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MEASURE 9 AND OREGON LIBRARIANS

Guest Editorial

Why are the Oregon AND American Library Associations so concerned about Measure 9? Why have the intellectual Freedom Committee and the Social Responsibility Round Table (SRRT) joined forces in an effort to educate as many people as possible about dangers on this divisive measure?

If Measure 9 is really as innocuous and straight forward as its sponsor, the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA) would have us believe, would family members and friends from as far away as Texas and Ohio have heard about an Oregon ballot measure? These friends weren't sure of the exact wording of Measure 9, but they had heard of the discriminatory nature of this amendment to the Oregon Constitution and wrote or phoned to ask if I thought Oregonians would really pass such a law. Would we? I don't know.

SRRT hopes that education about its dangers will prevent our making such a mistake. Aside from the emotional tax on so many of us, what does Measure 9 mean to librarians? The far reaching censorship

implications spring to mind immediately. For instance, do we interpret the objection to facilitate or promote anything positive about homosexuals to mean that not only famous books ABOUT homosexuals but also by gay authors have to be banned from our libraries? Some believe so, all of which will be very costly in money and time.

Portland judge Kathryn English in a speech warned that passage of Measure 9 would open the door to a wide variety of interpretations by lawyers and judges because even the courts are unsure and divided about the exact legal meaning of the wording of this measure. Challenges may take years and millions of dollars to resolve.

Insurance companies, fearing the loss of millions in legal awards, may drop insurance policies for cities and towns, as happened in Springfield for a period of about three weeks immediately after a similar measure passed in that city.

Can Oregon afford a witch hunt that will cost additional millions in lost revenues from cancelled conventions or business deals by people unwilling to choose Oregon with its repressive climate? Librarians have a particularly strong sense of people's inalienable rights to equal access to information and services, and SRRT doesn't doubt that we will not support Measure 9 as professionals. However, SRRT hopes that librarians will go a step further and actively work, in their own time, toward defeating Measure 9. We must oppose ALL discrimination or our rights will disappear one-by-one.

Jos Anamaet
Chair, OLA SRRT

ACRL OREGON BOARD CANDIDATES

Susan Whyte
(Candidate for president-elect position)

Current position:
Reader and Extended Services
Librarian, Linfield College, August '90

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Previous position(s):
--Technical Services Librarian, Marylhurst College, 1985-90
--Reference Librarian, Lewis & Clark College, 1984-85
--Cataloger, Mt. Angel Abby, 1983-84

Education:
B.A. Earlham College
M.Ln. Emory University

Organizational membership(s):
ALA, ACRL, OLA

Publications:
Zippo!

Significant achievements:
--Staying awake & enthusiastic (two small children & one full time job)
--Earlham B.I. Conference - Feb. '92
--Creating an Extended Services Library program at Linfield
--Earnest gardener, avid reader, zealous mother, closet musician - i.e. having a life outside the profession

Janet Webster
(Candidate for at-large position)

Current position:
Librarian, Marilyn Potts Guin Library, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, 1990-

Previous position(s):
--Assistant Librarian, HMSC 1989-90
--Circulation Librarian, Vancouver Community Library, Vancouver WA, 1987-88

Education:
B.A. (Geography), University of Chicago 1975
M.L.S., Columbia 1986

Organizational membership(s):
ALA, OLA, ACRL, IAMSLIC
OLA Member at Large, 1991-92
OLA Honors, Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair 1992-93

Publications:
Data Management: Could & Should Libraries Breach the Bibliographic Barrier? IAMSLIC Proceedings of 16th Conf.

Significant achievements:
--Moving into new Guin Library - 1990
--Helping form the first regional group (west coast of North America) of IAMSLIC
--Organizing the preconference on geographic information systems for the 17th IAMSLIC Conf.
--Attending White House Conference on Library & Information Science as an alternate

Don McNaughtan
(Candidate for at-large position)

Current position:
Reference Librarian, Lane Community College Library, Eugene, 1989-

Previous position(s):
--Oregon Index Project Coordinator, State Library
--Reference Librarian, WOSC Library
--Reference Librarian, Eugene Public Library
--Music Librarian, Wellington Public Library, New Zealand

Education:
Diploma National Library School, Wellington MA, University of Auckland, Auckland

Organizational memberships:
OLA, Oregon Authors Committee, 1985-90 (chair 1988-89)
Resource Sharing Committee 1990-92
Registrations Chair 1993 Annual Conference
Oregon State Library, OPAC Advisory Committee 1991-93
Lane Council of Librarians
Oregon Community College Library Association

Publications:
--Indexers' Manual for the Oregon Index, 1989
--Sound Recordings of New Zealand popular music, 1958-87
PNLA Quarterly 56 (1992)

Significant achievements:
--Active in OLA since arriving from New Zealand in the mid-80's, incl. editing one edition of Oregon authors and working on revision of the Oregon Ill code 1991-92.
--Wrote standard discography of NZ popular music, and now working on bibliography of the Indians of Western Oregon. Enjoy flailing away at the Macintosh, and brewing beer.

