

OPL Board - 2018 Continuing Education Plan

The OPL Board 2018 Continuing Education Plan includes three components: Board educationals, structured external learning (webinars / seminars, meetings / conferences), and internal ongoing learning (field opportunities).

2018 Board Educationals

OPL Board Educationals serve to provide Trustees with insights on OPL's programs, services, and activities. Educationals are offered at every second Board meeting (or five per year). These educationals are provided as presentations at the beginning of the regular Board meeting.

The 2018 Board Educational topics are:

February – Value of the Card

April – Community Development

June – Creating Leadership

October – Equity and Inclusion

December – OPL Programs: Update and Summary

External Structured Learning – Webinars / Seminars, and Meeting / Conferences

Webinars / Seminars

Throughout the year, various library groups (e.g. Southern Ontario Library Service, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries) and associations offer webinars and seminars on a variety of subjects including governance, library trends, and advocacy. Staff monitor these opportunities and share them with the Board via email to gauge interest and coordinate participation, where applicable.

Meetings / Conferences

Each year, Library Associations across Canada, the US, and the World hold meetings and conferences to help advance libraries into the future. Most associations include program offerings for all types of libraries, including public libraries. These opportunities will provide Trustees with access to best practices among larger public libraries globally.

The 2018 list of meetings / conferences which may be of interest to Trustees are:

ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OLA) SUPER CONFERENCE

Date: January 31 – February 3, 2018

Location: Toronto, ON

Theme: Fearless By Design - We take risks. We endeavour to explore the unknown. We shed light on learning and technology, and we fight for the right to information, literacy, and education for all. As knowledge and research experts, we venture to serve our communities, schools, and more. We forecast needs and provide services, spaces, and places that support everyone. We are entrusted with holding the facts and evidence upon which a just society is based. As our society transforms, so do we. We are Fearless by Design.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS (CFLA) NATIONAL POLICY FORUM

Date: May 2, 2018

Location: Regina, SK

Theme: Not yet released

PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (PLA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: March 20 – 24, 2018

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Theme: Imagine the Possibilities – Participants will be challenged to imagine new possibilities in their libraries and communities.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: June 21 – 26, 2018

Location: New Orleans, LA

Theme: Not yet released

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS (IFLA) – WORLD CONFERENCE

Date: August 24 -28, 2018

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Theme: Transform Libraries, Transform Societies - with the additional tagline: 'Reaching out to the hard to reach'. The critical role played by libraries in the west and in the east in the development of a nation lies in their ability to transform societies.

ULC ANNUAL FORUM or ULC PARTNER'S FORUM

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Theme: Not yet released

Internal Ongoing Learning – Field Opportunities

Field Opportunities and Walkalongs with OPL Employees

Every quarter, OPL will provide Board members with three monthly field/walkalong opportunities where board members will be able to “walk alongside” an OPL employee. These opportunities will provide Board members greater knowledge on the programs and services offered in the community.

Suggested Field Opportunities for 2018 include:

- Ride along and assist with a mini-library with Homebound Services employees
- A half-day with Inter-Library Loans (ILL) employees
- Participate in an outreach event at an elementary or high school
- InfoService – take part in our contact centre
- Bike along with the Biblio-bike
- Participate in a Storytime or Babytime
- Help restock the kiosk (includes a ridealong)
- Deliver materials to branches (with materials delivery)
- A behind the scenes look at cataloguing and processing
- A behind the scenes look at materials selection and acquisition
- Participate in an outreach visit to local community organizations
- Learn how we sort and shelve materials
- Participate in a Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meeting or a TAG-initiated teen activity (a “TAG-along”)
- Attend an Aging by the Book program
- Be a “maker” in the Imagine Space
- Rove and assist in other “on the floor” activities in a branch
- Ride along and participate in an outreach activity with Bookmobile
- Take part in a conversation group with newcomers
- Start your family tree with a genealogy specialist