

**OYAN Minutes**  
**April 30, 2004**  
**Eugene Public Library**

**Attending**

Executive Board: Carol Reich, Chair (Hillsboro); Ali Kastner, Co-Vice Chair (Multnomah County); Susan Ludington, Secretary (Deschutes County); K'Lyn Hann, Web Editor (Newberg); Anne Guevara, Past Chair (Jackson County). Absent: John Sexton, Co-Vice Chair (Jackson County); Lee Catalano, Newsletter Editor (Multnomah County).

Members: Lori Moore (Jackson County); Mary Ginnane, Patricia Prisbrey, and Maura Scanlon (Eugene Public); MaryKay Dahlgreen (Oregon State Library); LeighAnn Morlock (Vernonia School District); Brian Bond and Carol Lamb (Douglas County); Heidi Weisel (Corvallis-Benton County); Christine Atkinson (Fern Ridge).

**Introductions**

Following introductions, a sign-up sheet for next meeting's agenda items was circulated.

**Old Business**

Approval of the January Minutes

The January minutes as changed prior to the meeting were reviewed and discussed. Lamb moved to approve, and Guevara seconded.

Financial Report

As of March 31, 2004, OYAN has \$5217.02 in its account. An additional \$1038.00 was raised by the OYAN raffle held at the OLA Conference. Each month, deposits into the OYAN account generally average about \$400.00, with most of the money coming from memberships. Several expenses that have not yet been deducted from the balance are as follows:

- Nancy Osa fee and travel expenses: \$500.00 + \$62.03 = \$562.03
- Sylvia Beach Hotel: \$90.47
- Card for Virginia Ewer Wolff: \$2.49
- Carol Reich expenses for Collaborative Summer Library Program conference: \$418.40 + \$154.59 = \$572.99
- Lee Catalano scholarship to PLA Conference: \$147.72
- Printing costs of Book Rave: \$114.00
- Total Expenses: \$1489.70 (remaining balance \$4765.32)

**Continuing Business**

Dahlgreen Report

Dahlgreen received an email message from author Nancy Osa, thanking OYAN for arranging her session at OLA and providing her with her "best audience ever," and sold out of the copies of Cuba 15 that she'd brought to the conference. Members who had attended agreed that she gave an awesome presentation, particularly her reading aloud from her book; several expressed their desire to hear more authors publicly read from their works.

For the Letters about Literature contest, Dahlgreen thanked OYAN, CSD, and OEMA for each donating \$200.00 and for Target's contribution of \$500.00. With this money, \$100.00 checks were awarded to the three first place winners, \$50.00 checks went to the three runner-ups, \$25.00 Powell's gift cards went to the 11 honorable mentions, and each of the 75 state semi-finalists received \$5.00 Powell's gift cards. Target also presented \$50.00 gift cards to each first-place winner. In the state of Oregon, 934 youth participated in the contest, which reflects a slight decrease from 2003; however, nationally, participation in the program has increased.

Once again, the State Library is offering the Focus on Children and Young Adults Institute, which seeks to provide a foundation of knowledge about areas of librarianship relevant to public library service to children and young adults. This year, sessions include early brain development, early literacy development, collection development, reader's advisory, programming, and young adult services. The Institute, which will be held

September 12-15 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, OR, is three days long, limited to 32 participants, and costs \$95.00 to attend. Preference is given to staff with no advanced degrees at small libraries or at libraries that currently offer no youth services programs. Brochures announcing the Institute are sent in July, and registrations are due by August 6.

Dahlgreen received a request from the librarian at Mt. Bachelor Academy looking for books appropriate for a 14-year-old African American girl who had been adopted by white parents. She is seeking young adult titles that recount the African American experience that would be meaningful to this teen.

Dahlgreen also mentioned she received grant information for the Let's Talk About It program, which is a reading and discussion series created by the American Library Association; this year's theme is focused on the exploration of Jewish literature and culture. The program guidelines and grant application information was passed around to members for consideration. For more information, check out this portion of the ALA website: <http://letstalkaboutit.notlong.com> (link shortened for clarity's sake).

