

# OLA Hotline

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## Association News

### Message from OLA President, Leah Griffith

The song goes "Summertime and the livin' is easy." Well those songwriters never worked in a public library! Summertime is our busy season with summer reading programs and staff going on vacation, and in Newberg we've got three babies, four weddings, a retirement, a resignation, and a couple of recruitments to keep us busy too. With OLA, we are moving towards the time when Aletha Bonebrake will take over as president and I get to slide into the position of past president. But just because my year as president is coming to a close, it doesn't mean that the activity is ending. One project I'm working on this summer is the review of Vision 2010.

Vision 2010 was developed in 2000 to plan for library service in Oregon over ten years. The committee that put the plan together in 2000, as well as some new people, got together at the McMenamins Kennedy School for a daylong retreat in June to review the 2010 goals. The group felt that progress had been made on a number of goals, while others still needed addressing, and some need tweaking as the world has changed since 2000. Below is a summary of the group's assessment of progress made on the original seven goals.

#### **Statewide Library Catalog: Partially Addressed**

While we don't have a single statewide catalog, there are quite a number of consortiums (Orbis Cascade Alliance, Sage, 10 shared public library systems serving 26 of Oregon's 36 counties) that cover a good portion of our state.

#### **Statewide Library Card: Partially Addressed**

Again, we don't have a single card or statewide access, but the consortiums and the MIX agreement (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, and Hood River counties) allow for the majority of state's population to have access to most of the libraries they might reasonably use.

#### **Serve Every Child: Partially Addressed**

We still have 65,300 Oregon children without free access to a public library and another 254,900 adults don't have access. The number of Teacher-Librarians in our schools has dropped to 433 or one teacher- librarian per 1,279 students. In 1980

there was one teacher-librarian for every 547 students. The good news is that summer reading programs and other children's services are improving in our public libraries and the number of children participating in those programs is growing.

**Strong and Diverse Workforce: Partially Addressed**

With the Emporia State University program in Oregon, there are about 150 new MLS librarians since 2000. This doesn't include the many who have attended the iSchool at UW and the many distance education programs that are available. The new MLS scholarship program that OLA is starting this year will help support additional students pursuing their degrees.

**Statewide access to Electronic Resources: Addressed**

The EBSCOhost databases and the Oregonian database are available to all libraries at a reduced rate or even free for the smallest public libraries. The Oregon Department of Education will cover the costs for the K-12 schools in 2006-07. There was a feeling that we need to offer more online services.

**E-Reference Services: Addressed**

The L-net e-reference service is up and running, but again, in 2006 things continue to develop in this arena and perhaps this offering will change as well.

**Statewide High Speed Network: Addressed**

Only 11 out of 129 public libraries reported having Internet connections less than 128 kbps in 2004. All other public and academic libraries have broadband connections.

We finished the review and then developed some projects for the next four years. They include expanding the online services for libraries, investigating options for a statewide library catalog, investigating the link between strong K-12 library programs and public and academic libraries, and ensuring we have the strong staff to carry out these programs.

You'll be hearing more about these projects in the months to come, but in the meantime, let's keep our eyes on the future as we build the present.

Read more about the [original Vision 2010](#). This OLA Quarterly piece also includes the challenging Vision 2010

Crossword puzzle!

### **Write for the OLA Quarterly!**

"Burnout" is the theme for this Fall's issue of the OLA Quarterly. The issue will explore different aspects of burnout in the library field. This is your chance to share your insights and experiences!

Did you experience burnout in a previous career and find relief by turning to the world of libraries? Have you worked in the same library for thirty years, but have found ways to keep your work fresh and burnout free?! Have you left your library job for a new career as a consultant, bookstore owner, turnip farmer, etc.? Have you developed tactics for confronting burnout when it arises in your job? Whatever your story or previous writing experience, please consider writing a piece for this Fall's OLA Quarterly. Contact guest editor, [Rachel Mendez](#), for more information. Deadline for articles: August 15, 2006.

### **PLD Executive Board Needs You!**

Have you wanted to become more involved with OLA, specifically with the Public Library Division? We are recruiting nominees for two director-at-large positions, as well as the secretary position and the vice-chairperson/chairperson elect position. You can find more information about these positions in [Chapter 13A of the OLA Bylaws](#), specifically section 13.4, "Officers."

If you can't serve, maybe you'd like to nominate an exceptional colleague. PLD takes a very active role in planning the annual OLA Conference and we just this year, began an exciting new website, where we are planning to offer lots of fresh ideas and essential information to the public library community.

Come get involved with a dynamic, motivated group - it's fun and a great source of inspiration for your professional development.

Please send nominations to one of the nominating committee members listed below. Thank you!

[Linda V. Malone](#), West Linn Public Library  
[Kevin Barclay](#), Deschutes Public Library System  
[Teresa Landers](#), Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

## **Update to Standards for Oregon Public Libraries**

This year the PLD Board is revising and updating the "Staff" and "Materials and Services" sections of the Standards for Oregon Public Libraries: 2000. The "Technology" and "Access" sections were revised in 2004. The full standards as they currently exist can be found at the [PLD website](#).

