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Call for Proposals

This year's conference will take place January 24-27, 2024 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, in downtown Toronto.
Call for Proposals

The 2024 Call for Proposals is now open. Submit your best ideas to the planning team using the proposal form below.

- The Deadline for proposals is Friday September 29, 2023.
- Proposal submission guide can be found here.

Please review the submission guide for important info before your submit your idea.

Submit my idea

← 2024 Conference Theme: Get Loud!

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☰ OLA Super Conference 2024

📅 January 24, 2024 - January 27, 2024

🌐 Metro Toronto Convention Centre

OLA is excited to welcome you back to the OLA Super Conference 2024. We'll be back in-person at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from January 23-27, 2024

Key Dates

Proposal site opens: August 22, 2023
Proposal site closes: September 29, 2023
Proposal review begins: October 3, 2023
Proposal review ends: October 17, 2023
Preliminary Schedule Announced: November 1, 2023
Registration Opens: October 2023
Early Bird Registration Closes: November 23, 2023

The Super Conference Planning Team is interested in your ideas to engage with the library sector! This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and be part of strengthening Canada's libraries.

This year's theme is *Get Loud*. **Read more about the theme here.**

We welcome ideas from all corners of library land. Pitch your best ideas to the planning team using the application form below. **Application portal will close on Friday September 29 at 5:00pm ET.**

Please note that OLA does not cover expenses or provide honoraria but registration discounts will be provided to all speakers.
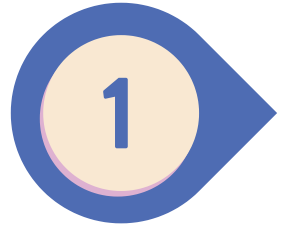
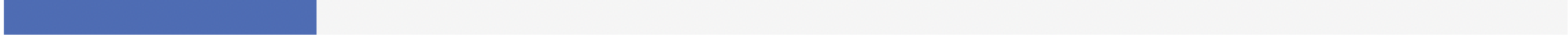**Proposal Submission Guide can be found here.**

Start Application »

Take note of these dates...

... and then start your application!

1 Tell us some basic info about yourself, then click 'Submit' when you're done.
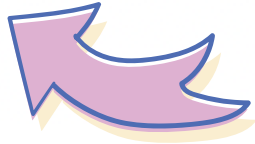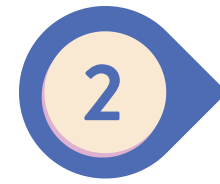
Email Address *

First Name *

Last Name *

Credentials

Organization *

Title

Submit

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☑ Account   ☑ Session

Please provide details about the session you are proposing

Details

Session title (maximum 15 words) *

Proposed session titles should be engaging, descriptive and to the point; use this opportunity to entice your audience - tell them what they'll get out of your session. Session titles should *not* be unnecessarily long, or jargon-filled; or use the name of a library system. Remember, you only have 15 words in this field so use them wisely.

Session description (maxiumum 150 words) *

Descriptions should speak directly to what makes your session interesting to the library sector - what are you talking about that people need to hear? How will this information make a difference to someone's work? What does this session mean within the sector at large?

- Avoid generalizations and filler words. Be specific, be concise.
- Sell your session! You've done important work, necessary work, work that makes your system and the sector better. So tell us about that, and more importantly, show us how we can achieve that work ourselves.

OLA retains the right to modify titles and descriptions for brevity and clarity.

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Learning objectives

Your learning objectives tell your audience in clear language how your session will affect their behaviours, skills, knowledge or attitudes.

- Learning outcomes should focus on the outcomes for the attendees - how will your submission help them?
- Each proposal needs to include 2-3 clear and achievable learning objectives.
- Use action words to begin each learning objective, such as "Attendees will be able to list, describe, define, demonstrate, conduct ... etc."

Learning objective 1

Learning objective 2

Learning objective 3

Select Primary Content Area *

Select a Primary Content Area for your proposal. This will help give context to your proposal and will assist the planners in their review.

Books and Authors ⌄

Select Relevant Format *

Select the format which would be most suitable for the delivery of your session. You must choose only one format type. Please refer to the Submission Guide for a description of each format. Proposal Submission Guide can be found here.

Conversation (45 minutes) ⌄

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Select Target Audience (Maximum 3) *

Select audience who would most value your session. Please be specific.

- ☐ Career Development
- ☐ College Library
- ☐ First Nations Library
- ☐ General Audience
- ☐ Health Library
- ☐ Job Seekers
- ☐ Library Administration
- ☐ Library Board
- ☐ Library Technicians
- ☐ Public Library
- ☐ School Library
- ☐ Special Library
- ☐ University Library

Will your session have any co-presenters? *

You will be able to edit/add co-speakers post-submission

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Continue

4 Identify the audience most interested in your presentation. Be specific, please.

Indicate if you anticipate having co-presenters in this session.

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- ● Yes
- ○ No

Co-Presenters

Co-Presenter 1

First name	Last name	Email address	Credentials

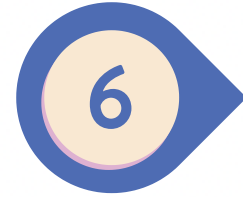| Organization	Title	State/Province	City

Co-Presenter 2

Co-Presenter 3

Co-Presenter 4

Co-Presenter 5

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5 If you're presenting with other team members, make sure to fill out these sections. Co-presenters can be added once your submission is accepted.

Then click 'Continue' to move on.

☑ Account ☑ Session

Tell us more about your proposed session.

If your proposal is selected, would you prefer a room set with theatre seating or round tables? *

If your program will be highly interactive, you may prefer a room set with rounds. Otherwise, a theatre set is recommended. OLA cannot guarantee room set requests but will consider them in the scheduling process.

○ Theatre
○ Rounds
○ No Preference

Does this session address a topic that is specific to a particular community? This could include, but is not limited to: Indigenous, Black, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and issues related to accessibility. *

OLA is actively committed to diversity and inclusion, encouraging and pursuing own-voice presenters who bring unique, vibrant and new perspectives to OLA Super Conference. We will prioritize presenters with lived experience. If your session addresses a topic that represents a specific community, the OLA Super Conference planning team will contact you to learn more about your personal experience with that topic.

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to answer

In developing the conference program, OLA is committed to prioritizing equitable participation, and holding space for community members who are Indigenous, Black, Brown, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+, living with disabilities, and others who are marginalized. While the review process will be anonymous, the review panel will give preference to submissions from members of these groups to ensure an authentic representation is present. We will also use information to identify any barriers created to reaching priority groups.

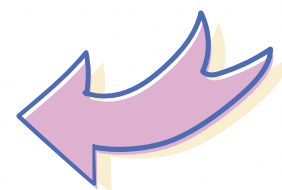If you feel comfortable doing so, please identify if you belong to any of these groups.

Would you like this session to be made available to a virtual audience? *

If selected, this program would be livestreamed and/or audio recorded; all presenters must sign an agreement in a timely manner.

○ Yes

○ No

Continue

7 **Tell us a bit more about the topic and logistics here, too, and then click 'Continue' to move on.**

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Thank you for your application!

We have received your application, and have sent you an email confirmation. Your proposal will be reviewed by the planning team in early October, and we will keep you up to date via email. If you have any questions, please **contact us**.

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Edit Application Here   **Start New Application**

Done!