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## **Association News**

Joint Conference Programs - Two Weeks to Go

#### Hello Everyone!

Program proposals for the 2008 OLA/WLA Joint Conference are due by August 15, 2007. OLA and WLA units should be sure to finalize any program plans soon for submission to the joint program committee. For tips on finalizing your program proposals (and a list of sponsoring organizations), check out the Best Practices flyer at http://www.wla.org/olawla2008/BEST\_PRACTICES.pdf.

The submission form is available on the Conference website at http://www.wla.org/olawla2008/programform.html .

Questions? Contact OLA Program co-chair Robert Hulshof-Schmidt at 503.378.5030 or <u>robert.hulshof-schmidt@state.or.us</u> or WLA Program co-chair Mary Devlin at 360.699.8817 or <u>mdevlin@fvrl.org</u>

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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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## **Happenings**

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 <a href="http://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/schroedr/FreshmenSkills.htm">http://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/schroedr/FreshmenSkills.htm</a>.

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!

<u>Robert Schroeder</u>, Reference /Instruction Librarian, Portland State University, 503.725.4519

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#### **PE Mandate Signed by Governor**

The Governor has signed HB 3141, which mandates PE in elementary and middle schools. It does include some additional funding, but it seems inadequate (\$860,000). This may impact the school librarians, who are not mandated, as they compete for the same staffing requirements in each school. See especially sections 5 and 20. The bill passed with strong bipartisan support at the very end of the session. I have been tracking all of Senator Courtney's Senate bills that stalled. Apparently, most of what he wanted was put

Jim Scheppke, State Librarian

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#### Call for Papers: Collection Management

Librarians working to manage and develop collections need a resource to keep pace with the constantly changing landscape of library collections and their management. The peer-reviewed journal, *Collection Management*, published by Haworth Press, serves as that resource for librarians and information specialists working in collection development and management, acquisitions, access services, and interlibrary loan, as well as special collections and archives.

If you want to have an impact on shaping this dynamic field of librarianship, *Collection Management* is currently accepting manuscripts for publication consideration. *Collection Management* seeks well-researched, refereed articles and reviews that cover an extensive range of pragmatic and theoretical topics. *Collection Management* typically seeks to address recent developments related to creating and managing collections; sharing and providing access to resources; preserving both traditional and digital library resources; training and developing collections staff; managing and analyzing administrative data associated with building today's library collections; and usage, licensing, rights, access, and financial issues. Other topics regularly examined are:

- digital collection management
- management for special collections and archives
- data management concerns (i.e, ERM, GIS, metadata)
- risk and financial issues and strategies
- consortial and cooperative collections
- assessment tools and methods
- decision making in the face of access vs. ownership
- collection development focused on international and area studies
- the latest collection management tools

Manuscripts should be 20–50 typed pages, double-spaced (including references and abstract). Lengthier manuscripts may be considered if they can be divided across multiple journal issues. The references and format should follow the Chicago style (as outlined in the latest edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style*). Electronic submission is preferred. The journal is published quarterly in both print and electronic formats.

To be published in the next available issue (volume 33, no. 3), submissions should be received no later than October 15, 2007. Notice of acceptance for this issue will be communicated by December 3, 2007.

Additional information about submission requirements is available at:

# http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sid=NV94JEJJ52C19JJSXM9WCHE5TEGL0B6D&sku=J105&detail=IFA#IFA

Information about the journal is available at col.haworthpress.com. Please also feel free to contact the Editor:

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#### **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 <a href="http://nwill.org">http://nwill.org</a>.

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