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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Coming Up...

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Speaker:** Dr. Beth Robertson, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, Carleton University

**Topic:** The Omeka web publishing platform and its use in the Envisioning Technologies project

Created by Carleton University's Disability Research Group, "Envisioning Technologies: Historical Insights into Educational Technologies for People who are Blind or Partially Sighted in Canada."

Omeka is a free, flexible, and open source web-publishing platform for the display of library, museum, archives, and scholarly collections and exhibitions. Designed with non-IT specialists in mind, Omeka allowing users to focus on content and interpretation rather than programming. It brings Web 2.0 technologies and approaches to academic and cultural websites to foster user interaction and participation.

#### **Ottawa Food Bank**

This year we didn't get enough items to have a silent auction, but we still have a box to collect your non-perishable food donations for the food bank, and for those who prefer to give money, we'll collect it at our December meeting. With its food industry partnerships and bulk purchasing power, the Ottawa Food Bank turns every \$1 donated into \$5 worth of food.

For more details and updates on our meetings, visit <http://opcug.ca> and click on the **MEETINGS** button.

#### **December Raffle**

Do you need huge amounts of portable disk storage? If so, we have just the thing – a 128 GB flash drive. December's raffle prize will be a **128GB Lexar S75 USB 3.0 JumpDrive**. Tons of storage, and fast data transfer, in a small-format package.



#### **Nominations for OPCUG Board for 2017**

Once a year, the OPCUG holds elections for the 9-member Board of Directors. We are once again coming up to this annual event.

We encourage all members to consider running for a board position or getting involved in some other manner in the operations of the OPCUG.

If you want more information about what is involved, please talk to any current or past Board member. Names are listed in the Newsletter and on the web site.

Nominations can be submitted in person at the October, November and December club meetings or by sending an email to [nominations2017@opcug.ca](mailto:nominations2017@opcug.ca).

Nominations must be received by midnight, December 31, 2016.

Please get involved. Please help the OPCUG continue in its role of *Users Helping Users*!

**Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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Member participation is encouraged. If you would like to contribute an article to Ottawa PC News, please submit it to the newsletter editor (contact info below). Deadline for submissions is three Sundays before the next General Meeting.

## Group Meetings

OPCUG meets on the second Wednesday in the month, except July and August, in the **Bush Theatre** of the **Canada Aviation and Space Museum**, 11 Aviation Parkway, Ottawa.

<http://casmuseum.techno-science.ca/en/index.php>

Meetings are 7:30–9:00 p.m. followed by a Q&A Session until 10 p.m.

Parking is available at the museum for a flat fee of \$3 after 5pm.

Details at <http://opcug.ca/public/regmtg.htm>

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## Your Feedback Is Important!

**T**he Canada Science & Technology Museum (CSTM) closed its doors in September 2014 due to unacceptable levels of airborne mold. As a consequence of the museum's closure, the OPCUG relocated to the Canada Aviation & Space Museum (CASM) where we continue to hold our regular monthly meetings. We have committed to remaining at CASM until June. At this point in time, we do not know when the renovations on Science & Tech will be completed or precisely when the facility will reopen although the tentative completion date is November 2017. We also do not know if we will be able to return to that facility nor what the associated costs may be. In short, we remain optimistic that a return to the Science & Tech facility is both possible and fiscally viable.

What we do know for certain is that although it has served our needs for the short term, it was never our plan to remain at the Aviation & Space Museum indefinitely. To this end, the Board has been considering other venues which may be viable and suit our needs should a return to Science & Tech not be possible. One such venue which has been discussed is the Heron Road Community Centre.

In a few weeks, all members will be receiving a direct email message outlining some of the options which may be available to us. It is important that members provide feedback because in the event that we are unable to return to the Science & Technology facility, it may be worth considering a more practical venue going forward and the implications of a change.

Please watch your email in the coming weeks and please provide feedback. The information will provide us with an objective measure of our membership's wishes.