

OYAN Membership Meeting
October 28, 2005

Introductions

- 1) Present: April Witteveen and Susan Ludington (SusanL), Deschutes; Jeannie Rogers, Woodburn; K'Lyn Hann, Newberg; Susan Westin, OSL; Stephanie Lind, WCCLS; Carol Reich, Hillsboro; Aimee Meuchel, Eugene; Jessica Marie, Tigard; Lee Catalano, Alison Kastner, Sara Ryan, Caleb Tucker Raymond, and Susan Smallsreed (Susansm), MCL; Sue Plaisance, Hillsboro; Carol Lamb, Douglas County; Christine Atkinson, Fern Ridge; Keren Joshi, Wilsonville; Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill; Heidi Weisel, Corvallis-Benton Co.; Jackie Rose, Lake Oswego; and Elaine Spence, West Linn.

- 2) New agenda item: L-net Services presentation, Caleb Tucker Raymond & Sara Ryan.

Old Business

- 1) Summer minutes approved: moved by Lee Catalano, seconded by April Witteveen, and approved by the membership.

- 2) Financial Report - as of September 30, 2005 OYAN had \$8416.11 cash in hand.

Continuing Business

- 1) *Year End Report* - The year end report was made by past chair Alison Kastner. The report is posted on the OYAN website for all to read. Alison reported that OYAN met its goals and objectives for the past year.

In addition, Carol Reich and SusanL have the results of the survey of library services to teens that was conducted last year. The data should be considered to be a baseline for any future measure of services.

- 2) *OLA Board Report* - SusanL reported the following items from the OLA Board meeting.
 - a) *Oregon Librarian of the Year* - no one was nominated this past year. The Board discussed revamping the criteria and process for soliciting nominations and selection.
 - i) **Action:** We are all asked to take note of people and their actions and consider nominating them for an award.
 - b) As there has been little or not action for a considerable period of time, the Division of Trustee & Friends was dissolved and converted to a roundtable.
 - c) The Board Quorum was changed to 9 people.
 - d) *OLA budget* - OSL has picked up the cost to send its Youth Consultant to the summer reading consortium meetings, thus eliminating the need for OLA financial support.

- e) *OLA Membership* - is down resulting in a budget loss. The Board is considering a dues increase. Dues have not increased in several years. In addition, they are considering a move of the membership services & accounting to "MemberClicks" an on-line service that would allow online payment. It appears that this would result in a decrease in current accounting costs. OYAN may be asked to help underwrite the conversion costs.
- f) *2006 OLA conference, "Thriving on Change,"* will be held in Salem. Debra Jacobs, Seattle PL will be one of the keynote speakers. The Writers of *Unshelved* comic will be the other.

2007 Conference will be in Corvallis, and 2008 will be the WLA/OLA joint conference. This is usually held in the Vancouver, WA area.

- g) There was some discussion about investing some of the cash on hand into short-term CDs.
 - h) They discussed evaluating the teen summer reading program, the Mock Printz workshop, and the conference.
 - i) The Board also discussed the conference plans.
- 3) *OSL Report* - MaryKay Dahlgren sent a report including a very cute picture of her dog.
- a) National Book Festival's "Letters about Literature" had an Oregon winner this year! Flyers for the next Letters about Literature program were handed out. OYAN helps to sponsor prizes for the HS & MS Oregon State finalists.
 - b) Copies of the OSL's "Literary Oregon, One Hundred Books" were handed out.
 - c) Interviews for the Youth Services Consultant position (recently semi-vacated by MaryKay) are being held on Friday.
 - d) The Oregon Book Awards ceremony will be held on November 11, 2005 at the Wonder Café in Portland. \$25 admission if you're interested.
- 4) *OYAN @ OLA conference* - SusanL reported that four proposals for OYAN sponsored workshops were submitted and approved for the OLA conference. Now we have to fill in the blanks (presenters) by November 11th. The workshops include:
- i) OYAN Book Rave
 - ii) "Teen spaces in Libraries"
 - iii) "Crossing Over: Adult Books for Teens" - Alison Kastner will take the lead.
 - iv) Graphic Novels in Library Collections - Mark Richardson will take the point.
 - v) In addition to these four, OYAN has agreed to sponsor the following:
 - (1) "Teen Review & Rev Up" from the Eugene PL.
 - (2) "Teen Gaming" from the Corvallis & Newberg PLs.
 - vi) Sara Ryan also reported that she and Caleb Tucker Raymond will be presenting "KTHX: Working with teens online," the touring road show they have been presenting around the state @ L-Net libraries.

- 5) *OEMA Conference*, October 14 & 15 in Bend - SusanL reported that she was asked to present book talks at the OEMA conference this year in lieu of official OYAN representatives. Alison reported that she had been contacted and replied but never heard back from OEMA. SusanL will discuss the miscommunication with OEMA.
- 6) *Mock Printz Workshop* - scheduled for January 14, 2006 @ Newberg PL. K'Lyn asked for book list ideas. We also discussed whether to charge a fee or not. Group leaders are needed to lead the small group discussions. No fee will be charged if you take on this responsibility.
- 7) "*OYAN on the Road: Teen Training @ OR Libraries*" - John Sexton and Ann G. have developed a workshop that they are offering to other libraries. They will be presenting in Coos Bay in January. They have requested OYAN sponsorship to cover travel expenses. The intent is to improve staff skills at working with teens.
- 8) *Summer Reading (SRP) Evaluations* - The teen survey results discussed during the Year End Report was more fully explained. Last year, in conjunction with the OSL evaluation, OYAN tacked on a survey of teen participation and services. OYAN received 41 responses that Carol compiled. Susan asked if it was too late to send out another survey so that we could assess any changes from last year. Although the response may not be as high, it was decided that it would still be useful.
 - a) **Action:** SusanL will send out a survey, preferably on-line.

