

**OYAN Fall Membership Meeting, October 23, 2015**  
Hillsboro Public Library

**Attendees & Book Suggestions:**

Kris Lotsock, McMinnville – Beastly Bones by William Ritter  
Mackenzie Ross, Silver Falls – Glass Sentence by S.E. Grove  
K'Lyn Hann, Newberg – The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery  
Dave La – Tracks by Robyn Davidson  
Angnela Arena, Cottage Grove  
Valarie Johns, Cottage Grove – Far, Far Away by Tom McNeal  
Nathan Jones, St. Helens – Laughing At My Nightmare by Shane Burcaw  
Sonja Somerville, Salem – Devoted by Jennifer Mathieu  
Bryce Kozla, Washington County – No Sleep pod cast  
Jackie Welch, North Plains – More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera  
Bobbie Hernandez, Tillamook County – Dumplin' by Julie Murphy & Shadow Shaper by  
Daniel Jose Older  
Katie Anderson, State Library – Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel  
& Beyond the Magenta by Susan Kuklin  
Jane Schepke, Crook County Library – Basic 8 by Daniel Handler  
LuCinda Gustavson, Springfield – Jackaby and Beastly Bones by William Ritter  
Violeta Garza, Multnomah County – Far From You by Tess Sharpe  
Keli Yeats, NW MCL – Martian by Andy Weir & Dear Creature by Jonathan Case  
Ian Duncanson, Beaverton – I Crawl Through It by A.S. King  
Lisa Elliot, Tigard – Sheppard's Crown by Terry Prachett  
Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill – Bone Gap by Laura Ruby  
Amy Grimes, Lake Oswego - Accident Season, by Moira Fowley-Doyle  
& Bone Gap by Laura Ruby

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

We added CSD author visit to the agenda

**BUSINESS/REPORTS**

Review/Approve July 24, 2015 Minutes – Approved by Kris, Mark seconded. Passed with no objections.

**Budget Report – Ian Duncanson/Sonja Somerville**

We are one month into the fiscal year, have made 155.00 on membership dues, we have spent 15.95 for snacks. On track and working beautifully. Budget submitted to the membership – Possible banner and table cloth for OYAN, Sonja would like to add money to that budget line to cover cost the cost of the items. Double to 500.00. Budget approved with amendment to cover the new costs.

## **OYAN Executive Committee Meeting (September 4, 2015) – Ian**

Review OYAN Objectives and Activities

A change to the Bylaws was made to allow more time flexibility in electing new officers. Ian took the amendment to OLA meeting and it was passed. Old language – “16.043 – New Officers will be elected at the spring meeting and will assume duties at the fall meeting.” New Language – “Election process for new officers will begin at Spring Meeting. New officers will assume executive duties at the annual Executive Meeting.” Ian is waiting to hear back from Buzzy on adding additional language. Officers exchanged the flash drives.

## **OYAN officers Elections – The Dramatic Results!**

Ian Duncanson – Chair

Bobbye Hernandez & Violeta Garza – Incoming Co-Chairs

Amy Grimes – Secretary

Keli Yeats - Publications

Lisa Elliot will help Keli with Publications.

## **OLA Board Report – Ian**

Discussed future conferences

2016 OLA conference - 96 programs and 10 pre-conferences were submitted. Only 48 programs and 4 pre-conferences will be picked. The theme is “Tell Your Story.” The board is working to pick sessions.

OYAN proposed programs-

1. Book Raves
2. Active programming for teens/tweens in coordination with SRC theme.
3. What in the World are the official Alex Award Nominations?
4. New Adults in the Library - programming for new adults/college-age students
5. “Evaluate This” (outcome-based evaluation)

E-mail accounts for OLA officers-

The idea was to create a go-to place for emails that can be used by each chair. The OYAN consensus was that gmail accounts would work well. Some expressed worry that they wouldn't check an extra e-mail address as much; forwarding to work e-mail would be useful.

Strategic Planning Committee Update-

The committee is looking at consultants and a conference session has been planned.

2017 OLA Conference – adding an extra Saturday (\$3,500 for about 100 people) to accommodate OASL attendance was discussed. Ultimately, OASL decided that they could not give up their fall conference due to needing the income from the conference. They do not want to write off the possibility of adding a Saturday in the future.

