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### Passing Thoughts of an Almost Past President

School is about to start, the days are rapidly dwindling, and the ACRL year is about to begin again, with a new board starting after Menucha.

This issue contains a ballot. Use it and vote for the candidates you think are the best qualified to maintain a high level of connection between Oregon academic librarians. Also please note the fact that there is one, very qualified candidate for Vice President/President Elect: Barbara Jenkins of the University of Oregon. Two years ago the members of ACRL-OR approved a bylaws change so that two candidates would run for this office. This year we were unable to find/persuade/cajole two people to run. Barbara will be a wonderful, smart, able President, but the fact that she is running alone is indicative of a larger issue within our constituency.

The ACRL Chapter of Oregon needs more participation from its members. Two years ago we had a general brainstorming session at Menucha, out of which grew several ideas for possible small group meetings or other ways academic librarians could connect,

in addition to Menucha. One of these groups, the BI group, met twice and then fizzled due to peoples' schedules. The others never coalesced at all. The Board meets four times a year and is charged with organizing Menucha every other year and with putting on programs at OLA every spring. I think we need once again at Menucha to talk about how to involve more people, how to reconnect with the academic librarians across the state, and how to connect successfully with our colleagues in public and special libraries throughout Oregon. Please bring your ideas and energy to Menucha, October 20-21, 1994.

Menucha (see registration information) promises to be very exciting this fall. So register early! We have a line-up of speakers from the private sector of information providers on Thursday and a responding panel of librarians on Friday. We purposely have scheduled no small-group break-out sessions due to overwhelming discontent with this format two years ago. We anticipate lively debate, so bring your brains and opinions with you.

There will be no bibliography provided, by the way. These often are looked at, then put away in that ever-growing file of things

to read. Obviously the debate surrounding the Internet will be enhanced if you all do some reading and thinking before you arrive at Menucha. Victoria Mitchell at Reed just recommended the August 12th issue of *Science* which has a slew of articles about the 'Net. Articles abound all over.

This past year has been very successful for the Oregon ACRL Chapter. We had several very good and well attended programs at OLA and a bang-up preconference. The OLA News had a regular ACRL column. Victoria Mitchell did a great job of editing and putting together the newsletter. We are now in the planning stages for OLA '95. Suggestions are welcome for programming ideas; volunteers are needed for organizing the events.

I wish to thank the ACRL Board for their hard work and support over the past year. I have really enjoyed working with them.

Connie Anderson of Southern Oregon State College is the new president of ACRL-OR Chapter. She will do a great job with your needed support and involvement.

Susan Whyte  
Linfield College  
Past President

## ACRL OREGON BOARD CANDIDATES

### A Note on the Presidential Election

At the annual meeting of OLA/ACRL at Menucha in 1992, the membership voted to nominate and field two candidates for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect. This year the Board unanimously nominated current Board member Barbara Jenkins and contacted a number of other people about running for this office.

All declined because of other commitments. The Board feels that Barbara is an excellent choice for this office, and thus has decided to field only one candidate this year. The problems the Board encountered in trying to identify a second candidate will be discussed at this year's meeting in Menucha.



The pen is mightier than the sword . . .  
Don't forget to use yours & cast your vote!

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**Barbara Jenkins**  
(Candidate for President-Elect position)

**Current position:**  
Head of Reference, Knight Library, University of Oregon 1992-

**Previous Positions:**  
Acting Coordinator of Library Instruction, 1993-1994

Assistant Head of Reference, Main Library, University of California at Irvine, 1989-1991

Biological Sciences Librarian, University of California at Irvine, 1987-1990

Head, Collection Development and Acquisitions, Texas Medical Center Library, 1986-1987

Special Librarian, American Hospital Association, 1984-1985

**Continuing Education**  
Coordinator, Medical Library Association, 1982-1984

**Education:**  
MLS, University of Chicago, 1982  
BA, Biology, Earlham College, 1978  
Certificate of Advanced Study in German, 1977

