

Toronto Health Libraries Association

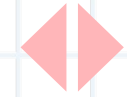
Annual General Meeting

May 30th, 2024
12-12:45pm EST

Agenda

1. **Approving 2023 Minutes & Approving 2024 Agenda**
2. **Report of Annual Activities**
 - a. CHLA Updates
 - b. Year in review
 - c. LTSC Update
 - d. Requests for next year
3. **Upcoming Events**
4. **Membership Updates**
5. **Executive Updates**
 - a. Farewell
 - b. Welcome to new Executive
6. **Questions & Adjournment**

THLA Executive Team (2023-2024)



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President Elect



Tom Blennerhasset
(he/him))

President



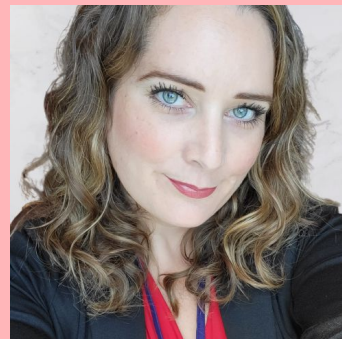
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Past President



Minakshi Sharma
(she/her)

Webmaster



Alissa Epworth
(she/her)

Secretary



Celeste Ramnarine
(she/her)

CHLA Updates

CHLA Conference:
Winnipeg

Wednesday 12 June –
Friday 14 June 2024

Call for volunteers for
2025 Conference in July
and encourage people
to sign up

Year in Review

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June 14th

**INFORMATION SESSION
LIBRARIES AND DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGIES
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
MOHAWK COLLEGE**

Wednesday, June 14th @ 12 p.m. - 1p.m.

Hosted by LTSC, THLA & GHHLA



Dolores Harms Penner is Program Specialist and Instructor for the library education programs offered by Mohawk College. She enjoys helping students prepare for careers in the information services field, and learns from them daily.

Information Session on Graduate Certificate offered by Mohawk College

Date: June 14, 2023

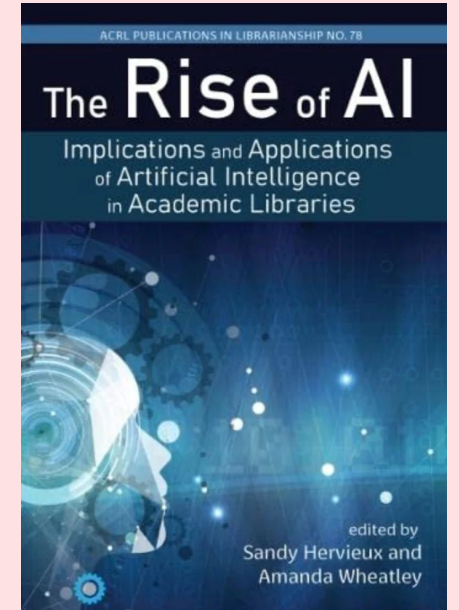
June 19th

A Crash Course in AI So That You Can Understand ChatGPT

Date: June 19, 2023

Presented by co-editors of The Rise of AI:
Implications and Applications of Artificial Intelligence
in Academic Libraries. Chicago, IL: Association of
College and Research Libraries:

- **Sandy Hervieux** she/her, Head Librarian, Nahum Gelber Law Library, McGill University
- **Amanda Wheatley** she/her, Liaison Librarian for Management, Business, and Entrepreneurship, McGill University



Make Everyone Feel Welcome, accessible event/workshop planning

Oct 26th

Hujma Chowdhury, Accessibility and Resource Sharing Librarian at UofT

Planning an in-person library event? Or maybe an online workshop? Learn ways to make the experience more accessible!

In this 1 hour workshop, we will be looking at tangible solutions that you can easily implement to make your workshop or event more accessible.

