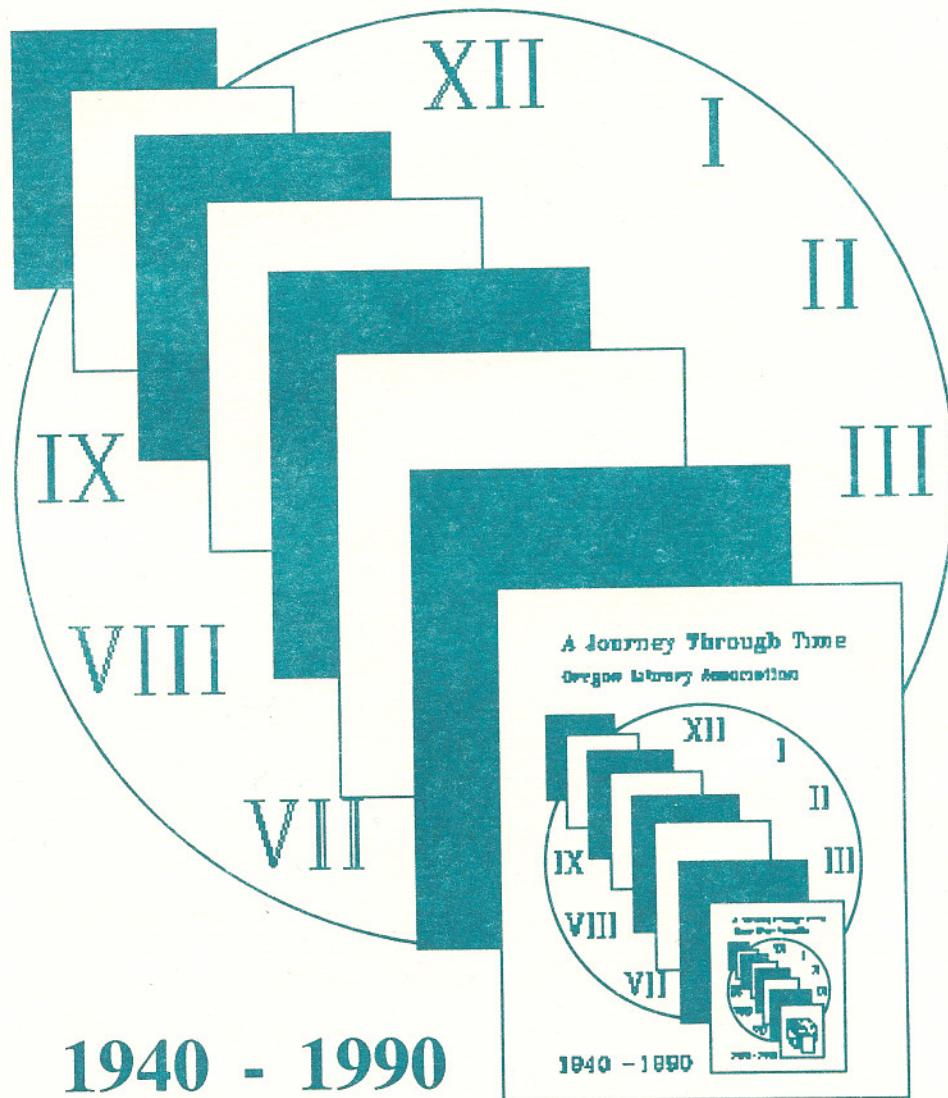


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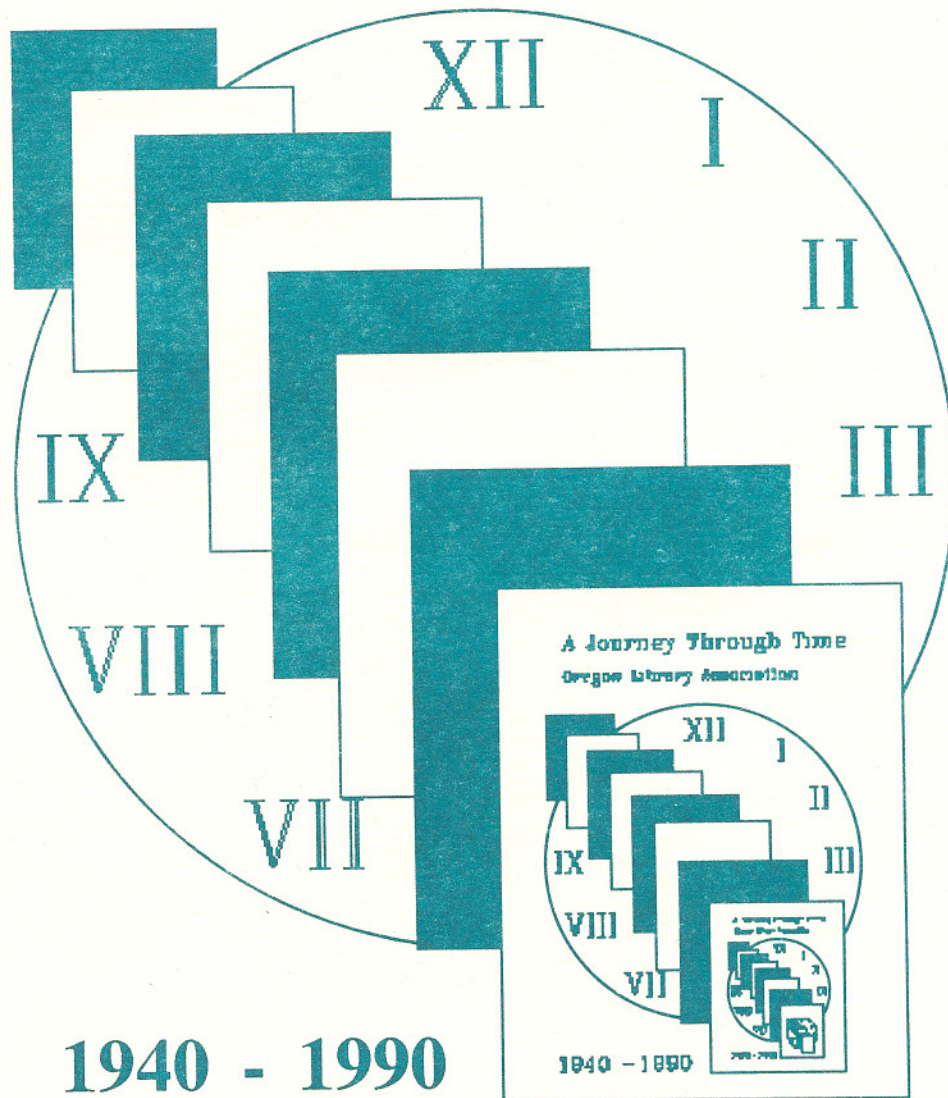


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Introduction:
The more things change...

Trite though it be, the adage "the more things change, the more they remain the same" is useful in appreciating the history of the Oregon Library Association as the following chronology amply illustrates.

