police Procedural and Private Investigators Crime Writers of Canada
12:45PM – 1:30PM	Deadly Dates : Romantic Suspense Crime Writers of Canada
1:30PM – 3:00PM	Books with Dewey Diva's & Dudes Dewey Divas & Dudes
3:00PM – 4:00PM	Indigenous Matters : On First Nation Public Libraries Feather Maracle
4:00PM – 5:00PM	OALT/ABO Chapter Discussion Jeka Dupont
6:30PM – 8:30PM	Crime Writers of Canada Panel Discussion

Friday, May 14, 2021 / vendredi 14 mai 2021

9:00AM – 9:30AM	Bienvenue à la bibliothèque! Introducing Library Lexique, your one-stop French resource for storytime songs, library-specific terms and more Library Lexique (English/anglais)
9:30AM – 10:00AM	Bienvenue à la bibliothèque! Introducing Library Lexique, your one-stop French resource for storytime songs, library-specific terms and more Library Lexique (français/French)
10:00AM – 11:00AM	Programming Through the Pandemic Pierre Dubuc
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Introduction to Astronomy Linda Pulliah
12:15PM – 2:00PM	OALT/ABO Annual General Meeting (AGM)
2:30PM – 3:45PM	The Inuvialuit Living History Project : protecting and promoting cultural heritage in the Western Arctic Rebecca Goodwin

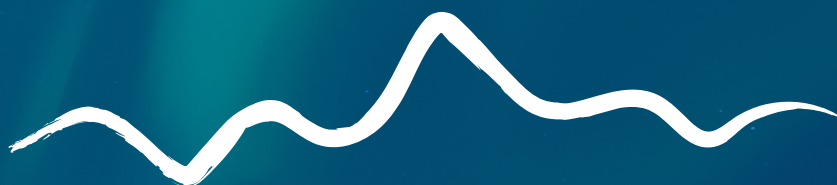
Saturday, May 15, 2021 / samedi 15 mai 2021

9:00 AM – 10:00AM	Archiving our Association Tiffany Ribeiro
10:00AM – 11:00AM	Libraries that are more virtual than print collection Shelby McEachern
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Digital Escape Rooms Mary Doyle
12:00PM – 12:15PM	Closing Remarks Vincent Elit & Janna Munkittrick-Colton

Zoom will be available to join at 8:50AM each morning for an introduction and instructions.

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2:00PM - 3:30PM

Conference Introduction

Hazel Fox-Recollet, Mayor Brian Bigger, Vincent Elit, Janna Munkittrick-Colton, Doug Willford & Liz Aldrey

Special thank you to Hazel Fox-Recollet, who will lead our conference with a land acknowledgement, and to The Mayor for the City of Greater Sudbury, Mayor Brian Bigger, who will be there to help welcome us to the City. Join us as we welcome you and kick off our conference with some words from our association President, Vincent Elit, and our Conference Coordinator, Janna Munkittrick-Colton. Our hosts will take us on a virtual tour of Sudbury, and introducing us to the north... virtually.

Sunday, May 9, 2021 / dimanche 9 mai 2021

All Day

Mother's Day Crafts

Janna Munkittrick-Colton

This activity is available to all participants of our conference. Come to this session to participate in some crafts and various activities.

Monday, May 10, 2021 / lundi 10 mai 2021

9:00AM - 9:55AM

Metadata Done Wrong : how to recognize and learn from metadata mistakes

Jessica Hymers

Metadata is the heart of all library services, but what happens when that metadata is done wrong? This session will present several stories of poor-quality metadata, how it affected end-users, and how it was fixed. Come explore the impact of good and bad metadata.

10:00AM - 10:45AM

Cataloguing From Home : exploring the transition to remote work at the Children's International Learning Centre

Jessica Hymers

This session will explore the challenges, successes, and decision-making process of adjusting cataloguing procedures for remote work. Though the details of this session will deal with cataloguing cultural artifacts, the focus will be on the impact on the data creation and ultimately the end user services at smaller institutions and libraries

10:45AM - 12:00PM

Leveraging circulation data and market research at your library with BookNet Canada

Monique Mongeon

Have you ever wondered how borrowers find their next great read? Whether holds are a strong indicator of a book's sales performance or how library borrowing affects a reader's buying habits? How long does the average bestseller stay popular at the library? Which subjects are on the rise this year? Drawing on BookNet, Canada's years of research on Canadian readers, book buyers and borrowers, as well as our nationally tracked sales and library circulation data, we'll dive into the data on all things books. We'll explore how Canadians discover their next great read, how demand patterns compare between the retail and library markets, and how libraries can harness the power of data to identify opportunities to improve collections. You'll come away with customer insights, tools and tactical data-driven strategies to increase efficiencies and better understand your customer.

