

**Toronto Health Libraries Association**

# **Annual General Meeting**

May 28th, 2025



# Agenda

1. **Approving 2024 Minutes & Approving 2025 Agenda**
2. **Report of Annual Activities**
  - a. Year in review
  - b. LTSC Update
  - c. Requests for next year
3. **Upcoming Events**
4. **Membership Updates**
5. **Executive Updates**
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## President Elect



Iveta Lewis  
*(she/her)*

## President



Thomas Blennerhassett  
*(he/him)*

## Past President



Katie Merriman  
*(she/her)*

## Webmaster



Alissa Epworth  
*(she/her)*

## Secretary



Celeste Ramnarine  
*(she/her)*

# Year in Review

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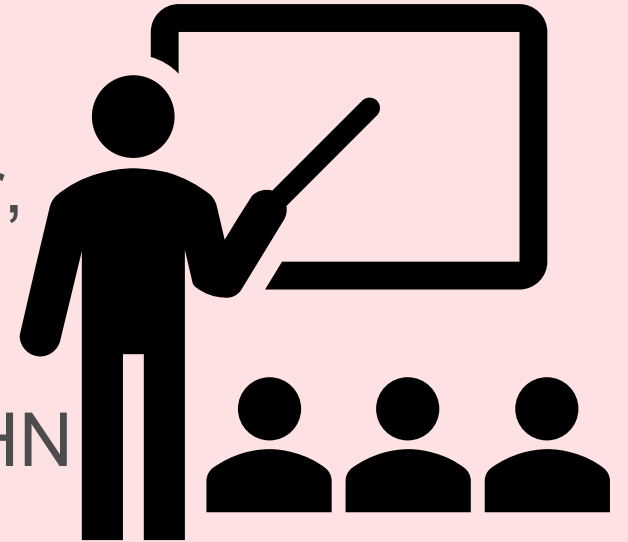


April 23

# Making Lessons More Engaging with BOPPPS Framework

Presented by Michener Institute  
instructional designers:

- **Andrea Dyack** she/her, Instructional Designer,  
Michener Institute of Education at UHN
- **Emily Paige Mork** she/her, Instructional  
designer, Michener Institute of Education at UHN

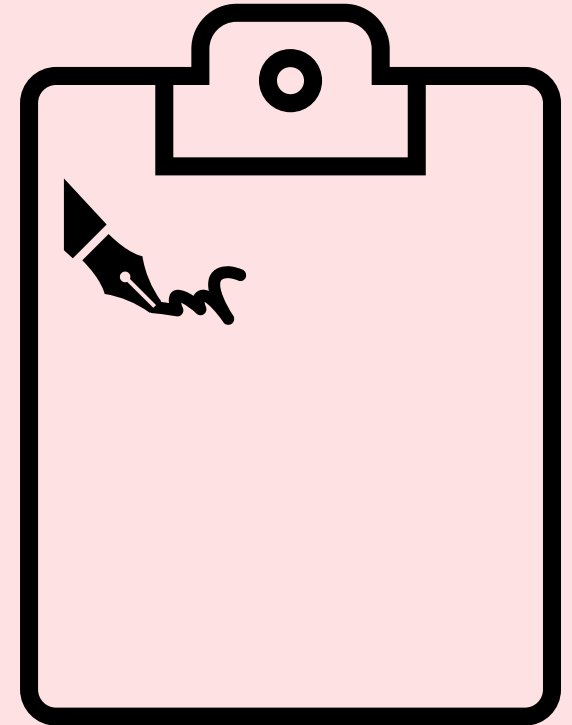


# Introduction to Research Data Management

December 4th

**Danica Evering** They/Them research  
Data Management Specialist, McMaster  
University Libraries

This introductory session will cover the essentials of research data management (RDM), including best practices for data planning, storage, organization, preservation, and sharing, through a health science lens. Attendees will gain practical skills to enhance their RDM services and contribute to the success of their institutions.