For example, one of the first issues discussed after the founding of the organization in 1942 was the certification of librarians in Oregon. Today, fifty years later, this issue is still debated internally and advocated as a legislative desideratum. Similarly, per capita state aid to public libraries has been a perennial cause pursued by OLA since early on--the only change being that the principle has been acknowledged by the state government but funded only at a token level.

So it is also with threats to freedom of information--each threat changes only in the content of the works cited by the censor in attempting to obtain control of what libraries may stock and supply freely to patrons. Fads in what is considered unsuitable among those who would protect us from ourselves, but the basic motive remains the same.

Largely missing from the chronology, because of its bulk, is the persistent matter of organizational change as reflected in constitution and by-laws. A persistent example is the matter of whether the Association is to be a unitary body speaking with one voice or a confederation of special interest sections. The predictable result has been to go in both directions and continue to debate the matter. For example, OLA now has a public library section but only after an amazingly long history of debate over this seemingly simple issue.

Although constituting a sizable proportion of the membership, academic librarians tend to complain that the Association pays insufficient attention to their interests. Until relatively recently, this segment has met only as an information breakfast group; but now a more formal organization indicates a change in the formal relationship of the part to the whole in the case of college and university librarians. This is true also of children's and young adult groups, to name two additional examples. OLA's unity remains but its diversity is now also manifest.

More complex issues have also continued to absorb the attention of members in convention assembled, particularly in regard to federal assistance to libraries in the form of demonstration projects and what eventually became the Library Services and Construction Act. When federal funds finally did become available, the struggle was to convince the State Legislature that it should not divert a large proportion of the funds to the operation of the State Library, thus reducing the pittance for local public libraries. Although mitigated over the years, this issue continues to require attention.

As implied above, local--and to some degree national--political advocacy has been an ever-changing but constant activity of OLA. Thus, public and legislative matters have absorbed much energy--and whatever money the organization could muster for such services as those of professional lobbyist. Also resulting from this emphasis has been the importance of the public relations and legislative committees which have, in turn, depended upon planning and

development committees for data on which to base political action platforms. It is significant that recently legislative and development functions seem to have been handled by one joint committee.

OLA arose from a meeting held at the annual conference of PNLA and relationships with that organization continue to this day. It has been contended that the state associations would eventually render PNLA obsolete but this has not occurred--at least, not yet. The interface between the OLA and PNLA seems to have been the most intimate in regard to interlibrary cooperation and--to use the recent "in" word, "networking." In this case, computers and improved communication services have been change agents, but the need to share resources remains a constant as costs of materials--in ever-greater variety of substance and format--continually increase. OLA committees now deal with such matters as electronic transfer but traditional interlibrary loan continues to be important: witness the publication of a new ILL policy directory in 1988.

Although for some reason it was necessary to reaffirm the relationship in 1956, OLA has been a chapter of ALA since 1942. OLA's representative is typically active as a medium of communication from Chicago and a channel for support flowing from OLA to ALA, particularly in regard to national legislation and library policy. (Examples include federal grants, local preparation for White House Conferences, and relations between federal and state funding agencies.)

OLA has been active in fostering recruitment and training of librarians and support staff. Since the beginning, OLA has organized in-service workshops both as free-standing efforts (typically federally supported with State Library participation) and in connection with annual conferences (pre-, post-and during).

The Association worked for many years for the establishment of a graduate library school in the state, but the resulting unit at the University of Oregon was ill-fated. Although the then-President of the University grudgingly admired the vigorous support for the School by OLA and its members, it was discontinued anyway. Since then, scholarship and other support has tended to go to inservice training of librarians and, especially, of support staff.

To keep down the bulk of the chronology, few items not officially connected with OLA have been included. This decision tends to underplay the role of the Association as an informal setting for discussions and actions not subject to resolutions of the membership or other official actions. To use more contemporary terms, OLA has played an important role as a "facilitator" and "venue for communication."

The Oregon Library News has, from early days, featured news of libraries and librarians in the region.

As in all professional organizations, the annual conferences have provided corridors, anterooms, exhibitors' spaces and other facilities in which business and transfer of information takes place.

Examples of groups which have used OLA's facilities include the Eastern Oregon Library Association which meets at OLA conferences but yet is not officially part of the organization. The Fred Meyer Charitable Trust projects are as much

a result of informal as of formal support from OLA. Such informal groups as OCLC users and the Young Adult Library Network and a Documents Interest Group are active at conferences and report their activities and concerns in the Oregon Library News. During the fifty years of its existence, OLA has assisted the activities of many such groups. Some of them have become more formally parts of the structure; others have not. All have benefited.

Leadership from, and support for, the State Library has been a constant in the history of OLA. Though some have grumbled a bit about it, the central role of the State Library in the development of library service in Oregon has been generally acknowledged. Strong support for the budget of that agency before the legislature has been, and continues to be, a major plan in the Associations library development platform.

OLA is not, nor has it ever been, an organization of professional librarians, as such. Rather, it is hospitable to all citizens who are interested in the welfare of libraries. Of the non-librarian components, that of the trustees and friends has been the most active over the years.

This is not to say that OLA has failed to support the interests of those who staff libraries. The scholarship program is a case in point as is the emphasis on certification. Whether the economic status of library staff members has really benefited from the somewhat desultory efforts of OLA in their behalf is impossible to determine. Surely, the purchasing power of librarians is greater now than it was in 1942, but whether it is greater relative to that of other professions and occupations has not been determined.

Speaking of economics, the initial dues of \$.50 (soon increased by 100% to \$1.00) seems ridiculously cheap by today's standards--until one realizes that in 1942 an annual salary of \$2,000 for a librarian was considered generous. One wishes there were a record of the prices of meals at early conferences, for one suspects that these have risen in real terms--after correction for inflation.

In concluding, some sort of peroration seems required. However, one of OLA's strengths lies in its not being a "gee whiz" sort of organization. It has progressed toward its goals by patient committee work; by diligent administration by competent officers; by responsible lobbying by both paid and unpaid workers with the legislature; by endless writing of grant proposals; by careful analysis of budget documents; by detailed (and often thankless) planning of conferences and workshops; and perhaps even by the compilation of tedious chronologies.

The result is an organization whose voice is heeded in the corridors of power and whose influence in promoting the interests of libraries, their staffs and their patrons is undeniable. Even beyond this, is the achievement of OLA in promoting the free flow of knowledge and the availability of education, formal and informal, to the body politic, has been constant and solid. Finally, the organization has adapted to change--in numbers, communication media, political atmosphere and economic conditions--while remaining consistently faithful to its ideals. (For the latest statement of goals and objectives, consult Oregon Library News for October 1989, p. 13.)