12:00PM - 12:45PM

Clearly Canadian : All Canadian settings, eh?

Crime Writers of Canada

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Whodunnit : Traditional, Amateur Sleuth, and Cozy

Crime Writers of Canada

1:45PM - 3:00PM

Spark Your Creativity with Adobe Spark Videos

Alana Otis

In this hands-on session we'll work with Adobe Spark, a free online tool for developing visually appealing videos, web pages, and graphics. Whether you're looking to develop video resources for your library, enhance your online presence or just make videos for fun, this session is for you.

3:00PM - 4:00PM

Library Volunteering During COVID-19

Melanie Taylor Ridgway, Pelham Public Library

We know that many people are still looking to volunteer and help out their community during COVID-19. We recognize that volunteering at your library or organization may not be occurring or may look very different currently. This webinar will address current volunteer trends, health and safety of volunteers in the workplace, how to retain current volunteers and new volunteer opportunities to consider.

4:00PM - 5:00PM

Seed Library : No Budget and COVID-19

Brynley Eckhart and Mikayla Gora

Hear how a small, rural public library began a seed library with no budget, closed doors due to the pandemic, and showed success.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 / mardi 11 mai 2021

9:00 AM - 9:55AM

Indigenizing the Library and Information Technician Program at Algonquin College

Helena Merriam

This presentation will provide key findings and recommendations based on a sabbatical project about Indigenizing the LIT program at Algonquin College. This talk will discuss how to better equip future Library and Information Technicians with knowledge about the past wrongs with colonization, and how to support resurgence of Indigenous cultures now and into the future. In addition, attendees will be invited and encouraged to provide input on these recommendations.

10:00AM - 11:00AM

CELA (Centre for Equitable Library Access) : Making Library Service Accessible for All

Faline Bobier

This session will give an overview of CELA (Centre for Equitable Library) service for people with print disabilities, including how to register for CELA, what's available in the CELA collection, how to access Bookshare titles through CELA and what reading technologies are compatible with the CELA collection.

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Videoconferencing and the Creation of Community-Led Programming for Youth

Graeme Langdon

While the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the Kingston Frontenac Public Library to adapt its in-person volunteer and advisory programs for youth and new adults, our transition to virtual program delivery has enabled us to connect with and cater to these communities in ways that reinvigorate the organization's commitment to community-led programming, digital literacy education, and community wellness. In this seminar you will learn how KFPL has leveraged videoconferencing to connect with teens and new adults.

12:00PM - 12:45PM

The Long and the Short of It : Writing short stories and novellas

Crime Writers of Canada

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Make 'Em Laugh : Humorous Crime and Capers

Crime Writers of Canada

1:45PM - 3:00PM

Repairing Old Books

Matt Scholz

This workshop is intended to demonstrate simple books repairs, as well as give an overview on the best tools and supplies. The intent is not to make books as good as new, but rather to make them useful again, striking a balance between aesthetics and practicality, with the emphasis on the latter. I have spent much of my career repairing books in my library and in my retirement, repair them for private clients.

3:00PM - 4:30PM

Managing Cultural Change : A framework for assessing whether your library is Traditional, Community Led or Needs Based

John Pateman

A blue print and road map for managing cultural change by transforming library strategies, structures and systems. Based on the ideas contained in John Pateman & Joe Pateman (2019) Managing Cultural Change in Public Libraries: Marx, Maslow and Management, published by Routledge.

6:30PM - 9:00PM

Games Night

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 / mercredi 12 mai 2021

9:00 AM - 10:00AM

Creative Approaches to Makerspaces

Kimberly Sutherland Mills

Wish your library had a makerspace, but don't have capacity to staff one? Learn how the Kingston Frontenac Public Library launched their staffless Create Space, provided public training through programming, and offered maker programming in shared community spaces.

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10:00AM - 11:00AM

Identifying Gaps, Creating Workflows and Generally Saving the Day

Margaret Piper

SDG Library provides services to the rural counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in Eastern Ontario. The arrival of a new Systems Librarian in late summer prompted the Technical Services Team to identify gaps in the procedures and re-evaluate workflows. This presentation will outline the process of identifying gaps, developing new processes, creating a manual and the outcome. Outcomes will be described in both objective changes and subjective experiences of the Systems Librarian and Cataloguing & Acquisitions Technician.

