



**SOLS | SBOS**

Southern Ontario **Library Service**  
**Service des bibliothèques de l'Ontario-Sud**

Stronger Libraries. Stronger Communities.

Enrichir nos bibliothèques, c'est enrichir nos communautés.

## ***SOLS Board Summary***

***October 2018***

### **Municipal Trade Shows**

For the eighth year, SOLS participated in the trade show at the Ontario East Municipal Conference which is held mid-September in Kingston each year. The purpose of our participation is to raise the profile of SOLS with municipal decision-makers and the MPPs who attend the conference. The exhibits at OEMC were open over two days and SOLS' Board members had the opportunity to speak with many delegates, reinforcing the value of libraries and SOLS.

### **AMO**

For the second year, public libraries were represented at the AMO conference in August 2018. In addition to Barbara, Stephen Abram (FOPL), Kerry Badgley and staff members from Ottawa Public Library, including the CEO, staffed the booth. We featured "I love libraries" buttons, banners, a 3D printer, and virtual reality headsets. A free registration to the OLA conference was also offered as a door prize. Over 80 people dropped off their business cards.

The booth also served to highlight the way public libraries collaborate, the provincial roles and the value-added services organizations like SOLS, FOPL and OLA provide. Conversations with councilors also provide some insights into local issues. Some interesting questions were raised around the role of the library and its staff in the community, increasing concern for safety in the library, and competencies for board members.

### **Operations Plan 2018/19**

SOLS' Operations Plan for 2018/19 is available at [www.sols.org](http://www.sols.org).

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of SOLS' Board is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019 at 1 Yonge Street in Toronto.