OYAN Summer Membership Meeting 2025
July 25 - 11 AM - 3 PM
Drfitwood Public Library and Zoom

Intro: Name, Library, Position, Favorite Escapist Read

- **Lisa Elliot**– Teen Librarian, Tigard (she/her) – Favorite escapist read: queer romance
- **Brianna Sowinski** – North Plains – cookbooks & trash TV
- **Vickie Husted** – Driftwood Youth Services, Co-Chair – cookbooks, cheesy historical fiction
- **Greta Berquist** – State Library (she/her) – *What to Cook When You Don't Feel Like Cooking*
- **Vanessa** Clausing– Youth Services, Newport (she/her) – travel books (Honduras, Nicaragua)
- **Chloe St. Clair** – Teen Librarian, Gresham (she/her) – queer fantasy/sci-fi, queer romance
- **Lily Hawley** – Teen Services, Forest Grove (she/they) – k-pop demon hunters fanfic, Tamora Pierce
- **Ian Duncanson** – Community Engagement Librarian, Beaverton (he/him) – pulp sci-fi/fantasy
- **Lindsey Quigley-Johnson**– (she/her) – in a reading slump
- **Emma** – Intern (she/her) – past favorites: queer fantasy
- **Lisa Power** – Library Assistant, Banks PL (she/her) – romance, shifter romance, gardening
- **Meagan Hopkins Looney** – Teen/NA Librarian, Deschutes PL (she/they) – Johnny Garza Villa, fanfiction
- Additional attendees joined later: Marian (Seaside PL, dystopian), Anna (Seaside PL, thrillers), Cara (sci-fi)

Approve Minutes from Spring meeting

- Vicki Motions to approve.
- Chloe seconds.
- Unanimous aprpoval.

State Library report - Greta

- **Teen Internships:** 20 libraries hosted interns; some had additional funding.
    - Examples: outreach to senior centers, strong teen engagement.
- **Reforma:** planning Mock Pura Belpré, inviting Governor & First Lady.
  Funding Concerns: LSTA funding expected to end in 2026. Ready-to-Read position likely restructured. Potential layoffs based on seniority.
- **Youth Services:** Libraries urged to communicate priorities now (e.g., internship grants at risk).

Officer Reports

OLA Report - Vickie

- May/June board meetings focused on LSTA contingency planning. We are getting 2025–2026 funds. Trusting that those funds will be there - on a reimbursement basis.
- Advocacy: OLA Legislative Committee drafting an “ask” for stable funding.
- Priorities: State Library funding, “Freedom to Read” bill, ODE support for school librarians.
- Federal funding insecurity noted.
- OLA/PNLA raffle raised $3,000+.
  Division head vote on funds was tabled.
- CSD Chair Vacancy discussed.

OYAN Election - Lisa and Vickie

- Shirley will set up online election. Send the link out to members.
- Briana and Ruth are incoming Chairs.
- Chloe is incoming chair.
- Meagan - publications manager
- Summer Reading Rep - vacant - will not lose iRead - in the contingency plan

Secretary Report - Lindsey

- Nothing to report. Keep up the Good work!

Publications report - Brianna and Meagan

- Focus shifting from Instagram to blog.
- Blog highlights: teen interns’ projects; interns may write posts.
- Possible SRP wrap-up blog with teen journals.

Budget – Ian

- Membership dues down ($485 actual vs. $850 projected).
- Raffle income: $3,003.62.
- Higher income offsets lower membership.
- The “Proposed wasa lot higher than the actual.

Graphic Rave – Lily, Chloe, Ruth

- Categories: Middle Grade, Nonfiction, PNW, Manga, etc.
- Discussion: thoughts about expand Manga category to include Webtoons/Manwha; consider translations/original-language works.
    - does Manga have to be Japanese? Expand category to webtoons? Perhaps eventually
        - Thoughts about manga style, adaptations
        - Webtoons would want its own category?

