

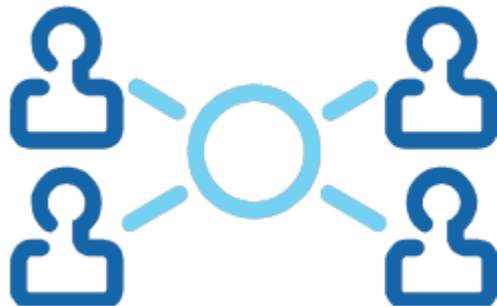


Ontario Health Libraries Association

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LEADERSHIP ADVOCACY EDUCATION COMMUNICATION

OHLA is an association committed to the support of health library specialists who deliver quality information services to the health care communities of Ontario. The Association provides support to its members through excellence in leadership, advocacy, education and communications.

SINCE 1985

OHLA formerly called the Ontario Hospital Library Association was founded in 1985 in response to a Task Force chaired by Jan Greenwood, former Consulting Librarian of the Ontario Medical Association. The primary aim of OHLA described upon its founding was to promote quality information services in support of patient care, staff development, teaching and research within hospitals. The Association also dedicated itself to meeting the continuing education needs of part-time library personnel in small hospitals.

Almost 30 years later, our Association continues to provide a forum for health librarians, library technicians, and library staff working in health libraries as well as other interested parties to meet and interact. Our members include librarians, library technicians, assistants, associates, information specialists, health library retirees and library studies students. Our commitment to continuing education remains a prominent activity that we engage in each year. We maintain formal affiliation agreements that mutually support the goals and activities of the Ontario Library Association and Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- An easily accessible website linking to conferences, and other continuing education events.
- Member's only listserv to assist with staying connected with colleagues, sharing resources, educational events and membership news.
- OLA Super Conference reduced rate which includes conference sessions for health libraries, special OHLA conference events and networking opportunities.
- Our continuing educational events, either online webinars or annual conference sessions are offered free or at discounted rates to our members.
- Recognition of professional excellence through OHLA member awards.
- Leadership skill development is available to regular and student members who choose to serve as a member of the OHLA executive.
- Our members share in large group discounted purchases of products of interest such as journal subscriptions or databases.
- Our members only Toolbox of resources contains templates, best practice tools that may be adapted for use by our members.

Students from college library technician programs and university library science programs are welcome to join OHLA at a 50% discounted member fee. Retiree and non-working members are also offered a discounted membership fee.

Our membership year runs from January to December. The Annual General Meeting of the Association is held each January at the Ontario Library Association Conference.

ADVOCACY

Being information literate, knowing how to locate, retrieve, evaluate, filter, and communicate information accurately and effectively, has never been more important for the healthcare professional. OHLA seeks opportunities to advocate on behalf of health libraries and their workers to our healthcare facility administrators to ensure evidence informed practice is the foundation of both administrative and clinical decisions.

RESEARCH

OHLA members are enabled to share their research activities through online continuing education webinars and more formally, at our annual assembly at the Ontario Library Association conference held each January in Toronto. OHLA also provides researchers with online free access to the archives of the Association which reveals a snapshot of hospital libraries in Ontario over the past 30 years.

Members are given opportunities for honing their writing skills or sharing news of great accomplishments or milestones through our listserv and news dissemination service.



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