

OLA Hotline

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Association News

Message from OLA President, Aletha Bonebrake

Legislative Day is coming up on February 7! This is an important day for librarians to acquaint their legislators with OLA's position on some very important issues. There is nothing that influences a legislator more than receiving a personal visit from a constituent with a message. When the many members of OLA take the trouble to go to Salem as a group; legislators notice. It is most powerful if each legislator visited by at least one librarian from his or her jurisdiction.

The Legislative Committee and I urge you to sign up for Legislative Day. Make an appointment with at least one of your legislators and come to Salem for the day. There will be guidance and orientation available for those who are new to this important responsibility. It is very easy to do. More details are provided in the Legislative News section below.

You will also find [online discussion papers](#) for all the issues, which you can print off and carry with you. They include funding the Ready to Read program, a bill to refine obscenity statutes, OLA position on double majority reform, two papers on the importance of school libraries to student success, a bill to protect privacy of e-mail addresses, and the Library Appropriation Bill SB 5523.

The Legislative Day Committee, Janet Webster, Diedre Conkling and Sara Charleton, have done a wonderful job making it easy and enlightening to participate. Don't miss this

event. You owe it to your legislator and to your community to make your voice heard.

I would be very proud if librarians flowed in from all over the State and every one of our Senators and Representatives met a librarian with a message that Day. Please come.

Nominations for OLA 2007 Elections Due by February 28th

Put on your thinking caps... now is the time to recommend colleagues and associates for the upcoming OLA 2007 Election. Don't hesitate to nominate yourself if one of the positions appeals to you. The positions are:

- Vice-President/President Elect (three year commitment)
- Treasurer (two years)
- Secretary (one year)
- ALA Representative (three year term)

Information about the duties for each position can be found on the [OLA website](#) or by contacting the incumbent to the position or the nominations committee. The President-elect position is open for anyone from a public library setting. This position usually flips between someone from the public library world and academic world. Anyone outside those two realms is welcome to run any time. The election will take place in May after the Annual Conference. Terms of office begin September 1, 2007. All nominees for OLA office must be OLA members in good standing.

Please email nominations to [Leah Griffith](#). Nominations MUST be received by February 28th. Questions? Please contact any of the members on the Nominations Committee: [Leah Griffith](#), [Mary Norman](#), or [Maureen Kelly](#).

OLA Conference - Online Registration is Available!

Registration is now available for the OLA Conference 2007 in Corvallis. Register online with a credit card or by check. Once you have completed your registration form and have chosen a payment option, you will receive a confirmation page. If paying by check, please include a copy of the confirmation

page with your check and mail it to the address noted on the page.

Sign up early to get the best rates. Information and forms are available at the [conference website](#).

Join OLA SSD for Free!!

There's still time to join the OLA Support Staff Division (SSD) for free. Simply pay your regular OLA fees by March 31, 2007 and your \$5 SSD membership is waived. Don't forget to click on the Support Staff Division affiliation when you renew your membership. If you are not sure if you are an SSD member, go to the [Memberclicks log in page](#) to check your affiliations. Don't wait, time is running out! If you have any questions, call Cathy Zraggen at 541-312-1086 or send an [email](#).

And the Horner Delegates to China are...

The OLA International Relations Roundtable's Selection Committee has chosen three delegates and three alternates for the Horner Library Staff Exchange with Fujian Provincial Library in China. The delegates will spend three weeks consulting with libraries in China in October or November.

The delegates are Gretta Siegel, Science Librarian at Portland State University; Teresa Landers, Deputy Library Director and Extension Services Manager at Corvallis-Benton County Public Library; and Rosalind Wang, retired Education/Social Science Librarian at Portland State University.

Alternates are Brandon Barnett, Electronic Resources Librarian at Multnomah County Library; Sarah Nelsen, School Corps Librarian at Multnomah County Library; and Kai Myers, Cataloging Technician at Portland Community College.

The Horner Library Staff Exchange will host four library delegates from Fujian Province, who are invited to visit Oregon for three weeks in late June and early July. The Host Committee's next meeting is at PSU on Jan. 29, 1:00, to plan the details of their visit. If you are interested in being involved, email [Bruce Flath](#). For more general information

about the Exchange, email Bruce or [Carolee Hirsch](#).

Legislative News

OLA/OEMA Legislative Day on Feb. 7th

Whether you have done this before or not, we hope to see you in Salem. If you cannot come, please call or email your legislator on the 7th to voice support for Oregon's libraries. Their contact information is available on the [OLA Legislative wiki](#) by choosing their name.

Schedule:

7:30-3:00 Individual appointments with legislators

8:30-1:30 Displays Galleria - Children's Book Selection for Legislators

9:00 Issue Briefing, State Library Room 102

11:30-1:00 Lunch (self-pay), Goudy Commons, Willamette University

1:30-2:30 Legislative Committee meeting, State Library Room 102

Appointments with legislators:

These will be whenever you have made them. Check the OLA Legislative wiki to see if one has been scheduled for your legislator. If not, call them and ask if an appointment has been scheduled. Schedule one if possible.

Issue Briefing:

Nan Heim, OLA's lobbyist, will give a briefing at 9am in the State Library, Room 102. Materials will be available to take to Legislators' offices. People will also be there throughout the day, so you can check in and also ask questions. Visit the wiki for the issue papers.

OEMA Read Posters:

OEMA photographers will be visiting legislators to take their photo for Read Posters. A photographer will also be in the Galleria.

Lunch:

Lunch is on your own. A space is reserved in Goudy Commons, which is across the street from the Capitol on the Willamette University campus. It's a nice cafeteria and

pleasant place to eat. This can be a welcome break from the halls of the Capitol and a chance to talk with others. [Map](#)

Parking:

Bring quarters if parking on the street or in the underground lots. \$6.00/day parking permits are available in State Capitol Room 49; these permits are valid, "When parked on CITY OF SALEM (on street) TWO, THREE & TEN HOUR PARKING METERS in the area bounded by D, Ferry, Church and 12th Streets." - the quote is from one of these permits. You need cash, as credit cards are not accepted. There is a parking lot on the north end of the mall that is \$6 for the day and a credit card can be used at the kiosk located in the lot, or purchase with cash in Room 49 of the Capitol. More information on the [capitol website](#).

Contact us for more information or with questions:

[Janet Webster](#), [Diedre Conkling](#), [Sarah Charlton](#).

Notable People

Tom Stave Receives ALA/Government Documents Round Table Award

Arlene Weible announced that the 2007 ALA/Government Documents Round Table Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founder Award has been given to one of Oregon's own: Tom Stave, Head of the Documents Center at the University of Oregon.

This award particularly recognizes government documents librarians who may not be widely known at the national level, but have made significant contributions to the field of state, international, local, or federal documents. Oregon librarians are probably familiar with one of Tom's particularly noteworthy projects, the website: [Data for Local Communities](#).

Congratulations Tom!

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