SOURCES

For complex reasons, your history committee had only limited access to the Secretary's minutes and relied primarily on Oregon Library News, conference programs, miscellaneous ephemera in the Association archives, and clippings and other documents from Eloise Ebert and Mary Bates. We, of course, relied heavily on the History of the Oregon Library Association prepared by the Manual Committee (Elizabeth Findly, Cora E. Mason and Pauline Howard, Chairman) in 1955. Also extremely useful was the chronology prepared by Elizabeth Findly for the thirtieth anniversary of Oregon Library News (vol. 17, no. 10, 1982). Much useful data was also found in the annual reports of the OLA representative to PNLA and published in the PNLA Quarterly. Finally, we used notes prepared by Elizabeth Findly, Association Historian, in preparation for writing the history since 1955.

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Perry D. Morrison compiled the chronology and wrote the introduction. He is solely responsible for (and unrepentant of) any editorial bias readers may perceive. He is also responsible for (and regrets much) any errors, particularly omission or misspelling of personal names. Elizabeth Findly and Carol Hildebrand edited the manuscript. Hildebrand also designed the cover and saw the manuscript through the press. Kris Oliver of the Eugene Public Library keyed the text into the computer and copy resulting was printed by Insta-Copy of Eugene.

Themes & Events

- 1940's - The Beginning: "The object of the Oregon Library Association shall be to promote better library service and librarianship."
- 1950's - Organizational Stability - broke away from annual meetings in conjunction with PNLA in 1951; in 1953, exhibitors began to come to OLA conferences; in the same year the official gavel was made in Salem High School (of four Oregon woods: myrtle, walnut, birch and maple). A scholarship fund was begun, to aid in recruiting new librarians.
- 1960's - Widening Issues - censorship, the opening of a library school at U of O, beginning to work on regional development. Lots of new buildings, the first LSCA projects, the first computer workshops!
- 1970's - Library Development - the big push for state aid for public libraries, network and regional proposals, the computer comes to the library.
- 1980's - Holding Our Own - keeping state aid, working cooperatively with OEMA and other library groups, developing standards, living through a serious recession.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1940

Organization meeting at PNLA Conference, Timberline Lodge, June 11.

Dues set at \$.50.

1940-41

Officers: President, Willis Warren, University of Oregon; (apparently no Vice-President); Secretary Mary Blossom, Library Association of Portland; Treasurer, Dessa Hofstetter, Malheur County Library.

Annual meeting (in conjunction with PNLA), Victoria, B.C., Canada.

OLA sponsors Certification Bill which fails to pass.

1941-42

Officers: President, Hugh Morrow, Salem Public Library; (apparently no Vice-President); Secretary, Josephine Baumgartner, Oregon State Library; Treasurer, Mabel E. Doty, La Grande Public Library.

Annual meeting (in conjunction with PNLA) in Seattle. (An OLA Midwinter meeting was also held, January 24, in Salem.)

Constitution adopted, August 29, 1941.

First representative on PNLA Board of Directors appointed.

Designated Chapter of ALA, July 1, 1942.

1942-43

Officers: President, Mirpah Blair, Oregon State Library; Vice-President, Lucia Haley, Oregon State College; Secretary, Evelyn Kreuger, Corvallis Public Library; Treasurer, Clarice Krieg, University of Oregon.

No annual meeting because of war.

Newsletter published August 5, 1942.

1943-44

Same officers as previous year.

Annual meeting in Salem. There was also a special meeting at PNLA in Spokane.

Library publicity and development discussed.

1944-45

Officers: President, Lucia Haley, Oregon State College; Vice-President, Agnes Shields, Oregon State College; Secretary, Isabel Goodnough, Salem High School; Treasurer, Mary F. Gilbert, Wasco County Library.

No annual meeting.

No. 1 of Trustees' Bulletin published November 15, 1944.

1945-46

Officers: President, Agnes Shields, Oregon State Library; Vice-President, Eleanor Brown, Deschutes County Library; Secretary, Martha Foster, University of Oregon; Treasurer, Marie H. Jackson, Oregon State College.

Annual meeting held in Salem.

OLA sponsors State Aid Bill.

OLA supports Public Library Demonstration Bill.

Dues raised to \$1.00.

1946-47

Officers: President, Eleanor Brown, Deschutes County Library; Vice-President, Philip Blodgett, Clatsop County Library; Secretary, Cora E. Mason, Ashland Public Library; Treasurer, Frances Kemp, Reed College.

Annual meeting held in Seattle in conjunction with PNLA.

State Aid Bill again fails.

Discussion of certifications resumes.

Public Library Demonstration Bill support continues.

1947-48

Officers: Philip Blodgett, Clatsop County Library; Vice-President, Mary Phillips, Library Association of Portland; Secretary, Pauline Calendine, Reed College; Treasurer, Marjorie Chester, Salem Public Schools.

Annual meeting held at Reed College, Portland.

Oregon Library Development Fund established.

Public Library Demonstration Bill support continues.

1948-49

Officers: President, Mary Phillips, Library Association of Portland; Vice-President, Mary Goodrich, Hood River County Library; Secretary, Agnes Swanson, Lewis & Clark College; Treasurer, June Williams, Oregon City Public Library.

Annual meeting held in Salem.

Demonstration Bill again fails.

1949-50

Officers: President, Mary Goodrich, Hood River County Library; Vice-President, Elizabeth Findly, University of Oregon (assumes Presidency on resignation of Mary Goodrich in summer, 1950); Secretary, Mary Sneed, Library Association of Portland; Treasurer, Cora E. Mason, Ashland Public Library.

Library Demonstration Bill support continues.

1950-51

Officers: President, Elizabeth Findly, University of Oregon; Vice-President, Cora E. Mason, Ashland Public Library; Secretary, Elsie Lundborg, Pacific University; Treasurer, Hugh Morrow, Salem Public Library.

Annual meeting held in Eugene.

First issue of newsletter under title Special Bulletin, published (no. 1, April 27, 1951).

List of adult education agencies compiled.

OLA contributes \$200 to support Library Services Bill in Congress.

1951-52

Officers: President, Cora E. Mason, Ashland Public Library; Vice-President, Pauline Calendine Howard, Reed College; Secretary, Dessa Hofstetter, Oregon College of Education; Treasurer, Marcia Hill, Oregon State Library.

Annual conference held in Ashland.

OLA actively supports Library Services Bill.

Library Development Committee studies library situation in state.

Recruitment Committee prepares folder, "Paging Your Future."

Four unnumbered issues of publication titled, Newsletter, published.

1952-53

Officers: President, Pauline C. Howard, Reed College; Vice-President, Ainsley A. Whitman, Willamette University; Treasurer, Isabel Goodnough, Salem High School Library.

Annual meeting held in Deschutes County Library, Bend.

Library Development Study continues.

Library Development Committee prepares "O.L.A. Looks Ahead."

Marcia M. Hill Scholarship established.

Oregon Library News adopted as title of newsletter (vol. 1, no. 1, December 1952).

First Honorary Life Memberships awarded--to Mirpah Blair, Oregon State Library; Lucia Haley, Oregon State College; and Nell Unger, Library Association of Portland.

ALA Joint Committee on Librarianship as a Career adopts nationally "Paging Your Future."

