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CALENDAR

From the Editor

Want to share what's happening at your library? Is someone retiring or is someone new coming on board? Send it in to OLA Hotline, a newsletter for, by and about OLA and its members. Just email it to ola@olaweb.org - we hope to hear from you soon!

[Stephanie Miller](#), Hotline Editor

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Association News

Calling All Writers!

Now is your opportunity to contribute to your resume and your profession and discuss Stephen Colbert mocking National Library Week. How, you ask? By penning an article for the Spring 2008 issue of the OLA Quarterly! And what is the topic of said issue? Nothing less than “Libraries in Popular Media.” Or “Librarians in Popular Media”, or would that be “Libraries in Unpopular Media”, or perhaps “Libraries in Media and what do we mean by media anyway”? According to Loretta Rielly, chair of the Publications Committee, we can pretty much define the topic the way we want. All I know is that Loretta described this as the ‘fun’ issue! Guess who took that bait? Me, yours truly, Mo (you had me at fun) Cole. And since I never got to be a Guest Editor for a Presidential Quarterly issue and since I truly think this is a really fun topic, how could I resist?

I have a number of ideas for this issue and I’d love to hear all of yours. So, drop me a line or give me a call and let’s chat. We have months to chat, write, and revise before our deadline of January 15. You’ll have time between now and then; sure you will! When else are you going to get the chance to write about Comedy Central in the Quarterly?

Can’t wait to hear from you!

Gateways 2007: Library Fundamentals and Beyond

Deadlines are near for the 13th Annual OLA/SSD Conference, "Gateways 2007: Library Fundamentals and Beyond," July 20 at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville.

Registration forms are available at:

<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=ola&formId=25896&test=1>

The conference registration deadline is July 13, with membership limited to the first 160 registrants.

Registration fees are \$70 for SSD members and \$85 for non-members. OLA/SSD offers three types of scholarships. Newly created this year especially for the conference is the Susan Mincks Scholarship for two attendees, one SSD member and one non-member. Further details about the scholarships and program sessions are available at <http://library.willamette.edu/ssd/conference/>.

How can libraries stay relevant? What do library employees, especially paraprofessionals, need to consider in preparing for the future of libraries? Molly Raphael, director of libraries for Multnomah County, will address these questions in her keynote speech, "The Changing Face of Libraries: Preparing for Tomorrow."

Jeff Havens, a professional comedian, speaker, and author from the Midwest urges people to "Uncrapify Your Life" at the lunchtime mock motivational seminar. His performance is a spoof of the motivational model, a satirical offering providing all the wrong advice in a tongue-in-cheek fashion.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at the conference rate of \$89 for singles and \$99 for doubles plus 12 percent room tax. When making reservations, remember to ask for the OLA/SSD conference rate. The deadline for registering at this rate is June 29. Call 503-682-2211 or 1-800-HOLIDAY, or use the hotel website:

<http://www.hiportlandsouth.com/home.htm>

Suzanne Sager, SSD Conference Chair

Legislative News

OLA and the 2007 Oregon Legislature

As the 2007 session of the Oregon Legislature comes to a close, OLA can look back on increased activity at the Legislature and several successes as a result.

As legislative chair and president respectively, Janet Webster and Aletha Bonebrake provided outstanding leadership. OLA's Legislative Day had a good showing of legislators as well as OLA members. Under Janet's direction, OLA's Legislative Committee had produced position papers to distribute to legislators explaining OLA's positions on key issues and bills. Finally, throughout the session, several OLA members to the State Capitol to testify to legislative committees on behalf of OLA.

Here is a list of the legislation OLA was involved with:

SB 950 - PASSED. Introduced at OLA's request to exempt library patrons' email addresses from disclosure. It was good to have past OLA Legislator of the Year, Senator Ginny Burdick (D-Portland) as the chief sponsor of SB 950. Co-sponsors included Rep. Vicki Berger, also a past OLA Legislator of the Year; Rep. Nancy Nathanson, an OLA member; and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, who is OLA member Andrew Bonamici's sister. Senator Burdick carried SB 950 in the Senate, and Rep. Bonamici carried it in the House.

