

# OLA Hotline

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## **From the Editor**

### **Changes and Opportunities!**

Changes are afoot for the OLA Hotline and the OLA website. The duties for each of these are being merged into a new OLA Web Member Manager position. This position will also include managing, and providing training for, the MemberClicks system. Contract bids are due by April 2nd. View the [request for bids](#) for more details.

Both Rachel Mendez, your trusty OLA Webweaver, and I have felt privileged to serve in our respective capacities and will continue our duties until mid-May. Rachel has been handling the care and feeding of the OLA website for seven years now! I've been Hotline Editor for three years. It's time for fresh eyes and energy!

The new position will also lead to a change in how the Hotline is delivered. The news will be posted to OLA's homepage and

a "fresh news" email will be sent to all members.

I look forward to bringing you a few more Hotline issues. Based on member feedback over the years, it seems that even if you deleted the Hotlines as they arrived in your email, you still liked receiving them! Also, many thanks to those of you who submitted news and took the time to offer support and encouragement.

## Association News

### Early Registration for OLA Conference Ends on March 16th!

Online registration for the OLA Annual Conference is available and registration received by March 16 will enjoy the early registration rate, but prompt payment is appreciated! If you have registration questions, please contact Stephanie Miller.

Need a hotel room? The Hilton Garden Inn is filling up fast but there are many other great hotels in Corvallis. For local hotel information see the conference website or visit the Corvallis tourism website.

And if you enjoy baseball, the 2006 NCAA Baseball National Champions, the Oregon State Beavers, will be playing UNLV in Corvallis on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (April 20-23). Visit the Beaver website for full details.

Questions about the conference can be directed to Lynne Mildenstein, OLA Conference Chair, at (541) 617-7061 or by email.

### Legal Ease Preconference

Each year, library staff, administrators, and trustees are faced with a conundrum -- how to balance an ongoing commitment to the principles of intellectual freedom with practical legal and constitutional considerations. And each year, as budgets are cut and new legislation is proposed, the tension between these seemingly opposing approaches grows even greater. If your library has grappled with these concerns, and if you plan

on attending the 2007 annual conference in Corvallis, you'll want to sign up for **Legal Ease: What Staff, Administrators, and Trustees Need to Know about Libraries and the Law**, an all-day preconference co-sponsored by the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, SSD, PLD, CSD, and OYAN. This timely and informative session, based on ALA's successful "Law for Librarians" workshops, will provide staff and management from public, school, and academic libraries with a solid introduction to the legal foundations for intellectual freedom issues. Topics to be covered include:

- The First Amendment and Libraries
- Privacy and Confidentiality
- Youth Access to Information
- Meeting Rooms, Display Cases, Exhibits, and Literature Distribution
- CIPA, DOPA, and the Changing Role of the Internet in Library Service
- Labeling of Library Materials
- How to Respond to Challenges and Complaints

Attendees will also receive a useful array of resources in both print and electronic format and will be shown how to keep current as the intellectual freedom conversation evolves. Documents related to the preconference are posted online at the [Intellectual Freedom webpage](#).

Presenters are: Mary Minow, LibraryLaw.com & coauthor of "The Library's Legal Answer Book" (ALA; 2003); Emily Sheketoff, Executive Director, American Library Association, Washington Office; Candace Morgan, Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management & Portland State University Hatfield School of Government; Curtis Kiefer, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library; Bob Kingston, Reference Librarian, Portland Community College & Chair of the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Cost - \$95. Do you have questions for the presenters about any of the above topics? Your real-life situations and concerns will help determine the content of this program, so please send them to [Bob Kingston](#) by April 1.

**Karaoke and Raise Funds for MLS Scholarship!** - from Maureen Cole

This is the time of year when you may find yourself eagerly going over the annual conference program to decide how you are going to spend your time. There is one event that you may have wondered about - the Past Presidents' Reception at 9:30 on Thursday night. I can tell you that this is one event you won't want to miss! This is not just for Past Presidents! It's the First Annual Past Presidents' Round Table (PPRT) event!

PPRT has decided to host an event each year at the conference, and these events will be fundraisers for the OLA MLS Scholarship fund. To kick off this new tradition, we have selected the theme of Karaoke! In keeping with a conference setting of learning, we have called this event Karaoke 101. During this time, you will learn how to karaoke by no less than Oregon's own favorite comedienne, Leigh Anne Jasheway- Bryant. And in keeping with the conference theme of Civics-Cyberspace- Change: Finding Community, please come find community with us on April 19 at 9:30. It is your civic duty and it will change your life! And cyberspace just has no place there that night (although I can send you to a good karaoke website...). Keep this in mind as you make your plans for travel and hotels! Questions can be directed to [Maureen Cole](#).