2019 joint conference – a coop conference with the WLA – will be in Portland area, NOT Vancouver (Hilton too small). OLA opposes switching the conference to the fall because it's bad for school and academic librarians, and it would give us one fiscal year with no conference income.

**BURNING QUESTION:** Have you done STEM-related programming?

Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill- Junkyard Wars, throw a bunch of junk on the floor and give them a theme, they used the materials to build what they can. He gets his materials from Scrap.

Lisa Elliot, Tigard - Messy Science Craft, dry ice – made their own root beer. They made their own neon signs. Technology classes, animation, infographics.

Ian Duncanson – Beaverton- Is excited to try the Lego stop motion video app to do a program. The app is called Lego Movie Maker. Tween Messy Science experiments: Smore's makers, flubber, candy science, gum drop molecules, guess the candy bar, silly putty, make your own ice cream.

Sonja Somerville, Salem – Myth Busters, they have a web site with experiments and lists and instructions online. Most popular was the toothpicks and marshmallows. Got a \$9,000 grant to build robots, and computers, and is looking forward to planning a program. Using some robots for the teen haunted house. Easier to get grants if you add STEM in the description. Plan on circulating the finchs as well. They take time to figure out.

Nathan Jones, St. Helen's – Also got a grant using STEM in the description. Went old school and got some erector sets and combines them with the Legos at the programs. Snap circuits are also fantastic, uses them as a passive programming. Candy science, compared sweeteners. Scratch website also a great resource.

Mark Richardson, Cedar Mill – Are circulating the finchs. Can be a lot of trouble shooting.

LuCinda Gustavson, Springfield – Also got a STEM grant bought, snap circuits, little bits, cublits, dash robots of spheros. 15 3D pens, magna-tiles, makey makey boards. Will also work with the schools and check items out to classrooms.

Violeta Garza MCL- Once a month program for kids, asks the teens to volunteer. Bubble recipes, Lego DNA, toilet paper roll mazes, scientific method folding paper.

Cottage Grove – Smithsonian exhibit Human Origins is visiting, they will plan 3 events to tie into that exhibit.

Bryce Kozla – Coding in the library, [Wiscodeliterati.org](http://Wiscodeliterati.org) a good resource for libraries.

## **RESOURCE SHARING:**

Ian Duncanson – Funny/Scary stories, change the themes yearly. Three prizes, 100, 50, and 25\$ prizes. Creative writing contests, twice a year, maybe make zines with them in the future? Zombie party coming up. 13<sup>th</sup> annual teen art show coming in November. Blick sponsorship, gave gift cards. 4 days long.

Lisa Elliot – Back to the Future program, had a DeLorean in the parking lot. Tween book group, met twice, not sure if it really addresses the tween needs. Teen book group, 15 books available each month, meet monthly, driven by teens, with an activity, usually ORCA books, Friends buy the books, the teens can keep the books. Started doing a diversity training with her Teen Board, they have a transgender member on the board. First months was gender identity, next month will be talking about holidays. Very receptive so far.

Valarie Johns-At Roseburg they had a very strong teen book group, snacks and crafts tie-in.

Sonja Somerville – Making a haunted house, part of the annual teen scene party. Value Village donated supplies. Teens get to go through on Friday, and then younger kids will come through on Saturday. Will take pictures.

Kris Lutsock – *Jackaby* author will come visit schools, he is a teacher, and is used to talking to kids, a great visitor. Could talk about the craft of writing, the process of getting published, or about his books in general. He will also skype for free.

## **BUSINESS/REPORTS**

### **OLA Conference – Ian**

OYEA Reception - Looking at the possibility of doing it at McMenamins, seats about 20. OYAN not sure it's big enough. Ian will talk to April about other spaces that might seat more.

### **Book Rave Update – Sonja**

Nominating away, has heard from a lot of people. Every year OYAN organizes an activity where we nominate books published Nov. 1 2014-Oct.31 2015 everyone gets to nominate. She will then place the nominees on survey monkey, and narrow it down to 20. The list is secret until the OLA reveal.

Some suggestions were; Bone Gap, Mosquito Land, Shadowshaper, X a novel, and City of the Dead.

### **ILAGO Report – Ian (via Julie Handyside)**

On October 16th, Western Oregon University hosted the meetings of ILAGO (Information Literacy Advisory Group of Oregon) and OWEAC (Oregon Writing & English Advisory Committee). One goal of this meeting was to start planning the ILAGO Summit. A call for presentations will go out soon. The Summit is a perfect opportunity to share any school collaborations or related programming. Consider submitting a proposal. It would be fantastic to have teens speak about their experiences and contributions again this year.

