

## **Thunder Bay Public Library Honoured** with Provincial Heritage Award

OHS Dorothy Duncan Award presented June 10, 2017 York University Senate Chambers, Toronto, Ontario

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The Dorothy Duncan Award is presented to a non-profit organization, nominated by a First Nations Council or a Municipal Council, for outstanding service to its region. The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2016 Dorothy Duncan Award to the Thunder Bay Public Library.



OHS Vice President Pam Cain (far left) and Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth present the 2016 Dorothy Duncan Award to Jesse Roberts, Community Hub Librarian at the Thunder Bay Public Library.

The Thunder Bay Public Library is recognized for its leadership in spearheading a community and regional partnership to commemorate the centennial of the First World War, including its impacts upon their city and region. Members of the partnership contributed photographs, documents and other archival materials to the development of an online exhibit depicting life in Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario during World War I. The Library conceived the project and it hosts and administers the online exhibit.

The World War One Thunder Bay Centennial Project is a four-year cooperative community partnership which includes a wide variety of organizations, educational institutions, historical groups and individuals. The many community contributions to the project have been crucial to the project's success and have added valuable, personal context to the collections and resources, and they have strengthened a sense of community and investment in

the project and its content. The Library's leadership role in coordinating this large-scale project is critical to its success. The Library organizes partnership meetings, uploads and organizes content, and provides monthly updates on website visits. Access and education are the main goals of the project. These goals are actively being met locally and beyond, through the online exhibit, to a worldwide audience. The Thunder Bay Public Library is truly deserving of the Ontario Historical Society's Dorothy Duncan Award.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the York University Senate Chambers in Toronto, Ontario.

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Ontario's history for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

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