### Spring Workshop with CSD

Ludington reported on the Spring Workshop, hosted by the Children's Services Division (CSD). The objective of the workshop is to showcase and share ideas, crafts, programs, etc. from successful summer reading programs. Approximately 50 library staff from around the state of Oregon attended the six-hour workshop at the Salem Public Library. Multiple copies of all crafts, program ideas, and the like were displayed at the front stage of the lecture hall, where attendees could browse and pick up relevant information following the presentation of the various items. Ludington represented OYAN and teen summer reading programs in Oregon by displaying and discussing items from Albany Public Library, Milton-Freewater Public Library, Fern Ridge Public Library, Hillsboro Public Library, and Deschutes Public Library. Atkinson was also present at the workshop, and engaged the audience in a game that she incorporated in her teen program.

Overall the workshop was a success, with many library staff from central and eastern Oregon. Upon hearing some suggestions for improvements to the workshop, Dahlgreen reminded us that this was only the second year of the workshop and recommended that OYAN approach the CSD about partnering next year for a more comprehensive program. She also suggested that information shared at this workshop be presented in an abbreviated version at a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Library Association.

### OLA Report

OYAN participants in the OLA Conference reported on their sessions:

- **Book Rave:** Kastner stated that overall the program went well, with approximately 30 people in attendance. Kastner and Sexton conducted the program, sharing the 20 titles included in the 2004 Book Rave, along with some other recommended YA titles to fill out the 1.5 hour long program. The addition of PowerPoint slides with the book cover images was especially well received by both the presenters and audience members.
- **YA/Adult Crossover Books:** Reich reported on this session that she led with Ludington and Public Library Division member Marsha Weber. She and Weber had chosen adult books appropriate for teens, and Ludington presented teen books recommended for adults. In total, 52 titles were included on the printed bibliography handout, which was distributed to the approximately 75 people in attendance. Reich commented that she glanced at a few of the audience evaluation forms, and that many "5's" were circled, indicating that session attendees were pleased with the presentation. Hann suggested an alphabetical ordering of the book titles so, when each was being discussed, session participants could easily locate the title and jot relevant notes.
- **Raffle:** Kastner told members that the annual raffle netted \$1038.00 after expenses, which is on par for previous years earnings. She offered extensive thanks to Dahlgreen, Hann, and Reich for their efforts at selling tickets; despite the location of the raffle table (in with the poster sessions, a room off from the vendor aisles, rather than at Peyton Stafford's booth as had been done in previous years), Dahlgreen stated that the raffle is now an "institution" at the conference that people have come to expect, and sales were not affected. She clarified that it's the Conference Committee who is responsible for the layout and set-up of the vendor booths and tables, and suggested if a more visible location were desired, to contact them. Again, stickers were given to folks who purchased tickets so that they weren't asked again for contributions. To compare earnings in previous raffles, Reich reported the following approximate profits:

- 2000: \$800
- 2001: [dollar amount not recorded]
- 2002: \$1200
- 2003: \$1100
- 2004: \$1040

### SRP Collaborative Annual Meeting Report

Reich shared with members the details of her trip to Madison, WI for the Collaborative Summer Library Program's annual meeting, which she attended with CSD Chair-Elect Chandra vanEijnsbergen. The three-day event was attended by approximately 60 representatives from the 27 states who belong to the collaborative, as well as delegates from marketing and artistic arenas; Reich postulated that the combination of the energy and enthusiasm of librarians tempered with the realistic predictions from the professions made for a very productive meeting. In the meeting, all attendees sit in one large room and everyone is able to speak; the chairs from the different committees, all volunteers, present their committees' statements, which has seemed to be effective. Over the course of the get-together, they cover five years of CSLP activity: The previous year, the current year, and the upcoming 3 years. For future programs, the themes and details are:

2005:

- "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" (children's version); Stephen Kellogg the selected artist.
- "Joust Read" (teen version); artist still undetermined, as Collaborative is aware that artwork can't appear too young, though a sketch was provided from one possible artist.