New Business

- 1) "*KTHX*" training - Caleb Tucker Raymond & Sara Ryan have been crossing the state providing training to L-Net libraries on providing online service to teens. Fifty percent of L-Net users are youth doing school projects and since very few of the L-Net librarians are youth service librarians, it's been useful to teach some of the language, text and punctuation of current youth culture. They also stress what you can learn from interactions with teens. The training materials will be posted on-line.
 - a) Caleb is also looking for teens to provide feedback on the service. Contact Caleb if you want to refer someone.
 - b) Members expressed interest in receiving the training, perhaps after the OYAN meeting in Eugene, since Caleb will be down there also?
 - c) Caleb also reported that L-Net has been funded for another year.
- 2) *Teen Read Week* - Several libraries reported on the programs they offered in celebration of teen read week.
 - a) Eugene had Chris Crutcher for an author lecture. Four hundred teens heard his lecture and 35 adults attended a workshop.

- b) MCL expanded the celebration to a month and offered fine reduction for completing a short survey. They plan to cap the celebration with an author lecture by Garth Nix.
 - c) Newberg threw another all-niter for 24 teens. Activities included a saran wrap run in which small groups of teens were wrapped together.
- 3) *YRCA* - Nominations are out.
- 4) *Teen book award* - it was suggested that one of the Book Rave books be selected for an award. Most people felt this wasn't necessary.
- 5) *OYEA! Award* - Another suggestion that's been on the table for awhile is the establishment of a teen focused award of some type ala CSD's Lampman award. The membership indicated support for some type of award, but debated whether it should be focused on a youth librarian, a teen program or some combination of the two. All agreed that since we have the money, we should offer a tangible prize for winning the award. Suggestions included cash, one year subscription to OYAN, or financial support for a small collection of some kind such as graphic novels.
- a) A sub-committee was formed to develop a proposal for the January OYAN meeting with hopes that it could be promoted in March at the OLA conference. Committee members include: Heidi Weisel, Carol Reich, Sue Plaisance, and Susan Smallsreed.
 - b) Sue Plaisance is a member of the OLA Honors, Awards, and Scholarship committee and will research the process and timeline for new award.
- 6) *Statewide Every Teen Read* - John Sexton submitted the idea to develop a statewide every teen read initiative ala the Everybody Reads programs in several cities (e.g. Eugene, Portland, etc.) It was suggested that OEMA would be a likely partner for this and it could be done in Teen Read Month. There was some discussion and a general feeling that may be too big a project for OYAN at the moment.
- 7) *Oregon Literacy Conference* - Keren reported on the status of the reading conference, a joint program of ORA, OEMA, and OLA. This two day event will be held in August at Linfield College and will focus on ages birth to 18. The request for program proposals should be coming out shortly.
- 8) *Author Visits* - the group was asked about any upcoming author visits and who might be of interest to teens. Corvallis & Newport are collaborating to bring Ben Mikkaelson.
- a) We were reminded to consider collaborating on programs as a way to share expenses.
 - b) Several people expressed interest in having Tamora Pierce as a lecturer.

Quarterly Business

- 1) *Newletter* - Lee needs articles and ideas!
- 2) *Member benefits* - the executive committee reported its decision to restrict newsletter distribution to members only.
 - a) It was suggested that new members receive a welcome email and an invitation to get involved.
- 3) *Meeting Dates* - the group reviewed the OYAN quarterly meeting schedule.
 - a) January 27th in Eugene
 - b) April 28th in Corvallis
 - c) July 14 or 21 @ Sue Plaisances house in Lincoln City.
- 4) *Book Rave ideas* - K'Lyn asked for book suggestions on which we will vote in January. Some of the suggestions are:
 - a) Witch's Boy
 - b) I Am The Messenger
 - c) Autobiography Of My Dead Brother
 - d) Elsewhere
 - e) Boy 2 Girl
 - f) Godless
 - g) Hitler Youth
 - h) Good Brother, Bad Brother
 - i) Luna
 - j) Valiant
 - k) Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close
 - l) The Usual Rules
 - m) The Cloud Chamber
 - n) 24 Girls In 7 Days
 - o) How I Paid For College
 - p) Lessons In Taxidermy
 - q) Maximum Ride

Program Sharing

- 1) Susansm reported on a program she and teen volunteers are producing on October 29th. It's an open mic jam for teens entitled "Heroes & Villains." Author Nancy Osa will read and speak and a costume contest will be held.
- 2) Hillsboro Teen Library Council is creating a PSA about L-Net directed towards teens. They will also be selecting \$500 worth of books at Borders.
- 3) Newberg also uses teens to select books at Powell's.
- 4) Woodburn is looking for an artist to do face painting for teens.

- 5) Deschutes would also like to find a professional face painter. If you have a suggestion send an email to SusanL.
- 6) MCL's Popular Library (Alison Kastner) is producing a series of theater sneak peaks entitled "Scene @ the Library." She has recruited theater companies to act out scenes from their next production as a promotion for them and the library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Smallsreed, Secretary OYAN