**Organizational Memberships:**  
ALA - ACRL, RASD, LAMA

Chair, RASD Standards for Reference Librarians Discussion Group, 1994-1995

Past Chair, LAMA Economic Status and Staff Welfare Committee, 1993-1994

Member, LAMA Economic Status and Staff Welfare Committee, 1991-1993

Oregon Library Association 1992-  
ACRL Oregon Chapter, Board Member at Large, 1993-Present  
Member, Menucha Planning Committee, ACRL Oregon Chapter

**Publications:**  
*Directory of Library Resources in Geriatrics and Gerontology*, Geriatrics Education Center, 1987.

**Significant Achievements and Presentations:**  
Co-Chair, ALA Program "Who's Who: Changing Roles of Librarians and Support Staff", 1994

"Rethinking Reference: Oregon Style", OLA Annual Conference, 1994

"The World of Electronic Information", UO Alumni Association, 1994

"FirstSearch and Reference Service", OSSHE Resource Sharing Conference, 1993

"Rethinking Reference", Panelist for Standards for Reference Librarians Discussion Group, ALA, 1993

"FirstSearch: A Review", Panelist for OCLC Users' Group, ALA, 1992

"Information Resources in Indigent Care", Medical Library Association, 1986

**Jim Rible**  
(Candidate for 1st at-large position)

**Current position:**  
Science Librarian and Coordinator for Electronic Resources, Southern Oregon State College Library, 1987-present

**Previous position:**  
Reference Librarian, Oregon Institute of Technology, 1985-1987

**Education:**  
MS in Environmental Education, SOSOC, 1992  
MLS, University of California, Los Angeles, 1985  
BA, Chemistry, California State University, Chico, 1980

**Organizational Memberships:**  
OLA, ACRL

**Publications:**

Review of *The Scientist* (an electronic journal). *College and Research Library News*, June 1994, Vol. 55, No. 6, pp. 375-376.

Review of *Environmental, Chemistry, Health & Safety. CD-ROM Professional*, July-August 1994, Vol. 7, No. 4, pp. 139-140.

and several other short reviews in *CD-ROM Professional* and *Information Today*.

**Significant achievements:**

One of eight OSSHE ILC Online Coordinators, organizers for Online Northwest for the past nine years. I was head of this committee for two years, 1987-1989. I have also made several presentations at this conference.

**Ruth Vondracek**

(Candidate for 1st at-large position)

**Current Position:**

Coordinator of Reference Services and Distance Education Support Services, Western Oregon State College Library, 1992-

**Previous Positions:**

Circulation Supervisor/Reference Librarian, State Historical Society of Wisconsin Library, 1989-1992.

Assistant Librarian, Willamette University, 1986-1989.

Iowa Newspaper Project Cataloger, Iowa State Historical Department (US Newspaper Project), 1985-1986.

Documents Curator Library Head, Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, 1984-1985.

**Education:**

MLS, 1984 University of Iowa.  
BA, 1978 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Anthropology and German. 1977-78 Junior Year

Abroad Program, Freiburg, West Germany.

**Organizational Memberships and Activities:**

ACRL; ALA; OLA  
Co-editor OLA Reference Roundtable Newsletter

**Significant Achievements:**

Co-chair Valley Link Reference Subgroup

Instructor: Basic Reference, Fall 1994 Western Oregon State College

Literacy Tutor: Linn-Benton Community College G.E.D. Program

**Bonnie Allen**

(Candidate for 2nd at-large position)

**Current Position:**

Director of Library Services, Clatsop Community College, Astoria, OR, 1992-

**Previous Positions:**

Private consultant, Marketing and management issues for small business, 1991-1992.

National Marketing Representative and Acting Marketing Manager, Western Library Network, 1989-1991.

Technical Librarian, Oregon Graduate Institute, 1983-1986.

Head of Technical Services, Willamette University, 1981-83.

