



CANADIAN
SCHOOL LIBRARIES

TREASURE MOUNTAIN CANADA

Research Symposium & Think Tank

January 31 – February 1, 2025



Foundations for School Library Learning Commons in Canada: A Framework for Success

The eighth biennial symposium (TMC8) is taking place as part of Super Conference 2025. Canadian School Libraries (CSL) extends a special invitation to attend, as part of your Super Conference experience. TMC8 is presented in partnership with the Ontario School Library Association (OSLA) and The Association of Library Consultants and Coordinators of Ontario (TALCO).



TMC8 Keynote Speaker: Leslie Weir

Friday January 31: Evening TMC Kick-Off Dinner

Leslie Weir is the Librarian and Archivist of Canada, the first woman to be appointed to the position at Library and Archives Canada. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Weir was University Librarian at the University of Ottawa. She has also held positions at the National Library of Canada and the Statistics Canada Library, and is a past president of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries. Over the course of her career, Ms. Weir has demonstrated vision, dedication and outstanding service by encouraging connections both within and outside the world of librarianship.



School Library Spotlight: Lindsay Zier-Vogel

Friday January 31: OLA Super Conference Session

Lindsay Zier-Vogel is an author, grant writer, arts educator, and the creator of the internationally acclaimed Love Letter Project. Her first picture book, *Dear Street*, was a 2023 Junior Library Guild pick, a Canadian Children's Book Centre book of the year, and was nominated for a Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award. The Love Letter Project asks people all over the world to write love letters to their communities and hide them for strangers to find, spreading place-based love. Toronto Life call the project one of the 50 reasons to love Toronto, and CBC Radio has deemed Lindsay a "national treasure."

TMC8 Symposium Spotlight Speakers



Keith Curry Lance, Ph.D., is a research consultant at the School of Information at San Jose State University. From 2021 to 2024, he was the principal investigator for The School Librarian Investigation—Decline or Evolution? (SLIDE), with fellow researcher Debra E. Kachel. He is best known in the school library community for more than 15 school library impact studies, most conducted at the state level between 1992 and 2014. He was the founding director of the Library Research Service at the Colorado State Library from 1987 to 2007. A frequent speaker at national and state library conferences throughout the U.S. and elsewhere, he was a featured speaker at the 2002 White House Conference on School Libraries.



Dianne Oberg, PhD, is Professor Emerita in teacher-librarianship in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. She was an early adopter of online graduate-level school library education. Her research focuses on teacher-librarianship education and the implementation and evaluation of school library programs. Dianne co-edited, with Barbara Schultz-Jones, the second edition of the IFLA School Library Guidelines (2015). Her current project is a book on the role of principals in supporting school library programs.

TMC8 Table Talks

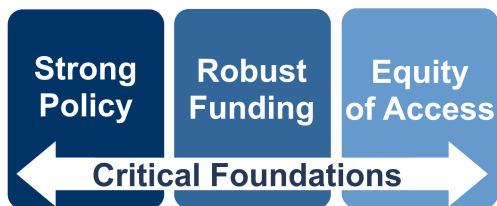
Thought leaders lead table talks based on papers they have contributed to TMC8.



The Big Think!

So what needs to happen as a result of the work of TMC8? Symposium participants put their heads together to inspire the future work of **Canadian School Libraries**.

TMC8 Theme: Foundations for School Library Learning Commons in Canada: A Framework for Success



- Physical & Virtual LLC Spaces
- Technological Infrastructures
- Human Resources
- Accessibility
- Ethical Standards
- LLC Management
- A Culture of Growth
- Accountability

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Register for TMC8. All are welcome!

(You don't need to submit a paper in order to participate.)

OPTION 1: Full Super Conference (includes TMC) Cost: Visit the OLA Super Conference website for options

- All keynote, spotlight and workshop sessions
- Unlimited entrance privileges to Super EXPO 2025, Canada's largest library trade show
- Opportunity to opt in to a variety of Wednesday pre-conferences
- Full access to the Super Conference archive, including on-demand sessions and recordings of any in-person livestreamed sessions.
- Access to the ever-expanding program and services in the Career Centre
- Social events including the Opening and Closing parties, divisional award receptions, and unique tour opportunities.
- Access to Treasure Mountain Canada (Friday evening & Saturday) with all of the events described in Option 2.

OPTION 2: TMC Friday & Saturday Cost: \$275.00

- Access to all Friday workshops & Super Expo
- Friday Super Conference school library sessions, including OSLA Spotlight Speaker Lindsay Zier-Vogel
- Friday evening dinner with TMC Keynote Speaker Leslie Weir
- Continental breakfast and boxed lunch Saturday
- Interactive TMC Research Symposium led by Canadian School Libraries leaders
- TMC Spotlight Speakers Dr. Keith Curry Lance and Dr. Dianne Oberg
- Table Talks and papers by school library learning leaders

All conference fees (except otherwise noted) are subject to 13% HST. On-site registration fees increase by \$65.

Registration opens mid-November

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