

# OLA Hotline

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## Association News

### OLA BYLAWS CHANGES

The OLA Board is collecting needed changes for our Bylaws; these will be discussed at the November Board meeting and changes will be voted on by the membership at the annual conference. All Divisions, Roundtables, and Committees Chairs are asked to review their bylaws and contact Ed House with any changes. The bylaws are available on the OLA web site: <http://www.open.org/ola/bylaws/>.

### WANT TO SERVE ON THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE?

The Publications committee currently has openings. This committee oversees the Hotline, Quarterly, and web site. If you are interested, please contact Sara Charlton, [scharlton@wcn.net](mailto:scharlton@wcn.net) or Anne Billeter, [billeter@jeffnet.org](mailto:billeter@jeffnet.org).

### SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Have you attended an OLA program? Or perhaps you've taken advantage of a continuing education activity that others might be interested in. In the spirit of enriching the professional lives of all library employees in Oregon, the OLA Hotline welcomes reports from conferences, workshops, and other professional development programs you have attended and feel would be interesting to other OLA members. Send your reports to the OLA Hotline editors at [ola@open.org](mailto:ola@open.org). The OLA Hotline is published on the 1st and 15th of each month; deadline is 3 (working) days before publication.

### OLA PHOTO ALBUM ON THE WEB

As the web editors, we'd like to add a new feature to the OLA web site: an OLA Photo Album to highlight what we do and all the people who make it happen. We encourage you to take pictures at your next OLA event or get-together, and send them to us--we'll scan them and send them back. Send prints

to Juanita Benedicto or Colleen Bell, Knight Library, 1299 University of Oregon, Eugene OR 97403-1299. Please include captions for the pictures, with names of people appearing in them, as well as the date and name of the event.

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY**

It's that time of the year again, time to see if there might be someone interested in being the Secretary for the OLA Children's Services Division. According to our by-laws, this position is for 1 year, and is appointed by the CSD Chairperson. Anyone interested in knowing more about this position, or willing to take on this responsibility, please contact Donna Zehner, CSD Chair, 503/623-3841. This is a great way to become involved in OLA, especially if you're new to the area.

## **Legislative News**

**Michael Gaston of Deschutes County Library** reports that the one-year fifty-five cent library levy passed with a 68.7% Yes vote; 62% of area voters returned ballots. Congratulations!

## **Happenings**

### **REFERENCE ROUND TABLE MEETS NOVEMBER 6**

The OLA Reference Round Table presents, "Think Like a Cataloger & Reader's Advisor at the Reference Desk," Friday, November 6, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. There will be an optional brown bag lunch at noon. Reference Round Table programs are free and open to all interested library personnel. For more information and to register contact Elizabeth Mannarino, [elizabeth.mannarino@ci.corvallis.or.us](mailto:elizabeth.mannarino@ci.corvallis.or.us) or 541/757-6793.

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVALUATIONS**

The Summer Reading Program may be over, but there's still one last thing to do--you guessed it!--the evaluation of the program theme, materials, etc. For those of you who have already sent in your forms--a huge thank you! For those who may have gotten side-tracked, please take a few minutes and fill out this very important form. For those libraries not a part of the Summer Reading Committee, it's your way to communicate to the Committee exactly what you liked, and

what you'd like to see changed in future years. For all of us, it's a great way to contemplate the summer's successes, and consider some changes for the next year... Contact Donna Zehner, [dalchild@ccls.org](mailto:dalchild@ccls.org) for more information.

### **YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD**

School is in session again and it's time to promote the Young Reader's Choice program.

JUNIOR DIVISION NOMINEES (grades 4 through 8):

- Granny the Pag (Nina Bawden)
- Frindle (Andrew Clements)
- Ballad of Lucy Whipple (Karen Cushman)
- Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker (Cynthia DeFelice)
- The Gentleman Outlaw and Me - Eli (Mary D. Hahn)
- The Music of Dolphins (Karen Hesse)
- The View from Saturday (E. L. Konigsburg)
- The Chicken Doesn't Skate (Gordon Korman)
- Awake and Dreaming (Kit Pearson)
- Jip, His Story (Katherine Paterson)
- Brian's Winter (Gary Paulsen)
- Crash (Jerry Spinelli)
- Belle Prater's Boy (Ruth White)

SENIOR DIVISION NOMINEES (grades 9 through 12):

- SOS Titanic (Eve Bunting)
- Danger Zone (David Klass)
- The Golden Compass (Philip Pullman)
- Rats Saw God (Rob Thomas)
- The Tuesday Café (Don Trembath)

These titles will be voted on between March 15 and April 1, 1999. Send votes to [signpost@u.washington.edu](mailto:signpost@u.washington.edu) or to YRCA, Computer Lab Manager, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Box 352930, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

The YRCA program is the oldest children's choice award in the U.S. and Canada, dating back to 1940. It allows children to read, enjoy and help select a winner that appeals to them. Hundreds of children from Oregon join other Northwest readers to cast their votes for their favorite books.