Acquisitions Coordinator, Northern Arizona University, 1980-81

Assistant to the Director of Library Services, University of Cincinnati, 1975-79.

**Education:**

M.B.A., Portland State University, 1988

M.L.S., Indiana University, Bloomington, Graduate School of Library and Information Science

B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, Art History and French

**Organizational Memberships and Activities:**

OLA, ALA, PNLA, ACRL

Oregon Correspondent for PNLA News (1982)

Member, Executive Council, ACRL/Oregon (1981-1983)

**Significant Achievements:**

Trainer, Collection Development Conspectus Project – presented workshop in evaluation of collection for the OSL Conspectus project (1985)

OCLC User Group Chair, 1983

Speaker, WLN User Group at WLA, 1990, as WLN Product Manager.

Chair, Taskforce on Technology for Clatsop Community College, 1994

Academic Library Representative, Northwest LINK Advisory Committee (Reference Referral project)

Activity Director, Title 3 Grant (1994) for Incorporating Instructional Tech into the Library Service to faculty.

**Johannah Sherrer**

(Candidate for 2nd at-large position)

**Current Position:**

Director, Watzek Library, Lewis & Clark College, July, 1993-

**Previous positions:**

Head of Reference, Duke University

Head of Reference, University of Northern Colorado

Reference Department, University of Dayton

Candidate information:  
Johannah Sherrer, contd.

**Education:**

M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky  
M.A., University of Dayton  
B.A., University of Portland

**Organizational Memberships:**

ALA, ACRL, OLA

**Organizational Activities:**

ALA, RASD Mudge Citation  
Committee Member, 1994  
ALA, RASD, President's Program  
Committee Chair, 1993

**Publications:**

"The Future of Bibliographic  
Instruction: An Unresolved Issue",  
in Lipow, Anne Grodzins.  
*Rethinking Reference in Academic  
Libraries: The Proceedings and  
Process of Library Solutions Institute  
No. 2*, Berkeley, CA, Library  
Solutions Press, 1993. (co-authored)

*Encountering the Twenty-First  
Century: Libraries, Reference  
Departments, Reference  
Librarians*", *North Carolina  
Libraries*, Special Edition, Crisis in  
Librarianship, 1992. (co-authored)

"The Most Amusing Book in the  
Language": *The Dictionary of  
National Biography*", in Rettig,  
James. *Distinguished Classics in  
Reference Publishing*. Phoenix, AZ,  
Oryx Press, 1992.

**Paper:**

"Implications of New and  
Emerging Technologies on  
Reference Services", Delivered at  
the *Computers in Libraries  
Conference*, Arlington, VA,  
February 28-March 4, 1994.

**Significant Achievements:**

H.W. Wilson Library Periodical  
Award for Excellence while editor  
of *Colorado Libraries*.



OREGON NEWS

**Fall Meeting will set  
Direction for Oregon  
Information Highway**

The Oregon Information Highway  
Project Task Force will present its  
plans for a statewide library  
network at a meeting in Salem on  
October 28th.

The Task Force will report on the  
input received from meetings with  
various library groups throughout  
the state. The Task Force will also  
present proposed goals and  
functional requirements for a  
statewide library network, and the  
outline of a technical plan to  
achieve the goals of the project.

The meeting is scheduled from 1  
p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Anderson  
Auditorium, on the lower level of  
the Salem Public Library in  
Salem. All interested library staff  
and library trustees are  
encouraged to attend and to  
contribute to the planning effort.

The Oregon Information Highway  
Project is a joint project of the  
Oregon State Library, the Oregon  
Library Association Resource  
Sharing Committee, and the  
Library Information Network of  
Clackamas County. Earlier in the  
year, the project sponsored two  
meetings of larger libraries that  
are expected to play a major role  
in the statewide library network.

Following the October meeting,  
the Task Force intends to develop  
a written plan for the statewide  
library network that would be  
completed by the end of the year.  
Once planning is completed, the  
Task Force plans to begin to seek  
funding for the network.

