

**Oregon Library Association
Children's Services Division**
Spring Workshop
March 12, 2012

Meeting called to order: 10:05 AM

CSD News

The OLA Conference will be April 25th in Bend:

- CSD members will be voting on the proposed Oregon Library Association (OLA) / Oregon Association of School Librarians (OASL) merger
- 2012 – 2013 candidate statements will be given
- CSD Needs volunteers for the CSD table at the conference
- CSD will host the Lampman Breakfast as usual

Performer's Showcase will be held Saturday, September 29th at the Salem Public Library. There is a \$5 charge for a preprinted directory of performers, or members can download the document from the CSD website some time after the event.

The Early Literacy Website is a work in progress. When completed:

- It will be a one-stop shop for early literacy in Oregon
- It will contain portals to other websites
- Social networking opportunities will be included

There is an opening for interested parties to work on this website. Contact Katie Anderson at the Oregon State Library for details.

CSD is seeking new officers for the coming terms:

- Chair – a two-year commitment
- Chair Elect – a three-year commitment (Chair Elect typically becomes Chair at conclusion of their first year)
- Secretary – appointed by CSD Chair, open commitment
- Summer Reading Chair – two-year commitment

To nominate yourself or someone you think would do great work for CSD please contact Deeda Chamberlain at Deeda.Chamberlain@ci.woodburn.or.us

ORCA – Oregon Reader's Choice Award:

- Accepting titles for next year
- Voting now in progress for this year. Visit the ORCA website between March 1st and 31st to choose your favorites.

Save the Dates:

- Mock Caldecott Workshop: January 5th, 2013
- Mock Newbery Workshop: January 12th, 2013
- Focus on Children & YA Institute at Minucha Retreat: September 16th – 19th

State Library Report

(Taken verbatim from speech notes)

Letters About Literature (LAL) 2012:

Local judging begins next week for LAL 2012. As you know, LAL is a reading and writing contest in which children in 4th – 12th grade write a letter to the author of a book that has changed their life or changed their way of thinking. Unlike typical school work in which students are asked to summarize a story, analyze it or describe literary elements, LAL is strictly about explaining how a story has changed them. The letters are extremely personal and wonderful to read. Thanks to the support of CSD and other co-sponsors, the State Library is able to provide one in ten Oregon students who enter LAL a prize. The smallest prize being a \$10 bookstore gift card. Thank you for your support of this wonderful contest!

Focus 2012:

The 2012 Focus on Children and Young Adults Institute will be held September 16th -19th at Menucha Retreat Center in Corbett near the Columbia River Gorge. The Focus Institute is for library staff who serves children and teens, but don't have a masters in library science. The schedule of workshops isn't final yet, but will be announced prior to registration so people can see what trainings are going to be offered prior to registering, Registration will be open in July. All announcements will be sent out on the kids-lib listserv and to public library directors.

Ready to Read (R2R) and the Legislative Session (HB 4165 and HB 4016):

Tuesday last week the State Librarian sent an email regarding R2R and HB 4165 to all public library directors and I forwarded that email to all R2R Key Contacts. At this time, the only change to R2R for the 2012-2013 grant cycle is expanding early literacy from birth to five TO birth to six. That means you can still use R2R on summer reading too! Unless there is a major change in the State budget between now and July, funding will remain level so libraries should base budget estimates for next year using the amount of funding they received this year.

While the R2R grant administration has not changed, the State Library will continue to work closely with the Early Learning Council and we recommend that local libraries continue to work closely with the local early childhood systems during this transition. As you know County Commissions on Children and Families will be phased out over the next year or two and replaced with community hubs, it will be important for libraries to maintain relationships with local early childhood service providers throughout this transition.

The other bill that passed that will have an impact on libraries is HB 4016, which expands the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse. The State Library recommends that local libraries seek guidance from their library's legal counsel to learn specifically how your library should respond to this expanded

legislation. In addition, I will be looking into existing training opportunities for mandatory reporters and how libraries may tap into that.

Summer Reading:

Those of you who pre-ordered certificates in September via the summer reading survey will receive them hopefully before June 1st if everything goes smoothly with printing. Digital copies will be made available to download and print from the State Library's summer reading website the same as in past years. Via the summer reading survey it was suggested to add the Governor's signature to the statewide summer reading certificates. I will be exploring that for the 2013 certificate.

Preparations for the summer reading sweepstakes in partnership with the Oregon College Savings Plan are well under way. The Oregon College Savings Plan is providing free performances to libraries serving under 10,000 people for the second year in a row. All eligible libraries have already been contacted and the process for booking performers is under way. The name of this year's sweepstakes has not been announced yet, but I will certainly send out an announcement email ASAP so when the sweepstakes materials arrive you know what to look for. Again, libraries already ordered the quantities of materials they want for the sweepstakes via the summer reading survey. Of course, if you run out during the summer you will be able to order more materials.

Amelia Bloomer Project

April Witteveen, Community Librarian at Deschutes Public Library, presented on the history, trends and current state of the Amelia Bloomer Project. Started in 2002, the Amelia Bloomer Project was created to promote the best feminist books for young readers birth through age 18. For more information visit <http://ameliabloomer.wordpress.com> or contact April at aprilw@deschuteslibrary.org

Summer Science Adventures @ Your Library

Shannon Belford, Youth Services / Reference Librarian, and Terri Wortman, Youth Services Librarian, both from Wilsonville Public Library, shared their experience hosting summer science adventures; an addition to Wilsonville's regular Summer Reading Program.

Sharing

Attendees shared project and program ideas for the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Meeting adjourned: 4:15 PM