The 1998 awards went to Louis Sachar and Karen Cushman

for their books *Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger* and *The Midwife's Apprentice*, respectively.

For more information, visit the YRCA web page at <http://www.pnla.org/yrca.htm>. There are links to YRCA sites with information on support materials, voting, nominating, past winners and more.

### **"BOOKS BY RAIL" LIBRARY SERVICE BEGINS**

With the opening of the light rail line from Portland, Oregon, to points west on September 12, not only can people board in Hillsboro, some 20 miles away, but they can also check out a book while waiting for the train. Hillsboro Public Library has opened a branch at the downtown Hillsboro Central Light Rail Station. This is the first facility of its kind on the west coast, and an excellent opportunity to make libraries even more accessible. Similar services are currently offered in Paris, Montreal, Cambridge (MA), Pittsburgh (PA), and Washington, D.C.

Patrons are expected to be primarily adults and new library users and will include downtown city and county employees as well as commuters. An estimated 1,500 bus and train riders travel through the station daily. The Library does not attempt to offer the full range of normal library services but focuses instead on the immediate needs of commuters. The circulating collection for this very small branch includes popular paperback books and magazines, many copies per title. Staff also sell copies of the Oregonian and Hillsboro Argus newspapers and distribute bus and light rail schedules. No food or drink is sold. An online public access terminal is available for searching the countywide database. The branch also provides a pick-up and drop-off point for materials borrowed from other libraries. Regular hours of operation are 6:30 am to 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Start up costs for Books by Rail are \$188,000. The library anticipates receipt of a \$65,000 federal grant (LSTA) for the first 1/3 of the budget. The City of Hillsboro will contribute \$60,000 for the second 1/3. Hillsboro Public Library is seeking contributions from the private sector--companies, businesses, organizations, and individuals--for the last 1/3 of the budget. Within the donation categories, Golden Spike, Silver Whistle, Bronze Boxcar, Iron Rail, Tin Trolley, and Copper Caboose, the library has currently secured \$20,000 toward its goal.

## **COOPERATIVE LIBRARY EXPERIMENT SERVES HIGH SCHOOL AND PUBLIC**

The Parkrose Cooperative Library, a partnership between the Parkrose School District and Multnomah County Library, is now open in the Parkrose High School Community Center, 12003 N.E. Shaver St., Portland.

The cooperative library's main function during the day will be as a high school library. Public library hours are 3:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 3:30-6 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

"Although there are many details to be worked out and a variety of issues yet to be determined, this is an exciting opportunity for Parkrose area library patrons to have increased public library service," says Ginnie Cooper, director of libraries for Multnomah County, "It's also a challenging experiment for Multnomah County Library and the Parkrose School District."

School rules of usage will prevail during the day, including use of the Internet. Multnomah County Library rules will be in place after the school day and on Saturday.

## **LIBRARIES PROMOTE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and the libraries of Washington County are partnering with other agencies to observe the occasion. Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the Portland Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, new books, bookmarks, and bibliographies will be available in public libraries in October. The grant was written in conjunction with another county agency, the Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program, as well as Providence Health Systems. Working together they have created educational materials for distribution and selected books to be added to library collections.

Recent research indicates that one in every eight women will get breast cancer over the course of their lifetime. Over 97% of women whose breast cancer is found at an early stage live for 20 years or more. Early detection saves lives. Celebrate the lives of the women you love by educating yourself on this important topic.

## **LAMA SEEKS CULTURAL DIVERSITY GRANT APPLICANTS**

The Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is accepting applications for its Cultural Diversity Grant. The application deadline is December 1.

The program aims to support the creation and dissemination of resources that will assist library administrators and managers in developing a vision and commitment to fostering diversity in their institutions. Other goals are to increase the representation and advancement of people of color in the field of library administration and management; to establish productive partnerships between LAMA and major national organizations representing minority interests; and to strengthen the diversity of LAMA membership, committees and officers and integrate diversity into all aspects of the association's work.

The LAMA Cultural Diversity Grant is available to LAMA members or LAMA units in support of the program goals. Members of the LAMA Cultural Diversity Committee are ineligible.