# THLA Reaches Out to Students

- Earlier this year THLA engaged in several presentations to both iSchool library masters students and LT students at both Mohawk and Seneca.
- The goal was to discuss career paths, resume building, and to demystify the library space for new grads.
- We are pleased that so many of these students decided THLA was a good starting point, to network and reach out to professionals in the health sciences field
- We are hopeful to continue this kind of outreach in the future

# LTSC Executives

- Melissa Paladines
- Raluca Serban
- Alissa Epworth
- Sandy Culley





# Library Technician Sub-committee (LTSC) Updates

## **2025 Professional Development Events:**

Jan 20: No Longer a Hidden Gem: Marketing your Library. 41 attendees

Feb 27: Health Libraries as a Career Direction for Library Technicians  
(Mohawk College)

Apr 1: Overview of the Health Sciences Libraries, Library Technician Roles  
and THLA (Seneca College)

## **Upcoming 2025 Event:**

June 17: Collaborating for Success - How Library Placements Benefit  
Students and Libraries

# June 17th

## Collaborating for Success – How Library Placements Benefit Students and Libraries

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Tuesday, June 17 @ 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Hosted by LTSC & THLA



Join us for an engaging discussion on library technician placements!

Our panelists will share their experiences, highlighting the valuable work and special projects these students have contributed to their libraries. They'll discuss lessons learned, challenges faced, and solutions found during the placements.

Our session panelists are:

- Laura Paprocki – Medical Librarian - Waterloo Regional Health Network @ Queens Blvd.
- Cathy Pajunen – Library and Information Technician, Health Sciences Library – Hospital for Sick Children
- Beata Pach – Manager, Library Services – Public Health Ontario
- Jennifer McKinnell – Director, Health Sciences Library - McMaster University

Together, let's nurture the next generation of library professionals!

# Membership Updates

## Welcome to New THLA Members

2024: 22 new members (96 Members in Total)

2025: 58 new members (92 members Total after roster purge)

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# Meet our President Elect



**Sadaf Ullah**

Our new president elect is Sadaf Ullah (she/her), and she is absolutely thrilled to be stepping into the role of Vice President of the Toronto Health Libraries Association!

Sadaf has been a medical librarian with over seven years of experience across a range of healthcare settings—including government, academic, non-profit, and currently, the hospital world. In her current role, as one of the Outreach and Training Information Specialists at Unity Health Toronto, she has the pleasure of working closely with amazing nurses to support their information needs.

She is deeply passionate about making health information accessible to all and is equally committed to building an inclusive and vibrant community of health librarians—something she's especially excited to support in this new role.

When she's not busy in the library world, you can usually find her making art, discovering new music, or hanging out with her cat, Cleo. She is really looking forward to connecting with many of you and to all the great things we'll do together at THLA!



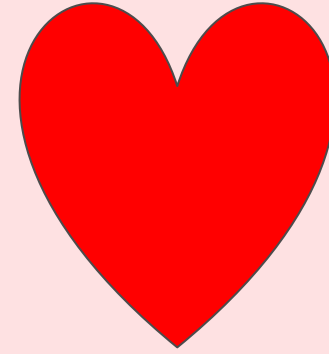
# Meet our new Member Representative

## **Bianna Glaizer**

I studied Linguistics at York U, and I am also a graduate from the Library and Information Technician Diploma program at Seneca Polytechnic. I first started my career in public libraries in 2016, and made my way in the health sciences libraries in 2019, and have stayed in health sciences ever since. I am currently a Library and Archives Technician at UHN Libraries, where I specialize in cataloguing and collections and provides support to the Corporate Archivist. I look forward to working with everyone and I hope to learn as much as I can from Alissa. On my free time I enjoy baking, walking my cat, and watching horror movies.



**Farewell Tom!**



# Thanks!

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~~Spring Social Tonight at Hot House, please join we'd love to see you :)~~