Dues raised to \$2.00 for those earning more than \$1,000 (those earning less continued to pay \$1.00). Reason for increase: to finance Marcia M. Hill Scholarship.

1953-54

Officers: President, Ainsley A. Whitman, Willamette University; Vice-President, Evelyn Cooper, Klamath County Library; Secretary, Cora Miller, University of Portland; Treasurer, Henry T. Drennan, Umatilla County Library.

Annual meeting held in Corvallis.

List of adult education agencies revised.

First county area committees set up. Fourteen area meetings held throughout the state to publicize library development program.

1954-55

Officers: President, Carl W. Hintz, University of Oregon (replacing Evelyn Cooper who resigned); Secretary, Dean Lingle, Lake County Library; Treasurer, Donald Nelson, Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Annual meeting held in La Grande.

OLA backed Grants-In-Aid Bill fails in Legislature but measures providing for State Library Board of Trustees to be entirely appointed (rather than

partially ex-officio) and to permit establishment of regional public library boards did pass. Bills on censorship opposed by OLA did not pass.

OLA, working through Representative Edith Green, very active in supporting Library Service Bill in Congress.

1955-56

Officers: President, Carl W. Hintz, University of Oregon; Vice-President, Henry T. Drennan, Umatilla County Library; Secretary, Marjorie J. Pomeroy, Malheur County Library; Treasurer, Thomas H. Calahan, University of Oregon Dental School, Portland.

Annual meeting held in Salem.

Library Development Committee (and Trustees of State Library) continue to be very active in promoting improvement of public library service through existing agencies, through proposed grants-in-aid, and through development of set of standards.

First Marcia M. Hill Scholarship, under program established in 1953, awarded.

OLA again designated as Chapter of ALA. See also 1942.

1956-57

Officers: President, Cora M. Miller, Oregon State Board of Health, Portland; Vice-President, Bernard Van Horne, Library Association of Portland; Secretary, Miriam Yoder Barnes, Oregon State College; Treasurer, Margaret Jean Hooper, Oregon State Library.

Annual meeting held in Portland.

Trustees become first division for OLA.

First OLA Legislative Representative employed (Mrs. Eugene Kelty).

Membership Committee reports total membership of 239 (April, 1957).

Resolution calling for Oregon to receive "full appropriation" under the recently-passed Library Services Act voted at annual conference.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Edith Green for services not only to libraries of Oregon but also to those of the whole nation.

1957-58

Officers: President, Bernard Van Horn, Library Association of Portland; Vice-President, Helen Bliss, Eastern Oregon College of Education; Secretary, Clara E. Nasholm, Eugene Public Library; Treasurer, Irene Sigler, James Madison High School, Portland.

Annual conference held at Roseburg.

OLA President appoints special Committee on Training to study possibility of expanding training offered at the University of Oregon, particularly at graduate level.

Dues raised from \$2.00 to sliding scale of from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Mrs. Meredith Bailey, Deschutes County Library Board; Stewart Holbrook, author and member of State Library Board; and Charles A. Sprague, former Governor of Oregon.

Membership total: 327.

Conference passes resolution endorsing proposed program to expand course offerings in librarianship at the University of Oregon.

1958-59

Officers: President, Helen Bliss, Eastern Oregon College of Education; President-Elect, Carol Trimble, Douglas County Library; Secretary, Charleen Kirchem, Clackamas County Library; Treasurer, Adelaide Barker, Oregon State Library.

Annual conference held at Bend. Program includes report on findings of PNLA Ford Foundation Study and implications for Oregon.

Marcia M. Hill Scholarship fund renamed Memorial Scholarship Fund to be given on alternate years in honor of Eleanor Stephens and Marcia M. Hill.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Josephine Baumgartner, Oregon State Library (retired); Eleanor Davis, retired librarian of Albany Public Library; and Mabel Doty, retired librarian of La Grande Public Library.

Necrology: Eleanor Stephens, who resigned from State Library in December 1958, dies February 25, 1959.

Membership: 325 (April 30, 1959).

1959-60

Officers: Carol Trimble, Douglas County Library; Vice-President Dean Lingle, Umatilla County Library, resigned and was replaced by Dessa Hofstetter, Oregon College of Education; Secretary, Isabel Boehm, Portland State College; Treasurer, Elizabeth Ashwell, Library Association of Portland.

Annual conference held in Eugene.

Library Standards Committee conducts survey of books and periodicals in Oregon libraries.

Because of auto accident injuries, Dean Lingle resigns as Vice-President. Dessa Hofstetter, Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, appointed to serve remainder of term.

1960-61

Officers: President, Dessa Hofstetter, Oregon College of Education; Vice-President, Perry D. Morrison, University of Oregon; Secretary, Ruth Kierstead, Crook County Library; Treasurer, Rose Davidson, Tillamook County Library.

Annual conference held in Medford, Attendance of 261 persons from total OLA membership of 472.

OLA opposes placing State Library under Department of Education in State organization.

1961-62

Officers: President, Perry D. Morrison, University of Oregon; Vice-President, Dean Lingle, Umatilla County Library; Secretary, Eunice Wolfe, Multnomah County Library; Treasurer, Esther Brown, Joseph Lane Junior High School, Roseburg.

Annual conference held in Pendleton with theme, "Books in the Picture." Mary E. Phillips gave progress report on the Survey of Oregon Libraries for which she is consultant.

OLA Library Standards Committee, Oregon State Department of Education Library Consultant and the Oregon State Library sponsor series of ten regional workshops centering around standards for public and school libraries.

Membership at annual meeting resolves to support ALA decision that chapters which practice de-facto segregation thereby forfeit chapter status.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Muriel Mitchell, retired, Douglas County Library.

1962-62

Officers: President, Dean Lingle, Umatilla County, Pendleton; President-Elect, Calvin Middleton, Oregon City Senior High School Library, resigned and was replaced by Jean P. Black, Portland State College; Secretary, Dorothy A. Johnson, Grant High School Library, Portland; Treasurer, Omar Bacon, Public Library of Medford and Jackson County.

Annual conference held in Portland with theme "The Library Meets the Community."

Revised editions of Procedures Manual and Conference Manual (both first published in 1955) issued.

Survey of Oregon libraries by Mary E. Phillips, Library Association of Portland, and Catherine Lauris, University of Oregon, published by University of Oregon Bureau of Business Research.

A number of workshops on library standards held throughout the state, under various sponsorships and OLA.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Katherine Anderson, Library Association of Portland (retired).

1963-64

Officers: President, Jean P. Black, Portland State College; Vice-President, William B. Wood, Multnomah County Library; Secretary, Helen Francis, Pendleton High School Library; Treasurer, Frances H. Worth, Ashland Public Library.

Annual meeting held in Salem.

Membership resolution expresses appreciation to Senators Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger and to Representatives Edith Green, Roert Duncan and Al Ullman for playing outstanding parts in the passage of Library Services and Construction Act.

Standards for the Headquarters of a Library System published and adopted by membership of OLA.

Membership also endorses policy statement of Oregon State Library and Oregon State Department of Education entitled Library Services for the Children and Young Adults of Oregon.