Applications and guidelines are available on the web at <http://www.ala.org/lama/awards/culturaldiv/> or from Shonda Russell, Communications Assistant, LAMA, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. E-mail: , Fax: 312/280-5033.

## **NEW LAMA DISCUSSION LISTS FOCUS ON SAFETY AND MOVING LIBRARIES**

Two electronic discussion lists have been established by the Library Automation and Management Association (LAMA) to promote dialog among librarians between conferences.

SAFETY-L will focus on safety and security in libraries and MOVLIBS-L will provide a forum for those involved in moving libraries.

Both lists are open for subscription by any interested individuals, whether they are LAMA members. To subscribe, send a message to [listproc@ala.org](mailto:listproc@ala.org) (subject line is blank) with the message: subscribe safety-L first\_name last\_name; or subscribe movlibs-L first\_name last\_name.

SAFETY-L was created by the LAMA Buildings and

Equipment Section (BES) Safety/Security Discussion Group. The discussion group provides a forum for librarians interested in safety and security issues as they relate to the design, construction, renovation, and equipment of library facilities. The discussion group and the electronic list will serve as an information exchange and support group to identify and discuss common concerns and to examine alternative solutions to problems. For more information, contact the discussion group chair, Mollie Lawson, 660/543-8780 or .

The LAMA/BES Moving Libraries Discussion Group, established at the 1998 ALA Midwinter Meeting, created the MOVLIBS-L discussion list. The discussion group and the list will provide a forum for librarians interested in issues associated with relocating collections, furniture, equipment and personnel, and will serve as an information exchange and support group to identify and discuss common concerns, lessons learned and best practices. For more information, contact the discussion group chair, Timothy Diamond, 216/623-2914 or .

### **PLA PRESIDENT-ELECT TO FOCUS ON THE "VALUE" OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Harriet Henderson, director of the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries in Rockville, MD, will focus on the "value of public libraries in our communities" during her term as president of the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). She assumes office at the end of the 1999 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

"Public libraries provide excellent value in our communities, both for the individual consumer and for the community as a whole," Henderson said. "Every community is different, but within each community we need learning opportunities for adults and children, support for businesses, support for new citizens and access to electronic information. These are just a few values that the public library provides, no matter how large or small the community."

For more information contact, PLA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 800/545-2433 x5PLA.

### **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 1999 RUSA AWARDS**

Nominations are being accepted for the 12 awards in 1999

sponsored by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). The deadline for award nominations is December 15, 1998. The awards are:

- The Dartmouth Medal is presented to honor achievement in creating reference works that are outstanding in quality and significance. It is typically given for works made available during the calendar year preceding the award.
- The Denali Press Award (\$500 and a plaque) recognizes reference works that are outstanding in quality and significance and provide information specifically about ethnic and minority groups in the United States.
- The Disclosure Student Travel Award (\$1,000) enables a student with the ALA Annual Conference. The award is presented by RUSA's Business Reference and Services Section.
- The Facts On File Grant (up to \$2,000) is awarded to a public, academic or school library for imaginative programming that would make current affairs more meaningful to an adult audience.
- The Gale Research Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship (\$1,000 and a citation) is given to an individual who has distinguished himself or herself in business librarianship.
- The Gale Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services (\$1,000 and a citation) is presented to a library or library system for developing an imaginative and unique library resource to meet patrons' needs.
- The Genealogical Publishing Company Award (\$1,000 and a citation) recognizes and commends professional achievement in historical, reference and research librarianship.
- The Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award (a citation) is given to a librarian who has made significant contributions to library adult services.
- The Isadore Gilbert Mudge/R.R. Bowker Award (\$1,500 and a citation) is given to a person who has made a distinguished contribution to reference librarianship.
- The Reference Service Press Award (\$1,000) recognizes the most outstanding article published in Reference and User Services Quarterly, RUSA's

official journal, during the preceding two volume years.

- The John Sessions Memorial Award (a plaque donated by the AFL/CIO) recognizes the efforts of a library or library system to work with the labor community.
- The Louis Shores-Oryx Press Award (\$1,000) is given to an individual, team of individuals or an organization to recognize excellence in the reviewing of books and other materials for libraries.

For more information, contact Sheila Henson, 800/545-2433, x4398, Fax: 312/944-8085, E-mail: . RUSA Web site: [http://www.ala.org/rusa/rusa\\_awards.html](http://www.ala.org/rusa/rusa_awards.html).

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY WEB SITES**

Student research on women's history topics is now easier through the National Women's History Project's comprehensive web site, <http://www.nwhp.org/>. Bookmark it for its indexed links to an array of thoughtfully selected, biography-rich and topical sites. Women scientists to suffragists, astronauts to artists, soldiers to peace activists: U.S. history is the focus, but international information is also included. Useful, too, for its classroom activities featuring women's history, illustrated quiz about notable women, and online access to much of the new Women's History Catalog.

