

OLA Hotline

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- Library Clerk (2 part-time positions), Deadline May 23, 2007
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- Acquisitions/Collection Development Librarian,

Deadline June 1, 2007

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- Secondary Research Analyst, Open Until Filled
- Reference and Distance Services Librarian, Open Until Filled
- Library Technician 3, Open Until Filled
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- BTS Business Analyst, Open Until Filled
- Assistant University Librarian - Public Services, Open Until Filled
- Business & Economics Reference & Instruction Librarian, Open Until Filled
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CALENDAR

From the Editor

Well the time has arrived to pass the torch as Hotline Editor. See the President's Message below for an introduction to the new Web Member Manager! This is an exciting step in the evolution of OLA's virtual presence.

My hope is that the Hotline news gave you a sense of belonging to a healthy and productive organization, and an appreciation for its many creative, dedicated, and enthusiastic members. It was my pleasure to serve OLA in this capacity. I look forward to seeing what happens next!

Association News

Message from OLA President, Aletha Bonebrake

Stephanie Miller, Central Library Adult Programming

Coordinator and Humanities Librarian, Multnomah County Library, has been selected as the Web Member Manager for OLA. This contract position combines the duties of website manager and OLA Hotline editor, and adds new duties in managing and expanding MemberClicks activities for the Association.

OLA's transition to MemberClicks developed at the Board's request and has been managed by Membership Chair, Camila Gabaldon, on a volunteer basis for the past two years. One of the responsibilities of this position is providing MemberClicks software training for incoming OLA officers in conjunction with the Annual Leadership Retreat. President-elect Sarah Beasley will be announcing the first ever training session at a site convenient to Silver Falls this coming August.

Stephanie has successful recent experience working with the MemberClicks program in her role as Registration Chair for the 2007 OLA Conference. She has also prepared and presented computer, information literacy, and workplace training for groups and for individuals. Stephanie has website design and maintenance skills from her experience with websites for Clackamas Community College, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, and the Maryland Library Association.

Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Science in English Literature from Towson State University in Towson, Maryland, and received her MLIS from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, in 2000. Welcome aboard, Stephanie!

Many thanks for the years of outstanding service by Hotline Editor Diane Sotak and Webmaster Rachel Mendez, who brought OLA into the virtual communication age, and to Membership Chair Camila Gabaldon who brought us to a new level of efficiency and opportunity with MemberClicks.

Vote in OLA Elections by May 16th!

There is still time to vote for OLA's 2007-08 officers. There is an excellent slate of candidates that will serve the organization well.

Quite a few of you have already voted so you may ignore this message. If you haven't voted, please do so now. [View](#)

[candidate statements and cast your vote.](#)

Members of the Children's Services Division should have received an email regarding the Summer Reading Chair/Chair-Elect election. Cast your vote at the [CSD election site](#).

If you don't remember your Memberclicks login/password, please contact [Leah Griffith](#) for help - it only takes a minute!

Ballots are due by the end of the day on May 16th and results will be announced shortly thereafter.

Conference Wrap-Up or... the Tenets of WHEEE! from Lynne Mildenstein

Thanks to all for another wonderful, successful OLA conference! During the conference in Corvallis this past April, I heard frequent comments about how smoothly the conference was going and how calm, relaxed, and organized the Conference Committee members appeared.

So what IS it like to plan a conference? Having been part of the conference planning committee for the past four years, I'm convinced it's like planning a giant, three-day party for 500 people. You hope people show, have a good time, learn something, don't make a mess, and want to come back again. A good conference planning committee needs the tenets of WHEEE.

Worthwhile
Human Touch
Educational
Entertaining
Enjoy

Worthwhile - Plan so conference-goers feel it was worth the time and money. Not only do they want to come to the "party," they'll be disappointed if they miss it!

Human Touch - Conference Committee members make this happen! As chair, choose wisely. Find people that can organize, meet deadlines, and be the voice of reason when all goes awry.

Educational - OLA has a wonderful collective of divisions,

committees, and roundtables that can't help but offer enlightening and instructive programming.

Entertaining - Who says conferences can't be fun and educational? Use the brain trust of the Conference Committee and OLA membership to find exciting and inspirational speakers. Seek out new opportunities for fun and above all, don't be afraid to try something different even if it means singing off-key.

Enjoy - Enjoy the time together! There is very little opportunity for librarians and staff throughout the state to meet, talk, laugh, and share. Celebrate old friendships and cultivate new ones.