### **ORCA Report – Lisa**

In 2015 we had 2, 454 youth read and vote! About 70 schools and libraries participated.

The winners are:

Upper Elementary School Division Winner: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

Middle School (intermediate) Division Winner: *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman

High School (Senior) Division Winner: *The Fault in our Stars* by John Green

The committee is reading and thinking about 2017 nominees. A nomination link will not be sent out until January, but suggestions are welcome. We are looking at titles that were published in 2014 and are now available in paperback. Voting on 2016 titles will be in March.

Most ORCA resources and information are now on the Wordpress blog:

<https://oregonreaderschoiceaward.wordpress.com>. There's also a Facebook page I encourage all to like: <https://www.facebook.com/oregonreader> (it does not appear to be linked from the website or blog).

There are still no resources for 2016 nominees. There's a special collection of ORCA titles on Overdrive, though there's some random ones in there too. We should create or make available an ORCA winner sticker on the website.

### **State Library Report – Katie Anderson Letters About Literature:**

- Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing contest for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, with a local component. Students write a letter to an author, living or dead, explaining how the author's book changed them. It's a wonderful opportunity for underserved youth because the contest is more about how books change people's lives and less about writing skills—although they are important too. In the past, the Oregon State Library administered the local component of Letters About Literature. Starting this year, Willamette Writers is administering it. Information about the contest is on the Willamette Writers website: <http://willamettewriters.com/letters-about-literature/>

**Ready to Read:**

- *If there are a lot of new children's librarians at the meeting, I'll give a little background. The only state funding public libraries in Oregon receive is through the Ready to Read grant program. Ready to Read is a non-competitive grant, meaning the State Library uses a formula to calculate exactly how much money each library receives and all public libraries that apply by the deadline receive the grant. Libraries may only spend state funds on early literacy activities for children birth to age six and/or summer reading programs for youth birth to age 14. Libraries report once a year to let the State Library know how state funds were used and the impact those funds had on youth. The State Library compiles your reports into a big report that goes to the Legislature. This report is used to advocate for continued state funding for public libraries.*
- MaryKay is developing a strategy for taking the proposed changes to the Ready to Read grant program (a.k.a. Reading for Success) to the Legislature again. We will let the library community know more when we know what the strategy will be and have something concrete to report.
- Libraries should have received their acceptance letters for their 2016 Ready to Read grant applications. 2016 funds will be distributed in December and may be spent January 1-December 31, 2016.
- Reports on your 2015 Ready to Read grants are due on December 1, 2015, as always. Report forms were mailed to library directors and Ready to Read key contacts two weeks ago and they are available on the State Library's website.
- Please contact Katie Anderson with any questions about Ready to Read or if you need help filling out your 2015 report. [Katie.anderson@state.or.us](mailto:Katie.anderson@state.or.us), 503-378-2528.

#### Other:

- 211 is the phone number people can call to connect with local community services such as food, shelter, and counseling. 211 is now developing an app specifically with teens in mind, although it will be available for anyone else to use too. 211 staff have been engaging a lot of teens in a variety of ways to get their input on how the app should look and work. I'll let you know via the OYAN listserv when it's available.

#### Summer Reading:

- The *Save for College Save the Day* summer reading sweepstakes winners have been selected in a random drawing. They have until the end of this month to claim their prize. The names of the winners can't be announced until they've claimed their prizes, but as each winner claims their prize the Oregon College Savings Plan notifies that winner's library. Winners receive a \$529 Oregon College Savings Plan or, if they already

have an account, \$529 is added to their existing Oregon College Savings Plan. Libraries with winners receive \$500 to do with as you wish.

- In conjunction with the summer reading sweepstakes, the Oregon College Savings Plan (OCSP) sponsored one free performer for libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people and a media partnership with KATU to promote summer reading at public libraries and *Save for College Save the Day*. This summer year 55% of Oregon public libraries were eligible to receive a free performer.
- Thank you all for submitting your summer reading statistics to the State Library. I will be compiling them into the Summer Reading Annual Brief which is shared with key stakeholders and with the national Institute of Museum and Library Services because we use the Library Services and Technology Act funds we receive from them to pay for your summer reading manuals and membership in the Collaborative Summer Library Program. When I send you the Summer Reading Annual Brief at the end of the month or beginning of November I will include a template that you can plug your own library statistics in to create a summer reading report specific to your library to share with your local stakeholders. If you are looking for ways to tell your library's story and communicate the impact your summer reading program has on kids, then this template may be a resources to help you do that so be on the look for it.

