



I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to serve as OCULA President this year. We are off to an amazing start! Super Conference 2006 was fabulous, with OCULA presenting 27 dynamic sessions. Congratulations to our Super Conference co-ordinators, Robin Bergart and James Buczynski on a job well done.

Robin and James were also part of the swift moving and incredible OCULA Runnings book truck race team who won first place at the Friday evening reception! Other speedy team members were Sharon Munro, Sophie Bury and yours truly! Many thanks to our team manager, Don Kinder, who is also OCULA VP/President Elect this year.

Planning is already underway for Super Conference 2007 with our planners James Buczynski and Gail Nichol. Deadline for submission of session proposals is April 30th 2006. If you have any ideas for sessions and/or speakers, please contact James or Gail, or see the OLA website for the session submission form.
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OLA Super Conference 2006

SPOTLIGHT: THE PERFECT E-STORM: EMERGING TECHNOLOGY, ENORMOUS LEARNER DEMANDS, ENHANCED PEDAGOGY AND STAGNANT BUDGETS

By Laurie Morrison



Dr. Curtis Bonk

That there is a plethora of technology emerging is well known to us in academic libraries. This was brought into clearer focus for those attending Dr. Curtis Bonk's session. This confusing land of technology, Dr. Bonk explained, is transforming teaching

and learning. Repeatedly, he moved our focus away from the 'wow' of technology to its creative use – and the implications for pedagogy. Among the core skills necessary today are course development and facilitation – on the creative right brain of teaching and learning. ■ ■ ■



Dr. Curtis Bonk and Sharon Munro

OCULA Librarian of the Year Award Winner 2006 – Jeff Moon

By Robin Bergart (with contributions from Sharon Munro and Cynthia McKeich)



The OCULA Librarian of the Year Award, of which Jeff Moon is this year's recipient, recognizes an individual member of the library

profession in Ontario who has made an outstanding contribution to academic or research librarianship and library development. Candidates are expected to have an impressive record of service to the academic community through contributions to professional organizations, publications and/or research; to have maintained consistently high standards of service and to have developed innovative approaches to library issues; to have served as role models for the profession and to have made significant contributions to their home institutions.

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President's Message

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Congratulations to our 2006 OCULA award winners: Jeff Moon from Queen's University was the well deserved recipient of the OCULA Academic Librarian of the Year award and Norda Majekodunmi from York University who won the first ever OCULA Award for Graduating Students/New Professionals. Well done!

Submissions for next year's OCULA Award for Graduating Students/New Professionals are now being accepted. Please encourage your new colleagues to consider submitting a session proposal for next year's Super Conference at: <http://www.accessola.com/ocula/site/showPage.cgi?page=awardintro.html>

The OCULA Spring Workshop – Reference in Academic Libraries – Current Issues – took place on March 30th and 31st. We had two excellent speakers: David Lankes and James Elmborg.

The workshop was well attended and very thought provoking.

Also on the horizon is the Academic Librarians' Spring Dinner. Mark May 4, 2006 on your calendar for an evening of great food, conversation, and networking. The dinner will be held in the

atrium of the George Vari Engineering & Computing Centre at Ryerson University. The guest speaker is Lynda McCarthy. Information can be found on the OCULA website.

This is an interesting time to be an academic librarian. I just spent three weeks walking the picket line with my college Faculty colleagues. The Ontario Provincial Government has just removed a post-secondary tuition freeze. There is a lot afoot in academia!

One of the aspects of academic librarianship that interests me is the difference between college and university librarians. Is there a difference? Is there a gap? Or are we doing the same things? I am hoping that we can explore some of our differences and similarities in InsideOCULA. Perhaps we can learn from each other or discover some best practices. If you have any suggestions on issues that we can explore from the two perspectives, college and university, please let me know. We'll try to look at issues from both sides of the same coin!

That's all for now! Email your comments, questions, or concerns to cynthia.McKeich@senecac.on.ca I look forward to hearing from you! ■ ■ ■

**OCULA AWARD FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS/NEW PROFESSIONALS 2006
AWARD WINNER - Norda Majekodunmi
By Heather Glerum**

Among the excellent, varied array of sessions offered during this year's highly successful OLA Super Conference, and of special note to young librarians interested in a career in academic librarianship, was the seminar which resulted from the bestowing of the first ever OCULA Award for Graduating Students/New Professionals in 2005.

The winner of the inaugural award, presented at the OLA Super Conference 2006, is Norda Majekodunmi, Reference Librarian and Social Work specialist at the Scott Library at York University. Her proposed session dealt with writing and publishing in academic librarianship and was one of the OCULA sessions at the OLA Super Conference.