After input at the PLD business meeting in April, the Board crafted a [final revision](#) of the standards for "Staff" and "Materials and Services."

PLD members - please take time to read through the revisions. The red and green text details the changes, along with the deletions noted in the margins. The Board will hold an online vote for acceptance of the revised standards by the entire PLD membership the last week of July.

## **Happenings**

### **Date Change - OCLC Local Holdings Training at SOU**

Please note the date change for OCLC's Holdings Maintenance Workshop that will be held at Southern Oregon University in Ashland. The workshop scheduled for August 10 has been rescheduled for August 14 by OCLC.

Southern Oregon University's Hannon Library will host OCLC training in Local Holdings Maintenance Basics using the Connexion Browser on August 14 from 9am to 4pm. Course information and a link for registration are available at the [OCLC website](#).

The course number is W 126 and the fee is \$55 for OCLC Western member organizations and \$125 for non-members. If this is your first opportunity for training since ORULS was closed, think about registering early so that OCLC will have its head count in plenty of time.

## NW Central Goes Live!

Welcome to NW CENTRAL, the NW Continuing Education Network of Training Resources for All Libraries. The web site prototype is now available for you to [use and explore](#)! What is a prototype, anyway? According to Cambridge Dictionaries Online, a prototype is "the first example of something ... from which all later forms are developed." Please remember that it is your participation that will determine NW CENTRAL's later forms!

This site was developed by you and for you through an LSTA grant received by the Portland Area Library System (PORTALS) in 2005. PORTALS is now sponsoring a pilot phase under the guidance of the NW CENTRAL Advisory Group. We need your help! In fact, there are six things you can do right now to move NW CENTRAL from a prototype to a robust web site that will support the region's continuing education needs:

1. Log onto [NW Central](#) and create an account
2. Add information to the Events Calendar about an upcoming conference or workshops
3. Add handouts, tutorials, and other interesting Content via file upload or link;
4. Add your name to the Speaker's Bureau and make your expertise available to others, or recommend to someone else;
5. Post a comment to one of the Discussion Forums;
6. Search, browse, sign up for something, and have a good time while providing us feedback to make the site even better! Feedback may be provided directly through the web site or by contacting your [regional Advisory Group Member](#).

## Stories by the Sea

Please watch your mail this week, librarians. Brochures for the twelfth annual Stories by the Sea Festival will be mailed to Oregon libraries this week. A three-day celebration of stories, the festival will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Newport, overlooking beautiful Nye Beach. Featured storytellers for the 2006 festival are Dan Keding, Yvonne

Young, and Anne-Louise Sterry.

Dan Keding, of Urbana, IL, has been a featured storyteller at the National Storytelling Festival and has won the "Circle of Excellence Award" from the National Storytelling Network. He has a unique style of storytelling that includes musical accompaniment. He has thirty years of performance and teaching experience.

Yvonne Young, of Eugene, is a former teacher who often used storytelling as a teaching tool. A member of the Healing Story Alliance, she is now a professional storyteller who performs at schools, senior centers, and hospices.

When she was a nurse, Anne-Louise Sterry, of West Linn, used music to make her patients feel better. Now she has a successful second career as a "storysinger." She performs in schools, libraries, and corporate settings.

Dan, Yvonne, and Anne-Louise will present workshops and perform at the Saturday afternoon children's matinee and an adult evening performance. The workshops will give participants a chance to learn more about the ABC's of storytelling, telling lively traditional stories, and using music to enhance storytelling programs. The festival includes a ghost story swap on Friday evening and an inspiration story swap on Sunday morning. The cost for all events is \$85. For more information visit the [web site](#) or call Rebecca Cohen at (541) 265-3109.

Volunteer storytellers and librarians will tour Newport-area schools on Friday to tell stories for 2000 students.

The Stories by the Sea Festival is co-sponsored by the Children's Services Division of the Oregon Library Association and the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.

## People

### **Rebecca Cohen Receives National Storytelling Network Award**

Rebecca Cohen is the recipient of the 2006 Pacific Regional Leadership and Service Award from the [National Storytelling](#)

Network. Regional Leadership and Service Awards are presented to individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to their local or regional storytelling community and/or have used storytelling to make a significant contribution to the larger community in which they live.

Rebecca Cohen works tirelessly to create and produce the Festival by the Sea in Newport, Oregon. Rebecca began Stories by the Sea, a weekend storytelling festival with workshops and performances, in collaboration with the Oregon Library Association in 1994. A committee from OLA works with Rebecca each year to plan the festival, but it is Rebecca who works year round, both with volunteers, and alone to be sure that no detail is overlooked. Rebecca works with community members to find support for the festival. Her energy and dedication fosters storytelling in the community of Newport and statewide, and mentors new storytellers.

Recipients of the National Storytelling Network's Oracle Awards are nominated by members of NSN and selected by an Awards Committee. Awards will be presented at the National Storytelling Network's Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 22nd. The National Storytelling Network, headquartered in Jonesborough, TN, is a membership organization for anyone interested in the art and practice of storytelling. The organization has nearly 3,000 members worldwide.

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