Hat's off to this year's OLA Conference Planning Committee. For the past eight months, these dedicated individuals followed WHEEE in so many creative and exciting ways. I'm very proud to have been a part of this year's Conference Committee and enjoyed every detail-filled minute of it!

Conference Committee Members

Lynne Mildenstein, Chair

Jere White, Programs Chair

Rea Andrews

Kyle Banerjee

Brandon Barnett

Paige Bentley

Shannon Bronson

Greg Doyle

Mary Finnegan

Debbie Hackleman

Julia Longbrake

Stephanie Miller

Kevin Moore

Mary Norman

Barbara O'Neill

Terry Reese

John Replinger

Rita Rivera

Suzanne Sager

Steve Skidmore

Sonja Somerville

Marian Thomas

Doug Yancey

Upcoming OLA Quarterly Issues and Call for Submissions

Later in June you will have the President's issue of the OLA Quarterly, edited by Aletha, to enjoy. Interested in writing a piece for the Quarterly? Other issues in the works for the coming year include:

Fall 2007 - Theme: Rural libraries/Jackson County. Guest Editors: [Ruth Vondracek](#) & [Valery King](#), Oregon State University.

Deadline for submission of an article proposal: July 15, 2007

Publication date: September 15, 2007

Winter 2007 - Theme: Libraries and sustainability. Have you had experience planning for a LEED certified building? Is your library examining its carbon footprint? Do you develop collections to support environmental sustainability concepts? Send your ideas and proposals! Guest Editor: [Diane Sotak](#), University of Portland.

Deadline for submission of an article proposal: October 15, 2007

Publication date: December 15, 2007

Spring 2008 - Theme: Libraries in the media. Guest Editor: [Maureen Cole](#), Eugene Public Library.

Deadline for submission of an article proposal: January 15, 2008

Publication date: March 15, 2008

Summer 2008 - President's Conference Issue. Guest Editor: [Sarah Beasley](#), Portland State University.

Deadline for submission of an article proposal: April 15, 2008

Publication date: June 15, 2008

Contact the guest editors or the Publications Committee Chair, [Loretta Reilly](#), for more information. Information for Authors can be viewed at the [OLAQ website](#).

Oregon Reads 2009! Celebrating 150 years of Oregon's Statehood

To celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday, the Oregon Library Association is sponsoring Oregon Reads 2009! We hope that school, public and academic libraries will present programs and encourage readers to engage in special activities and book

clubs about three fabulous books!

1. **Stubborn Twig: Three generations in the life of a Japanese- American family** by Lauren Kessler (15 year olds and up)

Masuo Yasui saw America as a land of limitless opportunity. Like countless other immigrants, he put down roots in Oregon's Hood River Valley, worked hard, raised a family with his wife and achieved success as a businessman and an orchardist. This narrative of a classic American success story changes forever after the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. The Yasuis' family were forced from their homes with what they could carry and interned in vast inland "relocation camps." Lauren Kessler's compelling narrative tells this tragic part of United States history with compassion and hope in light of the Yasuis' family courage to endure immeasurable hardship then thrive again as leaders in Oregon representing the Japanese American community.

2. **Bat 6** by Virginia Euwer Wolff (9-13 year olds)
It's time for the annual baseball game between 6th grade girls from two Oregon farm communities. Tensions are even higher this year (1949) because Aki and her family have just returned from a Japanese-American internment camp and Shazam's father was recently killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor.
3. **Apples to Oregon** by Deborah Hopkinson (5-8 year olds)

This amusing story about a family's journey to Oregon is loosely based on the true story of a pioneer who brought plants and fruit trees out on the Oregon Trail in 1847. This book is a great way to start a conversation about the journeys people take to get to Oregon and the new things they bring with them.

For more information, contact [Leah Griffith](#), Oregon Reads 2009 Coordinator. For more information about the Oregon Sesquicentennial celebration, go to the [Sesquicentennial website](#).

Legislative News

The OLA Delegation's National Legislative Day from Janet Webster

LESSONS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

Library staff and library supporters can affect change. In fact, it's up to us because nobody else will tackle library funding and policy issues. We are the ones who bring these issues to Congress with the able assistance of ALA. This year, eight of us trooped to Capitol Hill to talk to Oregon's congressional delegation.