▪ 2006:

- "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" (children's version)
- "Creature Feature" (teen version)

▪ 2007: Mysteries and Puzzles theme (titles unspecified at this time)

Currently, Oregon constitutes 6 votes as items are put forth from the Collaborative; votes are based on the number of libraries in the state that are part of the CSLP. However, Reich stated that the organization is thinking about changing the allocation of votes to balance out the larger states vs. the smaller ones.

There is now a bidding process for a production company to design and sell the incentives and promo items; however, since Highsmith has done such a good job in previous years, they are likely not threatened. Products and incentives were made available for evaluation, plus representatives can give input regarding future suggestions.

Reich discussed the problem with Oregon's arrangement: Since the OSL is not involved with the Collaborative (many state libraries are), there is no continuity from a regular attendee to the annual meeting from year to year who knows what's going on. Dahlgreen suggested that OYAN think long-term about selecting a division representative – perhaps the vice-chair instead of the current chair – to the national meeting (next year it's in Delaware) who will know and understand the process. Reich, following a discussion she had with Chandra vanEijnsbergen, suggested that Dahlgreen, as the Oregon State Library's Youth Consultant, consider attending the annual meeting.

### Nominations Committee

After approaching individuals she believed to be qualified and capable in filling OYAN officer positions, Dahlgreen announced the nominations for 2004/2005:

- Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Susan Ludington
- Secretary: Mary Ginnane
- Web Editor: K'Lyn Hann (re-elect)
- Newsletter Editor: Lee Catalano (re-elect)

Officers will switch over in September, and the new Executive Committee is in charge of the October (fall) quarterly meeting. The OLA Board Retreat will be held on August 2-3, and Guevara suggested that whoever attends the retreat should plan on attending the 9 OLA Board meetings. Kastner said that she would have to confer with Co-Chair John Sexton, though it was mentioned that perhaps one would attend OLA Board meetings while the other ran OYAN meetings.

### Proxy Vote Results

Reich informed that the proxy measure (discussed at previous meetings) was passed at the OLA Conference by the membership. She requested that the secretary add a statement in the Chair duties addressing this, specifically that the Chair is expected to tell the OLA President who OYAN's proxy will be in the fall, as well as to notify the President in advance if a proxy is being sent to an OLA Board meeting.

### **New Business**

#### PLA Conference Session Reports

Ludington, Scanlon, and Dahlgreen presented brief reports to attendees about February's PLA Conference in Seattle: Sessions attended by OYAN members included "Juvenile Justice Grant in a Public Library," "Zines and Teens: A Radical Combination," "Teen Volunteers at Your Library," "Teens as Co-Workers," and the closing session with Sherman Alexie as the featured speaker. Everyone who attended PLA said the conference was exceptional with many programs aimed at serving teen patrons. Attendance was the highest it's ever been for the organization's national conference, and the exhibit hall was sold out.

#### OLA Conference Session Reports

Reich participated in a session on leadership succession planning and spoke highly of a speaker from Las Vegas who described their in-house mentorship and training program; Ludington reported favorably on the OYAN-sponsored session that presented an overview of the successful partnership between librarians at Philomath High School, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, and Oregon State University. Ginnane reported on one presented by Multnomah County Library, who received an LSTA grant toward library website beta-testing using open source technology, as well as another session sponsored by the PLD about libraries reaching out to teens, naming Multnomah County Library for their successful venture with their Teen Action Team.

### Elections

In the shortest election ever, Dahlgreen moved that the membership elect the slate of candidates mentioned earlier in her report from the Nominations Committee; Kastner seconded.

### 2005 OLA Preconference Ideas

Ginnane recommended that OYAN consider doing a pre-conference on a "big approach" to YA library services, with particular emphasis on youth involvement, citing the Forum for Youth Investment [[www.forumforyouthinvestment.org](http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org)], Positive Youth Development [[www.ncfy.com/ydfactsh.htm](http://www.ncfy.com/ydfactsh.htm)], and other established organizations. Dahlgreen followed by saying that the pre-conference should have a speaker who isn't a librarian, but one who knows and practices the research, for example from the Search Institute or health profession. Kastner added to this by referring to the book The Primal Teen, which discusses how brain activity of teens affects their behavior. Attendees agreed that the scope of the pre-conference could look at the professional research information, and then demonstrate what that information means and how libraries can use it effectively.