After considerable discussion, membership did not endorse proposal for special taxing districts for libraries.

Membership: 465 (April, 1964).

1964-65

Officers: President William B. Wood, Multnomah County Library, resigns and is succeeded by Vice-President Omar A. Bacon, Public Library of Medford and Jackson County; Secretary, Mary W. Rutherford, Woodstock Branch, Multnomah County Library; Treasurer, Lucille Salisbury, Salem Public Schools.

Annual meeting held at Coos Bay with theme "Design for Progress."

Motion to establish Public Library Section fails by three votes.

Intellectual Freedom Committee established; drafts policy statements, standards, procedures and forms for dealing with controversial situations.

Executive Committee endorses concept of Interstate Library Compacts.

OLA approved resolution calling for creation of an accredited library school in the State System of Higher Education.

OLA wins Grolier National Library Week award for 1965.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to William H. Carlson, retired Director of Libraries, Oregon State University; Pauline C. Howard, retired, Pacific Grove University Library; and Nathan Berkham, Oregon State Library Trustee.

1965-66

Officers: President, Calvin Middleton, Oregon City Senior High School; Vice-President, Richard Engen, Oregon State Library; Secretary, Charlotte Hyre, Douglas County Library; Treasurer, Norman Cummings, Tillamook County Library Trustee, resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Arlie Brown, Milwaukee Public Library Trustee.

"Planning for Progress" is theme of annual conference at Klamath Falls.

Pre-conference Institute on planning held.

Proposal adopted to "...employ a consultant or firm to study library needs of Oregon and prepare an integrated plan for Library Service to all the residents of Oregon." (Consultant was subsequently appointed but failed to render report.)

Necrology: January 16, 1966, Dessa Devon Hofstetter. She was Head Librarian of Oregon College of Education and had served as Treasurer and President of OLA (1960-61).

1966-67

Officers: President, Richard B. Engen, Oregon State Library; Vice-President, Father Joseph P. Browne, University of Portland; Secretary, Elizabeth Prideaux, State Department of Education; Treasurer, Mrs. Arlie Brown, Milwaukee Public Library.

"Libraries and the New Technology" is theme of annual conference at Eugene.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Bertha Hallam, retired Librarian of University of Oregon Medical School, and Brother David Martin, retired Librarian of the University of Portland.

OLA successfully opposes proposition to eliminate position of Consultant on School Libraries in State Department of Education.

Association incorporated as perpetual non-profit corporation which permits tax deductions for contributions.

1967-68

Officers: President, Father Joseph P. Browne, University of Portland; Vice-President, Ruth Watson, Coos Bay Public Library; Secretary, Viola E. Dennis, Beaverton High School; Treasurer, Mrs. George A. Corwin, Winston Public Library Board.

Annual conference held at Gearhart.

Membership total of 479.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Mrs. Marian Herr Scott, who retired as Children's Librarian, Portland Public Library after 40 years of outstanding service.

1968-69

Officers: President, Ruth Watson, Coos Bay Public Library; Vice-President, Norman D. Alexander, Southern Oregon College; Secretary, Nancy K. Fox; Treasurer, Ruth Lundy, Tillamook County Library.

"Facets of Public Relations" is theme of annual conference at Salem.

At annual conference, OLA endorses Library Bill of Rights of ALA and adopts a statement on intellectual freedom.

Four Trustee workshops held at various locations.

Association sponsors a booth at meeting of the League of Oregon Cities.

President Ruth Watson makes a series of visits to libraries in the state.

Father Joseph Browne, University of Portland, immediate past president of OLA, elected vice-president and president-elect of the Catholic Library Association.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Dr. Jean Black, Portland State University Library, and Ivy Glover, Deschutes County Library.

Annual conference commends Senator Wayne Morse for long record of library support including legislation to create a National Commission on Libraries.

1969-70

Officers: President, Norman D. Alexander, Southern Oregon College; Vice-President, Gary E. Strong, Lake Oswego Public Library; Secretary, Cora Miller, University of Portland; Treasurer, Ruth Lundy, Tillamook Public Library.

Annual meeting held in Portland with theme "Libraries in the 70's are for People and Books." Former Senator Wayne Morse addresses conference.

Development and Legislative Committees propose a "switching center" at the state library (included in Governor's budget but eliminated by 1971 Legislature).

Under grant from LSCA, Title III, Development Committee conducts ten regional meetings in various areas of the state on Statewide Plan for Development of Public Library Regions and a Network of Interlibrary Cooperation.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Wayne Morse.

1970-71

Officers: President, Gary Strong, Lake Oswego Public Library; Vice-President, Edna Karczag, Klamath County Library; Secretary, June Wostel, Multnomah Library; Treasurer, Ruth Lundy, Tillamook County Library.

Annual conference held at Sunriver, near Bend, with theme of intellectual freedom.

OLA opposes decision of Legislature to allocate all LSCA Title I funds to the operation of State Library rather than to library development throughout the state.

OLA cosponsors, with the Oregon Historical Society, a workshop on the preservation of local history.

Summary of the efforts of successive Library Development Committees published in Nov-Dec, 1971 Oregon Library News.

Board authorizes Gary Strong, Lake Oswego Public Library, to conduct survey of Oregon public library salaries.

Cooperative efforts (even possible merger) between OLA and OEMA (Oregon Educational Media Association) considered.

Necrology: LeRoy C. Merritt, Dean of Librarianship, University of Oregon. He was active in OLA, particularly in relation to intellectual freedom advocacy as well as education for librarianship.

1971-72

Officers: President, Edna Karczag, Klamath County Library; Vice-President, Mary Bates, Blue Mountain Community College; Secretary, Kay Salmon, Corvallis Public Library; Treasurer, Louise Garity, Louis and Clark College.

Annual meeting held at Umpqua Community College, Roseburg. Theme: "Cushion Conflicts with Cooperation."

Survey of Public Library Personnel and Salaries published. Draft of state-aid bill for public libraries and a statement from Certification Committee on staff and staff salaries which also provided for staff certification.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Mary Phillips, recently retired as Director of Library Association of Portland, and Loretta Fisher, retired from Oregon State University Library and formerly Assistant State Librarian.

1972-73

Officers: President, Mary Bates, Blue Mountain Community College; Vice-President, Katherine Eaton, Librarian, Bureau of Governmental Research, University of Oregon; Secretary, Richard Tuffli, Librarian, Deschutes County; Treasurer, Louise Gerity, Lewis and Clark College Library.

Annual conference held at Blue Mountain Community College, in Pendleton.
Theme: "Action in Today's World."

Interlibrary loan code developed by Interlibrary Loan Committee.

Library Development prepares series of five position papers and a fact sheet regarding proposed legislation.

State Aid Bill dies in Ways and Means Committee.

OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee sponsors freedom to read conference in Eugene with 230 participants. Followed by series of workshops on the subjects in various parts of the state.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Juliet Corwin, library trustee, Douglas County, and Carl W. Hintz, retiring Head Librarian, University of Oregon.

