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- Library Technician 2 (Latino Liaison), Deadline: August 17, 2007
- Library Technician 2, Deadline: August 20, 2007
- Part-Time Reference Librarian, Deadline: August 20, 2007
- Resource Sharing Librarian, Deadline: Application review begins August 22, 2007 and continues until position is filled.
- Reference Librarian - Law Library, Deadline: August

- 24, 2007
- Asian Language Cataloging Librarian, Deadline: August 24, 2007
 - Public Services Manager (Division Librarian), Deadline: August 24, 2007
 - Head of Public Access Services, Deadline: September 1, 2007
 - Library Automated Systems Manager, Deadline: September 10, 2007
 - Library Director, Deadline: September 17, 2007
 - Assistant Librarian (Half-Time), Open until filled
 - Library Assistant (PT) - Reopened, Open until filled
 - Library Director, Open until filled

CALENDAR

From the Editors

The Hotline will begin a new feature section this edition called “Cool Ideas.” This section will feature new technologies, innovative ideas, or new tools Oregon librarians are trying out. Check out this new section and feel free to pass cool ideas of your own on to Hannah Gascho Rempel at hannah.rempel@oregonstate.edu.

One “cool idea” we are trying here at the Hotline is to post the Hotline News in another format. For those of you who prefer to read your news on a blog, receive news updates via RSS feed, and respond to news items in a comments section, please navigate on over to <http://olahotline.wordpress.com/> and let us know what you think.

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Association News

SSD Basic Book Mending Workshop

The Support Staff Division of OLA has put together an all-day, Basic Book Mending Workshop for August 24th, at Portland State University. The cost is \$60 for SSD members and \$70 for non-members. The cost covers the book mending kit, (which you get to take back with you) an SSD book bag

and two breaks, one in the morning and one in the after noon.

*Lunch is "on your own". You may bring your lunch or a handout will be given to those participants requesting information on local places to eat.

Once again the workshop is based on "first come" and is limited to 10 participants. The Deadline to register is August 17th. Please e-mail Diane Bolen at dbolen@willamette.edu or call 503-370-6673, additional information will be sent to you. Payment can be made after you register.

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Stories by the Sea

The annual Stories by the Sea Storytelling Festival will be held at the Performing Arts Center in beautiful Newport September 21, 22, and 23. This year's featured storytellers are Elizabeth Ellis, Elaine Grinnell, and Debra Harris-Branham.

Elizabeth Ellis is a riveting storyteller who specializes in Appalachian tales, Texas tales, and stories of heroic American women. She has been a storyteller-in-residence at the International Storytelling Center and is a recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Association.

Elaine Grinnell is an elder of the K'lallam tribe who lives on the land of her ancestors in Sequim, WA. She teaches classes in Native American basketry, cooking and drum making. Her storytelling includes legends, creation stories, and fish stories.

Debra Harris-Branham is a school librarian in Renton, WA, who also teaches storytelling at the University of Washington. She tells African-American folk tales and folk tales from around the world

Stories by the Sea will begin on Friday evening with a ghost story swap. Saturday's events include storytelling workshops by the featured storytellers, an afternoon storytelling matinee for children and an evening storytelling concert for adults. The festival concludes Sunday with an inspirational story swap and a picnic lunch with Northwest storytellers.

For more information, check the festival Web site, www.olaweb.org/csd/stories.html, or call Rebecca Cohen at (541) 265-3109. Stories by the Sea is sponsored by the Oregon Library Association, the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, the Newport Public Library, the Whaler Motel, and the Jeannette Hofer Literacy Fund.

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Happenings

Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse Website Updated

The Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse (OIFC) website has been updated. Please check out the changes at <http://oregon.gov/OSL/LD/intellectual.shtml>. On the OIFC website you will find resources to help you:

- Deal with challenges to materials in your library.
- Develop library policies to prevent formal challenges.
- Establish procedures for dealing with formal challenges when they occur.
- Learn more about intellectual freedom issues in school, academic, and public libraries.
- Find out what books have been challenged in Oregon in the last 19 years.
- Report challenges at your library to OIFC.

If you have any question contact Katie Anderson, Oregon Center for the Book Coordinator; 503-378-2528, katie.anderson@state.or.us.