Norda's presentation proposal became the session, Mind Your P's! Propelling Your Career With Projects, Publications and Presentations, and was delivered on Saturday, February 4th, 2006, by two

Candidates for the award must be either graduating students from a Master's level program in library/information studies in Ontario with an interest in academic libraries, or new professionals in the academic library field in Ontario who have been working for no more than two years. All applicants were asked to submit a proposal for an OCULA conference session for the next OLA Super Conference, covering a topic that would be particularly meaningful or helpful for new academic librarians.

of her colleagues from York University Libraries: Patti Ryan, Reference Librarian, and Lisa Sloniowski, Information Literacy Program Coordinator and Reference Librarian.

The overall premise of their talk was that innovative and creative projects, presentations or publications are important to a vibrant career as an academic librarian. These two accomplished librarians from York University provided plentiful examples of how to generate

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AMAZING RACES!!!

One of the highlights of the OLA Super Conference 2006 was the amazing Book Truck Race sponsored by Brodart Library Supplies and Furnishings company. Dressed in colourful costumes and joined by competitive athletic spirit all participants displayed incredible skills of sportsman-

ship and ability to stay on the truck! OCULA Runnings book truck race team which included Cynthia McKeich, Sophie Burry, Sharon Munro, Robin Bergart and James Buczynski won the title of 2006 OLA Book Truck Race Winner under the fearless leadership of Don Kinder.

And the winners are ... Incredible OCULA Runnings



From left to right: Brodart Vice-President Franck Chenet, James Buczynski, Robin Bergart, Sharon Munro, Sophie Bury, and Cynthia McKeich

OCULA Librarian of the Year Award Winner 2006

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ideas, how to market those ideas to stakeholders and peers despite resistance, and how to find appropriate venues for presentations and publications.

Ryan and Sloniowski built a strong and provocative case for using one's personal experiences, preferences and loves when doing research, emphasizing that academic librarianship lends itself par-

ticularly well to the mixing and merging of disciplines. In sum, they sent their audience away with the assurance that we will know we're working on the right project, presentation or paper, if we can walk away from it feeling we're not really working at all!

In and of itself, this spirited look at research in the academic library milieu bore testimony to the fact that good ideas can come from librarians of all ages and at all stages in their careers. One hopes, then, that this

year's cohort of new academic librarians and graduates from Ontario library science programs will feel sufficiently encouraged by Norda's success and will eagerly apply for the second

OCULA Award for Graduating Students/New Professionals. ■ ■ ■

OCULA AWARD FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS/NEW PROFESSIONALS 2006

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Jeff Moon, government documents & data librarian par excellence, well known to the library community for his writing, teaching, and advocacy in the area of government documents, demonstrated his comedic talents at the 2006 OCULA Award reception in his honour.

Jeff entertained the crowd with snappy zingers and groan-inspiring puns, as he warmly thanked his family and colleagues for their support over the years.

As Head of the Maps, Data and Government Information Centre at Queen's University for the past ten years, Jeff has been actively involved in educating users and librarians alike about government publications and how to use and love them. He has been an instructor for a wide range of very popular continuing education events for OLA and OCULA. He has made presentations to WILU (Workshop on Instruction in Library Use), CLA, CAPDU (Canadian Association of Public Data Users) and OLA Super Conference.

Jeff has been actively involved with several library associations over the years. He was President of OCULA in 2002 and was a member of the OLA Board of Directors from 2001 to 2002.

Jeff has published numerous articles and commissioned reports and is an ongoing reviewer for Canadian Book Review Annual.

In addition, the results of a Google search for Jeff suggest that Jeff may, or may not have been the web master for the Kingston Sharks Swimming Club.

This award comes on the heels of Jeff's receipt of the 2001 OLITA Award for Innovation in Technology for the "QWIFS" Data Analysis and Extraction System.

He is deeply committed to preserving government materials for future generations and to sharing his knowledge, skills and expertise with students and colleagues. His passion for his work is contagious and the level of expertise he has achieved in a field dominated by generalists is enviable. ■ ■ ■

PEOPLE NEWS

FLEMING COLLEGE

Fleming College was saddened with the passing of library technician, Irene Menzie in February 2006.

Fleming staff and students are missing Irene's presence in many ways. Her infectious laugh at life's many quirks, her love of cats, books and her passion for libraries are all things that her co-workers and students at Fleming fondly remember. A memorial bursary designed to benefit Fleming students has been established in her memory.

HUMBER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED LEARNING

Adam Weissengruber has recently joined Humber Library as the Virtual Services library technician. Adam is a recent graduate of Seneca's library technician program. He has a BA (English major) from University of Western Ontario and a diploma in broadcast journalism from Humber.

Camille Coles replaces Valerie Walton as the University of Guelph-Humber Library Technician. She comes with wide range of experiences from Humber's Lakeshore Library, Seneca College Library and Unionville Public Library. **Valerie Walton** has relocated to the Lakeshore Library.

