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- 12/14 Secondary Research Analyst, Corvallis, OR
- 9/17 Library Director, West Linn, OR
- 9/26 Assistant Library Director, North Bend, OR
- 9/17 Consultant to Analyze Reference/Info Services, Hillsboro, OR
- 9/24 Humanities & Social Sciences Librarian, Portland, OR
- 11/27 Head of Public Access Services, Portland, OR
- 9/14 Network Analyst II, Hillsboro, OR

- 11/27 Customer Services Manager, Portland, OR
- 11/10 Librarian, Portland, OR
- 9/29 Assistant Library Director, Keizer, OR
- 10/20 On-call Substitute Librarian, Monmouth, OR
- 9/22 Dean of Library and Media Services, Monmouth, OR
- 12/31 Library Director, Veneta, OR

CALENDAR

Association News

SSD Website Moved

The website for the Oregon Library Association Support Staff Division has moved! The new address is <http://www.olaweb.org/ssd/>. The good news is that even if you use the old address for the time being, you will be redirected to the new address.

Also, next year's Support Staff Division conference will be held on July 18 at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport so mark your calendars.

Suzanne L. Sager, past SSD chair, sagers@pdx.edu

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Stories by the Sea Storytelling Festival

The annual Stories by the Sea Storytelling Festival will be held at the Performing Arts Center in beautiful Newport September 21, 22, and 23. This year's featured storytellers are Elizabeth Ellis, Elaine Grinnell, and Debra Harris-Branham.

Elizabeth Ellis is a riveting storyteller who specializes in Appalachian tales, Texas tales, and stories of heroic American women. She has been a storyteller-in-residence at the International Storytelling Center and is a recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Association.

Elaine Grinnell is an elder of the K'lallam tribe who lives on the land of her ancestors in Sequim, WA. She teaches classes in Native American basketry, cooking and drum making. Her storytelling includes legends, creation stories, and fish stories.

Debra Harris-Branham is a school librarian in Renton, WA, who also teaches storytelling at the University of Washington. She tells African-American folk tales and folk tales from around the world

Stories by the Sea will begin on Friday evening with a ghost story swap. Saturday's

events include storytelling workshops by the featured storytellers, an afternoon storytelling matinee for children and an evening storytelling concert for adults. The festival concludes Sunday with an inspirational story swap and a picnic lunch with Northwest storytellers.

For more information, check the festival Web site, www.olaweb.org/csd/stories.html, or call Rebecca Cohen at (541) 265-3109. Stories by the Sea is sponsored by the Oregon Library Association, the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, the Newport Public Library, the Whaler Motel, and the Jeannette Hofer Literacy Fund.

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Summer Reading Program Evaluation

Hello Youth Services folks!

The 2007 Summer Reading Evaluation is now available online at <https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=ola&formId=31765>. You can click either link or copy and paste the address to get to it, and you may want to first print the page out, gather the information requested and then return to the form to complete it. You'll get an e-mail confirmation with all the info entered that you can print or save for your files. If you have anything you want to share that won't fit in the form (photos, flyers, etc.), please send directly to me at molly at tigar-or.gov.

Since I'm sending this out so late (on my last official day as Summer Reading Chair, as a matter of fact), the deadline will be Wednesday, October 17. If you have any questions or problems with the form, please drop me a line!

Molly L. Carlisle, OLA Children's Services Division Summer Reading Chair / Chair-Elect, molly at tigar-or.gov

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Only Two Weeks Left to Save School Libraries

You still have time to contact Congress about the SKILLS Act. For more information, go to <http://www.capwiz.com/ala/home/>. Remember, OLA has endorsed the ALA Resolution in support of this act. Contact information can be found at <http://olanetwork.wikispaces.com/ALA+Issues>.

Diedre Conkling, OLA Legislative Network

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Happenings

OPB Project

OPB is working on a new project called the *Public Insight Network*. We're inviting people around the state to become 'public sources' for OPB. People in the Public Insight Network tell us about areas in which they have experience or expertise. Then, when we are working on a story related to their experiences, we ask them what they know about the topic, which angles haven't been covered previously and who else we should talk to.

I believe that OPB would benefit greatly from being able to ask questions of library professionals, and I wanted to invite the recipients of the Oregon Library Association listserv to join the network. Anyone interested can sign up for the network or find more information at krause@plsinfo.org

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Refer Questions to OSL via L-Net

The State Library participates in L-net, the virtual reference service provided by Oregon libraries. In addition to staffing two shifts each week, OSL also serves as a referral library for questions relating to Oregon history, Oregon laws, state government issues or state and federal documents. Reference requests can be sent through the L-net email form. Use the pull-down menu to select "State Library of Oregon."

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OSU Libraries Faculty Seminar Series

The Library Faculty Association Seminar Series invites you to attend a presentation by Dr. Aaron Liston, Professor and Director of the OSU Herbarium. Dr. Aaron Liston will describe the results of a collaborative project between the OSU Herbarium and OSU Libraries to provide online access to type specimens (a pressed plant that documents the description of a new species) and the original published descriptions of these new species.