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Emporia State University SLIM Graduation

The library community is cordially invited to attend the graduation ceremony for the Oregon VI cohort of Emporia State University's School of Library & Information Management (SLIM), to be held on Saturday, August 25th, 2007, at 1:00 pm at Portland State University (PSU), Smith Center Ballroom. For a PSU map, see: <http://www.pdx.edu/map.html>. Parking is \$4 on Saturdays in parking structure #1.

The commencement speaker will be "The Lipstick Librarian",

Linda Absher - - also known to Oregonians as the Humanities/Social Sciences Librarian at PSU. Oregon State Librarian, Jim Scheppke, and OLA Past President, Aletha Bonebrake, will also be featured speakers.

Questions? Contact Perri Parise (pparise@emporia.edu); 503-223- 8280 or 800-236-7302.

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Free 'Library U' Courses

Free "Take-at-your-own-rate library courses. 'Library U' courses offer a great solution for anyone looking for staff development or wanting a bit of professional development themselves. Check out the course listings - there is an amazing breadth of topics, covering the basics to advanced. Courses are presented in brief modules online that take about an hour to complete.

'Library U' courses were developed through a Gates Foundation Training Grant and Illinois State Library LSTA funds and are now available to everyone. While some courses, "Laws that Affect Libraries", for example, are geared for Illinois libraries, modules such as "Weeding the Library Collection", or "Master of Disaster; Developing a Disaster Plan" apply to libraries everywhere. Go to <http://learning.libraryu.org/home/> and take a look. This is a treasure trove for library staff!

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L-Net Introductory Trainings

Introductory trainings on L-net, Oregon's Statewide Digital Reference Project, are scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 22, 9:00 - 2:30
both days
Oregon Institute of Technology Library
3201 Campus Drive
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Friday, September 14 and Friday, September 21, 9:00 - 2:30
both days

Tigard Public Library
13500 SW Hall Blvd
Tigard, OR 97223

The training is for librarians who plan to take shifts staffing L-net at partner libraries. Librarians will receive hands-on training with L-net's chat software, e-mail software, and instruction on techniques for communicating effectively online with patrons and providing reference services online. Training is a two-day event. Attendance at both days is required to staff the service; day two builds upon the training provided on day one.

These trainings are also open to librarians who would like to apply to participate in our volunteer program, typically staffing the service from home computers. The training is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required. If you would like to attend, contact Emily Papagni, emilyp@multcolib.org or 503.988.5433

If you're interested in the training, but unable to attend on these dates, please contact Emily. She will be continuing to schedule additional trainings around the state.

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New Library Media Standards

New library media standards were adopted on August 1st in Pendleton. Cheryl Livneh, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Education at Portland State University, comments, "I would like to give my thanks and appreciation to everyone who worked on this project. I believe you did a great service to the PreK-12 students of Oregon, by ensuring that there are a current, rigorous set of standards for library media specialists and that people must go through a program, not just take an exam." You can find these new standards at http://olaweb.org/hotline/vol13/new_lms.pdf.

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Cool Ideas

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Uses a New Visual Search Tool

Have you ever worked with someone who didn't understand a concept until you showed them a picture? Have you ever wished you could view catalog search returns in something other than a list format? At Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, they have provided patrons with a way to do just that. Aquabrowser is an alternative interface to the library catalog that allows the patron to do a more visual search. After entering a keyword, it displays a "cloud" of related concepts, meanings and spellings.

Carrie Ottow, CBCPL Adult Reference Librarian reports, "it's great because it almost always returns hits. If it doesn't have any hits, it has a spell checker that suggests other spellings. For example type in fibromialjia - it says "did you mean fibromyalgia." It's easy to use, patrons just type in a keyword, and it's easy narrow results based on a format (books, music, movies, etc.), author, subject, language or series."

The Aquabrowser catalog has been receiving a lot of use, even though it isn't the default view from their homepage. Patrons who see Aquabrowser at the desk are very enthusiastic about it. CBCPL hopes to switch and have it be the default catalog soon.

Check it out yourself at
<http://library.ci.corvallis.or.us/aquabrowser/>

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