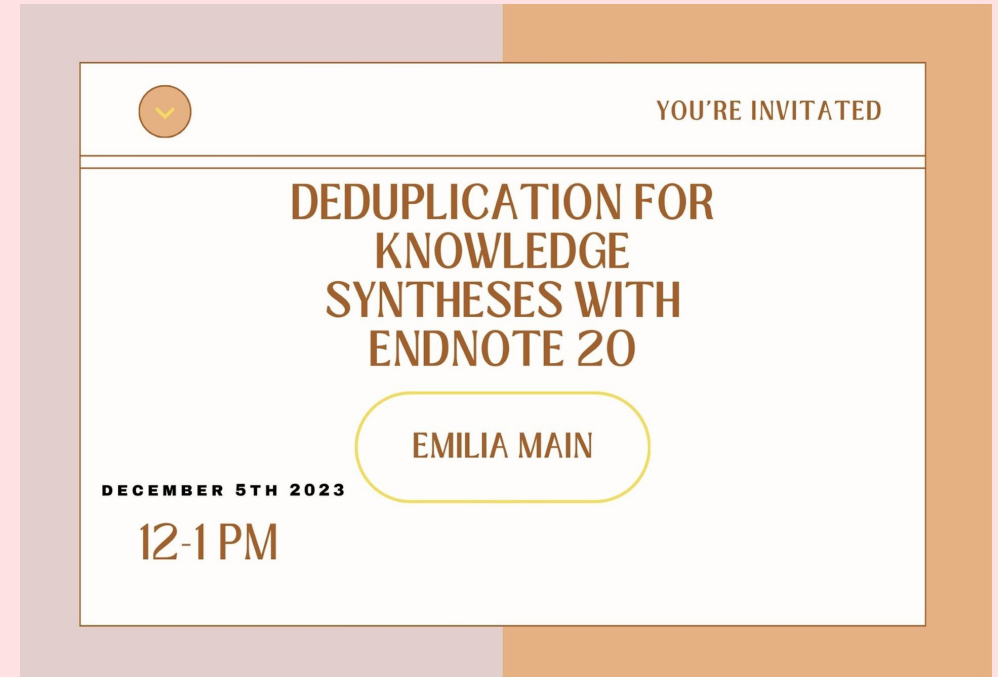


Deduplication for Knowledge Syntheses with EndNote 20

05/12/2023

Emilia Main is an Information Specialist at Toronto Rehab, University Health Network.

Removing bibliographic duplicates is a crucial step in the knowledge synthesis process, yet guidance on best practices is limited. This session will walk through a hybrid automated/manual deduplication process in EndNote 20. Deduplication challenges and future directions will also be explored.





THLA's Resume/CV Show and Tell 2024

May 9th 12-1

Join THLA for a professional development event to delve into the resumes and cover letters of three seasoned health library professionals.

This workshop will offer you the opportunity to hear from three health library professionals:

- Thomas Blennerhasset, Associate Librarian at the Michener Institute of Education at UHN
- Alissa Epworth, Customer Success Manager at DistillerSR
- Katie Merriman, Liaison Librarian at the University of Toronto

They will discuss their Resume/CV and sample cover letter, offering personalized advice from their experiences in the application process. Learn about the dos and don'ts of resume/CV writing specific to the health library field, discover effective strategies for tailoring your application to different job opportunities, and glean valuable advice for confidently navigating the job market

Summer Social
To be announced!
Late Summer!

LTSC Executives

- Melissa Paladines
- Raluca Serban
- Alissa Epworth





Library Technician Sub-committee (LTSC) Updates

2023 Professional Development Events:

May 10: Getting Comfortable Teaching: tips & tricks on the soft skills of teaching. 21 attendees

Apr 24: The 21st Century Presentation Toolkit: from Gamification to Artificial Intelligence. 33 attendees

Upcoming 2024 Event:

Fall: Career Development/Advancement

Seeking an additional executive member, please reach-out if you are a library technician who is interested in getting involved!

Membership Updates

Welcome to New THLA Members

2024: 22 new members (96 Members in Total)

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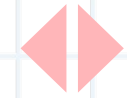
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Ivetta Lewis



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Meet our President Elect



Iveta Lewis has been a library and archives manager at Holland Bloorview Hospital since 2020. She previously worked at the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, and as a solo librarian at North York General Hospital. One of her most gratifying projects was setting up a children's library for the 519 Community Centre in Toronto. She served at the Health Sciences Information Consortium (HSIC) Management Board from 2020 -2022. She was an active Council member of the Ontario Health Library and Information Association from 2021 – 2024. Since 2023, she has represented the HSIC at the UofT Circulation Services Assessment Technologies working group. She was awarded a prestigious Joan Leishmann Award of Merit in 2023 for her outstanding contributions to the library realm.

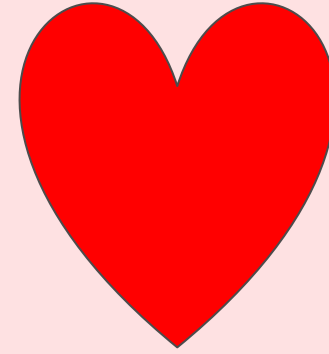
Meet our Secretary Celeste Ramnarine



Celeste is passionate about patient empowerment through education and professional development. She has a background in public and academic libraries, and clinical research. In her free time, Celeste enjoys spending time with family and friends and doing jigsaw puzzles



Farewell Minakshi



Thanks!

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