### **Author visit CSD**

CSD has \$8,000 and they want to do a big author visit and they want to collaborate with OYAN and OASL. Ian just found out that OASL does not have the funding, so it would just be CSD and OYAN. E. Lockhart was one of the authors mentioned, someone also suggested Neil Gaiman. The idea is to unite the three different groups. We're trying to figure out what days and times of the year would be best to offer program. There is uncertainty about how the Fall Conference for CSD would play out, we have to figure out a lot of the logistics. The CSD would also ask for a financial contribution, how much could OYAN be comfortable contributing? We liked the idea of a summer author tour, where an author could visit libraries throughout the state, but since school is out it might not appeal to the school libraries. Ian will continue talking to Barratt Miller about this. Sonja is also on the taskforce.

### **Mock Printz Info (Saturday, January 9, 12:30 – 5:30)**

OYAN is proud to announce that registration for the 2016 Oregon Mock Printz workshop is now open. Join your fellow young adult lit lovers (teens welcome!) to discuss nine of the year's best books, and boy, are there some good ones! Here are the details:

The 2016 OYAN Mock Printz Workshop will be held January 9, 2016 \*(yes, it's early, but so is ALA Midwinter when the actual Michael L. Printz <<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz>> is awarded.) from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at the US Bank Room, Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave., Portland, OR 97205. Free snacks provided!

To register: Email [susanm@multcolib.org](mailto:susanm@multcolib.org), with name, library and email addresses of all participants. Virtual participation will be available via GotoMeeting (details later).

And now...drumroll please...here are the 2016 contenders. Don't forget to keep in mind the criteria

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/bookawards/printzaward/aboutprintz/criteria> for the award. Let the reading begin!

Challenger Deep, by Neal Shusterman  
The Tightrope Walkers, by David Almond  
Cuckoo Song, by Francis Hardinge  
Walls Around Us, by Nova Ren Suma  
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War, by Steve Scheinkin  
I Crawl Through It, by A.S. King  
Bone Gap, by Laura Ruby  
The Rest of Us Just Live Here, by Patrick Ness  
X: A Novel, by Ilyasah Shabazz

We might interview Gene Luen Yang!

### **YALSA YA Symposium & Saturday Evening Social Event – Ian & Sonja, et al.**

OYAN members (and assorted hangers on) are invited to a no-host hang out for dinner/drinks/appetizers (your choice) and stimulating conversation - beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, November 7 at The Picnic House, 723 SW Salmon St., Portland (between Park & Broadway). If you want to preview the menu, here is a link to their website:

<http://www.picnichousepdx.com/>

### **CSLP & Video Challenge – K'Lyn**

Survey went out, please take the time to fill it out. Another one will be sent out in Jan-Feb for future ideas. 2016 theme is Get in the Game. 2018 theme is music, does anyone have slogan ideas? We will be selecting the theme for 2019 at the meeting and would love some input.

Teen video challenge, they wanted to have it promoted during teen reads week, but we got the information too late. It sounds pretty much the same, April 11 2016 is the deadline that K'Lyn needs to get it to CSLP. She will need a copy of the disc from the winner by that date. The group thought that the ranking system worked well. She will let you know your submission deadline soon.

### **Working with OASL on the 2016 fall workshop? – Sonja**



Complicated... They do the OASL Fall conference on the same weekend as the state in-service day, so it would be difficult to coordinate. Could we do the graphic rave at the workshop to represent OYAN at some level? We were represented at the last workshop, at the last minute they needed someone to present some YA booktalks, so Sonja put together a huge book talk (overnight) for their conference in Coos Bay. Yea, Sonja! We should also encourage OYAN members to enroll in OASL as well, it's free for now.

#### **Upcoming Meetings – Ian**

- Winter Meeting, January 22, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Salem
- Spring meeting—May 6, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Cottage Grove
- Summer meeting—Dalles? (Includes Graphic Novel rave) late July – 16, 23 or 30 – Ian will talk to Megan Hoak.