

**Report to/Rapport au:**

**OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE PUBLIQUE D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: Ontario Library Association Conference Trustee Report**

**OBJET : Rapport d'administrateur de la conférence de l'Ontario Library Association**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Public Library Board receive this report for information.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le C.A. de la Bibliothèque publique d'Ottawa prenne connaissance de ce rapport à titre d'information.**

**ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE  
Super Conference 2014 - A Universe of Possibilities**

First of all, I want to express my sincerest thanks to the Ottawa Public Library Board in allowing me to attend the 2014 Super Conference. As well, my sincere appreciation to Marc Pellerin for his outstanding work in getting me registered, booking my flight and finding me a place to sleep.



The Ontario Library Association's Super Conference is an incredible "Library" experience. Held at the Metro Conference Centre, over 5000 people registered including exhibitors making this a mecca for Library enthusiasts.

I attended the Thursday afternoon and Friday portion of the Conference.

### **Friday Session: Don't Worry, Be Happy**

This session was hosted by representatives of Publishing Distribution Companies who called themselves "The Dewey Divas and Dudes". During their presentations they profiled books that illustrated emotional/physical struggles of young people. The whole premise of this session was to highlight books that young people could read, that they themselves might be comforted by or better understand their own problems.

### **Friday, All Conference Plenary**

David Usher, a Juno Award Winning Musician and Creativity Expert, presented an hour long musical/passionate performance for over 800 Conference participants. As the front man of the internationally acclaimed rock band "Moist", David has sold over 1.5 million albums, won countless awards and performed around the world. He believes that creativity and creative success is a learnable skill that anyone can master. He used his unique and dynamic presentation that employed videos and music to get his message across. David showed the steps that library staff can take to stimulate the creative process. Obviously it is difficult to outline this type of presentation in writing so you may watch to view a short video by David.

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hfbYD1zEUc&feature=youtu.be>)

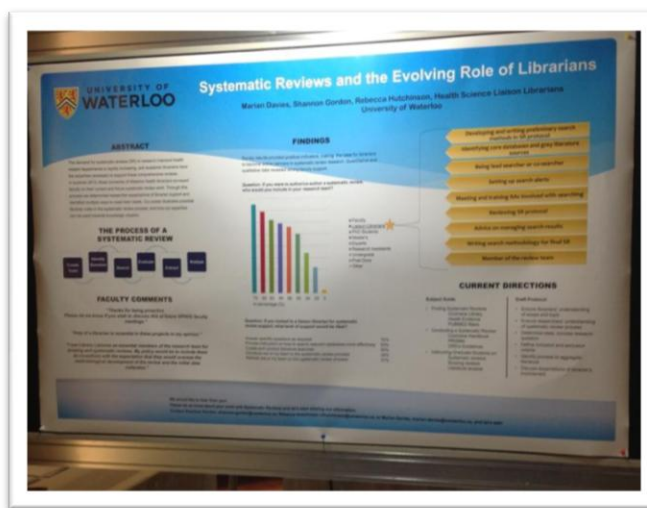
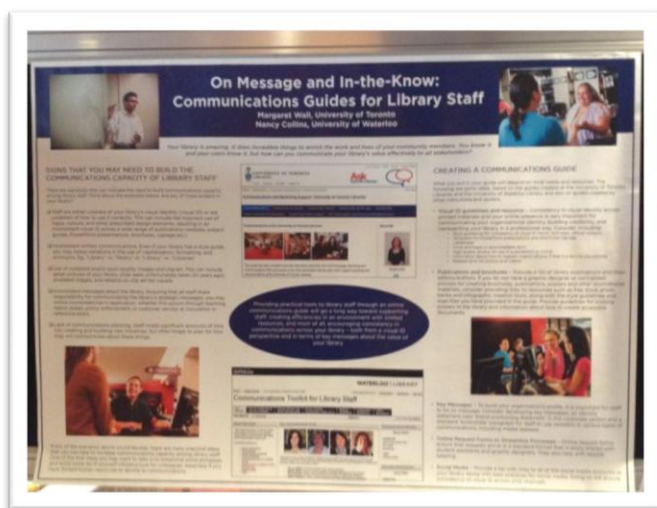
### **Friday Session: Something Old, Something New: Creating**

Librarians at the University of Toronto, Scarborough are piloting a mentorship program for liaison librarians. During the 2013-2014 academic year, experienced librarians are paired with new librarians to provide advice and support for liaison librarianship. At this session, the program and feedback from participants showed a very positive response.

## Friday Session: Parents in the Library, Sharing Stories, Making a Difference

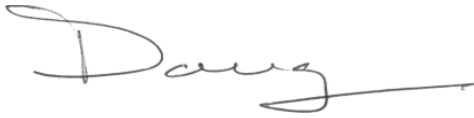
This program was developed by a Teacher-Librarian in Toronto, with the purpose of engaging parents in a downtown Toronto school. The Library hosted regular parent gathering to address the interest and needs of diverse newcomer population. The focus is on writing and sharing personal stories in English as well as home languages. My observation was that the library, the community and the parents have been enriched by this process.

I have included some pictures that I took at the Conference. Additionally, I also captured videos while at the conference and my office would be happy to share them.



For this Conference, presenters were asked to provide organisers with their particular session materials, including slides and notes. In some cases this information has not been supplied, making it currently unavailable. I do have staff in my office monitoring the website for this material and they would be happy to forward it along once it becomes available if you desire more information about the sessions I attended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Doug', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor/Trustee Doug Thompson