Did we affect change? Perhaps. At the very least we engaged the focused attention of our legislators. Two concrete examples of our visit are that Representative DeFazio agreed to co-sponsor copyright legislation and Representative Walden now understands that DOPA adversely affects libraries. This may not seem like much, but each time we talk to politicians about libraries and our issues, it's another reminder of the importance of our role in society.

ISSUES IN WASHINGTON

Visiting Capitol Hill is fascinating, necessary, and fun. Below are the top issues we discussed. There was much to cover in a half hour visit and we picked our favorites. For more issue details, visit [ALA's Washington Office site](#).

- Funding
 - Support the LSTA funding at the President's Request. (It's an increase for us and few ask their congress people for the President's Request.)
 - Ask for an increase of \$80 million (in addition to the current \$20 million) for Improving Literacy Through School Libraries. (This would give Oregon \$1 million for resources in school libraries rather than the current highly competitive national grant program. As DeFazio pointed out, this represents about 2.5 hours of the Iraq War.)
 - Co-sponsor the LIBRARIAN Act of 2007 that provide Perkins student loan forgiveness for librarians employed in low-income schools and public libraries.
- Telecommunications

- Co-sponsor S.609 and H.R. 278 that would solve the problem with freezing of E-rate distributions. (This one was hard to explain in 25 words, so we'll leave it to ALA.)

- Discuss the need for broadband, especially in rural areas. (Oregon's libraries enjoy solid internet access, but we'll need more in the future.)

- Filtering & Blocking

- Oppose DOPA (H.R. 1120) and S.49. (As these are Republican bills, they probably will not get out of committee. HOWEVER, our people in Congress and their staff do not understand how libraries use social networking and its importance in how our users communicate.)

- Copyright

- Co-sponsor H.R. 1201. (This is a very narrow, technical amendment that fixes problems we have with technological locks on certain products we buy.)

- Open Government and Access to Government Information

- Urge Congress to make many Congressional Research Service reports available to the public over the internet. (You can get these through your congress person, but they are taxpayer-funded so would be more useful if openly accessible.)

- Be vigilant about restrictions to government information including changes to the Freedom of Information Act and the Presidential Records Act.

- Support efforts to make federally funded research publicly available.

- Privacy

- Reform the Real ID Act. (This is a hard one to connect the dots, but basically if we go to a national id card, will this affect access to library records? We would be using the number to verify residency just as

we often use a driver's license.)

- Remind them of abuses to the National Security Letters authorized through the Patriot Act. (Librarians were not quite as hysterical as some thought in regards to possible abuse.)

THE OFFICE VISITS

The eight of us split into groups so we could visit all seven offices. The Senate and Representative offices are on opposite sides of the Hill, so you have to allow at least 15 minutes of walking between the buildings. Below are our delegates' impressions of the various offices.

"DeFazio's was the best. We got to see him in his office, which was set up for comfort and conversation. So that is what we had, a comfortable conversation. At one point (I can't remember which legislation we were discussing) he turned to his assistant and said, "We'll support that." Decision made. Make note. Let's move on. Sweet."

"Greg Walden was also very good. He was only there for about 15 or 20 minutes but we had his undivided attention. He very much wanted to hear and then understood our concerns about DOPA. He was not at all defensive and could admit that some changes needed to be made."

"When discussing funding LSTA at the President's request level, Rep. Blumenauer interrupted and stated that he was disappointed that librarians never ask for much, never come in kicking and screaming for more (I am, of course, paraphrasing!) - and that we should because he (and others presumably) really believe in what libraries do but we get lost in the shuffle when other groups make a ruckus."

"Smith's office is well-organized and his staffer was excellent. I'm glad we started here as the visit gave me confidence and as well as a benchmark for what you want from a visit - attention, give and take, interest, engagement."

"Hooley's office was more chaotic as we met in the reception area with a fair amount of traffic. It was harder for the staffer to concentrate, but I think he heard our concerns with DOPA. It amazed me that this early thirty-something didn't use blogs, chat, etc. although he does IM. A crash course for our Oregon legislative offices in social networking and how they could use

them in the office may be very useful."

"Wu's staff seemed in agreement in the issues that we brought up, and assured us that Wu is very interested in doing things which benefit education."

"Wyden's office was a bit of circus with overlapping meetings and rushed staff. The staffer said that Wyden has the only "true net neutrality" bill and went into riff on broadband rollout and problem with FCC's policy towards broadcasting (i.e., that it is broadcasting centric rather than viewing information transfer more broadly -- various remarks about favoring of media monopolies and look to '08 for any changes in these policies). You can't always keep the conversation on libraries."

