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CALENDAR

From the Editor

For many it is that "in-between" time. Summer reading programs are winding down and the new school year is closer, but just far enough away to enjoy those last days of summer! Come September, there will be a change in how the email version of the OLA Hotline is delivered. The web version will continue to be posted on the OLA website.

The September 1st issue will be a trial run using the Association's new MemberClicks software. The advantage is that the membership "perk" of receiving the Hotline will be in sync with the current membership, rather than having to maintain a separate and increasingly inaccurate list. There is also better technical support.

The September 1st issue will be sent to everyone in the membership directory. You will have an option in your member profile to deselect receiving the Hotline or have it sent to a different email address. Further instructions will be provided in the September 1st Hotline. Please [email me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Association News

Message from OLA President, Leah Griffith

Last August, I was busy finishing up the OLA Leadership Retreat and getting ready for my year as your president. This August, it is a slower time with winding things up and preparing to pass things along to incoming president, Aletha Bonebrake. I have enjoyed this last year tremendously and have especially appreciated the chance to get to know more of my colleagues throughout the state as we worked on a variety of projects and activities.

We have had some great successes and some major changes in OLA. The annual conference was one of the best and ended up making enough money to put OLA on solid financial footing for many years to come. We started the process of automating our membership and that will continue through the coming year as we look at other services available through our online provider.

We reviewed our 2010 Vision and are making plans to ensure that we meet some of those goals by 2010.

As I finish the year, we are embarking upon a program that is very exciting. Oregon Reads 2009 is an opportunity for Oregon libraries to be a big player in the celebration of Oregon's Sesquicentennial. We're starting the process of developing a statewide "Everybody Reads" program for all libraries and communities. It should be great fun and you will be hearing more about this in the next few months.

I want to thank all of you for making my year as your OLA president a memorable one.

---Leah

ORRT Conference Planning Meeting on Sept. 1st

The Oregon Outreach Roundtable will be submitting program ideas for the 2007 OLA conference. Help us to create more dynamic and informative sessions! We had a great success at year's conference and want to build on that success in 2007. We need and value your suggestions.

Join us for a brainstorming/planning meeting on Friday, September 1, at the Salem Public Library beginning at 10 AM. If you cannot attend the meeting but have suggestions in the form of topics/persons that you think would be good for other Oregon library personnel to hear about/from, please contact [Bryn Whittmayer](#), [Robin Beerbower](#) or [Carolynn Avery](#).

Looking forward to another year of active outreach in Oregon!

Library Exchange with China - Apply to be an Oregon Delegate

The Horner Library Staff Exchange Project is an exchange of

library staff between Fujian Province, China, and Oregon, for the purpose of sharing professional knowledge about library and information science. It was established through a generous gift by the late Dr. Layton Horner to the Oregon State Library, and continues through a partnership between the State Library and the Oregon Library Association International Relations Roundtable. Our international partners are the Fujian Provincial Library and the Fujian Library Association. Fujian is Oregon's sister province in China and the Fujian Provincial Library maintains a sister library relationship with the Oregon State Library.

The next exchange will occur in 2007. In late June or early July the Fujian Provincial Library will send four delegates to spend three weeks in Oregon. In late October or early November, the Oregon State Library will send three delegates to China. At least one delegate in each group must be fluent enough in Mandarin or Minnan dialects and in English to act as translator.

For the Oregon delegates the Horner Fund will pay round trip air fare, beyond an initial \$500, from Portland to Fuzhou. The Fujian Provincial Library will provide housing, food, and some ground transportation within China. Individual delegates are responsible for \$500 of the airfare, medical insurance and expenses, costs of passport and visas, personal expenses and souvenirs.

Although there may be opportunities for sight-seeing, delegates are expected to work in the Chinese libraries, by observing their practices, providing training and consultation, and sharing professional expertise. Delegates may choose to extend their time, at their own expense, to take in more sight-seeing.

Applicants for the Horner Exchange program must meet all of the following requirements: Be a current member in good standing of the Oregon Library Association and its International Relations Round Table. New members of OLA/IRRT are eligible to apply. Have a demonstrated interest in, and involvement with, international librarianship and/or cultural exchanges. Be employed by a library or library-related institution in Oregon. The interpreter may be a retired librarian who worked in Oregon and is an Oregon or Washington State resident. Have, or be able to obtain, a valid passport which will not expire before 2009. Pay \$500 of the airline costs.

