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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN OREGON FROM THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY JOBLINE

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- 3/1 Library Support Specialist II, Cornelius, OR

- 3/1 Metadata Management Librarian, Eugene, OR
- 2/29 STO Research Clerk, Lake Oswego, OR
- 3/18 Technology Services Manager, Eugene, OR
- 3/18 Access Services & Acquisitions Manager, Portland, OR
- 3/18 Lower School Librarian, Portland, OR
- 3/15 Head of Special Collections, Portland, OR
- 2/15 Information Systems Specialist, Salem, OR
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- 3/11 BTS Account Manager, Lake Oswego, OR
- 3/11 Oncall Youth Librarian, Portland, OR
- 2/1 Human Resources Manager, Salem, OR
- 3/14 Library Assistant (PT), Portland, OR
- 2/23 Children's Library Assistant, Lakeview, OR
- 2/2 Youth Services Librarian/Specialist, Klamath Falls, OR

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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](mailto:carolu@multcolib.org)*

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### 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](mailto:lsteiner@kcls.org))
- Library User Instruction – Sue Kunda ([suekunda@hotmail.com](mailto:suekunda@hotmail.com))
- Library Outreach Activities - Candise Branum ([cbranum@emporia.edu](mailto:cbranum@emporia.edu))
- Innovative and Grant-Funded Programs – Ann Reed ([ann.reed@state.or.us](mailto: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](mailto:robert.hulshof-schmidt@state.or.us) or 503.378.5030.

All proposals are due to the topic coordinator by February 15, 2008. The final list of showcases will be set by February 28, 2008.

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## **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](mailto:katie.anderson@state.or.us) or 503-378-2528 if you have any questions.

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### **Call for Nominations for the 2008 OYEA! Award**

OYAN is looking to honor exceptional work done in the field of teen/young adult services in the state of Oregon. Nominations are now being accepted for an individual, library, organization, program, or initiative that has made a positive and significant contribution to teens in Oregon libraries.

A complete nomination will include nominee's name and contact information, and a thorough description of the nominee's contribution to teen services. We encourage the inclusion of any supporting letters that may be appropriate, especially from teens themselves.

All nominations should be sent to April Witteveen, OYAN's Award Committee Chairperson, via email or post. Please also include the nominator's contact information in case of questions. **Nominations must be received by Friday, March 21, 2008.**

Email: [aprilw@dpls.us](mailto:aprilw@dpls.us)  
Post: April Witteveen  
601 NW Wall St  
Bend, OR 97701

OYAN will host an OYEA! Award reception at the OLA/WLA joint conference honoring all nominees. The winning individual, library, or organization will receive a \$100 honorarium, an award plaque, and an optional scholarship if financial assistance is needed to attend the award reception.

For a complete description of the award process, please see OLA Bylaws, Chapter 16B: <http://www.olaweb.org/bylaws/oyea.shtml>.

The Awards Committee looks forward to hearing about the great work being done for teens in Oregon libraries!

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## **OLA MLS Scholarships Available**

Apply Now for Oregon Library Association MLS SCHOLARSHIPS  
A new program for Oregon residents **OVER \$ 20,000 AVAILABLE FOR 2008/09**

- For eligible Oregon residents enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a graduate course of study for the Masters in Library Science degree.
- Apply by the March 1, 2008 deadline.
- *Applicants who submit their completed application by February 15, are entered into drawings for 20 \$500 Early Bird awards.*
- Read OLA's Scholarship Program guidelines and eligibility requirements at the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) website: [www.GetCollegeFunds.org](http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org). Enter a search for Scholarship Code 471. Apply online: the application is available as an eApplication.
- All applications must be submitted to OSAC postmarked or hand-delivered no later than March 1, 2008. OSAC's office is located at 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401.

Questions about OLA and OSAC scholarship programs?

Call: 800-452-8807 ext. 7395

Email: [awardinfo@mercury.osac.state.or.us](mailto:awardinfo@mercury.osac.state.or.us)

Online: [www.GetCollegeFunds.org](http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org)

Funding for OLA scholarships is provided by a Library Services and Technology Grant, administered by the Oregon State Library, and by donations from OLA members. OLA members can make donations to support this new initiative by using the MLS Scholarship Contribution Form at [www.olaweb.org](http://www.olaweb.org), in the MemberClicks section.

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## **OLA/WLA 2008 Conference Registration**

Join us! The 2008 OLA/WLA Joint Conference, Sharing More than a Border will be held in Vancouver, Washington, April 16-18.

Check out the conference website: <http://wla.org/olawla2008>

Come together with colleagues from around the Pacific Northwest. It's been six years since our last joint conference, and we have a lot planned - you'll have chances to: hear a wonderful assortment of programs, visit the exhibit floor, and

enjoy a variety of social events. We are especially excited about our wonderful keynote and banquet speakers:

Thomas Frank, the editor of a cultural-political criticism journal called *The Baffler*, is the Opening Session and Keynote speaker on Thursday morning. He is the author of three books: *What's the Matter with Kansas?* (2004), *One Market Under God* (2000), and *The Conquest of Cool* (1997). He has also written a number of magazine and newspaper articles and is now at work on a new book about conservative governance. His keynote address, "The Washington, D.C. Jitters," will describe the ways in which conservatism has ruled in Washington for the last twenty-five years, and the consequences thereof.

