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Association News

Nominate Someone for the PLD OLÉ Award

Do you know a fellow public library employee who has demonstrated exceptional effort and excellence in public library service this past year? Do you know someone who took the bull by the horns and got the job done? Do you know someone who has made significant achievements with little formal recognition?

Please help us recognize this person with the OLE award. Send your nominations to me, Public Library Division chair. Please provide a brief bio of the nominee with their significant and concrete achievements over the past year. Nominations will be reviewed by the PLD board and the award will be presented at the PLD banquet at the OLA conference. We can provide a small stipend to help defray the recipient's cost of attending OLA and the banquet.
Carol Uhte, PLD Chair, carolu@multcolib.org

OLA/WLA Joint Conference 2008 - Program Showcases

Does your library have an innovative, unusual, or highly successful program that you'd like to share with your colleagues? Have you recently completed research or grant-funded work that would be of interest and use to the library community in Oregon and Washington? If so, you should consider participating in one of the OLA/WLA Joint Conference program showcases.

Showcases will consist of 12 to 15 drop-in sessions sharing a large room with display tables. Attendees can visit with the presenters one-on-one to discuss their programs, services, and projects. This allows a wide variety of participation from libraries and a more direct, focused interaction from attendees.

For the 2008 Joint Conference, we will be hosting showcases on the following four topics:
• Staff Training and Development – Laurel Steiner (lsteiner@kcls.org)
• Library User Instruction – Sue Kunda (suekunda@hotmail.com)

• Library Outreach Activities - Candise Branum (cbranum@emporia.edu)
• Innovative and Grant-Funded Programs – Ann Reed (ann.reed@state.or.us)
Proposals for each topic will be reviewed by OLA and WLA representatives with expertise in that area.

Interested in presenting at a showcase? Please submit a completed Showcase Proposal (attached) to the appropriate contact above. For questions about specific showcases, please refer to the showcase coordinator. For general questions about the Showcase program, please contact Robert Hulshof-Schmidt OLA Program Co-Chair, at robert.hulshof-schmidt@state.or.us or 503.378.5030.

All proposals are due to the topic coordinator by January 31, 2008. The final list of showcases will be set by February 28, 2008.

HOLA Grant for OLA/WLA Conference

The HOLA Grant is an all expenses paid trip to the annual OLA conference April 16-18 in Vancouver, WA. Libraries serving a population of 10,000 or less may apply for the HOLA Grant to send one of their employees to the conference. More information and applications are available on the OLA website at http://olaweb.org/hola.shtml.   Applications are due February 15, 2008.

The grant will cover the cost of:

- Registration for the OLA/WLA conference April 16-18, 2008.
- Registration for a pre-conference session, if desired.
- Meals and lodging during the conference.
- Travel expenses to and from the conference-including gas, food, and lodging if necessary.
- An experienced coach to answer your questions, introduce you to people, and help you get the most out of the conference.
- An OLA membership for three years.
- An OLA institutional membership for your library for three years.
- If your library cannot remain open in your absence, you will be able to apply for additional funds to hire a substitute to keep your library open while you attend the conference.

The HOLA Grant was developed by OLA, and made possible with a generous gift from an anonymous donor. It is designed to provide opportunities in small, rural libraries to send an employee to the annual OLA conference. The conference provides training and resources for professional development. The employee attending will develop relationships with library staff across the state to consult with in the future when faced with a question or challenge at their library.

Contact Katie Anderson, HOLA Committee Chair, at katie.anderson@state.or.us or 503-378-2528 if you have any questions.

Happenings

Help for Vernonia School Libraries

Vernonia Library Collection Relief Statement

Recent flooding in Vernonia has left much of the Vernonia High School library collection damaged beyond repair. The height of the flood waters reached above the bottom two shelves, submerging them in mud and river water. This would indicate a loss of over one-third of their collection of 4,475 volumes. The majority of items lost were reference, fiction and non-fiction books and instructional videos. The professional library was damaged, too.

Vernonia Middle School received the same level of flooding as the high school. The school shares library resources with Washington Grade School next door. Fortunately, the two-story grade school was spared damages to the upper floor where classrooms and the library are housed.

The middle school had a curriculum library which was completely destroyed.
Middle and high school students will be attending school in Scappose for the foreseeable future.
Elementary classes are being held at various locations in Vernonia.