Victoria Mitchell
(Candidate for at large-position)

Current position:
Science Librarian, Reed College, August, 1990-

Previous position(s):
--Assistant Librarian, Genzyme Corp., Framingham, MA, 10/89-07/90

Education:
M.S. Library and Information Science, Simmons College, 1989
B.S., Conservation of Natural Resources, U.C. Berkeley

Organizational membership(s):
ALA, ACRL, OLA

Publications:
Reviewer for Choice magazine (science reference materials)

Significant achievements:
Organizing committee, Evan Farber Workshop "Faculty & Librarians: Colleagues in Education," Feb. 28-29, 1992, Salem OR

Oren Ogle
(Candidate for at-large position)

Current position:
Cataloger, Portland State University Library, 1969-

Education:
 M.Libr., Univ. of Washington
 1969;
 post-graduate work in
 management, Willamette Univ. ,
 1981-83

Organizational membership(s):
 ACRL 1969-
 ACRL Oregon Chapter, 1982-
 ALA, 1969-
 PNLA, 1970-
 OLA, 1987-
 AAUP, 1970-

Significant achievements:
 --Recipient of 1992 University
 Service Award presented by PSU
 Chapter of AAUP
 --Co-chair of WLN's Ad Hoc Users
 Group, 1992
 --AAUP Oregon Conference
 Secretary, 1989-91
 --PSU Faculty Senate Steering
 Committee, 1992-93

CALENDAR

OLA REFERENCE ROUNDTABLE TALKTABLES

The Internet, The Oregonian, CD-
 ROMS, City Directories

Do you have questions or concerns
 about any of these topics? Would
 you like to share your experiences
 with others? Then join us for
 TALKTABLES in October.
 Reference librarians with expertise
 and experience in these areas will
 be on hand to facilitate discussion,
 answer questions, and provide
 relevant information.

The Internet: Sarah Beasley, Oregon

State University, What is the
 Internet Anyway? Why Should I
 know about it?

The Oregonian: Grace Cushing,
 Multnomah County Library, What
 about indexing now that the
 Oregonian is on CD?

CD-ROMS: Janice Weide, Salem
 Public Library, Whatever your
 question, others are sure to be
 interested!

City Directories: Elizabeth
 Mannarino, Corvallis-Benton
 County Public Library, What are
 some policies for answering
 directory inquiries? Are there
 similar sources which raise complex
 ethical and/or freedom of
 information concerns?

Join as many tables as time allows.
 Discussions are expected to be lively
 and informative.

WHEN: October 2, 1992 1 - 3 p.m.

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ACRL Oregon Chapter Advisory Board Election Ballot

Vice President/President Elect

Susan Whyte _____

At Large Positions: (Vote for two people)

Oren Ogle _____
 Janet Webster _____

Victoria Mitchell _____
 Don McNaughtan _____

Return ballot to Janet Wright, Portland State University Library, P.O. Box
 1151, Portland, OR 97207 by OCTOBER 9, 1992.

(OLA RRT cont.)

WHERE: Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis, OR 97330.

If you plan to attend, please write or call Elizabeth Mannarino at the Corvallis-Benton County Library, (503) 757-6828.

OLA TECHNICAL SERVICES ROUNDTABLE

If you are interested in getting together to discuss cataloging, automation, OPACs, or other interests, please contact:

Anne Frohlich
 Head of Technical Services
 Murdock Learning Resource Center
 George Fox College
 Newberg, OR 97132
 503-538-8383 x308
 FAX 503-537-3599

Anne would like to hold a meeting some afternoon in October. Please state possible times and preferences as to discussion topic.



WOERNER JOINS REED

Elizabeth Woerner accepted the position of Media Librarian in the Reed College Library, beginning July 1. Betty holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the university of Maryland, College Park, and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Iowa. Since 1986 she has worked as a music cataloger for the Reed Music Department. She has held professional positions at

the University of Iowa, Southern Illinois University, University of Montana, and University of Washington. More recently she has been music cataloger at Marylhurst College and Assistant Librarian at St. Olaf College.

BOWMAN JOINS PSU

Mr. Michael S. Bowman became the Engineering Librarian August 1, 1992. Mr. Bowman has an undergraduate degree in Physics from the University of Washington (1984), where he also received his M.Lib. (1986). Since 1987 Mr. Bowman has been reference librarian (sciences)/Chemistry Librarian at the John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers University-Newark.

Please submit items for the December 1992 newsletter to Sarah Beasley, Kerr Library, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331 by November 23rd.

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