HB 2116 - PASSED. Introduced at the request of the State Library, HB 2116 targets Ready to Read grants on early literacy and summer reading programs, and establishes a minimum grant level of \$1,000 per library. OLA supported House Bill 2116 with testimony from Patrick Duke and Mary Ginnane.

SB 5523 - PASSED. This is the State Library's budget for 2007-09, including restoration of Ready to Read at \$1 per child and funding to cover the \$1,000 minimum grant mandated in House Bill 2116. OLA supported Senate Bill 5523 with testimony from Connie Bennett and Abigail Elder.

House Joint Resolution 15 - PASSED, referred for a statewide vote. In the last days of the session, the Legislature "gutted and stuffed" this resolution with language to exempt May and November elections from Oregon's double majority requirement. The measure will require a statewide vote to amend the Constitution. Earlier in the session, Aletha Bonebrake and Sara Charlton testified expressing OLA's support for this change. Key legislators: Rep. Dave Hunt (D-Oregon City) and Senator Richard Devlin (D-Tualatin).

HB 2843 - PASSED. The bill, a re-write of Oregon's obscenity statutes includes an exemption for library employees acting in the scope of their employment from prosecution for furnishing obscene material to a child. OLA worked for and supported this exemption. In testimony to the House Judiciary Committee, Janet Webster explained the reason for the exemption and emphasized OLA's understanding that the exemption would apply to academic and school libraries, as well as public. Key legislators: Rep. Andy Olson (R-Albany) and Senator Kate Brown (D-Portland).

Funding for education at all levels increased substantially this session. However, one major disappointment is that funding requested by the Governor for a new Eastern Oregon University library was not approved by the Legislature.

Nan Heim, OLA lobbyist

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Notable People & Libraries

Four Oregon School Libraries Receive Grants from the Laura Bush Foundation

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries announced that 263 school libraries are being awarded \$1,286,757 in grants for 2007. Oregon has four school libraries that were selected: Central High School in Independence; Cook Elementary School in McMinnville; Rosa Parks Elementary School in Portland; and Hamlin Middle School in Springfield. These schools received grants of up to \$5,000 to expand, update and diversify their library book collections. Congratulations! Further information is available at the [Foundation website](#).

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New Librarians at OSU

Laurie Bridges is the Business and Economics Librarian at Oregon State University Libraries.

Hannah Rempel has joined the Oregon State University Libraries as Biosciences Librarian.

Andrea Wirth is the Geosciences Librarian at Oregon State University Libraries.

Alison Bobal has been appointed as Veterinary Medicine and Health Sciences Librarian at Oregon State University Libraries.

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Happenings

Oregon Council for the Humanities Public Programs Grant

The Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH) is accepting letters of intent to apply for 2007-08 public program grants, which are awarded twice yearly to nonprofit organizations in Oregon to support activities that explore the humanities in thoughtful and participatory ways. OCH encourages applications from a broad range of organizations, including those that may not typically define their mission as being based in the humanities, and we are especially interested in proposals that demonstrate strong community partnerships.

Public program grants may fund activities that explore timeless ideas and bodies of work as well as programs that respond to unexpected local, national, or international events. For the fall 2007 and spring 2008 grant cycles, OCH welcomes proposals for 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.

The postmark deadline for letters of intent to apply for a grant in the fall 2007 cycle is August 24, 2007. For more information and the 2007-08 grant guidelines, please visit our website at www.oregonhum.org.

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State Library Board Approves New LSTA Five Year Plan

At their meeting on June 21st at The Dalles-Wasco County Library, the State Library Board approved a new Five Year State Plan for the Library Services and Technology Act. The new plan was the result of an extensive planning and evaluation process that began last year. A steering committee held two meetings with library planning consultants Ethel Himmel and Bill Wilson. Wilson also met with the LSTA Advisory Council to finalize a recommended plan to the State Library Board. The plan will now be submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for their approval. A copy of the plan is available at:

<http://oregon.gov/OSL/index.shtml>

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Ready to Read Grant Applications for 2007-2008

Ready to Read Grant application packet will be mailed July 2, 2007. Public library directors and children's librarians will receive packets that contain the application, list of proposed grants, working copy of the 2007-2008 final report form, and answers to frequently asked questions about the changes to the Ready to Read Grant program. The application is also available on the [State Library website](#) to download, complete, and mail. Applications must be postmarked August 31, 2007 to qualify for the grant.