1973-74

Officers: President, Katherine Eaton, Librarian, Bureau of Governmental Research, University of Oregon; Vice-President, Frank Rodgers, Librarian, Portland State University; Secretary, Pauline Acaiturri, Librarian, Springfield High School; Treasurer, Karen Hicks, Librarian, Clackamas Community College.

Annual conference held in Corvallis.

Legislative Network Workshop, funded by ALA, held in Albany.

OLA opposes legislative censorship bill which would affect not only live shows but also books and motion pictures.

Library Development Committee conducts survey of cooperative projects in Oregon.

Twelve interlibrary loan workshops held throughout the state.

Freedom to Read workshops sponsored by Intellectual Freedom Committee in Eugene draws 230 participants.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Elizabeth Findly, University of Oregon School of Librarianship.

1974-75

Officers: President, Frank Rodgers, Director, Portland State University Library; Vice-President, Kay H. Salmon, Director, Corvallis Public Library; Secretary, Rose Marie Caughran, Librarian, McMinnville Public Library; Treasurer, Karen Hicks, Librarian, Clackamas Community College.

Annual conference held at Medford.

Petition for formation of Public Library Section in OLA circulated.

Despite OLA and much other opposition, Ballot Measure 13, regarded as threatening to freedom to read, passed by vote of the electorate.

In response to the above, Freedom to Read Bill introduced in Legislature which would also repeal certain restrictive laws.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Carol Trimble, Douglas County Library; Lucille Hansen, Columbia County School District No. 5J; and Carol Alderson, Librarian, Ashland Public Library.

1975-76

Officers: President, Kay H. Salmon, Director, Corvallis Public Library; Vice-President, Carol Hildebrand, Librarian, Lake Oswego Public Library; Secretary, Carl Ventgen, Jackson County Library; Treasurer, Stanley Ruckman, Linn Benton Community College.

Annual conference at Lincoln City.

Five Year Plan for library development in Oregon, prepared by Library Development Committee and State Advisory Council, passed by State Library board and accepted by Governor.

OLA and Oregon Library/Media Association establish Library/Media Jobline; service begins April 1, 1976.

Legislature passes SB444 which gives some protection to librarians from prosecution under obscene publications laws.

Network Subcommittee of OLA Library Development Committee updates 1973-74 survey of cooperative projects in Oregon. Subcommittee sponsors invitational workshop on networking (as required by Western Interstate Compact for Higher Education).

Membership as of September 15, 1975: 530.

Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Eloise Ebert, State Library (retired); Mary Busterud, Coos Bay; and Florence Moberly, Grants Pass.

Despite vigorous support for it, position of coordinator of Children's and Adult Services at State Library was cut from state budget.

1976-77

Officers: President, Carol Hildebrand, Lake Oswego Public Library; Vice-President, Richard E. Moore, Southern Oregon State College Library; Secretary, Carol G. Jenkins, Dental Library, University of Oregon Health Sciences Center; Treasurer, Stanley Ruckman, Linn Benton Community College.

Annual conference at Marylhurst Education Center, Lake Oswego.

Convention adopts set of standards for jail libraries.

Association's State Aid Bill passed in State Legislature but with severe cut in funding.

OLA passes resolution (in vain) protesting the closing of the School of Librarianship at the University of Oregon.

With OLA backing, State Library is developing in-state interlibrary loan network financed by LSCA. OLA-backed plan to fund PNBC at state level put into effect.

Continuing Education Committee drafts position paper. OLA receives LSCA grant to develop plan for continuing education.

Scholarship Committee decides to provide grants to personnel, particularly paraprofessionals, to take courses, attend workshops, etc. instead of scholarship to graduate library school student.

Interlibrary Loan Committee publishes Subject Specialty Holdings of Oregon Libraries.

Membership as of November 12: 629.

1977-78

Officers: President, Richard E. Moore, Southern Oregon College; Vice-President, Edwin Budge, Josephine County Library; Secretary, Ralph Delamarter, Oregon State Library; Treasurer, Beulah Elliott, Trustee, Klamath Falls.

Annual conference held at Eugene.

Where do we start? is published as report of LSCA-funded OLA Continuing Education Needs Assessment. Report was prepared by M. Maggie Rogers and Peggy Burrell of Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory.

Statewide Library Automation Committee formed to prepare position paper for Governor's Conference.

OLA promotes, is represented on steering committees for, and participates in, Governor's Conference on Libraries, June 1-3, 1978. OLA members participate extensively in the conference and the five regional pre-conferences.

Association lobbies (unsuccessfully) for continuation of School of Librarianship at the University of Oregon.

Interlibrary Loan Committee conducts 13 regional workshops.

At Governor's Conference, plan developed for statewide Friends of Libraries Group with local chapters.

Honorary Life Membership awarded to Gertrude A. Currier, Director of North Bend Public Library.

1978-79

Officers: President, Edwin S. Budge, Josephine County Library; Vice-President, Martha Julaphongs, Library Association of Portland; Secretary, Marylou Belknap, Springfield Public Library; Treasurer, Martin (Steve) Stephenson, Corvallis Public Library.

Annual conference held at Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, Portland. Theme: "Looking Toward the 80's."

Junior Member Round Table organized.

OLA's active opposition to ballot measures which would have drastically reduced library funding helps substantially in the defeat of the propositions. Ad-hoc subcommittee of the OLA Legislative Committee which organized the effort was chaired by Katherine Eaton.

Proposed charter to establish a cooperative repository for seldom used research resources for all Oregon Libraries (Oregon Research Center for Cooperating Libraries) approved by membership at annual conference. Facility to be located at Camp Adair, near Corvallis.

OLA secures \$9,600 from LSCA to continue statewide communications network another year.

Dr. Norman D. Alexander, Library Director of California Polytechnic State University, who served as President of OLA (1969-70) when he was Director of the Library at Southern Oregon State College, was murdered in January in San Luis Obispo, California.

By-Laws changed: Fiscal, membership and conference year to be May 1 to April 30.

Legislature passes per capita state aid advocated for many years by OLA.

1979-80

Officers: President, Martha Julaphongs, Library Association of Portland; President-Elect, James D. Meeks, Eugene Public Library; Secretary, Marybeth Arbuckle, Deschutes County Library; Treasurer, Martin "Steve" Stephenson, Corvallis Public Library.

Annual conference at Inn of the Seventh Mountain, Bend.

Three-day workshop at Marylhurst Education Center produced draft of standards for public libraries which was presented at the annual conference. Document represents results of much effort over long period by Oregon State Library and OLA.

OLA was pleased to learn that John Cotton Dana award went to Sandra Derrickson Moore and the Tri-County Libraries for the "I Love Libraries" campaign. Moore appointed head of OLA Public Relations Committee planning statewide campaign on that theme.

Motion, proposed by Legislative Committee, to support distribution of per capita state aid on the basis of population only passed at annual conference.