        - A lot of artists and authors use pseudonyms so it's hard to tell the origin and figure out the kind of publication.
        - The "has to be japanese" thing is going away. Will change how the Manga category is presented.
        - Limiting webtoon titles? But some of them are originally no webtoons and then converted to webtoons, graphic novels, etc.
        - Thoughts about the original –foreign language categories.that highlights stuff in translation. Might be hard to get nominations for.
        - Manga and Manwha sections were smaller, and Lisa said she is glad that this category is being expanded.
        - Would be cool to see graphic novels in original language - spanish original titles.
- Decision: keep 20 selected titles; broaden definitions going forward.
- *Libros for Oregon* trip to Guadalajara: Vickie may purchase for libraries
- Store Suggestion: Books with Pcitures - Portland Location and Eugene Location are great.

OASL Planning – Vickie, Lily, Chloe, Ruth

- Vickie & Lindsey will table at OASL.
  Discussed offering workshops/resources for school librarians (booklists, ARCs, booktalks, database literacy).
- Noted challenge: many school librarians self-fund OASL memberships.
- Opportunity to build relationships with school staff.
- Seeking OASL liaison.

1:30 OYEA Award Procedures and Committee

- Duty of incoming chair to form OYEA committee.
- Suggest starting process earlier (Fall meeting, listserv post in Nov.).
- Suggestion: let librarians know they were nominated after the fact
- Timeline: Fall nominations → Winter/Spring review → Conference event.
- Discussed outreach, venue scouting (e.g., Columbia Riverfront Holiday Inn, local restaurants).
    - 30-40 people attended 2025
- Chloe to scout options.
    - Columbia Riverfront Holiday Inn by Jansen Beach, charter a bus or organize a carpool.
    - Jansen Beach Bar and Grill in the Holiday Inn
    - Three Sheet at the Harbor

Conference Debrief

- OYAN sponsored several successful sessions.
- Highlights: AI/Digital Navigators session, storytime resource sharing, poster sessions were centrally located and by the vendors.

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    - Next time - more of a focus about the ethical decisions of using AI
- Concerns: conference vibe felt flat; venue setup difficult.
- Suggestions: more interactivity, better session scheduling, address emotional labor of networking.

Mock Printz Lite plans

- Full workshop to be held biennially.
- This year: create a list of 8 titles, share with members for self-hosted events.
- Timeline:
    - October – send list (based on starred reviews).
    - Provide toolkit (how-to guide, voting resources).
- Lisa to coordinate volunteers.
- Danielle maintains starred review spreadsheet.https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17uOCqzE_WGcT9rs43QnH7Xg3nTbpMp3EHi404s3ofG8/edit?gid=1597228791#gid=1597228791

Summer Reading share (All)

- **Lisa:** Escape rooms, fairy houses, fused glass, cryptid hunts.
- **Chloe:** Increased engagement through outreach & booktalks.
- **Vickie:** Focused, simplified summer programs; more depth during school year.
- **Ian:** Programming up; registration down.
- **Meagan:** Created custom reading log; https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UxbuXmIa4UkkTK3bWNLwM_ROKqaW0_2t/view.
- **Lisa Power:** “Reading Dragons and Friends” game popular. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdC_bubbF2MRRT_VfbNd61XrZclirvl7WofHRl8PhVQyz0lEw/viewform
- **Vanessa:** Henna art, reverse tie-dye, “Bad Art with Bob Ross.”
- **Brianna:** Felting workshops.
- **Chloe:** managing volunteers, 60+ teen volunteers. Watercolors.

Books, resources, and program share (All)

- Ideas included:
    - Frankentoys / Zombie Barbies
    - Candy sushi
    - “Roll for Sandwich”
    - Perler beads
      Minimalist art projects

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Fall Membership:** October 12, Newberg PL
- **Winter:** Online with pods (date TBD)
- **Spring:** TBD (likely at OLA/PNLA conference)