### **LAMA/YBP STUDENT WRITING AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD COMPETITION OPENS**

Students in ALA-accredited library and information studies programs are invited to submit articles in a Student Writing and Development Award competition sponsored by the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) and YBP, Inc. The deadline for entries is March 31, 1999.

The topic for 1999 is technology's impact on leadership, encompassing such issues as competition and new opportunities. The article will be published in the Fall 1999 issue of "Library Administration and Management," LAMA's magazine. The award recipient will receive a travel grant of up to \$1,000 to attend the 1999 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The winner will also be recognized at the LAMA President's Program and at the first meeting of the LAMA board of directors.

For more information, article guidelines, selection criteria,

and an application, visit the LAMA web site,  
<http://www.ala.org/lama/awards/> or call Beatrice Calvin,  
312/280-5036.

### **APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LOLETA D. FYAN GRANT**

Application materials for the ALA 1999 Loleta D. Fyan Grant are now available. The deadline is December 15, 1998.

The \$10,000 grant, now in its seventh year, is for a project that will develop and/or improve public library services that are innovative and responsive to the future. The project should have the potential for broader impact and application beyond a specific local need and should be capable of completion within one year.

Applications can include, but are not limited to: local, regional, or state libraries; associations or organizations; and library schools or individuals.

Fyan, former ALA president (1951-52) and state librarian of Michigan for 20 years, bequeathed funds to ALA with the intent that "these funds be used for the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide."

The 1998 winner was Cindy Mediavilla for a project entitled, "A Study of Homework Centers in Public Libraries." Mediavilla's project will study well-established public library homework centers, located throughout the United States, in order to identify the elements needed to successfully organize and run a homework assistance program.

For more information and application materials, visit the ALA Office for Research and Statistics web site,  
<http://www.ala.org/ors.html>, as well as by mail: ALA Office for Research and Statistics, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago IL 60611; phone 800/545-2433 x4274; fax 312/280-3255; email: [ors@ala.org](mailto:ors@ala.org).

## **Continuing Education**

### **OLA CHILDREN'S SERVICE DIVISION 1998 FALL WORKSHOP**

The theme of this year's workshop is "Looking to the Future." The workshop will take place on Saturday, November 7,

1998, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Springfield Public Library.

Events will include guest author Susan Fletcher, the annual CSD Auction, discussion of Summer Reading Program sponsorship, presentation of the Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award, selection of the Summer Reading Theme 2000, and book talks by CSD members. Cost is \$16.00 (OLA members), \$18.00 (non-OLA members); registration includes lunch. A registration form is available on the CSD web site: <http://www.open.org/ola/org/csd/>; deadline is November 1, 1998.

For more information contact Donna Zehner, Dallas Public Library, 503/623-2633 or [dalchild@crls.org](mailto:dalchild@crls.org).

### **AALL WORKSHOP, "COPYRIGHT IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY"**

The American Association of Law Libraries is offering, "Copyright in the Age of Technology" on Saturday, November 21, 1998, 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., in Seattle, Washington.

Modern technologies introduce new challenges and generate questions on issues of copyright. Laura N. Gasaway, Director and Professor of Law, Katherine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina, is one of the leading authorities on copyright law and libraries and will address these issues and answer questions such as: How does copyright law apply to digitized information? What are the changes in copyright in the electronic environment? How do you cope with new formats and different methods of accessing and storing information?

Topics covered in this full-day workshop include: Copyright Act of 1976, Owners' Rights, Fair Use; Fair Use Conclusion; Section 108: Library Exemption; Digital Issues; and Non-print Works.

Participants will learn to: Understand the copyright law at it applies to law libraries; Apply existing law to newer electronic media; Identify areas in which the law is unclear or in which new laws are needed; and Design solutions to copyright problems in their local libraries.

The deadline for registrations is October 30, 1998. The registration fee is \$125.00 for AALL members, \$158.00 for

non- AALL members, \$84.00 for student members and \$104.00 for student non- AALL members. The fee includes program, handouts, lunch, and morning and afternoon breaks.

Registration forms may be obtained on the web at [http://www.aallnet.org/events/edu\\_copyright.html](http://www.aallnet.org/events/edu_copyright.html) or from Maggie Kearney, AALL Program Assistant, 312/939-4764 or [kearney@aall.org](mailto:kearney@aall.org).