1980-81

Officers: President, Jim Meeks, Eugene Public Library; Vice-President, President-Elect, Martin "Steve" Stephenson, Corvallis Public Library; Secretary, Darcy Dauble, Eastern Oregon State College; Treasurer, Janet Irwin, Library Association of Portland.

Annual meeting held at Ashland.

Planning for, and coping with, change emphasized in pre-conference and conference workshops. Membership passed resolution asking OLA Board to develop an action plan to study the organization, purpose and responsibilities of statewide library associations, committees, the State Library and other service organizations.

OLA Board submits proposal for above study to membership for approval.

OLA Legislative Committee and OLA President, Jim Meeks, wage campaign to save per capita state aid which was partially successful.

Rod Waldron, Oregon State University Library Director, receives first OLA Outstanding Service Award.

1981-82

Officers: President, Carol Ventgen, Coos Bay Public Library; Vice-President, Martin "Steve" Stephenson, Corvallis Public Library; Secretary, Darcy Dauble, Eastern Oregon College; Treasurer, Janet Irwin, Library Association of Portland.

"Libraries--Pure Gold" is theme of joint conference of OLA and Washington Library Association in Portland.

Statement of goals for the Oregon Library Association prepared by its executive board approved by the annual conference.

Children's Section holds Fall Workshop on Intellectual Freedom October 23. OLA presents workshops on microcomputers December 10 and 11 and February 26.

Public Relations Committee ran a promotions contest on "money-saving ideas" with five "grand prize" winners. One of the winners, twelve-year-old Vincent Harper of Eugene, reported that "Money isn't everything...I did a report for school on a library book and I didn't earn money but I got an A!"

Helen Howard receives Honorary Life Membership and Pat Feehan the Outstanding Service Award.

1982-83

Officers: President, Martin "Steve" Stephenson, Corvallis Public Library; Vice-President/President-Elect, Stanley Ruckman, Linn-Benton Community College; Secretary, Willa Ralphs, St. Helens Public Library; Treasurer, Janet Irwin, Library Association of Portland.

"Making Libraries Fit" is theme of annual conference in Eugene.

OLA joined other education groups in opposing property-tax limitation measure which would have severely limited library revenue. Proposal narrowly defeated.

Satirical parody, Oregon Library (sic) News, appeared in August 1982. Identities of sponsoring group members unknown. Disclaimed and severely criticized by OLA Officers.

Oregon Library News (the official one) was reorganized and redesigned beginning with June issue. In December, Oregon Library News (vol. 17, no. 10) celebrated its 30th anniversary. A history of the publication by Elizabeth Findly features reproductions of pages from issues of the News and a chronology of important events in OLA history to 1982.

Group of administrators recommends that per capita state aid to public libraries must not be risked in order to get the legislature to stop using LSCA funds to pay for part of the State Library's operations.

Oregon Library Children's/Continuing Education Gnewsletter begins publication as a supplement to Oregon Library News in January.

OLA Public Relations Committee produces, with assistance of KOIN-TV, Portland, a series of three twenty-second public service announcements to be shown on Oregon television stations.

Patricia Feehan receives Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award which was established by the Children's Section to honor an Oregon author, librarian or educator who has made a significant contribution in children's literature and/or library services.

OLA Outstanding Service Award goes to Suzanne Morrison, President of Salem Public Library Advisory Board, for role in Special Library Levy Election and celebration of tenth anniversary of the Salem Public Library building.

Perry Morrison (no relation to Suzanne) receives Honorary Life Membership.

1983-84

Officers: President, Stanley Ruckman, Linn-Benton Community College; President-Elect, Mary Devlin-Willis, Portland General Electric Corp. Library; Secretary, Mary Baker, Eugene Public Library; Treasurer, Maureen Seaman, Oregon Graduate Center Library.

Annual conference held at Rippling River, Welches, Oregon. Theme: "1984-- Clear your Mind of Newspeak and Doublethink at OLA." Conference passes resolutions on funding of position of Continuing Education Coordinator, continuing of position of Children's Services Consultant and nuclear arms freeze.

OLA Outstanding Service Award goes to Douglas County Library, its Director and staff members Leigh Barry and Barbara Coyle for series of workshops on "Read Experiences."

Outreach Roundtable publishes 1984 Directory of Oregon Libraries Providing Services to Special Populations.

Annual meeting approves Continuing Education Committee's plan which outlines roles of individual library workers, employing libraries, the Oregon State Library and OLA in the process.

Past-President Stephenson thanked OLA Legislative Network, the Development and Legislative Committee Chair, George Happ, and OLA lobbyist Nan Heim for efforts which helped retain per capita state aid and progress toward putting State Library entirely on general state funds at the Legislative Session.

Trustees Section becomes Trustees and Friends Section.

Continuing Education Committee distributes Materials for Oregon Continuing Library Education Resource File to over 100 institutions in the state.

Membership totals 489 (including 11 life members).

Children's Section holds workshop, "How Children Learn," in Salem on Oct. 1.

Library Development and Legislation Committee publishes Long Range Plan for Library Development (Draft II).

1984-85

Officers: President, Mary Devlin-Willis, Portland General Electric; President-Elect, George Smith, Oregon State Library; Secretary, Sheila Wilma, North Bend Public Library; Treasurer, Maureen Seaman, Oregon Graduate Center.

"The Next Frontier" is theme of annual conference in Pendleton.

Legislature responds modestly to OLA campaign for increase in per capita state aid.

OLA sponsors its first Legislative Day in April with an ice cream social at the capitol.

OLA decides to sponsor hearings throughout the state on minimum standards or "threshold criteria" in preparation for next legislative program.

Continuing Education Committee sponsors five workshops for paraprofessionals on selection, reference, organization, management and community relations. OLA receives \$18,840 from ALA to support book-discussion programs in public libraries, the "Let's Talk About It" pilot project. Ten libraries selected to participate.

Board appoints Ad Hoc Committee to investigate interest in the certification question including analysis of JMRT questionnaire.

Public Relations Committee vigorously administers LSCA Public Relations grant with goal of involving every library in the state. Public relations firm, Cole and Weber, engaged to design campaign.

Membership meeting held on September 22 to consider legislative package, particularly regarding per capita state aid. New dues structure also passed.

Membership committee reports current membership of 512 and direct cost for each member of \$10.03 for 1983-84.

Legislative Committee recommends, and Board adopts, definition of and minimum criteria for public libraries to be included in Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules. Will be submitted to membership for approval.

Board approves hiring of consultant to conduct study of how passage of tax limitation measure would affect libraries. Study to be financed by special contributions.

OLA publishes public relations calendar prepared by Public Relations Committee.

Necrology: Ivy Grover, former County Librarian of Lake and Deschutes Counties and life member of OLA; Cora M. Miller, associate professor emeritus of University of Portland and active in OLA; and Carol Trimble, former County Librarian of Douglas County and past president of OLA.

Intellectual Freedom Committee proposes three statements: Principles for Intellectual Freedom; Position on Openness in Federal Government; Position on Censorship of Materials on Grounds of Obscenity.