BROCK UNIVERSITY

Karen Bordonaro recently joined Gibson Library as the Information Literacy Services / Instruction Coordinator. Previously, she held a number of library and teaching positions at Canisius College, State University of New York at Buffalo, and Daemen College. Karen has a PhD in Foreign and Second Language

Education, an Advanced Certificate in Educational Technology, EdM, MLS and MA from SUNY Buffalo, and a BA from St. Bonaventure University.

Laurie Morrison has been appointed Humanities Reference Librarian effective March 1. She was most recently at Mohawk College, served as a TA at the University of Western Ontario, had 2 co-op placements at University of Guelph's McLaughlin Library, and held a number of contract positions at the Hamilton Public Library. Laurie possesses an Honours BA in Linguistics, and an MLIS from the University of Western Ontario.

Jonathan Younker, Electronic Services Librarian at Gibson Library, is now Head, Library Systems and Technologies.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY

Jeffrey Trzeciak will become McMaster's new University Librarian on July 1, 2006. He is currently associate dean of the library system at Wayne State University. Jeffrey has been at Wayne State since 1998 and has held a number of senior positions. He is a graduate of Indiana University, the University of Dayton, and is currently working on his PhD in instructional technology. He has been instrumental in the development of digital library services at Wayne State. He has also led a number of community-based library projects including collaboration with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Michigan Opera Theatre.

In January, **Anne Pottier** assumed the position of Associate University Librarian, Collection Resources

(Archives & Research Collections, Bibliographic Services, and Collections). Over the past eight years Anne has served as Collections Librarian, and then as Collections Services Manager. During this time she has developed extensive expertise in print and electronic acquisitions and management of collections. Recently Anne has made several contributions to McMaster's participation in the Ontario Council of University Libraries Information Resources consortium and the OCUL Scholars Portal infrastructure project.

On January 16, **Wade Wyckoff** began his position as Cataloguing Policy Librarian in Bibliographic Services. Wade received his MLIS degree and MA in History from Indiana University. He has worked for the past five years as an Archivist with the Naval Historical Center in Washington, DC.

Lindsey Kempster worked with Reference Services, Mills Library as an intern from January - April 2006. She has completed her first term at FIMS at the University of Western Ontario. She graduated as the top anthropology student from Western in 2005, where she earned an Honours BA in Anthropology, with a specialty in biological and physical anthropology.

NIAGARA COLLEGE

Niagara College has bid adieu to a special friend and colleague, **Sue Bartlett**. Sue joined Cambrian College in November, 2005. We are pleased to welcome **Dan Michniewicz**. Dan's interest and expertise in web development make him excellent match for activities underway

at Niagara. Our congratulations go to both Sue and Dan on their new appointments.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Jeanine Blake and **Farzana Khan** have recently been hired as Night Shift Lead Hands in Borrower Services to help support the Library's new extended hours.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Tammy Moorse is the new Visual Resources Librarian appointed in August, 2005, to the Centre for Visual and Media Culture, the Institute of Communication and Culture, University of Toronto at Mississauga. Tammy formerly held positions as a Media Librarian at the CBC, the Ontario Arts Council Foundation, and OLA.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Catherine Wilkins has joined Western Libraries as the Assistant University Librarian for The D.B. Weldon Library. Catherine comes to Western from Conestoga College where she was Director of Learning Resources. Catherine has been involved with provincial collaborative initiatives and with strategic projects in public education and special libraries. She has Bachelor of Music and MLIS degrees from Western, and a Doctor of Education from OISE at the University of Toronto where her dissertation addressed the transformation of libraries through virtual information services, change management and the evolving role of the librarian, and presented a planning model for the development of future library structures.

Kristin Hoffmann joined the Allyn and Betty Taylor Library

in January as the Subject Librarian for Physics & Astronomy and Mathematical Sciences (Departments of Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Statistics and Actuarial Sciences). Kristin has an undergraduate degree in Engineering Physics from the University of British Columbia and MLIS from Western. Kristin previously worked at the University of Victoria where she was responsible for liaison with the departments of Physics & Astronomy, Chemistry, and Biochemistry & Microbiology.

Jennifer Robinson has returned after a leave to the position of Research and Instructional Services Librarian (Student Services Liaison). Jennifer will be focusing on student engagement and the educational experience in Western Libraries. Jennifer previously held the position of Head, Research and Information Services in The D.B. Weldon Library. Jennifer has an Honours BA in English Language and Literature from Wilfrid Laurier University and an MLIS from Western.

John Costella, a Research and Instructional Services Librarian in the Allyn and Betty Taylor Library, was one of 30 successful applicants to attend the fall session of the Biomedical Informatics course fully funded by the National Library of Medicine and hosted by the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole Massachusetts. Attendees from a variety of professions and geographical locations received a thorough survey of biomedical informatics.