Dr. Humor will tickle your funny bone at the Presidents' Banquet Thursday evening. Dr. Stuart Robertshaw, Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Education at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and an attorney, currently serves as the President and CEO of the National Association for the Humor Impaired. A national speaker and humorist, he is known throughout the nation as "Dr. Humor"®. Dr. Robertshaw has presented to over 700 business, government, healthcare, and education organizations in 37 states. In this presentation, he will share with you what he has learned about the psychological and physiological benefits of humor and laughter as they relate to the workplace.

Early registration ends March 1, 2008!

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## **OLA Annual Nominations**

OLA's Honors & Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following four awards. Nomination letters (with no more than six letters of support) are due on **Thursday, March 20, 2008.**

Tell us about those talented, dedicated individuals whose commitment to excellent library service has made a difference. Nominate them for one of OLA's special awards, including the newest award, the Distinguished Service Award.

Be sure to read the awards guidelines, which were revised recently. Take a look at <http://www.olaweb.org/bylaws/awards.shtml>

These awards will be presented to recipients at the 2008 OLA Conference:

1. **Oregon Librarian of the Year** may be awarded to any Oregon librarian who has been working in an Oregon Library for at least two years in a paid professional position. The nominee must demonstrate excellence in library service in his or her community and to Oregon libraries. The nominee must be a member of the association.

2. **Oregon Library Employee of the Year** may be awarded to any Oregon

library staff member who has worked in an Oregon library for at least two years as a paid staff member and demonstrated excellence in library service in his or her community.

**3. Oregon Library Supporter of the Year** may be awarded to any volunteer, volunteer group, library Friend, board member, government official, or other individual who is not a paid library staff member and who has demonstrated excellence in supporting and promoting Oregon libraries.

**4. Oregon Library Association Distinguished Service Award** may be awarded to any Oregon librarian or library staff member, who has been in the profession for 15 or more years, has worked in Oregon libraries for at least ten years, and is currently a member of OLA, for exceptional service over a period of years.

Your letter of nomination should include the following information, if pertinent, and be as informational as possible:

- \*Provide nominees' current position
- \*Past positions held and summary of major accomplishments
- \*OLA activities: committee appointments, etc.
- \*Brief description of other noteworthy accomplishments
- \*Your name and how you can be reached if the committee has questions

Please send nominating letters and supporting letters to Connie J. Bennett, Library Services Director, Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401 or [connie.j.bennett@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:connie.j.bennett@ci.eugene.or.us).

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### **SSD 2008 Conference**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 2008 OLA/SSD Conference to be held Friday, July 18 in Newport! What a great excuse to visit the beach!! Plus, you'll be REJUVENATED through camaraderie with old and new friends, learning, discussing, listening, and brainstorming with your library support staff peers. We have a FANTASTIC conference in store for everyone next year and you won't want to miss out! Click on the following link for more details:

<http://www.olaweb.org/ssd/conference/>.

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### **NW Central Updates**

NW Central's latest updates are available at: <http://www.nwcentral.org>

Please post new resources, speaker referrals, and upcoming events on NW Central! February is speaker update month! If you know of an effective speaker,

please post or let one of the committee members know and they will be added!

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## Happenings

### **USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program Workshop**

Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Video Teleconference from 6 locations: Willamette ESD, 2611 Pringle Rd SE, Salem; Southern Oregon ESD, 101 N. Grape St, Medford; Umatilla-Morrow ESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton; Malheur ESD, 363 “A” St, W, Vale; High Desert ESD, 145 SE Salmon Ave, Suite A, Redmond; Union/Baker ESD, 10100 N. McAlister Rd, Island City

The USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program is specifically designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America through the use of advanced telecommunications technologies. The DLT workshop is intended to benefit rural educational and health organizations in Oregon that are interested in applying for DLT funding. It will be conducted on Wednesday, February 13 by USDA Rural Development Utilities Program telecommunications general field representatives who will discuss the program and application particulars - supported by PowerPoint presentations, and who will answer questions from the participants. The USDA presenters will be Wes Lannen and Joe Bradley. Also, there will be representatives from several organizations that have been awarded DLT funding to discuss their projects and experiences.