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Clay Castle

Sarah Emtage

Plasticine is a type of modelling clay that both a top tier toy and a magnificent medium for Art.

Easy to begin with endless room to grow. This workshop give you building blocks of sculpting that you can use to create anything imaginable. It is encouraged that you buy some Plasticine to work along with Sarah.

12:00PM - 12:45PM

True Crime...can be stranger than fiction

Crime Writers of Canada

12:45PM - 1:30PM

Shades of Crime : Suspense, Thriller and Noir

Crime Writers of Canada

1:45PM - 3:00PM

"The Road to Alright"

Yvonne Van Lankveld

Yvonne Van Lankveld's first novel, *The Road to Alright*, debuted at the Pelham Library (Fonthill) as part of the Heart of Niagara Reading Series in September 2019. Her story follows Gracie Sheehan, a middle-aged baby boomer from her Toronto roots to rural New Pelham after she unexpectedly loses her job and her husband in an 8 week span. A series of surprising events nudge Gracie from her previously mundane life into new and unprepared roles.

3:00PM - 4:30PM

Revamping Your Early Reader Collection

Lindsay Shaw

With more than thirty levels and four different categories, NTPL's Early Reader collection was an organizational and discovery nightmare! With the help of a newly created Collections Committee, staff and the Technical Services Department came up with a model they are proud to share. Tune in for tips and tricks related to idea generation and collaborative techniques that can be used for any revamp project!

4:30PM - 5:00PM

Clever Techs Are Everywhere : A Panel Discussion of the Variety of Opportunities for Library Technicians

Janna Munkittrick-Colton, Karolina Roussakis, Tiffany Ribeiro, Krista Siemens & Kate Terech

Hear about the experiences of Library Technicians working in a variety of libraries: school, public, academic and special. Come with your questions about these varied opportunities in the Library Technician field. This session will be of special interest to LIT students, those new to the profession, or those considering a career as a LT. 19

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Awards Night

Thursday, May 13, 2021 / jeudi 13 mai 2021

9:00 AM – 9:50AM

Tour & Talk at Ontario's Legislative Library

Sarah Goodyear & Kate Terech

From floods to fires, Ontario's Legislative Library has a rich history to explore. Come for a virtual tour of the Library and see some of the unique items we hold in our collection. For this session, we will discuss the history of our Library, as well as our role as technicians, and how we serve Ontario's MPP's.

10:00AM – 11:00AM

There's No Place Like Home (Pre-pandemic)

Jane Bedard

A few years ago, I had an idea: I could take a year off from work and be truly present in the lives of my family. I could suck the marrow out of motherhood, as it were. I could also write a book. The two projects overlapped, and There's No Place Like Home was born. The book is full of adventure, insight, and humour, and I'd love to share it, and other writing.

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Virtual Programming at a National Historic Site

Melissa Wakeling

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged GLAMs to rethink programs and develop new ways to reach their audiences. Discover how Glanmore National Historic Site, a community museum and historic house in Belleville, Ontario, was able to engage museum goers and build an audience using social media channels, virtual content, some creativity, a museum mascot, and a sense of humour!

12:00PM – 12:45PM

Two Sides of the Law : Police Procedural and Private Investigators

Crime Writers of Canada

12:45PM – 1:30PM

Deadly Dates : Romantic Suspense

Crime Writers of Canada

1:30PM – 3:00PM

Books with Dewey Diva's & Dudes

Dewey Diva's & Dudes

Join the Dewey Diva's and Dudes and hear about new adult & children's spring/summer book titles with an emphasis on Indigenous titles and writers!

3:00PM – 4:00PM

Indigenous Matters : On First Nation Public Libraries

Feather Maracle

An introduction to Indigenous matters as they relate to librarianship. Information on the work being done, within the profession, to increase the status of Indigenous matters and First Nation Public Libraries. A session to share knowledge and resources, as they relate to the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

4:00PM – 5:00PM

OALT/ABO Chapter Discussion

Jeka Dupont

Are you wondering about the Chapters the association has? Want to restart a chapter or get more involved? Join Jeka Dupont, the Chapter Coordinator, to talk about the different chapters we have, what is needed to reactivate a chapter, what we can do to support you and your chapter. This session will be an hour long with a presentation then round table discussion. Hope to see you there!

