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From the Editor

Want to share what's happening at your library? Is someone retiring or is someone new coming on board? Send it in to OLA Hotline, a newsletter for, by and about OLA and its members. Just email it to ola@olaweb.org - we hope to hear from you soon!

Stephanie Miller, Hotline Editor

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Association News

OLA Officers Election Results

OLA members should feel some pride in the state of our organization and optimism about our future. From a field of terrific candidates, it's with great pleasure that I welcome Mary Ginnane (president- elect), Brandon Barnett (secretary), Shirley Roberts (treasurer) and Suzanne Sager (ALA representative) to the 2007-2008 OLA board.

OLA works because its members are engaged and involved in the work of the organization. The willingness of members to bring their talents to serve in leadership roles is one of our greatest strengths. A special thanks to Teresa Landers, Hannah Rempel, Emiy Asch and Cara List for running for OLA office this year.

Sarah Beasley, OLA President

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Gateways 2007: Library Fundamentals and Beyond

It's not too late to register for the Oregon Library Association Support Staff Divisions 13th Annual Conference, "Gateways 2007: Library Fundamentals and Beyond," July 20 at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville. The registration due date has been extended to Monday, July 16, 2007. You can also register for the conference and bring your payment the day of the conference.

Registration forms are available at:

https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=ola&formId=25896&test=1

The conference registration deadline is July 13, with membership limited to the first 160

registrants. Registration fees are \$70 for SSD members and \$85 for non-members. Information on the program sessions are available at http://library.willamette.edu/ssd/conference/.

How can libraries stay relevant? What do library employees, especially paraprofessionals, need to consider in preparing for the future of libraries? Molly Raphael, director of libraries for Multnomah County, will address these questions in her keynote speech, "The Changing Face of Libraries: Preparing for Tomorrow."

Jeff Havens, a professional comedian, speaker, and author from the Midwest urges people to "Uncrapify Your Life" at the lunchtime mock motivational seminar. His performance is a spoof of the motivational model, a satirical offering providing all the wrong advice in a tongue-incheek fashion.

Suzanne Sager, SSD Conference Chair

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SSD Seeks Candidate Nominations

OLA Support Staff Division is seeking nominations of candidates for the SSD Executive Board for the coming year. Positions open this year are Interim Chair (position open due to resignation of in-coming chair for personal/medical reasons); Chair-Elect (conference committee chair 2007-08 and in-coming chair for the 2008-09 year); Recorder (one year committment) and Archivist. Chair-Elect and Archivist each have one candidate at this time. The Treasurers' position is a two year position, currently filled.

Participation on the SSD Executive Board provides many opportunities in addition to a great entry on your resume. This is a very active and diverse group of individuals. We welcome library personnel from all walks of the library world. Contact Rea Andrew, past chair; rea.andrew@ci.newberg.or.us or Suzanne Sager, current chair; sagers@pdx.edu or any SSD member for more information.

Rea Andrew, SSD

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OYAN Quarterly Business Meeting

If you ever needed an excuse to go to the beach, here it is! The next meeting of the Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN) is scheduled for Friday, July 27th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in beautiful Newport Public Library. Please join with other young-at-heart librarians to plan for the next year.

Newport Public Library 35 NW Nye St. Newport, OR 97365 Phone: (541) 265-2153 TDD/Voice: (800) 735-2900

Email: reference@newportlibrary.org

Map: http://www.newportlibrary.org/map.htm

Susan J. Smallreed, OYAN Secretary

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Oregon Celebration of the Freedom to Read - Banned Books Week 2007

Hello fellow OLA members! I hope you are having a good summer and are surviving the heat.

The Oregon Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee, and the ACLU of Oregon will once again be working together to promote the celebration of the freedom to read during Banned Books Week (September 29 - October 6, 2007) and the entire month of October. We are very pleased that this year the Oregon Association of School Librarians (OASL) Intellectual Freedom Committee has joined us. We are sending out this message early to give you an opportunity to start planning what your library will do to celebrate the freedom to read in Oregon in October.

Emily Crawford, Chair of the OASL Intellectual Freedom Committee has also posted a similar message on the OASL list.

In 2006 at least 50 public, academic, school and special libraries located in 27 counties participated in Oregon's Banned Book Week. We hope to increase that number this year.

Participation means having an exhibit, offering a program, activity, or special event celebrating the freedom to read in your library. If your library plans to participate, please respond to this message on Libs-OR, or contact Candy Morgan. My contact information is at the end of this message. Since we know that summer is a time for Summer Reading Programs, vacations and preparation for the start of school we will send another message in early September inviting your participation.

At the end of the 2006 celebration we sought reports from participating libraries. The most frequent requests received from libraries who participated last year were:

- 1. More buttons. As a result the ACLU of Oregon member who donated 3,000 bright yellow "I Read Banned Books" buttons last year has already ordered many more for the 2007 celebration. The buttons will be distributed to all participating libraries.
- 2. Oregon specific information about challenged books in an easy-to-use brochure. An ACLU of Oregon intern is compiling this information using the Banned Books Resource Book cumulative list of challenged materials and the annual reports of the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearing House. Each entry will include the author and title, a short description of the book, where and when it was challenged, and the outcome of the challenge.

You can also expect to have available to you ideas for displays, programs and activities, and assistance with publicity in your community. As a start I have attached some ideas for activities

that were included in last year's report.

Please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to be more involved.

Candy Morgan, Intellectual Freedom Committee

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Call for Articles on Rural Libraries

The deadline for submissions to the Fall 2007 OLA Quarterly issue on rural libraries has been extended to August 15th (this is for the final edited copy).