Membership total (May 1985): 685.

1985-86

Officers: President, George Smith, Oregon State Library, resigned in October and President-Elect, June Knudson, Hood River County Library, replaced him; Secretary, Pam Horan, University of Portland; Treasurer, Maureen Seaman, Oregon Graduate Center.

"Dewey did--do we?" theme stimulated discussion of back-to-basics at the annual conference at Salishan on the Oregon coast.

A "Library Congress" climaxed a year's work by the OLA Reorganization Task Force--52 persons attended representing various types of libraries.

Small Libraries Round Table activated at annual conference; begins publication of SLRT Newsletter.

Two task forces appointed: Threshold Criteria for Per Capita State Aid Eligibility; Reorganization of OLA.

Threshold Criteria Task Force publishes "Draft Proposal" working paper in September.

Eleven workshops were organized around the state by the Continuing Education Committee.

OLA received an LSCA grant of \$24,646 to fund continued participation in the ALA "Let's Talk About It" book discussion series.

Newly formed library PAC (political action committee) meets at OLA annual conference. Mary Devlin elected president of the PAC.

Over past six years 29 grants have been awarded under OLA's Honors, Awards and Scholarships program valued at over \$3,000 all of which came from contributions.

Position papers on Library Resource Sharing and Per Capita Aid Programs published for consideration of members. Second draft of Role of Threshold Criteria for Public Libraries also published. While supporting concept, membership requests Task Force on Per Capita Grants to make further study.

1986-87

Officers: President, June Knudson, Hood River County Library; President-Elect, Carolyn Peake, Lake Oswego Public Library; Secretary, Michael Gaston, Siuslaw Public Library.

"Libraries--Pure Gold II" was theme of annual conference (held jointly with WLA) at Jantzen Beach, Portland.

OLA Reorganization Task Force convenes "Library Congress" consisting of members of the boards of OLA, ACRL, OHSLI, ARMC and special libraries on May 17. At August 8 meeting of reorganizational council, Oregon Coalition for Libraries proposed as a membership organization from various types of libraries. Joint 1989 Conference proposed.

Third draft of Proposed Model Threshold Criteria for Public Libraries published.

OLA Board "still enthusiastic" about "Adopt a Legislator" program after first year of operation in which 17 legislators were "adopted" (i.e. provided Friends Category membership) by OLA members.

General membership meeting held on September 26 to discuss OLA's Legislative Package and present 1985 Legislator of the Year Award to State Representative Darlene Hooley (West Linn).

OLA forms Legislative Network to further library issues (e.g., White House Conference on Libraries).

Joint membership in OLA and OEMA (Oregon Educational Media Association) offered. In April, Oregon Library News publishes "The Oregon Coalition for Libraries Presents a Special Issue" giving a chronology of the Coalition proposals and statements concerning it from officials of various organizations involved.

OLA requests legislation to establish statewide library card.

At annual conference, Honorary Life Memberships awarded to Hardin E. Smith, Jackson County Library, and Jean Smith, Josephine County Library. Mary Bates,

Blue Mountain Community College, presented with calligraphy plaque recognizing her contributions to work of OLA.

"Library Legislative Day" attracts sixty librarians, friends, trustees and legislators.

1987-88

Officers: President, Carolyn Peake, Lake Oswego Public Library; President-Elect, Lynn Chmelir, Linfield College; Secretary, Doreen Turpen, Newberg Public Library; Treasurer, Wyma Jane Rogers, Corvallis Public Library.

Annual conference held in Eugene. Theme: "Libraries--Windows of the World." Record attendance: 482.

Two legislative bills on obscenity, opposed by OLA as threatening freedom of information, died in committee, but Anti-Child Pornography Bill, which appears to have little impact on libraries, passes House and Senate.

June Knudson, past president of OLA, appointed to Oregon Committee for the Humanities Board by the Governor.

Resource Sharing Committee publishes new edition of Oregon Interlibrary Loan Policy Directory.

Senator Mark Hatfield awarded Honorary Life Membership; Rose Ellen Uhreen, West Slope Community Library, Portland, and Irma Lady, Oregon State Library recognized for distinguished Service to Oregon Libraries.

Legislature increases per capita assistance to public libraries nearly 30% but statewide library card bill dies in committee.

"Standards for Oregon Public Libraries: 1988" amended and passed at annual conference.

OLA membership meeting in October approves motion to establish Public Library Section.

Necrology: Honorary Life Member Gerturde A. Currier, March 18, 1988; Nell Avery Unger, Head Librarian, Multnomah County Library 1937-1953, December 22, 1987, age 96.

1988-89

Officers: President, Lynn Chmelir, Linfield College; Vice-President, Michael Gaston, Siuslaw Public Library; Secretary, Gary Sharp, North Bend Public Library; Treasurer, Wyma Jane Rogers, Corvallis/Benton County Public Library.

Annual conference held at Sunriver. Theme: "Libraries Give Us Wings."

OLA opposes yet another measure which would restrict freedom of expression. The measure was defeated. Proposals for additional funding for public libraries are rejected. Passed were extension of serial levies to five years and Ed-Net, a statewide instructional telecommunications network.

Organization year changed: now begins September 1 instead of at the end of annual conference.

Outreach Round Table hosts LSCA-funded statewide workshop on providing library service to county jails and state adult correctional facilities.

Board resolution honors Donna Selle, former Coordinator of Washington County Cooperative Library Services.

1989-90

Officers: President, Michael Gaston, Siuslaw Public Library; Vice-President, Jim Schepke, Oregon State Library; Secretary, Rob Everett, Eugene Public Library; Treasurer, Fran Wendtland, Eugene Public Library.

Fiftieth Anniversary Conference held in Portland. Theme: "A Journey Through Time."

Three bills (all opposed by OLA) attempting to amend Oregon Constitution with definitions of obscenity fail to pass.

Technical Services Round Table organized.

Oregon Division of ACRL becomes OLA Academic Library Division.

OLA Leadership Conference issues statement of Goals and Objectives for OLA.

OLA Board passes resolution in general recognition of the "notable service in the cause of librarianship" to Sarah Ann Long, Director, Multnomah County Library and Chair of OLA's Library Legislation and Development Committee.

OLA Honorary Life Membership

Carol Alderson
Mary Bennett Bates
Nathan Berkham
Jean Black
Shirley A. Brown
Mary Busterud
William H. Carlson
Beverly Cleary
Juliet F. Corwin
Gertrude Currier
Katherine G. Eaton
Eloise Q. Ebert
Elizabeth Findly
Loretta Fisher
Kay Grasing
Edith Green
Ivy Grover
Bertha Hallam
Lucile F Hansen
Mark O. Hatfield
Carl W. Hintz
Helen L. Howard
Pauline Howard
David Martin
Muriel Mitchell
Florence L. Moberly
Richard Moore
Perry D. Morrison
Wayne Morse
Mary Phillips
Marian H. Scott
Hardin Smith
Jean Smith
Gary E. Strong
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