Commit to involvement with the visit of the Fujian delegates to Oregon, in order to become acquainted with them before going to China. Be willing and able to share experiences at an OLA or IRRT program. Be in good health. Be able to commit to a three-week trip to Fujian, probably in late October or early November 2007. Some flexibility may be needed in case of complications in paperwork.

Preference may be given to candidates who meet the following criteria: While Chinese language proficiency is not required, it may be considered in making the final selection, as the OLA IRRT is committed to including one person in each exchange who can speak Mandarin or Minnan dialect well enough to act as translator. The final selection of exchange participants will represent a diverse set of skills to fill the stated needs of the Fujian Library Association. An MLS degree may be preferred.

Timeline for selection:

- Early August - Call for applications
- Sept 30 - Deadline for receiving applications. Submit your application electronically to [Carolee Hirsch](#) by the end of the day September 30, 2006.
- Oct - Dec - Review applications, check references, screen interpreter's skill
- Early January - Announce three delegates and two alternates

Application instructions can be found on the [IRRT website](#).

OLA Quarterly - Upcoming Issues and Calls for Submissions

The next four issues of the OLA Quarterly now have themes and editors. This is your chance to be published and share your insights with the Oregon library community. Information for Authors can be viewed at the [OLAQ website](#).

FALL

As mentioned in the July 15th Hotline, the Fall issue will be titled, "Burnout," and will be edited by Rachel Mendez. Share your strategies for managing burnout! Email [Rachel](#) to submit a proposal.

** Deadline for submission of an article proposal: August 15, 2006

** Publication date: Fall 2006

WINTER

The Winter issue will be titled, "Tribal, Solo, and Rural Libraries," and will be edited by Richenda Wilkinson. Do you work in an isolated library setting and want to share the challenges and successes? This is a great opportunity to spread the word about your efforts. Contact Richenda if you are interested in writing an article at (541) 917-4641 or by [email](#).

** Deadline for submission of an article proposal: October 15, 2006

** Publication date: December 15, 2006

SPRING

The Spring issue will be titled, "New Voices, New Views: The Next Wave of Librarians," and will be edited by Anne-Marie Deitering and Janet Webster. This issue will feature articles by library and information science students. Do you have ideas about what libraries could be doing, where they should be going with services and collections, and how to get there? This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions, to let people know about the projects you're working on, to get your feet wet in the world of publishing, and to introduce yourself to Oregon librarians.

Currently enrolled students and recent (2006) graduates are eligible for this special issue. Preference will be given to students who are OLA members. Special [student membership rate](#) is available for \$25.

Submit proposals via email to [Anne-Marie Deitering](#) or [Janet Webster](#). Your proposal should include the title of your paper, an abstract (150-250 words) that describes your idea and explains why you think it would be of interest to Oregon librarians and your contact information. A short outline may be included, but is not necessary.

** Deadline for submission of an article proposal: November 15, 2006

** Deadline for manuscript of accepted proposals: January 1, 2007

** Publication date: March 15, 2007

SUMMER

The Summer issue will be the "President's Conference Issue" and will be edited by Aletha Bonebrake.

** Deadline for submission of an article proposal: April 15,

2007

** Publication date: June 15, 2007

Happenings

Oregon Council for the Humanities Grants Available

The Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH) awards public program grants in two cycles each year in order to cultivate and promote activities that explore the humanities in engaging and participatory ways. It is especially interested in projects that help individuals and communities make connections to their neighbors and the world by encouraging humanities practices such as inquiry, reasoning, and analysis.

OCH welcomes grant applications from nonprofit organizations and institutions including those that may not typically define their work as being based in the humanities, and from local groups working in partnership, such as a public library cosponsoring a program on medical ethics with a community hospital. Public Program Grant guidelines are available on the [OCH website](#).

The open, competitive grant cycle for public program grants will fund activities as varied as lectures, reading and discussion groups, public conferences, documentary film or radio work, and discussions before or after literary readings, performances, or films. OCH's budget for this grant cycle is \$60,000; grant requests may range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Letters of intent to apply for a grant in this cycle must be postmarked by Aug. 21.