Dahlgreen suggested in the morning, specialists could talk about teen brain development followed by aspects of positive youth development (e.g., 40 developmental assets described by Search Institute). Ginnane offered the idea of a strategizing session about what we can do in libraries, perhaps by having real teens from various backgrounds talk about their perception of the library. Since most libraries don't have staff devoted exclusively to YA services, this type of pre-conference could offer critical information to those in need.

Members wondered whether or not the pre-conference should be co-sponsored with the ACRL, PLD, or CSD; however, it was noted that profits from the pre-conference should be distributed equitably based on each division's effort (with OYAN the primary organizer). We have the option of doing a full-day or half-day pre-conference; in 2003, OYAN charged \$85.00/person for the full-day pre-conference on graphic novels. Dahlgreen urged OYAN members to start making contacts, as the proposal is due to the OLA Conference Committee in September. She suggested that, for the July OYAN meeting, members should bring ideas to that meeting, namely tentative pricing, specific presenters in mind, etc.

### **Quarterly Business**

#### Newsletter Submissions and Due Dates

A sign-up sheet for submissions for the OYAN newsletter was passed around, with the announcement that items are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Future Meeting Dates

- Summer meeting: Sue Plaisance's house in Lincoln City – July 23, 2004
- Executive Board meeting: TBD (should be held in August/early September)
- Fall meeting: Multnomah County Library, Hollywood Branch [Portland] – October 15, 2004
- Winter meeting: Jackson County Library, Medford Branch [Medford] – January 21, 2005 (tentative)
- OLA Conference: Holiday Inn (Airport), Portland – April 6-8, 2005
- Spring meeting: Deschutes Public Library, Bend Branch [Bend] – April 29, 2005 (tentative)

### Bibliographies and Programs

- Reich: Joint editor and writer on the soon-to-be-published book **Reaching Out to Religious Youth: A Guide to Services, Programs, and Collections**, which is a title in the "Professional Guides for Young Adult Librarians" series published by Libraries Unlimited. After a 3-year journey, which stemmed from a 1998 VOYA article on teens and religious sources, Reich is thrilled that the book, with each chapter addressing a different religion, is nearing completion and believes that it will be a valuable contribution to library professionals.
- Weisel: Celebrated El Dia de los Libros with a teen program entitled "Taste of Salsa Dancing." The event drew in about 40 people over the course of the evening, including 6 teens from the Yes House, a residential drug treatment center.
- Ludington: Author visit by Gail Giles mostly successful, and definitely a learning opportunity. Anticipating Gordon Korman's visit in October.
- Hann: Tie-dying program in spring; Anime Club in town met to preview donated movies.
- Guevara: Grand opening of new Medford Library with Monty Killingsworth and Sharon Kiesel (authors) present. New library has a separate room for YA area, which includes games and music. Staff in there 20 hours/week; the absence of staff at other times hasn't been a problem so far.

Reviewed book: **Doing It** by Melvin Burgess – not sure of popularity with teens, as it's full of British-isms, locker-room chatter, and is extremely graphic.

- Ginnane: Public TV station has cooperated with public library to create video production classes for teens and adults. Teen-made videos being shown along with art displays.
- Kastner: Extra money offered by MCL selector of children's music spent on 10 copies of selected music titles as recommended by teens.
- Scanlon: Using "Get Lost" theme, with the addition "between the stacks and the stars." Will have movie and book discussions, and movie nights including homemade videos. Programs include bookmaking, sketching, cooking, tango, and journaling.
- Atkinson: Trying to connect with local organization Arts for Youth to offer cartooning and watercolor workshops for teens. Other programs include a hula dance class taught by 17-year-old Hawaiian and additional art/craft programs.
- Bond: Was a previous member of OYAN in 1990's, now beginning again at the Reedsport branch of Douglas County Library System. Recently moved the entire YA collection so it would be near a table.
- Lamb: Expressed pride that a previous teen library user is now graduating with MLIS degree. Received a small grant from Ingram to buy a few prize books for teens.

Reviewed books: **Sunshine** by Robin McKinley and **My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult