

# OLA Hotline

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## Association News

### How to Win \$100 from OLA

Do you like to share creative ideas? Would you like to have a chance to win \$100 from the Oregon Library Association? Here's how you can do both!

1. Design a poster session for the OLA conference Poster Session. We still have a few slots open. Your topic can be anything related to the information profession. Are you a student excited by recent developments in the field covered in class? Are you a library page working on an outreach program or updating your library's database? Does information literacy get your motor running? These and many other topics are swell subjects to share with your colleagues.
2. Bring the poster session to the 2007 Annual Conference in Corvallis, April 19, 2007.
3. Wow your colleagues with your bright ideas, your passion for the profession, your unique experiences, your innovative programming, and your valuable contribution to the field.

More information on presenting poster sessions at the OLA Conference and on the \$100 "People's Choice" award from OLA President Aletha Bonebrake can be found on the [OLA website](#).

As a certain lottery commercial says, "Hey, ya never know." For more information, please contact Kevin Moore, OLA 2007 Conference Poster Session Coordinator by [email](#) or 503-560-6767 (cell).

### SSD Conference - Call for Proposals

The 2007 OLA Support Staff Division conference will be on July 20, 2007 at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. The conference

theme is **Library Fundamentals and Beyond (paraprofessional ain't what it used to be)**.

We are actively seeking session presentations across a wide variety of topics from a diverse group of presenters. Topic suggestions from past conference attendees include:

- Catalog records for public service staff
- Reference skills
- Ethics (patron privacy, etc.)
- Library Bill of Rights
- K-12 homework help
- Libraries as a recreational place
- Interviewing/Training/Hiring staff/students/volunteers
- Customer service (and the rising expectations of patrons)
- Time management
- Career/Retirement planning
- Surprise us!

Session proposals should be limited to 300 words and be sent to [Michael Baird](#) by February 28, 2007. Co-presenting is welcome. It would be helpful to note any additional requests (photocopies, extra materials, special technology requirements) with the initial proposal.

### **OYAN's Your Excellent Award Nominations Due by March 5**

Do you know of a person, organization, or program that deserves recognition for their role in providing exceptional teen library services in Oregon? Consider nominating them for OYAN's inaugural "You're Excellent!" Award!

The newly created annual honor - to be presented this year during the 2007 OLA Conference - will be granted to an individual, library, organization, program, or initiative as a way to acknowledge and celebrate the recipient's efforts. The prize will consist of an engraved plaque as well as a monetary donation made to the teen services program chosen by the award winner.

Please send the nominee's name, your contact information, and a description of the positive and significant contribution to teens via email or snail mail to the OYEA Awards Committee

Chair: [Sue Ludington](#), 3727 SE Gladstone, Portland, OR 97202.

More information about the award can be seen in a [previous Hotline](#).

## Legislative News

### **OLA/OEMA Legislative Day on Feb. 7th - from Janet Webster**

Over 35 librarians and library supporters descended on Salem on February 7th to talk to legislators about the importance of libraries and in particular, the need to pass HB 2116 - the Ready to Read Bill. And the word is that support is strong for the changes in the Ready to Read program. Better yet, there is a greater enthusiasm for some of our core issues in Salem including intellectual freedom, privacy of patron records, and of course, better funding for libraries. All who participated were encouraged by the response from legislators and ready to keep advocating for Oregon's libraries.

Thanks to B.J. Quinlan and Sandy Olmstead for organizing the ever popular children's book selection event. For those of you who have not participated in Legislative Day, we invite the senators and representatives to bring bookplates we prepare and place in a children's book that they select for their local library. The legislators love doing this and as they are simply selecting a book, not donating it, we comply with the new ethics rules. Two thirds of the legislators selected a book. The hardest part for them is deciding which of their constituent libraries will receive the book.

Thanks for Diedre Conkling for organizing the [OLA Legislative wiki](#) so we could track appointments. We visited 22 senators and 35 representatives. Thanks to Sara Charlton for working with Diedre and others to organize the day. Finally, thanks to all who participated.

