

# OLA Hotline

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## CALENDAR

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### Association News

#### **OLA Annual - Preconference Highlights!**

The OLA Annual Conference will be held April 18-20, 2007. [Register now](#) to ensure your spot. Early registration ends on March 16th. The conference website has more information about programs and presenters. The preconferences will be held on April 18.

#### **Teens and Today's Technology** (Sponsor: OYAN)

Through a combination of discussion and hands-on activities, attendees will look at how libraries can use a variety of electronic media to attract and maintain a teen audience. Attendees will be introduced to a broad spectrum of new technologies.

#### **Legal Ease: What Staff, Administrators & Trustees Need to Know about Libraries and the Law** (Sponsors: IFC; CSD/OYAN; SSD; PLD)

A wide variety of topics will be addressed, including an introduction to the First Amendment, libraries and the Internet, youth access, privacy and confidentiality, labeling, and challenged materials. Attendees will walk away with a road map to additional resources and methods for keeping current as the intellectual freedom conversation continues to evolve.

#### **The Power of Personal Persuasion: Advancing the Academic Library Agenda from the Front Lines** (Sponsor: ACRL-OR)

Covers the basic “tools” of persuasion: techniques for persuading others, applications of persuasion techniques for libraries, and recommended processes and examples for

persuading others within higher education environments.

**Video/DVD Cataloging: The Basics and Beyond** (Sponsor: TSRT)

An introduction to DVD and video cataloging. Using AACR2 chapter 7, LCR's, and other standards. Attendees will gain an understanding of how to catalog these materials, hear about the tools used and will have the opportunity to discuss relevant issues and decisions which need to be made.

**From Demanding to Delirious: Tools for Dealing with Difficult Patrons** (Sponsors: PLD; SSD)

This practical workshop is specifically designed to teach front-line library staff to respond to someone who is angry and hostile, to effectively assess and intervene in a range of challenging situations and will offer specific tips for handling situations involving mentally ill, drug-affected, and homeless patrons.

**It's Not If But When: Basics of Emergency Preparedness in Your Library** (Sponsor: SSD)

This session offers a broad overview of emergency preparedness, response and recovery tailored to the unique needs of libraries. There will be an introduction to disaster plan templates and the critical primary elements and priorities for emergency response and recover. Also provided will be information on print and electronic resources for emergency planning and exhibits of resource materials and supplies. For all library staff responsible for or interested in disaster planning and response.

**OYAN Delivers the Goods for OLA Annual**

Library workers of all stripes will find a variety of programs centered on working with teen patrons at this year's OLA Conference in Corvallis. OYAN, the Oregon Young Adult Network, is sponsoring a full day preconference as well as three regular program sessions. From teens and technology to school and library partnerships, attendees will be motivated to investigate new ways to serve this amazing and challenging age group.

Additionally, keep your eyes open for OYAN members selling tickets to our fabulous raffle, and join us Wednesday night before the Public Library Division's banquet for the

announcement of the worthy winner of our inaugural "OYEA! Award" for excellence in library service to Oregon teens.

OYAN-sponsored programs at OLA 2007 include:

- **Teens and Today's Technology** preconference, Wednesday, April 18 (see description above in Preconference Highlights)
- **Teen Programming Showcase**, Conference Session III, Thursday, April 19 Looking for some new ideas to serve up to teens in your library? Come check out the stations OYAN members have set up, each demonstrating a fun and successful program.
- **Talk to Me: School, Public, and Academic Library Staff in Conversation**, Conference Session V, Friday, April 20 How can library staff from a variety of institutions work together to better serve our youth? Come to this panel discussion to find out!
- **Book Rave**, Conference Session VI, Friday, April 20 Each year, the OYAN membership discusses and votes on our favorite teen books from the past two years to create a list of 20 quality titles for teen readers (and others who enjoy teen lit!). Come hear booktalks of the winners and pick up your own copy of the Rave.

### **OLA Executive Board Minutes Available**

Find out the latest! Read the [draft copy of the minutes](#) for the January 12, 2007 Executive Board meeting. Board members will vote to approve these minutes at their March 9, 2007 meeting at the Tigard Public Library.

### **Submit Nominations for ACRL-OR Board Elections by March 15**

OLA's Academic Division (ACRL-OR) needs three people to fill positions on the Board starting Sept. 1, 2007. Nominate someone or yourself for these positions by March 15, 2007. Elections begin May 1.

Available positions are:

- **At-Large positions** (2)  
General board membership for 2 year term. Must be an

OLA member.

- **Vice Chair/Chair-Elect (1)**

Three year commitment: Vice Chair, Chair, and then Past Chair. Must be(come) member of ACRL National as well as OLA. The Chair runs the ACRL-OR Board and also sits on the OLA Executive Board.

Nominations, and questions about these positions, can be directed to Barbara Valentine at 503-883-2573 or [by email](#).

## Legislative News

### Things are Moving in Salem!

HB 2116, the Ready-to-Read Grant Program Revision, passed the House with one no vote. Now, it goes to Senate Education and Government Committee. We do not see any problems with getting it passed. I appreciate all of you who contacted your legislators on this one and kudos to Pat Duke (Wilsonville Public Library) for representing OLA at the Bill's hearing.

SB 5523, the State Library's Budget, passed out of Ways and Means on the 23rd. It was one of the first state agency budgets to get over the first hurdle. Many thanks to Connie Bennett (Eugene Public Library) and Abigail Elder (Multnomah County Library) for testifying for OLA in support of the budget.

SJR 10 and HJR 14, resolutions addressing the double majority, are alive. A hearing has been scheduled for SJR 10, so now is a good time to contact your senators about SJR 10! You can find OLA's issue brief and position on the [OLA Legislative Network wiki](#).