Donations to rebuild their school library collections are welcome!
For long term help, checks can be made payable to Vernonia School Libraries and sent to Vernonia School District
Attn: Marie Knight
475 Bridge Street
Vernonia 97064.

Donations of recently published books, especially on the K-5 level, can be sent to Vernonia School Libraries c/o Northwest Regional ESD
Attn: Andrea Keifer
5825 NE Ray Circle
Hillsboro, OR 97124-6436
Thanks for your help.

Edith Fuller, on behalf of the OASL Executive Board

Online Northwest Registration

What is Online Northwest? - Online NW is a one-day conference focusing on the use of technology in libraries. The conference attracts librarians from the Pacific Northwest and beyond and is sponsored by the Oregon University System Library Council.

How do I register? - Use the online registration form available via http://www.ous.edu/onlinenw/

When is the conference? - Friday, February 22, 2008

Where is the conference? - CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the Oregon State University campus, Corvallis, Oregon

This year's topics will include:
- Usability
- Learning 2.0
- Next Generation Catalogs
- Remote Public services

Keynote: Jared Spool
Jared Spool is one of today's most effective, knowledgeable and entertaining communicators on the subject of usability. He's been working in the field since 1978, before the term "usability" was ever associated with computers. He is the founder of User Interface Engineering (http://www.uie.com/), a company whose research teams help clients understand how to solve their design problems. Spool is a top-rated speaker at more than 20 conferences every year and is a faculty member at Tufts University's Gordon Institute. Spool's Online Northwest keynote is titled "Why Good Content Must Suck: Designing for the Scent of Information."

What is the deadline for early registration? - Early registration ($100) is due on or before Monday, January 28, 2008
Where can I get more information? – Visit http://www.ous.edu/onlinenw/
Email: online.northwest@gmail.com

IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf Program

I am the project coordinator for the *IMSL Connecting to Collections Bookshelf* program at AASLH. The second application for the Bookshelf will open March 1 and run through April 30.We at AASLH are striving to contact qualified institutions so that they will not miss out on this opportunity. If you are unfamiliar with the Bookshelf opportunity, please visit our website at www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf and the Institute for Museum and Library Service's website www.imls.gov. Information has also been placed on the South Carolina website at www.statelibrary.sc.gov about the who, what and where of this program.
This is a wonderful resource that everyone who is responsible for caring for a collection should have and best of all, IT IS FREE. As state associations, we felt that you would be the best point of contact for getting this message out to those who need this. We have email blast and a PDF for websites and word docs for newsletters and a phone bank is available if that is necessary to reach every institution that qualifies. Any help with this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Any help with this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions your have about the Bookshelf. Thanks.

Terry Jackson, jackson@aaslh.org

Books for Children Grants

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2008 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grants. The next deadline is Jan. 25th.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over $3,500,000 worth of new children's books to more than 2,300 libraries in 48 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from $50 to $350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to $1,050 worth of new children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

The librarian of each participating library selects the books her library will receive from a booklist provided by the Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist reflect the very best of children's literature published primarily in the last three years. These titles, which are for children ages 12 and under, are award-winners or have received starred reviews in library, literary, or education journals. The booklist also includes a selection of classic children's titles.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department.

Please note: Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Town libraries with total operating budgets over $150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over $350,000 are rarely given grants.

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries which are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system.

A school library may apply only if it also serves as the public library (i.e. it is open to the everyone in the community, has some summer hours, and there is no public library in town).

A branch library may apply if the community it is in meets the definition of rural. If the branch library receives its funding from its parent institution, then the parent institution's total operating budget, not just the branch library's total operating budget, must meet the budget guidelines.

Previous BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipients are eligible to apply for another grant three years after the receipt of their last grant. Libraries that do not fulfill all grant requirements, including the final report, may not apply for another grant.

Application deadlines for 2008 are: (postmarked by) January 25th (NOTE: THIS IS AN EXTENSION), April 15th, and August 15th. Grants are awarded January 31st, April 30th, and August 31st.

Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the Foundation's website at: www.librifoundation.org.

For more information about The Libri Foundation or its Books for Children program, please contact Ms. Barbara J. McKillip, President, The Libri Foundation, PO Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440. 541-747-9655 (phone); 541-747-4348 (fax); libri@librifoundation.org (email).