NEXT STEPS

Or, now what? We are part of the political community. We must participate. Some of us will go to D.C. and schmooze. Some of us will call, email or fax our representatives and senators. Most of us will vote. We all can tell a story or two about our library and how politics affects our services and our users. We need to tell those stories to the politicians and the people that vote.

We encourage you to tell your story by:

1. Learn about an issue and find your library story about that issue (e.g., how LSTA funding for a database helped a 5th grader write a brilliant paper).
2. Send that story to your representative and senators. Find your legislator's contact information at the [ALA website](#).
3. Send another story next month, then another the month after that...

If we don't tell our story, who will?

2007 OREGON DELEGATION TO ALA'S LEGISLATIVE DAY

- * Sarah Beasley (OLA President-elect)
- * Sara Charlton (OLA Legislative Committee)
- * Doug Henrichs (OSL Board President)
- * Gregory Lum (OASL President-elect)
- * Alice Meyer (Multnomah County Library Board of Trustees)

- * Robin Paynter (OLA Academic Division)
- * Jim Scheppke (OSL)
- * Janet Webster (OLA Legislative Committee)

Happenings

Portland Area Information Literacy (PAIL) Group Meeting

You are invited to attend PAIL's next meeting on Thursday May 31st, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, in Room 170 of the PSU Library. The topics to be explored include:

Need an Avatar? - Second Life and Libraries
Come and discover Second Life and tour Info Island. Find out what the hubbub is all about and talk with other librarians about the potential Second Life might hold. Michael Brown, of PSU, will be our avatar and Donna Cohen, a local Information Management Consultant, will be our guide. To read more about Second Life see [the handout](#).

Offering a 1-Credit Information Literacy Class - the Trials & Tribulations
Torie Scott is designing this class for PCC students. Come hear her description of the course and give her feedback on the efficacy of its design.

As usual, RSVPs are appreciated by emailing [Bob Schroeder](#), but are not necessary. Drop-ins are always welcome. [PSU's location & parking information](#). Parking structure #P1 at 6th Ave. and Harrison is a good one to use. Enter from 6th Ave. only.

PNLA Conference Program Available Online

The [2007 PNLA Annual Conference](#) will be held at the Delta Edmonton South Hotel, in Edmonton Alberta from August 8-11, 2007. With presenters from across the Pacific Northwest, this year's conference entitled **The Boom to the Echo: The Multigenerational Impact on Libraries** will have something for everyone.

The conference program is [now online](#).

The Pacific Northwest Library Association's greatest strength is its regional diversity and human network. This year's conference features presenters from each of PNLA State's and Provinces. The entertaining and hilarious Marty Chan provides the keynote address, and there are tours to some of Alberta's finest libraries, as well as the annual Corks & Cans networking opportunity at the Maverick Brewery.

The conference registration form is also available online. Complete the form and mail it in. We are accepting payment by check or credit card this year.

Questions about the conference program or registration can be directed to [Connie Forst](#).

Nominations for Oregon Book Awards Due by May 25th

Oregon Book Awards are presented annually for the finest accomplishments by Oregon writers in the genres of poetry, fiction, literary nonfiction, and young readers literature. All finalists are promoted in libraries and bookstores across the state, and invited to take part in the Oregon Book Awards Author Tour. Books must be written by a full-time living Oregon author, and have an original publication date between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007. Applications are available online at the [Literary Arts website](#).

Books may be nominated by the publisher, author, or any member of the reading public. Librarians who know of books that may be eligible for submission are encouraged to contact [Susan Denning](#) to suggest possible titles for submission.

Nominations are also being accepted for the following Oregon Book Awards Special Awards:

The Charles Erskine Scott Wood Distinguished Writer Award is presented to an Oregon author in recognition of an enduring, substantial literary career;

The Stewart H. Holbrook Literary Legacy Award is presented to a person or organization in recognition of significant contributions that have enriched Oregon's literary community;

The Walt Morey Young Readers Literary Legacy Award is presented to a person or organization in recognition of significant contributions that have enriched Oregon's young readers.

The deadline for Oregon Book Awards and the Special Awards application is May 25, 2007. Nomination forms are available at the [Literary Arts website](#). Oregon Book Awards is a program of Literary Arts. Contact Susan Denning for more information.

Employment Opportunities

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