For more information contact: Jim  
Schepke, Oregon State Librarian,  
378-4243.

**OSU's Pauling Collection to  
Go Online**

"I strongly believe that this  
project will exemplify the future  
preservation and access of  
historical material"

- Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Project  
Coordinator

A new electronic text retrieval and  
imaging system is being  
developed by Oregon State  
University's (OSU) Kerr Library  
Special Collections that could  
revolutionize research with rare  
and valuable documents.

OSU's library is in the process of  
converting the collection of two-  
time Nobel Prize winner and  
Oregon native Linus Pauling and  
his wife, Ava Helen Pauling, into  
a digital format that can be stored  
and retrieved by computer. The  
new system will give researchers  
around the world remote access to  
the Pauling Collection without  
ever touching the original  
documents.

The Pauling collection contains  
about 150,000 items stored in over  
800 archival boxes. It includes  
letters, speeches, hand-written  
manuscripts, and newspaper  
articles. The Special Collections  
staff is in the process of scanning  
each document for storage in a  
digital form.

After a document is scanned and  
stored using LaserFiche imaging  
software, an optical character  
recognition software (OCR)  
developed by Calera is used to  
extract the typewritten text of the  
scanned document. This method  
lets researchers have a facsimile  
image of the original document  
and the extracted text side-by-side  
on a single screen. Researchers  
using the system will have the  
option of storing the image, text,  
or both in digital form.

The system also will allow researchers to do key-word, easy Boolean, and fuzzy word searches.

The new system still must work out some problems with the OCR software. Existing software can now accurately scan 75-80 percent of a document; the goal is to achieve nearly 100 percent accuracy.

Public access to the system will come through OSU's Kerr Library local area network. People will be able to access the system in much the same way as they do when searching the library's OASIS electronic catalog. Researchers from around the world will be able to access the Pauling collection through Internet.

"The Imaging and Text Retrieval of the Pauling Papers is an example of the type of project which OSU libraries and other libraries around the world will be undertaking during the next decades as we convert our cultural heritage to a widely accessible computer format", says Charlene Grass, Associate University Librarian for Technical and Automation Services.

– Ed. Note: The above article has been excerpted from an OSU press release of 6/20/94. Sources: Ramesh Krishnamurthy and Clifford Mead, 503-737-2075.

## PEOPLE NEWS

### –Linfield College–

Karen Diller has joined the staff of Linfield College as reference librarian. She comes to us from the Undergraduate Library at the University of Maryland, College Park. Before that she was a reference librarian at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wa. She has an MLS from the University of Michigan. (She was in the same class as Sarah Beasley.)

Her professional/academic interests are: bibliographic instruction, reference collection development, and women and slaves in the ancient world.

Her favorite activity outside of work: trying out new restaurants.

### – OSU –

May Ying Chau is the new Life Sciences Librarian for OSU Libraries. She comes to OSU from Colorado State University, where she had been Plant Science Librarian since 1991. She received her MLS from Wayne State in 1991 and has a MS in Horticulture from Brigham Young. May's subject responsibilities will be in agriculture. She is a member of the Libraries' Electronic Resources Team and OSU Information Services Multimedia Team.

Jeanne Davidson is the new Physical Sciences Librarian for OSU Libraries. She had been a Reference Librarian at Augustana College (Illinois) since 1991. Her MLS is from University of Missouri, and she holds an MS in Geology from the University of Wyoming. At OSU, Jeanne's subject responsibilities include chemistry, geology, math and statistics. She is a member of the Libraries' User Education Team.

### –PSU–

Michelle Tsoi has been appointed Assistant Systems Librarian at Portland State University Library, with a starting date of August 16. Michelle has a BS from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Masters of Library and Information Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Michelle's most recent experience is from Wake Forest University where she was the Cataloging/Automation Librarian. Previously she worked at the Great Commission Theological Seminary, Loyola Law School Library, and Pacific Oaks College Library.