OCLC Western Members Meeting

Have you registered yet for the 2008 OCLC Western Members Meeting in Oregon? If not, register now at
https://www.sporg.com/registration?link_type=form&form_id=80CF97F259&view_type=windowed
The meeting is free and open to all, however space is limited, so please register soon.

Held on February 5, 2008 at the University of Oregon, Knight Library, Browsing Room, 106 in Eugene, Oregon, the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. local time and conclude around 3:00 p.m. A brief description of this informative one-day event is below.

The World's Libraries. Connected.

Connected - such a broad word with multiple meanings in the library community: libraries connecting people to knowledge, libraries connecting with patrons, and libraries connecting with other libraries.

How - in a locally, regionally, and globally networked world - do these evolving connections affect libraries and our perceptions in the eyes of our users? We'll look at examples from best selling books, such as Everything is Miscellaneous, MicroTrends, and The Economics of Attention, as well as OCLC's new report Sharing, Privacy and Trust in Our Networked World for inspiration as we explore how libraries connect to information, to their patrons, and to each other using traditional library services and emerging technologies.

After registering, you will immediately receive a confirmation message and further information via e-mail as details are confirmed. We look forward to seeing you soon!

2nd Call for Proposals – 2008 PNLA Conference

The theme for the 2008 PNLA Conference is "Libraries Go WILD! Beyond the Expected! The conference is to be held August 6-9 at the Templin's Resort in Post Falls, Idaho.

http://pnla.org/events/conference08/index.htm

We have had a great response to the initial call for programming proposals but there are few spaces yet to fill. The deadline for the 2nd call for proposals is February 15th.

Please consider submitting a program proposal in one of these areas:

1. Technology (Sharp Sticks)
2. Collection Promotion and Outreach (Smoke Signals)
3. Management, Professional Development, and Special Issues (Mountain Climbers)
4. Instruction / Learning (Trail Blazers)
5. General Interest (Bear Stew)

If you have already submitted a programming proposal, we'll get back to you in late February / early March (if not sooner) with an official response.

Programming slots are filling up fast. So don't delay!

There is an online submission form for proposals available here:
http://library.boisestate.edu/reference/PNLAConference2008/PNLAproposal.htm

Your proposal should include the following information:
Name:
Affiliation:
Position/title:
Contact information:
Program title:
Format (single speaker, panel, hands-on, etc):
Speaker needs:
Equipment needs (if any):
Program description and goals:
Any special requirements or additional information:

Please contact Elaine Watson with questions or concerns. ewatson at boisestate.edu or (208) 426-1737

BCR Training

W e b L i v e - T r a i n i n g

Local Holdings Maintenance with the Connexion Browser - Online
Description:
http://www.bcr.org/training/online/weblive/wl-localholdings.html

This online workshop provides participants with the skills required to maintain local holdings data

for serial items in WorldCat by using the Connexion Browser interface. Local Holdings Record Maintenance replaces the Union Listing service. Adding Local Holdings Records (LHRs) will increase the efficiencies in Resource Sharing activities by providing specific information about your journal and magazine ownership.

Topics covered include:
*Searching efficiently for LHRs by institution and group.
*Learning to navigate search results, as well as adding, deleting and updating LHRs.
*Implementing Agent services.

Minimal instruction in the MARC Format for Holdings Data will be provided. Those who wish comprehensive instruction on MFHD should take BCR's SCCTP Serials Holdings workshop:
http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/SCCTP-serialholdings.html

Who Should Attend:
Anyone who previously performed Union List service for individual institutions or as agents or anyone interested in adding item level information to WorldCat.

Prerequisites None. Connexion Browser experience is helpful, but not necessary.
Dates & Times
February 5-7, 2008 (2 p.m.-4 p.m. Mountain Time each day)
This class is taught on three consecutive days. Students need to attend all three classes to get the most out of the workshop.

How to Get Started:
The workshop is accessed from your own or your library's computer using a Web browser. Details will be included in your confirmation letter after registration.

Minimum requirements: Computer (minimum of 128 MB of RAM, although 256 MB is recommended); Internet Explorer 5.5 Web browser, Java enabled; speakers; and Internet access of 56k or above. A microphone connected to the computer is highly recommended for the audio, which also is available by a long-distance phone bridge (not a toll-free number).