When: Friday, October 12, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (refreshments provided)

Where: OSU Valley Library, Corvallis, Willamette Rooms East & West on the 3rd floor

For more information about Dr. Liston please visit his professional page: <http://www.bcc.orst.edu/bpp/faculty/liston/index.html>. For a map of the OSU campus, please visit this page: http://oregonstate.edu/cw_tools/campusmap/. If you have any questions, please direct them to Laurie Bridges, 2007-2008 Library Faculty Seminar Series Coordinator, at 541.737.8821

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Community/Neighborhood Analysis Workshop

Learn how to use the Internet to locate the census data you need - quickly and easily!
The Beaverton City Library is hosting a free workshop on how to access and use census data and maps for community and neighborhood analysis.

Instructor: Cam McIntosh, Information Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

When: Tuesday, October 2, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Beaverton City Library Auditorium

Located at: 12375 SW 5th - at Hall & 5th Intersection

- Find data for a specific community or neighborhood
- Click on a map and link to data
- Create reference maps to show boundaries and features
- Compare demographic information between communities
- Find data by race, ancestry and ethnicity
- Produce thematic maps to reveal geographic patterns in statistical data
- Use census data for community planning and grant writing
- Search by address
- Access 2006 American Community Survey data for areas with populations of 65,000 or more

For more information, alternative formats, or other questions, please contact: Jill Adams
(503) 350-3613 or (503) 526-2577

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“Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved” Grant

The “Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved” grant is sponsored by Candlewick Press in honor of author Kate DiCamillo and the themes represented in her books. A \$5000 grant will be awarded to a library with exceptional outreach to underserved populations. Up to three Honorable Mentions may also be named. The grant proposal must be received by: December 3, 2007.

The grant is administered by the Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee (LSSPCC) of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.

For more information contact Martha Simpson, Chair of the LSSPCC Committee, at martha@stratfordlibrary.org

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Contributions

Oregon Books Reviewed

Neil, Robert Dean. *Clarence Darrow's Unlikely Friend: Clarence True Wilson: Debaters but Always Friends*. Portland, OR: Spirit Press, 2007. ISBN 1893075338
The slightly confusing title refers to an Oregonian, Clarence True Wilson, who lived for awhile in Oregon, was a prohibitionist, and opposed lawyer and "wet" advocate Clarence Darrow in a series of debates on the topic across the country. History is a funny thing: If prohibition had worked, Wilson would perhaps be regarded as a major reformer in our history. Now Wilson is forgotten, and Darrow is remembered mostly in a fictionalized version in the play and movie, "Inherit the Wind."
But for us, the point is that Wilson was a prominent Methodist who lived in Portland during the prohibition years and this account (really a biography of Wilson) covers those years and all of Wilson's life. The author, another Methodist preacher, lives in Oregon, and has spent a good part of his career in counseling alcoholics. However, the book has problems. Among these are the lack of an index, or a bibliography, and endnotes that are vague enough to cite things such as "Wilson Papers" without giving a box number or even a location of those papers. (How I wish there was more detail in the citation "Report of the Flying Squadron.") But, this book is as good as we are likely to get until someone writes a PhD dissertation. For our largest libraries. Paperback, 220 pages, endnotes but no index. Some photos.

Kohl, David Grant. *A Curious and Peculiar People: A History of the Metropolitan Community Church in Portland and the Sexual Minority Communities of Northwest Oregon*. Portland, OR: Spirit Press, 2006. ISBN 1893075540
This book, also from Spirit Press, has won the Silver Medal from the Independent Publisher's Association. I reviewed it last year, but a reminder: This is much more than a church history, as it is also a history of homosexuals (mostly male) in Portland in the last century. Valuable for almost all of our colleges.

Wuerthner, George. *Wildfire: A Century of Failed Forest Policy*. Sausalito, CA: Foundation for Deep Ecology by arrangement with Island Press, 2006. ISBN 159726069X
The title tells you about the book. It is a large and heavy illustrated coffee-table type book, interspersed with essays from various people (including former Oregon Congressman Les AuCoin) about how the fire-suppression policies of the last 100 years have been bad news ecologically and economically. Specific essays include one on the Klamath-Siskiyou region and salvage logging. The huge size (14 by 14, over 300 pages), and weight (more than 5 pounds) is unfortunate, as it makes it unlikely to be picked up (much less read) by anyone interested in the topic. Fortunately, "selected essays" from the book were printed in a more readable format, under the name *Wildfire Reader*. If you want some material on this topic, buy the reader. The picture book I saw is only for true believers who want to display their ideology. I didn't see the Reader, but *Wildfire* has an index and bibliography.

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Cool Ideas

Greening Up The Library

Have you ever wondered how your work as a librarian could make the world a greener place? A variety of groups are working on ways that libraries and librarians can positively impact our environment. The ecolibrarian (<http://ecolibrarian.org>) shares ideas about how collection development and administration activities can become more earth-friendly. Another option is to attend unconferences. Unconferences are virtual conferences where presenters share their work both during the conferences and after the conference so that their talks are easily accessible. The reduction in travel to conferences results in a smaller carbon footprint. An example of an upcoming library unconference is the Green Library Unconference which will be held on Earth Day, April 22, 2008. To find out more about this conference, you can contact the organizer, Steve Carr, scarr2@arlingtonva.us. Some additional ideas for greening up your library can be found at <http://librarycampnyc.wikispaces.com/Green+Librarianship>. If you have any additional ideas or examples to share about how you are greening up your library, please share them on the Hotline blog at <http://olahotline.wordpress.com/>.

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