And it's not too late for those of you who couldn't make it to Salem on the 7th. We will be sending out periodic announcements when we need you to contact your legislator on particular issues. Stay tuned!

# Happenings

## Teen Tech Week

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce Teen Tech Week, a new YALSA celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there, such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, electronic games and more. Teen Tech Week will be celebrated for the first time March 4-10, 2007. Visit the [YALSA website](#) for more information, including suggested activity ideas.

## Big Read Grant Opportunities

The Big Read is a one book reading promotion project that provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. In addition to a direct grant, each community receives a library of resources including reader's guides and teacher's guides for each novel and audio guides with commentary from renowned artists, educators, and public figures. To support promotion efforts, communities also receive TV public service announcements, radio programming, and publicity materials including posters, banners, and bookmarks. Communities also receive an online organizer's guide for running a successful Big Read program and access to a comprehensive Web site. Many libraries in Oregon already have one book reading promotion projects; perhaps the Big Read is a good place to seek funding for your next project. Grant proposals are due April 12, 2007.

To learn more visit the [Big Read website](#). There is also an [online guide](#) to planning a one book reading promotion project.

Visit the following websites for Oregon libraries currently sponsoring one book reading promotion projects in their community to get ideas about what your library can do with the Big Read grant!

[Wallowa County](#) (a Big Read grant)  
[Newport Public Library](#)

[Lake Oswego Public Library](#)  
[Eugene Public Library](#)  
[Deschutes County](#)

## People

### **Ronnie Lee Budge Retires**

Ronnie Lee Budge retired January 31, 2007 after 33 years with the Jackson County Library. Ronnie began her career as a reference librarian at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. where she worked from 1964 to 1968. She received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan (1964) and her BA from Barnard College, Columbia University (1963).

She was Library Director of the 15-branch Jackson County Library System for 20 years. During her tenure the library system moved from a manual checkout system to a homegrown automation system to the Polaris automated circulation system and catalog, from the first fax machine in county government to the JCLS webpage, blogging, and audio downloads. She was also a founding director of the SOLIS consortium (Josephine County Library, Rogue Community College, and Jackson County Library). Sorooptimist International of Medford named her "Woman of Distinction" in 1998.

Ronnie's vision led to the successful passage of a construction bond in 2000 during a double majority election which resulted in a transition from 15 inadequate buildings, to beautiful, functional buildings individually designed by each community (including a Craftsman style branch in Eagle Point and a Victorian style branch in Jacksonville). The new 80,000 square foot Medford Central Library consolidated the operations of a headquarters library, outreach programs, technical services, and administration; and is shared in part with Rogue Community College. It is the first joint use public/academic library to be built in Oregon.

Ronnie was OLA Librarian of the Year, 2004. She was an active OLA member for many years, serving as the Oregon Chapter Councilor to the American Library Association from 1994 to 1998. She chaired the OLA Committee on Resource

Sharing and the task force studying the feasibility of combined school/public libraries. She also served on the OLA Committee for Library Development and the committee which developed threshold criteria for state aid.

Ronnie was also active in SOLF, the Southern Oregon Library Federation, serving as president of the organization from 1977 to 1979. She was instrumental in cooperative projects like procurement of AV equipment shared by SOLF members, and contributed to many other regional efforts that strengthened the effectiveness of libraries in southern Oregon.

Ted Stark has been appointed Interim Director of the Jackson County Library effective February 1. Ted joined Jackson County Library Services in 1998. He moved to the Rogue Valley from Iowa, where he was an automation consultant with the State Library and, before that, an administrator with a regional library system serving ten counties. Between 1982 and 1991 he served as public library Director in three small Iowa cities: Decorah, Charles City, and Eldora. Ted has a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Iowa. As manager of the Upper Rogue region of the Jackson County Library since 1998, Ted oversees five branch libraries, is coordinator of library staff training, and manager of library information technology. He helped design and coordinate the construction of new branch buildings in White City, Eagle Point, and Prospect, and is currently involved with the Shady Cove and Butte Falls building projects.

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