We are waiting for a bill number to be assigned to our bill protecting patrons' email addresses. Stay tuned for more updates!

If you have questions or concerns about what's going on in Salem, please contact [Janet Webster](#), OLA's Legislative Committee Chair, or [Nan Heim](#), OLA's lobbyist.

## Happenings

### **Rachel Carson Online Book Club Begins in March**

Rachel Carson is considered by many to be the mother of modern-day ecology. This year, to mark the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's birth, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, working with the Friends of the National Conservation Training Center, will celebrate the achievements of its most notable employee by launching the [Rachel Carson Online Book Club](#).

Beginning in March and continuing through November 2007, the online book club will focus on the life and work of Rachel Carson including her role as a female leader in science and government. Through the study of her writing, the Book Club will provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion of current environmental issues in light of Carson's legacy. Several distinguished moderators will participate in the online discussions. Author and Carson biographer, Linda Lear, will launch the first session on March 1.

For more details, including the list of moderators and books, visit the [book club website](#).

### **Closed Doors; Open Democracies Webcast at OSU on March 12**

Oregon State University Libraries, in partnership with the League of Women Voters-Corvallis, are pleased to announce they are a host site for the webcast of the second annual national Sunshine Week event, "Closed Doors; Open Democracies? A national dialogue with government openness experts." It will be held 10-11:30 am on Monday, March 12, in the Willamette Industries Seminar room, 3rd floor of The Valley Library. All are welcome to attend.

Join Ira Flatow, host and executive producer of NPR's Science Friday, and two panels of government and other experts in a national dialogue addressing issues of access to government information, including the impact of government suppression and manipulation of scientific information on public health and safety - and accountability at the federal and the state and local levels. The event will begin with a lively discussion of

the issues and end with ideas for action.

This dialogue with government openness experts - which will feature video segments and a question-and-answer period - kicks off Sunshine Week 2007. Sunshine Week is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include print, broadcast and online news media, civic groups, libraries, non-profits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know. It is non-partisan, whose supporters are conservative, liberal and everything in between.

The event is being hosted by the American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association, Association of Research Libraries, League of Women Voters, National Coalition Against Censorship, National Freedom of Information Coalition, OpenTheGovernment.org, Special Libraries Association, Sunshine Week, and Union of Concerned Scientists.

Visit the [OpenTheGovernment.org website](#) for more information on the program. Also visit the [Sunshine Week website](#) to learn more about Sunshine Week. [Map and directions to OSU](#).

### **Travel Oregon Book Blog**

The Oregon State Library and the Oregon Tourism Commission have collaborated to create a book review component for the [Travel Oregon blog](#). The blog features Listening to Coyote by local author Bill Sullivan. Choose the [Continue reading "Oregonians Love Books!"](#) link to view recommendations from Jim Scheppke and other librarians across the state. Please, post your own comments and recommendations to the blog. Books should be by Oregon authors or feature Oregon in a way that gives tourists a feel for the people, places, and history here.

### **Oregon Blue Book on the Web**

The web version of the [Oregon Blue Book](#) has been redesigned to include updated information and new offerings for teachers and students. In addition to the ongoing educational resources such as the almanac and state history, it

now has significant features aimed at "kids of all ages." These include games, trivia, quizzes, web polls, a coloring book, and more. The common element of these features is that they all focus on Oregon history, people, state symbols, etc. The goal is for kids to have fun and learn about Oregon at the same time. Many of the resources range from easy to harder in an effort to appeal to students from grade school through high school. Even adults can learn something! Visit the [Kids Corner](#).

The site has some other upgrades including dozens of new images that illustrate the Oregon History narrative, as well as many more pictures in the Oregon Almanac.

Contact Gary Halvorson [by email](#) or 503-378- 5259 with questions or comments.

### **Registration Open for the Acquisitions Institute at Timberline**

Registration is now being accepted for the 7th Acquisitions Institute at Timberline Lodge. Timberline Lodge is one hour east of Portland, Oregon, on the slope of Mount Hood. The conference will be held May 19-22, 2007. Visit the [conference website](#) to see the preliminary program and registration information.

The Acquisitions Institute at Timberline Lodge is an Oregon (educational) Nonprofit Corporation, #361549-95, EIN 71-1001116.

### **Go With the Flow - A Workshop about Workplace Efficiencies**

This OCLC Resource Sharing Services Workshop is intended for intermediate-level WorldCat Resource Sharing system users who would like to learn more about several new programs and services that can substantially increase workplace efficiency. Four main areas of interest will be explored:

1. Deflection is a new tool that allows the system to deflect requests for certain types of material, from certain locations or groups. In addition, workflow issues will be discussed and hands-on exercises will be



- provided.
2. Direct Request is a tool that allows unmediated requesting with various limits. We will discuss these limits and their workflow implications, and hands-on exercises will also be provided.
  3. Local Holdings Maintenance is the successor to the Union List Subsystem. We will discuss the benefits of local holdings, how to record your holdings data, and how the data is used in WorldCat Resource Sharing. There will be hands-on exercises in using holdings data.
  4. The eSerials Holdings Service is a partnership with eSerials vendors that allows automating maintenance of eSerials holdings in WorldCat. We will discuss this service and its implications for resource sharing. No local activity is possible with this service.

This workshop from OCLC Western and PORTALS will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 from 8:30am - 3:30pm (lunch on your own) on the PSU campus in the Branford P. Millar Library, Room 160. [Campus map, directions, and parking information.](#)

Cost: \$25 (Student/retiree rate); \$35.00 (PORTALS member rate); \$45.00 (non-member rate).

Register for the workshop at the [PORTALS website.](#)

## **Employment Opportunities**

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