

OLA Hotline

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CALENDAR

From the Editor

This issue marks my one year anniversary as OLA Hotline Editor. The year has flown by and I've enjoyed bringing you the news of OLA activities and the library community in Oregon. I know many of you are also subscribed to the Libs-Or list and see some of the news twice. I am very grateful to

Maureen Cole, Nan Heim, and Tony Greiner for keeping the Hotline fresh with the original content they regularly contribute! And thanks to all of you who took the time to send news about events, awards, notable people, and continuing education opportunities. Lastly, I'd be remiss if I didn't thank my colleague, Stephanie Michel, who has patiently let me run ideas by her, as well as previewing the Hotline issues to make sure the text version is readable in various email programs.

Recently feedback from one of the readers sparked a discussion in the Publications Committee about the text and web versions of the OLA Hotline. As a result, Rachel Mendez (OLA Web Editor) and I will do our best to have the web version available on the same day that the text version is sent out. Later this month I will be emailing you a link to an online survey to get further feedback from the membership on the convenience of the two versions. In the meanwhile, don't hesitate to send me any suggestions and keep that news coming by either emailing it to me at sotak@up.edu or submitting it via the [web form](#).

Association News

Message from OLA President Maureen Cole

Greetings Colleagues!

Last weekend I spent most of Saturday at Wordstock, Portland's new (and annual) book festival. What fun! We had many visitors and positive response to our presence. Some authors took the time to thank us for being librarians! That was special. Our booth looked pretty festive with the Summer Reading Program banner loaned to us by the Corvallis Benton County Public Library (and I will get that back to you - I promise!). We had lots of handouts; the children loved the bookmarks and the adults were particularly interested in the list of *Literary Oregon, One Hundred Books, 1800 – 2000*, commemorating the 100th birthday of the Oregon State Library.

My day was completely made when Nancy Pearl visited our booth. I dragged her off to the Powell's booth so that I could purchase and she could autograph her newest book, **More Book Lust**. Then, while we were discussing the Summer

Reading Program theme, *Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds*, she mentioned that she will be recording a piece for NPR on children's fantasies. This is a nice tie-in to the SRP and the publication of the new Harry Potter book in July. Many thanks to volunteers David Pauli, Jean Townes, Catherine Jasper, Kim Willson- St. Clair, Sue Kopp, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Pam Horan, and all of you who helped. I definitely think this was worth doing. Next year, I'm even going to see some of the author talks!

Last week I attended the Oregon State Library Board hearing to testify for L-net. It went very well and the grant for this next year was approved thanks to the supporters who came out. My thanks to you all! And thanks to the OSL Board and to Multnomah County Library, the fiscal agent, for helping make one of OLA's Vision 2010 goals happen.

I just got back from the hearing for the Oregon State Library budget. Heather McNeil and Mary Ginnane each spoke eloquently on the rewards and benefits of the Ready to Read grants. Thanks, you two, for coming and being such awesome advocates! The budget was approved, almost, but not quite, in the form Jim requested. I hope all of you at the State Library know how much we support you and value your leadership!

The Acquisitions Institute is coming soon (May 14-17). Can summer be far behind? As we gear up for graduations, summer reading, and warm weather, enjoy the longer days by reading outdoors! And remember to vote!! (Thanks to Carol Resco for electronic voting!)

--Best wishes, [Mo](#)

2005 Conference Wrap-Up from Cindy Gibbon

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's Oregon Library Association Conference, *Connect and Conquer: The Power in Collaboration*, April 6-8 at the Holiday Inn at Portland Airport. As conference chair, it was a real pleasure to hear so many positive comments from people who attended, including repeated exclamations of, "This is the best OLA ever!" So I want to congratulate OLA President Mo Cole for an inspiring theme, as well as all the OLA units who planned and delivered some really high-quality programs and pre-conferences. You sent people back to their home libraries with great ideas and

lots of energy and enthusiasm to implement them!

Attendance this year was very good, with 195 people attending Wednesday pre-conferences and 509 people signed up for one or more days on Thursday and Friday (80 Thursday only, 88 Friday only, 341 both days). Three major speakers encouraged all of us to Connect and Conquer. Mike Eisenberg, Dean of the UW iSchool inspired and challenged all of us to do more and do better at telling the story of how school libraries make a difference to our children's education. Molly Gloss gave us all a glimpse into the collaborations in a writer's life. Molly spoke of how her own experiences, her research on Oregon's pioneer women and the women writers who were their contemporaries, and the inspiration of other writers' work have influenced her creative process. ALA president Carol Brey Casiano encouraged all of us to form partnerships in our communities to advocate for libraries.

Fifty-seven exhibitors joined us at the conference. We are grateful for the support of our major sponsors, who together gave us \$4,000 in contributions: TLC The Library Corporation, Thomson Gale, BCR Bibliographical Center for Research, OCLC Western Service Center, Swets, Blackwell's, EBSCO Information Services, Spacesaver Specialists, and the University of Washington Information School. Gifts in kind came from Innovative Interfaces and Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management, and many vendors contributed raffle prizes.

It takes a lot of "collaboration" to "conquer" the task of putting on an OLA conference. My heartfelt thanks goes to the conference committee members, without whom it would have been impossible to stage such a complex event. It was especially great to have so many library school students helping out with this year's conference. Being on the conference committee is a terrific networking opportunity and about the most fun you can have in OLA. If you'd like to have fun helping your professional association, utilize or improve your project management skills, and add to your resume, contact [Robin Beerbower](#), next year's conference chair.

The 2006 conference is set for April 5-7 at the beautiful new Salem Conference Center. Mark your calendars now!