Delivering library services to the estimated 839,000 Oregonians living in the rural areas of the state is a challenge! Are you a librarian in a rural area or have a topic of interest for rural librarians? We are interested in short (500-800 word) articles on issues facing rural libraries, such as:

- * funding and fund-raising
- * technology support
- * use of social networking technologies
- * building community support
- * instruction and training efforts for users

Or anything else of particular interest for or about libraries in Oregon's extensive rural areas.

Please contact us as soon as possible with your idea. Contact either Ruth Vondracek: ruth.vondracek at oregonstate.edu or 541 737-9273 or Valery King: valery.king at oregonstate.edu

Ruth Vandracek, OLA Quarterly Guest Editor

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OASL College Freshman Information Literacy Skills Survey

Dear Oregon Community College or University Librarian,

The Oregon Association of School Librarians (OASL) has asked me to present at their annual meeting in October, 2007. The librarians in Oregon 's high schools prepare many of their students to attend colleges and universities in this state. They have a question of Oregon librarians. They would like to know what expectations you have regarding the library research skills and abilities of entering freshmen at your institution.

I have created a short online survey that asks you just that. It will take about 15 minutes to complete and is available at http://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/schroedr/FreshmenSkills.htm.

None of the survey data will be connected to you personally and any use of data in my reporting will be at an aggregate level or anonymous. We have received the approval of our Office of Research and Sponsored Projects to send out this survey. Please feel free to contact me at the address below if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Robert Schroeder, Reference /Instruction Librarian, Portland State University, 503.725.4519

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L-Net Seeks Volunteers

L-net, Oregon's Digital Reference Project, is accepting applications for our volunteer program. Volunteers answer live chat and e-mail reference questions for L-net, typically from home computers. We're asking volunteers to make a commitment of two hours per week for a minimum of six months. There will be about ten hours of training required prior to staffing the service.

Please contact me with any questions you have about the volunteer program, application procedures, or if you would like to see the complete volunteer job description.

A note for Oregon libraries, this volunteer program is separate from our partnership program. Oregon libraries are always welcome to partner with L-net! If your library would like to become an L-net partner, helping to answer chat questions or e-mail questions, or both, or if you'd just like information about the different levels of partnership available, contact me anytime to learn how to partner with L-net.

<u>Emily Papagni</u>, L-net Training Coordinator, Multnomah County Library, 503.988.5433, <u>www.oregonlibraries.net</u>

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Ready to Read Grant Applications for 2007-2008

Ready to Read Grant application packet will be mailed July 2, 2007. Public library directors and children's librarians will receive packets that contain the application, list of proposed grants, working copy of the 2007-2008 final report form, and answers to frequently asked questions about the changes to the Ready to Read Grant program. The application is also available on the State Library website to download, complete, and mail. Applications must be postmarked August 31, 2007 to qualify for the grant.

This year, the Oregon Legislative Assembly increased Ready to Read funding to \$1 per child and amended ORS 357.750 and 357.780 to specify that the Grant is for early literacy services for children 0-5 years old and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children 0-14 years old, and to establish a minimum grant of \$1,000. For more information contact <u>Katie</u>

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Free Google Tools Webinar

The following webinar is free to all Oregon library staff through a paid membership from the Oregon State Library with LSTA funds:

 July 27, 9-10am or 1-2pm PT Google Tools Drive-by Series Part 3: Google Books and Scholar

The format for each session usually will be a one hour to one-and-one-half hour segment with a question and answer session to follow. To participate, all that's needed are a computer (minimum of 128 MB of RAM, although 256 MB is recommended); Internet Explorer 5.5 Web browser, Java enabled; speakers; and Internet access of 56k or above. A microphone connected to the computer is optional for the audio, which also is available by a long-distance phone bridge (not a toll-free number).

Register online using BCR's Workshop Registration Form. Please indicate in the Comments box at the bottom of the Registration Form whether you are attending a morning or afternoon session.

Don't forget! Free Friday Forum sessions are recorded and archived after the class has been completed. Visit the FFF Archive for a list of available sessions. For additional information or questions, please visit: http://www.bcr.org/training/online/fff/index.html or contact Regan Harper

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OCLC Western Digital Forum

August 9-10, 2007

The third annual OCLC Western Digital Forum will be held in San Diego on August 9-10, 2007, at the Hacienda Hotel in Old Town. This year's theme is Maximizing Metadata, Data Curation and Applications.

The forum will continue the discussion of issues relating to metadata, data curation and automating applications for digital collections. It will highlight national projects of significance and feature experts from the library and cultural heritage communities.

Among the speakers are Murtha Baca, Head of the Getty Standards Program, Dr. Marcia Lei Zeng, Professor, Kent State University, and Ricky Erway, Program Officer, OCLC Programs and Research. Presentations will analyze existing major projects and examine issues such as long-term management of data, care and handling of digital collections, metadata, copyright,

and aspects of digital rights management. It will also cultivate collaborative solutions and explore funding options.

Please join your colleagues at this dynamic educational event

Forum registration: www.oclc.org/western/digitalforum/default.htm

Registration deadline is Friday, August 3, 2007 Accommodations: Hacienda Hotel Old Town

Call the hotel directly to request Forum rates Tel. 1-619-298-4707

For more information:

Gayle Palmer, OCLC Western Digital and Preservation Program Manager, palmerg@oclc.org or call 1-800-854-5753

Northwest Interlibrary Loan Conference

September 20 & 21, 2007

Registration is open for the sixth annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference, "ILL 2.0: Tools to Meet the Demands," being held at Portland Community College - Sylvania Campus in Portland, Oregon.

Our exciting program will include a keynote speech by Joseph Janes, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academics at the Information School of the University of Washington and author of the ALA Newsletter's "Internet Librarian" column.

For more information and a link to the registration form, please visit our website at http://nwill.org.

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