6:30PM - 8:30PM

Crime Writers of Canada | Panel Discussion

Melodie Campbell, Gail Bowel, Vicki Delany,
Barbara Fradkin & Brenda Chapman

Join Melodie Campbell, a crime writer herself, as she leads a discussion with her fellow Crime Writers, Gail Bowen, Vicki Delany, Barbara Fradkin, and Brenda Chapman. In this special event, our writers will discuss the mystery and thriller genre, followed by a Q&A session with Melodie and the Women of Crime.

Friday, May 14 2021 / vendredi 14 mai 2021

9:00AM - 9:30AM

Bienvenue à la bibliothèque! Introducing Library Lexique, your one-stop French resource for storytime songs, library-specific terms and more

Library Lexique
(English/anglais)

Do you serve francophones or French language learners? Library Lexique, a new Canadian resource, is here to support you in working and offering library services in French. This session will focus on library jargon, children's programming, and using French in the library workplace. All language-levels welcome: from beginner to advanced! Noter qu'une session en français, plus orientée pour les francophones, est également offerte.

9:30AM - 10:00AM

Bienvenue à la bibliothèque! Découvrez Library Lexique, votre carrefour de ressources francophones pour des comptines de l'heure du conte, des termes de bibliothèque et plus encore!

Library Lexique
(français/French)

Accueillez-vous des francophones ou des apprenants du français à votre bibliothèque? Library Lexique, une nouvelle ressource canadienne, est là pour vous appuyer dans la prestation des services en français en bibliothèque! Cette session mettra l'accent sur le jargon du domaine, la programmation pour les enfants, et sur l'utilisation du français dans le milieu de travail de la bibliothèque. Note that a session is also being offered in English that is targeted to non-native speakers.

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Programming Through the Pandemic

Pierre Dubuc

Without a number of the core tools in their repertoire, public libraries are meeting the challenge by reimagining how to serve the public without putting patrons and staff at risk. Using a mix of social media platforms, including Facebook Live and Rooms, Instagram, Zoom and YouTube, public libraries are taking to the internet in droves, providing a wide range of programming. In this session Greater Sudbury Public Library programming staff will present a variety of tools, tips and tricks that libraries can use to program throughout the pandemic and beyond.

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Introduction to Astronomy

Linda Pulliah

Participants will learn to read sky maps, and use a planisphere, become familiar with types of objects commonly observed in the night sky, constellations in the northern hemisphere sky, feel awe recognizing the size of our solar system/Milky Way/cosmos. This includes conversation re: viewing with binoculars, common types of telescopes and the unaided eye. Often discussion of related careers is included.

12:15PM - 2:00PM

OALT/ABO Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Pre-registration is Required, Details can be found here: <https://oaltabo.on.ca/conference/annual-general-meetings-minutes/>. Members in good standing, who are unable to attend the meeting in person may by means of proxy appoint a proxyholder, or one or more alternative proxyholders, who need not be members, as the member's nominee to attend and act at the meeting in the manner, to the extent and with the authority conferred by the proxy

2:30PM - 3:45PM

The Inuvialuit Living History Project : protecting and promoting cultural heritage in the Western Arctic

Rebecca Goodwin

In this session we will discuss the different ways the ILH project tries to make Inuvialuit cultural heritage more accessible to the Inuvialuit community, both physically and digitally. The ILH project is a case-study in how strong community collaboration can bridge the gap between heritage professionals and northern communities.

Saturday, May 15, 2021 / samedi 14 mai 2021

9:00 AM - 10:00AM

Archiving our Association

Tiffany Ribeiro

OALT/ABO has quite the collection of documentation on past conferences, newsletters dating back to the 80s and much more. These documents are maintained by the associations Archivist. Learn more about how these documents are stored, organized and the decision process for determining metadata in the context of the not-for-profit Google Drive.

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Libraries that are more virtual than print collection

Shelby McEachern

I currently work in a library that is 90% virtual collection and 10% print collection. In this presentation, I will run everyone through how such a library works. I have never heard of such a library until I started this contract in March 2020. I have been learning a lot about this kind of library and now I would like to pass it on to others

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Digital Escape Rooms

Mary Doyle

Learn about how to host, play, and create digital escape rooms. Participants will be playing a game during the session.

12:00PM

Closing Remarks

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