

OISE Library Student Advisory Committee (OLSAC)

Annual Report 2021-2022

List of Members

Committee Members

- Anchal Sood
- Bebhinn Jennings
- Brian Henriques
- Cherie Daniel
- Chiara Fernando
- Christina Daudlin
- Emily Dobrich (Co-Secretary)
- Erika Colby
- Huda Salha
- Jiazhen Li
- Mac Mauro
- Missy Chareka (Co-Secretary)
- Rutwa Engineer
- Ruqayyah Alibhai (Co-Chair)
- Tika Thapa
- Yilun Jiang (Co-Chair)

OISE Library Staff

- Monique Flaccavento (OISE Library Director, Ex Officio)
- Emily Hector (OISE Librarian)
- Sasha Dhesi (Graduate Student Library Assistant/Toronto Academic Library Intern)

Four Meetings were held for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Thursday October 28th, 2021, 5:00-6:30 pm

Wednesday November 24th, 2021, 5:00-6:30 pm

Friday February 18th, 2022, 5:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, 3:30-5:00 pm

Achieved Tasks

OISE Library Book Club: The OISE Page Turners

- A working group was formed during the first OLSAC meeting in October.
- The working group met separately to organize, strategize and launch the book club
- The OISE Page Turners book club launched in February 2022
- There were three meetings held between February and April

Sustainability and climate action activities taken in the library

- Brainstorming of ideas to improve sustainability and how the OISE Library could adhere to the OISE Climate Action Guidelines were a regular topic of discussion
- The key question that guided the committee's discussion was: What can we do to make the OISE Library more environmentally sustainable practically?
- Actions initiated this year included:
 - A timer was installed at the Children's literature section to ensure that this light is turned off at the end of the day
 - Jenaya Webb was scheduled to take a research leave in the 2022/2023 academic year to explore sustainability at other libraries
 - The Seed Library reopened

Workshop series for OISE PhD students

- 5 workshops were held
- There was great attendance and engagement

Student-parents at the OISE Library

- OLSAC member Bebhinn Jennings suggested the OISE Library consider potential avenues for supporting OISE students who are parents, given the Library's kid-friendly resources and spaces
- Monique and Emily consulted with Bebhinn and, in conjunction with other OISE Librarians, crafted two projects that aim to support OISE student-parents. These projects were proposed as candidates for internal library funding, which was received (Chief Librarian's Innovation Award).
- Two projects are currently under development by Emily and 2 Graduate Student Library Assistants: monthly parent-child sessions at the OISE Library and curated activity kits for kids. Consultation with student-parents will continue as we develop these programs and resources.

Other achievements

- Facilitate the interaction with OISE International Student Association Executive Team members

Recommendations for Incoming Committee

- Have opportunities for the committee to meet in person (preferably the first meeting).
- Continue outreach and online offerings even when in-person activities resume in 2022/23

- Shorter meeting times and potentially have more frequent meetings
- Organize Library tours and/or a welcome back to the campus event for students
- Continue discussions about incorporating murals into the stairwells to encourage taking the stairs as a more sustainable option
- Run the PhD workshop series for PhD students. Encourage more workshop ideas and suggestions.
- Run a student-parent program, which will take place this fall semester and offer two employment opportunities for OISE MT students.