OLA Election – Vote by May 13th!

Are you an OLA member and haven't received an email or paper ballot yet? Voting eligibility was determined by membership level and annual dues being paid by mid-April. If you meet that criteria, contact [Carol Resco](#) to update your email or request a ballot. So far 250 out of the approximately 700 eligible members have voted. Don't delay too long, the voting period will end at 5 pm on Friday, May 13.

Once again the candidates are:

VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

ALETHA BONEBRAKE

Aletha Bonebrake has been the Director of Baker County Public Library since 1985. She came to Oregon in that year following the start of her professional career as chief cataloger for the University of Wisconsin Junior College System. She received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin after extensive para-professional experience in reference and interlibrary loan for a ten county regional library system in Northern California.

Bonebrake has been active in both state and regional library activities besides those of her town and county. She served on the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Resource Sharing Advisory Committee. For OLA she has served on both the Publications and Resource Sharing Committees as well as participating on the Public Library Standards Revision Committee. She chaired the Public Library Davison and served on its Board. Bonebrake has also served as convener for the Public Library Directors Group.

Regionally, Bonebrake is a current Board member of Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) and the LEO liaison to the Oregon Solutions Team. In 2003, she received the OLE Award from the Public Library Division, followed by OLA awarding her the Distinguished Service Award in 2004.

PAT DUKE

Patrick Duke has worked at the Wilsonville Public Library since 1996, and became Library Director in 2003. He has experience in both academic and public libraries. Duke has performed a variety of library work including as a student worker, paraprofessional, librarian, and now library director.

He received his MLIS from San Jose State University.

Duke is a member of both ALA and OLA. He was Chair of the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee from 1997 to 1999, during which time the Committee conducted and published the first survey of public access policies and procedures in Oregon libraries. He shared the 1997 OLE Award of the Public Library Division with co-worker Molly Madison for their work on a post-Measure 47 Clackamas County levy election.

His 11-year-old daughter describes a vision for a library that Duke holds close. "The Library is a safe haven," she says, "I'm surrounded by the most wonderful things, and librarians who just want to make it a happy and comfortable place, because reading is a good thing. And that's awesome!"

Duke believes that while we can never lose sight of vital principals such as literacy, intellectual freedom, and privacy, he also thinks we should always remember that libraries are about service. "We serve children and adults in communities of every kind," he says, "we serve students and faculty in colleges and universities of all sizes; we serve unique populations in special libraries thought the state. Ultimately we serve to strengthen democracy by connecting each of these groups to education, information and ideas."

Duke looks forward to helping continue this process as OLA President.

SECRETARY CANDIDATE (one candidate)

STEVE ENGELFRIED

Steven Engelfried is a Senior Librarian for Youth Services at the Beaverton City Library. He has an M.L.I.S. from the University of California, Berkeley. An OLA member since 1993 Engelfried is currently a member of the Children's Services Division (CSD), the Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN), and the Public Library Division. He has chaired the CSD, the Summer Reading Committee, and been a member of several committees within the Public Library Division.

He is also a member of ALA and in 2002 was elected to the Caldecott Committee. This year he is serving on the Children's QuickLists Consulting Committee.

Engelfried is particularly interested in the shifting roles of

libraries as we find ways to respond to changes in populations and technology, while retaining our strong commitment to customer service and to the written word.

TREASURER CANDIDATES

JULIA LONGBRAKE

Julia Longbrake is Faculty Librarian at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. She has an MLIS from the University of North Texas. Within OLA, she is a member of the ACRL-Or and was the Community Colleges Representative on the Board from 2002-04. She is a member of the Library Instruction, Reference, and International Relations Round Tables. Longbrake was active in the Texas Library Association before moving to Oregon. She is also a member of ALA.

Longbrake believes that libraries and librarians are of vital importance to our communities, our schools, our democracy, and championing intellectual freedom. As Oregon and the economy improve and more funds become available, she would like to contribute towards OLA efforts to be proactive and advocate at local, state, and national levels for more library funding.

Longbrake believes that she will bring the experience of college level accounting coursework and three years as treasurer for a Parent Teacher Organization to the position of OLA Treasurer.

EMILY ASCH

Emily Asch is the Cataloging/Technical Systems Librarian at Pacific University Library in Forest Grove. Her M.L.I.S. is from the University of Illinois. She is currently serving on the University Technology Committee and is on the Board of Directors for the Center for Women and Gender Equity. A member of OLA and ALA she is a member of ACRL-Or and the OLA Technical Services Round Table. Asch also serves on the steering committee for the Northwest Innovative Users Group Annual Conference.

Asch feels libraries play an increasingly vital role in today's society by providing access to the world's resources and cultures. She feels that libraries are essential in the pursuit of lifelong education and the preservation of the freedoms we enjoy today.

Asch was selected in 2004 to attend the PNLA Leadership Institute.

Happenings

YRCA Winners!

The Pacific Northwest Library Association has announced the winners of the 2005 Young Reader's Choice Awards:

- Junior Division: THE THIEF LORD by Cornelia Funke
- Middle Division: SON OF THE MOB by Gordon Korman
- Senior Division: THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION by Nancy Farmer

This award is the oldest children's choice award in North America. Children, teachers, parents and librarians in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and Alberta have been nominating their favorites since 1940. Visit the [PNLA website](#) for a list of runner-ups and links to book discussion guides.

OCLC Toolkit for Technical Services - May 12th at SOU

OCLC's Toolkit For Technical Services Managers workshop will be offered Thursday, May 12, at the SOU Hannon Library in Ashland. Register at the [OCLC website](#).

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