### **Join OLA SSD by March 31st and Save!**

Join OLA'S Support Staff Division (SSD) by March 31, 2007 and your \$5 membership will be automatically waived. Pay only your OLA membership. SSD scholarships are another perk of membership. Visit the [SSD website](#) for more information.

## **Legislative News**

### **Bill Protects Patrons' Email Addresses - from Nan Heim, OLA Lobbyist**

Senate Bill 950, introduced at OLA's request, had its first reading in the State Senate on Thursday, March 8. Current state law protects library records, including circulation records, as well as patrons' addresses and telephone numbers. SB 950 adds email addresses to this list of protected records.

OLA's Legislative Committee decided to proceed with the bill based on experiences in other states showing a need for clarification. Their issue brief can be seen on the [OLA Legislative Network wiki](#).

Senator Ginny Burdick (D-Portland), OLA's 2003-04 Legislator of the Year, is the chief sponsor of SB 950. Co-sponsors are Senators Brad Avakian (D-Portland/Beaverton), Margaret Carter (D-Portland), Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day)/Baker City/The Dalles), and Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene); and Representatives Vicki Berger (R-Salem), OLA's 2005-06 Legislator of the Year, Suzanne Bonamici (D-Eugene), Peter Buckley (D- Ashland), Tom Butler (R-Ontario), Jerry Krummel (R-Wilsonville), Nancy Nathanson (D-Eugene), Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay), and Chip Shields (D- Portland).

If your legislator's name is on this list, please drop him or her a line to say thanks for signing onto SB 950. We expect the bill to be referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee soon, which happens to be chaired by Senator Burdick.

## Happenings

### **Providing Reference Services for Mental Health Information**

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine is pleased to announce a new Consumer Health workshop: **Caring for the Mind: Providing Reference Services for Mental Health Information**. This class is certified for Continuing Education credit through the Medical Library Association and will count towards the Consumer Health specialization.

The workshop will be held on Friday, April 6 from 9am to noon at WSU Vancouver (VMMC 111 (Multimedia Classroom Building, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98686). [Directions and parking information](#).

Responding to mental health reference questions is challenging for even the most experienced librarian. In "Caring for the Mind", participants will acquire tools and techniques for providing effective reference services for

mental health information. Workshop participants will:

- Gain awareness of mental health issues.
- Learn to respond to challenging reference questions for mental health information.
- Be informed of tools for collection development and mental health research including the latest websites and databases.

Presenter: Gail Kouame is the Consumer Health Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), Pacific Northwest Region. The NN/LM is comprised of 8 regions across the United States and is funded by the National Library of Medicine to develop collaborations and promote awareness of and access to information resources for health professionals and the public. The Pacific Northwest Region serves 5 states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Ms. Kouame's focus is specifically on facilitating delivery of quality health information to the public through collaboration with: academic, hospital, and community libraries; health agencies and organizations; as well as community organizations, health advocacy groups, health ministries, and other mechanisms. Ms. Kouame received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Washington in 1999. She holds a B.A. in Sociology and Psychology from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Prior to becoming a librarian, she was a social worker in the healthcare field for 15 years.

Cost is \$10 for PORTALS members and students. Non-member rate is \$12.00.

Register for this workshop at the [PORTALS website](#).

## People

**Anne Van Sickle to Retire** - from Leah Griffith

Anne Van Sickle, director of the McMinnville Public Library and OLA President in 2000-2001, is retiring this month. Anne has been active in OLA and in library issues for many years in Oregon and Washington. She was instrumental in founding the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Leadership

Institute.

The City of McMinnville is inviting her colleagues to join them in wishing Anne a long and adventure-filled retirement on Friday, March 23rd, 5pm to 7:30pm at Golden Valley Brew Pub, 980 NE 4th Street, McMinnville.

### **Library Journal Recognizes Jey Wann** - from Robert Hulshof-Schmidt

Congratulations to Jey Wann, the Oregon State Library's Documents and Acquisitions Coordinator, on being named one of "[Three to Watch](#)" in Library Journal's Paraprofessional of the Year Award write-up.

The listing for Jey reads: "Passionate about providing permanent public access to government information," Wann has striven to reinforce the state's Documents Depository Program, most recently through her work advocating for and leadership in establishing the Oregon Documents Repository, an online home for Oregon documents. This on top of her efforts to fill the gaps left by open librarian spots and her part in the creation of the Support Services Division of the Oregon Library Association."

It is wonderful to see Jey get national notice for her significant efforts on behalf of Oregon libraries. Please join me in congratulating her on this well-deserved recognition.

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