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

In November, 2005 we wel-

comed **Anne Kelly** (BA, MLIS) to the new position of Laurier Brantford librarian. Originally a native Torontonion, Anne has come to us from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, where she worked in a variety of areas, but with particular emphasis on reference and information literacy. After completing an undergraduate degree in Geography from Queen's, Anne spent four years living and working in Switzerland, teaching at a Canadian Private School, and travelling whenever possible. On her return to Canada, she worked for two years at the University of Guelph library, while pursuing a Master's degree at UWO.

Anne has worked as a professional librarian in public libraries, first as a children's librarian, and then as a computer services librarian for the Niagara Falls Public in NY State. Her love of teaching led her to academe, and six years at Ferris State University in Michigan where as a tenured faculty member she researched graduate students' information literacy skills. Anne is continuing work on a Master of Education degree from Ferris State.

After ten years of living in the United States as a "legal alien," Anne embraces the opportunity to return to friends and family in Canada, and to put her unique stamp on the role of Librarian for the Laurier Brantford campus. Her goal is to further develop and strengthen library services for both faculty and students, in particular, helping them make full use of technology and the virtual environment.

Contact Anne via YahooChat! - username: brantfordlibrarian



Around the Province

THE BIBLIOCENTRE

Eva McDonald

The Ontario Learning Resources for Nursing group (OLRN), which includes Bibliocentre, OCUL and COAHL, has renewed its subscription to Ovid and ProQuest Nursing Journals. The Ovid package includes CINAHL, electronic books, Evidence Based Medicine Reviews including the Cochrane Library, Medline, Pre-Medline and CancerLit. New to the package is the Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins Nursing and Allied Health Premier collection of 59 high-demand full-text journals. The success of the negotiations is due to the continuing cooperation of the College and University sectors in providing high quality resources for the collaborative nursing program.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

The Ryerson Library recently extended its opening and closing hours during the academic term. The Library now opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 12 midnight, Monday to Friday, and closes at 12 midnight on weekends.

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

Deborah Wills

Anniversary Celebration

Wilfrid Laurier University Library celebrated its 40th anniversary on Thursday March 2nd, 2006. Or more precisely, it was the anniversary of the library's present

building, since there has been a library at Laurier for ninety-two years. Before the present Library building was opened, space was so tight in the original building that Rev. Erich Schultz, the University Librarian of the day, was obliged to conduct fund raising at a table in the field where the new library was eventually built. Apparently space continued to be tight even after the building was constructed, since two more floors were added in 1971, and a further two in 1984, bringing the total to the current seven floors.

The Library took advantage of this 40th anniversary to celebrate some other notable events, including the completion of the first phase of the newly created Information Commons. The entire Laurier community has benefited since the University IT Help Desk, the Writing Centre and the office of the Academic Advisor moved into the Library's main floor. With additional gifts from Laurier Alumni and SunLife, the Library is poised to begin the second phase of the Commons, including a new digital studio, new flooring, lighting, and a redesigned workspace.

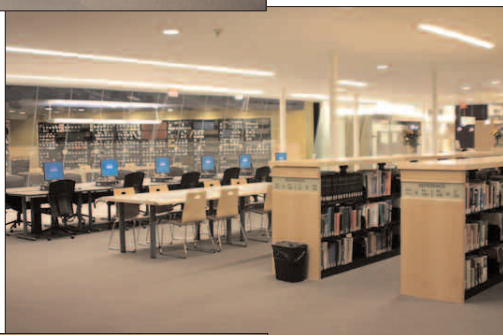
More than 100 invited guests, students, faculty, and staff were on hand to help celebrate by eating cake and enjoying live chamber music. The University Librarian, Sharon Brown, shared news of a significantly increased

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HUMBER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED LEARNING

Lynne Bentley

Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning recently opened a new, 15,580 square foot library at the Humber Lakeshore campus designed by Taylor/Hazell Architects. The library, funded by the Humber Students' Federation and Humber, includes expanded student seating, multi-media group study rooms, as well as state-of-the-art music listening stations. Michael Ignatieff, newly elected MP for Etobicoke Lakeshore, was one of the speakers at the official opening.



acquisitions budget, which will assist the library greatly in its support not only of current teaching and research, but also of the many new undergraduate and graduate programs being developed at Laurier.

Cultural Heritage Designation

The Laurier library's Archives and Special Collections Department received a letter from the Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage on March 1, 2006 confirming that Cultural Heritage Designation, Category A, has been awarded to the Archives. This is a result of several years of concerted work on the part of the Head of Archives, Joan Mitchell, and staff member, Cindy Preece, not to mention those from Laurier's physical plant who installed all the government-required equipment and made necessary adjustments. Category A permits an unlimited number of government-approved donations to be made to the Archives, at the maximum tax receipt level.



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