This year, the Oregon Legislative Assembly increased Ready to Read funding to \$1 per child and amended ORS 357.750 and 357.780 to specify that the Grant is for early literacy services for children 0-5 years old and to provide the statewide summer reading program for children 0-14 years old, and to establish a minimum grant of \$1,000. For more information contact [Katie Anderson](#), (503)378-2528 or [Val Vogt](#), (503)378-2525.

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Civics and Citizenship Toolkit Free to Public Libraries

The Office of Citizenship of the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service is offering a free Civics and Citizenship Toolkit to public libraries. The Toolkit contains a range of useful materials that will enhance a public library's collection for immigrants. It is made possible through the Task Force on New Americans, a federal partnership created to strengthen the efforts of federal, state, and local agencies in providing immigrants the information they need. To order a copy go to the [Civics and Citizenship Toolkit website](#).

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Free Google Tools Webinars

June 19, July 13 & 27, 2007

The following webinars are free to all Oregon library staff through a paid membership from the Oregon State Library with LSTA funds:

- June 19, 9-10am or 1-2pm PT
Google Tools Drive-by Series Part 1: Notebook, Pages, Docs and Spreadsheets
- July 13, 9-10am or 1-2pm PT
Google Tools Drive-by Series Part 2: GoogleReader, iGoogle, and Calendar Tools
- July 27, 9-10am or 1-2pm PT
Google Tools Drive-by Series Part 3: Google Books and Scholar

The format for each session usually will be a one hour to one-and-one-half hour segment with a question and answer session to follow. To participate, all that's needed are a computer (minimum of 128 MB of RAM, although 256 MB is recommended); Internet Explorer 5.5 Web browser, Java enabled; speakers; and Internet access of 56k or above. A microphone connected to the computer is optional for the audio, which also is available by a long-distance phone bridge (not a toll-free number).

Register online using BCR's Workshop Registration Form. Please indicate in the Comments box at the bottom of the Registration Form whether you are attending a morning or afternoon session.

Don't forget! Free Friday Forum sessions are recorded and archived after the class has been completed. Visit the FFF Archive for a list of available sessions. For additional information or questions, please visit: <http://www.bcr.org/training/online/fff/index.html> or contact [Regan Harper](#)

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OCLC Western Digital Forum

August 9-10, 2007

The third annual OCLC Western Digital Forum will be held in San Diego on August 9-10, 2007, at the Hacienda Hotel in Old Town. This year's theme is Maximizing Metadata, Data Curation and Applications.

The forum will continue the discussion of issues relating to metadata, data curation and automating applications for digital collections. It will highlight national projects of significance and feature experts from the library and cultural heritage communities.

Among the speakers are Murtha Baca, Head of the Getty Standards Program, Dr. Marcia Lei Zeng, Professor, Kent State University, and Ricky Erway, Program Officer, OCLC Programs and Research. Presentations will analyze existing major projects and examine issues such as

long-term management of data, care and handling of digital collections, metadata, copyright, and aspects of digital rights management. It will also cultivate collaborative solutions and explore funding options.

Please join your colleagues at this dynamic educational event
Forum registration: www.oclc.org/western/digitalforum/default.htm
Registration deadline is Friday, August 3, 2007
Accommodations: Hacienda Hotel Old Town
Call the hotel directly to request Forum rates Tel. 1-619-298-4707

For more information:
Gayle Palmer, OCLC Western Digital and Preservation Program Manager,
palmerg@oclc.org or call 1-800-854-5753

Northwest Interlibrary Loan Conference

September 20 & 21, 2007

Registration is open for the sixth annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference, "ILL 2.0 : Tools to Meet the Demands," being held at Portland Community College - Sylvania Campus in Portland, Oregon.

Our exciting program will include a keynote speech by Joseph Janes, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academics at the Information School of the University of Washington and author of the ALA Newsletter's "Internet Librarian" column.

For more information and a link to the registration form, please visit our website at <http://nwill.org>.

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