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### **Elsevier Web 2.0 Webinars**

Elsevier has started offering a number of free webinar training opportunities - some on their products, but a number are focused on current issues within librarianship (RSS feeds, academic libraries created online learning environments, etc - and they are taking suggestions for future workshop topics)

Their Training Desk website:

[http://www.trainingdesk.elsevier.com/?utm\\_source=ECU001](http://www.trainingdesk.elsevier.com/?utm_source=ECU001)

*Robin Paynter, painter@pdx.edu*

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### **American Indian Youth Literature Awards Announced**

On January 15 the American Indian Library Association (AILA) announced the 2008 recipients of its American Indian Youth Literature Awards. This new



literary award was established in 2006 to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians. Award winning titles present Native Americans in the fullness of their humanity in present and past contexts. Winning titles are selected in three categories: picture book, middle school, and young adults. Each winner receives \$500 and a custom-made beaded medallion which will be present at ALA's conference in Anaheim, CA. Go to the AILA website (<http://aila.library.sd.gov/default.asp>) for descriptions of the 2008 winning titles, authors, and awards event.

The 2008 American Indian Youth Literature Awards go to:

**Picture Book:** *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom* by Tim Tingle, illustrated by Jeanne Rorex Bridge. Cinco Puntos Press, 2006.

**Middle School:** *Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond* by Joseph Medicine Crow. National Geographic, 2006.

**Young Adult:** *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, Little Brown Publishers, 2007.

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## **BCR Training on People Watching**

"People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It"

Speaker: Ann P. Bishop and Nancy Kranich

Cost: Free to Library Staff of Oregon Libraries

Date: Friday, February 8, 2008, 9:00a-10:30 a.m.

Description:

How many times have you planned and prepared a program or service based on what you thought was a community need?? And how many of these didn't quite work out like you thought? Libraries, public, school, and academic, are re-visioning their roles in communities, moving beyond the rapidly outdated paradigm of creating services for patrons and students and instead partnering with community members in building meaningful experiences: whether those happen within the library's walls, on a digital network, or in cultural and political spaces. Taking an asset-based, grassroots view, librarians and library educators advocate using a community informatics model toward library services, where significant, even delightful engagement can happen. In this program, we discuss this paradigm shift, why it's so necessary, and what it looks like in the real world. This teleconference is 90 minutes in length. Go to <http://bcr.org/training/teleconferences/> for additional information.

View the training via webcast from your personal computer or a computer you can access easily. Or you may attend a group session at a location near year.

Please review the host sites (<http://bcr.org/training/teleconferences/sites/oregon/PeopleWatch.html>) to find a convenient location.

How to Register:

To register for the webcast, register online at (<http://bcr.org/training/teleconferences/register.html>).

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## **OCLC Training Opportunities**

Check the OCLC Western Training website, <http://www.oclc.org/western/training/region/all.htm>, for a list of upcoming trainings on cataloging and metadata, collection management, digitization and preservation, librarianship, reference and public service, resource sharing, technology, and technology.

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## **LSTA Grant Applications Info for 2009**

The State Library is pleased to inform you that the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) "General Information and Grant Guidelines" packet for federal fiscal year 2009 is now available. Instead of sending a paper copy, we are sending this email to let you know where to access the packet. If you need a paper copy of the packet sent to you, please contact Mary Mayberry at (503) 378-2525 or [mary.l.mayberry@state.or.us](mailto:mary.l.mayberry@state.or.us). Information about LSTA competitive grants in general can be found via: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/LD/LSTAcomp.shtml>.

Grant proposals are due at the State Library by 5:00 pm on April 11, 2008.

For multi-year grant projects seeking a second or third year of funding, please use the form found in Appendix D.

Grant applications need to be in accordance with the "Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year State Plan, 2008-2012" which is summarized in the packet as Appendix A. The full Plan and many other resources for LSTA grant applicants can be found on the Grants / Aid to Libraries page of the Oregon State Library website (<http://oregon.gov/OSL/LD>). Resources include information about past grants and Library Services and Technology Act Advisory Council minutes.

If you have questions about the Grant Guidelines, LSTA grant program, or have difficulty downloading a form, please feel free to contact Ann Reed, Federal Programs Coordinator. Ann can be reached at (503) 378-5027, or

[ann.reed@state.or.us](mailto:ann.reed@state.or.us).

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## **PNLA Conference Proposals**

The deadline has been extended for Conference Proposals for the 2008 PNLA Conference in Post Falls, ID. Details are below...

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@boisestate.edu](mailto:ewatson@boisestate.edu), (208) 426-1737

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## Cool Ideas

### **ILoveLibraries.org**

ILoveLibraries.org (<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/>) is a website designed for the people who use and love libraries. It's meant to keep the public informed about everything libraries have to offer, as well as develop new ways to involve the public in their continued health and vitality. Links to [YouTube movies](#) and a [Flickr library stream](#) are available through this site.

[ILoveLibraries.org](#) is an initiative of the [American Library Association](#) (ALA) and it features the [65 Reasons to Love Your Library](#) tool kit (PDF). Developed by the [Texas Library Association](#) Public Relations Committee, under the leadership of Sue Haas, committee chair, 2003-2005, this tool kit is used by Texas libraries to develop local promotional campaigns. The elements of the 65 Reasons tool kit can be adapted to fit your library and your needs.

Share the love!

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