In her new position, Michelle will be a part of the Computer Systems Working Group, involved with providing day-to-day support for the Library's automation activities.

Three librarians have sabbatical plans this year. Janet Wright, Humanities Librarian, will be on sabbatical for four months beginning in September. Robert Westover, who recently finished organizing the conversion of the Acquisitions Section from the WLN automated system to a SIRSI system, will be gone four months starting in December. Joe Kohut will be gone for one year as of September. Bob Lawrence, who has retired from his position as a science reference librarian at OSU, will serve in a temporary reference position while Joe is gone.

### –State Library–

Phillip Peacock joined the State Library in June as the new User Support Analyst for the Automated Systems Unit. He has worked as a computer systems specialist and as a trainer and support person for several state agencies, most recently for the Oregon Corrections Department. Phillip's educational background and experience is in programming, systems planning, and user support.

### –Willamette University–

Arlene Weible, former Government Documents Librarian at Yale University, has returned to her native Oregon to be the Periodicals and Government Documents Librarian at Willamette University. The W.U. librarians are thrilled to have her!

Ford Schmidt, Head of Reference at W.U., is the proud father of Nathaniel Albert, a healthy, happy and big baby boy born on May 13th!

## ACRL \$\$\$ for the Deserving

Last year, there were three (count 'em, three) applicants for this award, which was, believe it or not, three more than the previous year. So, come on, all you acquisitions and techie-types – give it a try.

### Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Acquisitions or Technical Services in an Academic or Research Library

This award fosters advances in acquisitions or technical services by providing fellowships to librarians for travel or writing in those fields. Research projects in collection development or the compilation of bibliographies will not be supported by this fellowship.

**Award:** \$1,000 cash and a citation donated by the Institute for Scientific Information.

**Criteria:** The proposals will be judged with an emphasis on the following:

1. Potential significance of the project to acquisitions or technical services work.
2. Originality and creativity.
3. Clarity and completeness of the proposal.
4. Evidence of an interest in scholarship (previous publication record).

**Application procedure:** Brief proposals (five pages or less, double-spaced) should include the following:

1. Description of research, travel or writing project.
2. Schedule for project.
3. Estimate of expenses (e.g. travel, faxing, data analysis, computer time, photocopying, typing).
4. An up-to-date curriculum vitae should accompany proposal.

**Awardee obligation:** Recipients of the fellowship are required to submit a report of the results of

their research to ACRL for possible publication in C&RL News.

**Submission procedures:** Send eight copies of the application to the Samuel Lazerow Fellowship, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), American Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

**Staff contact:** If you have questions or need help in compiling a nomination, contact: Althea H. Jenkins, (800) 545-2433, ext. 3248, (312) 280-3248, or U55385@uicvm.uic.edu

**Deadline:** December 1, 1994.

## ★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

### Oregon Library Workshops

To register, or for more information contact:

Division of Continuing Education and Summer Programs, Western Oregon State College, Monmouth, OR 97361, (503) 838-8483 or 1 (800) 451-5767.

#### What's New In . . .

Saturday, Oct. 15  
Western Oregon State College, Monmouth

Select four topics and learn what's new in fiction, non-fiction, Hispanic services, women's literature, intellectual freedom or science fiction. Concurrent sessions of 90 minutes each are offered throughout the day.

#### Presenters:

*Fiction – Linea Patrick*

*Robin Beerbower*

*Non-Fiction – Paul Gregorio*

*Hispanic Services–*

*Robin Puccetti*

*Women's Literature –*

*Jan Fortier*

*Intellectual Freedom –*

*Mary Ginnane*

*Science Fiction– Kim Antieau*

#### Presenter Notes:

**Linea Patrick** holds an MLS from UC Berkeley. She has been Fiction Acquisitions librarian at the Salem Public Library since 1978 and the Circulation Division Manager since 1991. She has also worked in Reference, Audio-Visual and Circulation Divisions since 1973.