For additional information about this program, please contact Lara Koban, AALL Educational Program Coordinator, 312/939-4764 or [lkoban@aall.org](mailto:lkoban@aall.org).

### **"DO ASK, DO TELL: OUTING PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY"**

"Do Ask, Do Tell" is a conference for those interested in the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people in the Pacific Northwest. This conference will take place October 24-25, 1998 at the Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, WA.

Presentations will cover historical research and interpretations, the politics of history, collecting and conservation, skill-building workshops, and first-person accounts of historical events and experiences. Everyone, from scholars to members of the general public, is invited.

Further details and a registration form are available on the web at <http://www.teleport.com/~glapn/ar01002.html> or from Garry Schalliol, Head of Education, Washington State Historical Society, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington 98402; phone: 253/798-5879; email: [gschalliol@wshs.wa.gov](mailto:gschalliol@wshs.wa.gov).

### **URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL: "THE FUTURE'S IN THE BALANCE"**

What does the public think about public libraries, technology and the future? What is the language the public uses to talk and think about what they want from their public library? What are the consequences of how the public thinks about the library for public library professionals, trustees and advocates?

"The Future's in the Balance" is a dynamic, one-and-a-half day workshop designed to help public library directors and public relations professionals, trustees, and advocates

understand the gaps between the public's perception of the public library and our professional understanding and communication about our work. Based on research done by the Benton Foundation, this workshop identifies the disconnects between our publics and ourselves. More importantly, the workshop will help participants identify new language and presentations to gain public understanding and support of library goals, as well as provide a multi-media tool kit to take home.

This workshop will be presented in San Diego February 6-7, 1999, in Atlanta March 6-7 1999, in Pittsburgh April 10-11, 1999 and in Denver, May 15-16, 1999. For more information, contact the Urban Libraries Council, 1603 Orrington, Suite 1080, Evanston, IL 60201, phone 847/866-9999, fax 847/866-9989.

## People

**JULIA PAULSEN** has been hired on a one year contract by Southern Oregon University to work both in Reference and Cataloging. She is a 1998 graduate of the U of Washington library school and also has an MA in history from UW. She has been working in the UW Library Gifts Department for the last ten years, and she has worked part time as a reference librarian in a branch of the Seattle Public Library for the last year.

**TRACIE SMITH** began July 1 as Umpqua Community College's new Reference Librarian, replacing LOIS SOULIA, who retired. Tracie has her own philosophy about being a librarian: Avoid stereotypes...Be enthusiastic...Encourage library use.

**TERRI WASHBURN** began her position as Branch Program Manager at Douglas County Library on July 13. She has experience working in public library systems with branches, most recently as Assistant Director in Arlington, Texas. Prior to her position in Arlington, she was Bid Supervisor for DRA, vendor for the DCLS automated system. She started off the hard way, helping Riddle Branch Library pack books for the re-carpeting and interior painting--and then came the orientation and training of a new Branch Librarian at Drain.

**FRED REENTSJERNA** has joined the staff of Douglas County Library as a Cataloger. He will supervise cataloging

and acquisitions and also serve six hours a week on the reference desk. Fred is being welcomed back to the public library from the Douglas County Museum, where he was a research librarian. Fred has had experience in public and academic libraries.

**TED STARK** joined the Jackson County Library management team in June as the new Upper Rogue Region Manager, responsible for the Eagle Point, Butte Falls, Prospect, Shady Cove, and White City branches, and for coordinating systemwide staff training. He moved here from Iowa. For the past four years he was an automation consultant for the Iowa State Library, where he administered a \$2.5 million grant project to create a statewide library information network using the World Wide Web in combination with a state owned and operated fiber optics network. Before that, as assistant administrator for the Central Iowa regional system serving libraries in ten counties, he was responsible for library automation and network consulting, plus continuing education, grant writing, backup reference services, and administration. From 1982-1991 Ted was the director of public libraries in Eldora, Charles City, and Decorah, Iowa. His MLS degree is from the University of Iowa.

**FRAN CARDOZA** writes: "It's true. Hi Ho - Hi Ho - back to work I go. After almost 15 months of retirement, beginning fall term I will be working at Rogue Community College part time as a Reference Librarian. When I first retired it was always in my mind that I might seek library employment, in a limited capacity, sometime in the future. Reference has always been my favorite kind of library work and when I heard this position was available I decided to take advantage of the opportunity. My new position will allow me to maintain many of my personal interests such as gardening, cooking and actually having time to read, while keeping me current and active in the field. I am looking forward to being more involved in the local and state library community as there is no substitute for the kind of positive energy generated by the special people employed by and associated with Oregon libraries."

## **Employment Opportunities**

# Calendar