The targeted grant cycle of spring 2007 public program grants will fund community reading and discussion groups including, but not limited to, One Book or Everybody Reads programs. OCH encourages applications for projects in their inaugural year and those supporting continuing programs. A public library must be involved in the program but need not act as the grant's sponsoring organization. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate strong partnerships between community organizations. OCH's budget for this grant cycle is \$40,000; grant requests may range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Letters of intent to apply for a grant in this cycle must be

postmarked by Feb. 1.

Library Technology Futures Workshops

The Oregon State Library and Oregon Library Association are pleased to present a day-long workshop in four locations around the state that will provide library staff with the most up to date information available on emerging library technology and new technology trends for libraries. Joe Ford, an experienced library consultant and educator from Olympia, Washington, will conduct the workshops that will examine the technologies, the services they provide and support, and planning, preparation, and timing issues.

LOCATIONS AND DATES:

- September 19, Salem (Oregon State Library)
- September 20, Roseburg (Douglas County Library)
- September 22, Bend (Deschutes Public Library, Administration Bldg.)
- September 25, La Grande (La Grande Public Library)

All workshops will begin at 8:30am and end at 4:30pm with approximately 45 minutes for lunch.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

This course is a fast-paced 7-hour presentation conducted using MS PowerPoint, paper handouts, and supporting material. The course presentation and materials will be prepared no more than three weeks prior to the presentation, ensuring absolutely up-to-the-minute information on current, emerging, and future technologies.

Part 1: Emerging Library Technologies -- What's Hot and Available Now (morning session): Discussion of current and emerging trends in library technology, including Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Automated Materials Handling (AMH), e-commerce, NISO Circulation Interchange Protocol, new Integrated Library System (ILS) functions, and self-service features. All these products are in some state of availability at this time, and all are gaining ground in libraries as we move to reduce costs and improve services.

Public libraries will adopt some or most these technologies over the next 5 years, and need to be prepared to budget for

them, purchase them, and then implement and manage them.

Part 2: New Technology Trends -- Potential Library Impacts (afternoon session): Discussion of technology trends such as Web Services, Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP), Really Simple Syndication (RSS), WiMax, Mobile Services and other emerging technology trends that are likely to impact libraries in the future. We will examine these technologies, the services and support they will provide, and planning, preparation, and timing issues.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Library managers, technical support staff, and anyone interested in preparing for the next round(s) of library information technologies.

PRESENTER:

Joe Ford is a library information technology consultant with 25 years of experience in operating, advising on, and configuring automation and networks for libraries. Since 1989, he has been the president and chief consultant of his own library technology consulting firm. His clients include public, academic, school and special libraries. Joe Ford's work focuses on practical, mainstream technology for libraries, with a particular emphasis on cost effective decisions. He has delivered many well received workshops on a variety of practical topics in library technology.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The workshops are funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" grant. Priority registration will be given to public library staff until August 28, after which time open seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis for staff from public, academic and school libraries. NOTE: attendees from public libraries will be required to fill out a brief workshop feedback survey before the end of the workshop.

Please note: Non-public library staff will need to provide their own lunch (brown bag) or pay on-site for lunch. CHECKS ONLY will be accepted, NO CASH. Cost is not expected to be more than \$12.50. NO SHOWS from non-public libraries will be billed for the cost of lunch. FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE is SEPTEMBER 7TH.

To register, email [Val Vogt](mailto:Val.Vogt) and include your name, library

name, and which workshop you would like to attend. Confirmations will be sent via email shortly after receipt of email registration.

Help Compile the Oregon Book List!

The Oregon Department of Tourism is calling upon librarians from around the state to help compile a list of book titles, both fiction and nonfiction, that show "Location as Character."

Which books, either set in Oregon or about Oregon, do you think really give the reader a sense of what this beautiful state is really like? What book might you buy for a friend who has never visited Oregon?

The Oregon State Library will be compiling the "Oregon Librarians' List of Favorites." After releasing it to the Department of Tourism, the list will be posted to Libs-or. Send your suggestions via [email](#).

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