**Robin Beerbower**, the OLA Oregon Library Employee of the Year for 1993, has been at the Salem Public Library since 1973. She served as the Bookmobile Librarian, Readers Advisory Service supervisor, and Fiction Acquisitions librarian for the Book mobile for 12 years. She selects genre fiction for the central library and has taught popular fiction classes for the Chemeketa Community College Adult Education Program.

**Paul Gregorio** teaches library courses in the School of Education at Portland State University. He has conducted workshops for librarians throughout Oregon. He holds an MLS from the University of Washington.

**Robin Puccetti** is a graduate of UC Berkeley in Library and Information Studies. She served as the director of an elementary school library before moving to Independence to accept the position of City Librarian where she has enhanced the services to Spanish speaking patrons.

**Jan Fortier** is Director of Shoen Library and Department Chair of the Library Information Management Program, both at Marylhurst College. Jan received her MLS from the University of Oregon and her Ph.D. in English from Temple University in Philadelphia. She teaches literature in the Humanities Department at Marylhurst as well as teaching in the Shoen Library program.

**Mary Ginnane** has worked at the Oregon State Library since 1986



and currently administers the Library Development Services Division. Formerly she coordinated the State Library's Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse. She has an MLS degree from San Jose State University. Previous she served as a researcher for an information broker and director of a small public library.

**Kim Antieau** is branch librarian at White Salmon Community Library and the fiction selector for the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Her short stories have been published in *Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, *Science Fiction Age*, and *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*. *Trudging to Eden*, a collection of her short stories, was recently published by Silver Salamander Press for release this summer.

#### Collection Development

Friday, Oct. 28

Cottage Grove Public Library

This workshop will: "Examine the elements necessary in a written collection development policy and study examples; review a worksheet for gathering information to describe a collection and look at a sample description; address long range planning."

**Presenter: Nancy Powell** – is a library collection development consultant. She served at Oregon State University's Kerr Library and as Associate Director of the Library at Nichols State University in Thibodaux, LA.

#### Medical Reference

Friday, Nov. 4

Wilsonville Public Library

This workshop addresses the practice of providing current health information to consumers, including use of medical reference tools, selection criteria for consumer books and journals, the reference interview, legal aspects of providing consumer health information, use of electronic

consumer health information resources, and the direction of that information in the age of health care reform.

**Presenter: Michele Johns** – received a MLS from the University of Illinois at Urbana. She is Director of the Planetree Health Resource Center in The Dalles, a not-for-profit community library of health and medical information. She has served as reference librarian at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois College of Medicine, before becoming Director, and taught graduate courses as well as serving as a consultant to hospitals and private corporations in planning and implementing health sciences collections and services.

☞ And don't forget to mark your calendar for:

– Menucha, October 20-21, 1994

– ACRL 7th National Conference, March 29-April 1, 1995 in Pittsburgh, PA.



– OLA Annual Meeting  
April 26-29, 1995 at Portland  
Hilton. "OLA '95: Creating New  
Connections"

#### From the Editor:

This is my last ACRL/OR Chapter Newsletter. It's been sometimes a pleasure; sometimes an exercise in cursing, teeth-gnashing, and throwing things – but never less than educational, and I've enjoyed keeping up with people and news from around the state. All in all, a very valuable experience!

The future of the newsletter is currently undecided. If you have news, etc., that you want published, please contact our new ACRL President for further information:

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anderson@wpo.sosc.osshe.edu

# ACRL Oregon Chapter Advisory Board Election

## BALLOT

Vice President/President Elect

Barbara Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_

At Large Positions

Position #1  
Vote for one:

Jim Rible \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Vondracek \_\_\_\_\_

Position #2  
Vote for one:

Bonnie Allen \_\_\_\_\_  
Johannah Sherrer \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Connie Anderson, SOSC Library, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd.,  
Ashland, OR 97250, *postmarked no later than October 1, 1993*