

OLA Annual Reports 2016-17

Divisions, Committees, Round Tables, Special Assignments

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Overall Goals & Responsibilities

The Public Library Division represents all public libraries in Oregon. We offer support through the creation of standards for public libraries. We also develop programs to support your continuing education.

Objectives and activities for current year

1. Revisit the OLA State Standards and incorporate them into the Oregon State Library Report.
2. Provide Project Outcome regional training in conjunction with Public Library Directors' meeting
3. SWAT
4. Policy clearinghouse
5. Annual directors meeting
6. Annual Banquet and Award
7. Increase PLD member participation in meetings and projects.

Progress on goals and objectives

1. Oregon State Library Standards committee was reconvened to revisit the state standards, incorporate feedback we've received since the update three years ago, and explore the possibility of having the standards reflected in the annual State of Oregon Public Library report. The committee continues to work on this project, with new standards expected to go out to membership in fall 2017.
2. PLD was awarded an LSTA grant in the amount of \$10,000 to provide regional training in Project Outcome. The first training will be held September 21 at Tigard Public Library. Following this training some attendees will hold trainings throughout the state to expand the number of libraries using Project Outcome for assessment.
3. SWAT is on hold, but still an idea that PLD would like to pursue.
4. The Policy Clearinghouse is still a project.
5. The annual Directors' meeting was expanded to be held twice a year, once in spring and once in fall. The format was changed from a series of presentations to a mixture of presentation and group discussion time, which was very well received. The Directors liked having a time to discuss issues that are facing all Oregon public libraries.
6. The annual PLD banquet was held at the OLA conference with speaker April Baer from OPB. This year the name of the annual award was changed from the Olé Award to The Pearl to better reflect the new vision for the award. The Pearl recognizes a member of the Oregon library community who has worked tirelessly from the inside and demonstrated excellence, like a pearl honed into a gem over time.
7. In an attempt to increase member participation the PLD Board meetings were held in various libraries around the state. Announcements for the meetings and a link to attend virtually was sent to all members prior to the meeting.

Goals for 2016-17 – Advocacy

Goals for 2016-17 – Education

Goals for 2016-17 – Leadership

Goals for 2016-17 – Collaboration