BCR will provide a microphone to you free of charge to use during WebLive workshops, if you don't already have one. Please indicate this on your registration form, and we will ship it to your attention.

Fee
$125 for BCR members
$175 for nonmembers
Voucher: 1 BCR training voucher

The presentation can be viewed and heard by a group of people at a single computer. If this is the case, please register only one attendee who will log in on behalf of the group (send a list of names for other participants).

Alternatively, the presentation can be viewed and heard by multiple people from the same institution

at separate workstations. If this is the case, please register each individual attendee who needs to log in to the class.

NOTE: Regardless of whether you attend as an individual or as a group, the price for the online workshop is $125 for BCR members and $175 for nonmembers for each person who views the session.

BCR Registration Form: http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/register.html

Instructor Heather Clark: http://www.bcr.org/about/staff/rwh-bio.html

About BCR: http://www.bcr.org/about/index.html

Bobbi Navarro

Contributions

Oregoniana

Libby, Brian. "Tales from the Oregon Ducks Sideline." Much better than the standard team biography- this book on the University of Oregon's football team moves along in short 2-3 paragraph "chapterettes", has good photographs, and actually pays some attention to pre-1980s Oregon football. Libby is a sportswriter for various publications. He skips some controversies (the ridiculous locker room, glossing over recruiting and scholarship violations) and sticks entirely to the football field, but for what it is, it's good.
The reading level works for 6th graders on up, I'd say. For some reason, the publisher used pure white paper. When are they going to learn? 97819701823 Sports Publishing LLC, 2007. $20.

Cutler, Robin R. "A Soul on Trial: A Marine Corps Mystery at the Turn of the Century." Back in 1907 James Sutton, a Portlander from NW Hory Street who had joined the Marines, died on the grounds of the Naval Academy in Annapolis of a gunshot to the head after suffering a beating. His death was originally ruled a suicide, but his mother pushed for hearings that became a national sensation. (For example, the NY Times had 57 articles and six editorials on the matter.) Well praised in David Loftus review in the Oregonian, from which this is cribbed. Rowan & Littlefield, 2007. 400 p. $27.

Berg, Laura. "The First Oregonians" 2d edition. A long-overdue update of a 1991 title. This book has 17 chapters by different authors, covering the federally recognized tribes in Oregon, and general chaptesr on Languages, the culture of the tribes and pow-wows, art, and how the state's geography affected the First Oregonians traditional and current lives.Two important reasons to have this book are that, unlike the first edition, it has an index, and second, that it updates the tribal histories to include more information on the "termination" of several reservations in the 20th century, and in some cases, their restoration. It also includes information on the casino boom, and other efforts to create a sound economic base for the tribes. The cover is much better, and in color. Unfortunately, the photographs are printed in a mediocre manner, as opposed to the crisper images of the 1st edition, so be sure to keep the 1991 edition if you have it, and (save the time of the reader) put a note in the

2d edition that the first has better photos. For all Oregon Libraries. Oregon Council for the Humanities, 2007, Paperback, 348 pages, index and bibliography.

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Cool Ideas

Google Custom Search Engines

www.oregonlibraries.net/find is a Google Custom Search Engine that limits a search to websites that Oregon librarians have shared with patrons on L-net more than once. If you want, it can limit to specific pages shared more than once, or search the QuestionPoint global knowledgebase.

I don't think reference work is a real substitute for collection development, but I think that if more than one librarian thinks a site answers a question, it is probably good for something.
The main advantage is that it gives patrons a self-service option before asking a question from a librarian. I haven't evaluated whether or not they find what they are looking for, or how often someone clicks on chat after searching.

The search gets rid of ads and other search "results" that aren't web pages, like images, news, etc. If you search 'Martin Luther King', it is mostly the same as Google, except an infamous hate site is left out of our results. Good for research, but maybe bad for information literacy.

On the negative side, if L-net librarians usually find resources on Google, we are essentially creating a search engine of just some of the things found in Google, and it might not ever be as good as Google itself.

The list of resources it searches is updated every day automatically when I export transcripts from OCLC.

Caleb Tucker-Raymond, Oregon Statewide Digital Reference Project Coordinator

Employment Opportunities

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