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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN OREGON FROM THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY JOBLINE

<http://www.osl.state.or.us/staff/Library/Jobline.htm>

- 3/14 Library Assistant (PT), Portland, OR
- 12/17 Library Assistant I, Sherwood, OR
- 12/21 Senior Library Assistant-Reference Services, Tigard, OR
- 12/14 Library Assistant, Jefferson, OR
- 12/14 Library Director, Prineville, OR
- 12/14 Library Cataloging Manager, Portland, OR
- 1/24 Assistant Library Director, North Bend, OR
- 12/17 On-Call Librarian, Tigard, OR
- 12/31 Associate University Librarian, Corvallis, OR
- 1/2 Head, Scholarly Communication Services, Eugene, OR

- 2/23 Children's Library Assistant, Lakeview, OR
- 12/20 Information Technician II (PT), Corvallis, OR
- 1/8 Director, Jackson County Library Services, Medford, OR
- 2/2 Youth Services Librarian/Specialist, Klamath Falls, OR
- 1/25 Library Assistant, Portland, OR
- 1/14 Dean of University Library, Ashland, OR
- 12/21 Library Deputy Director, Portland, OR
- 12/21 Librarian, Douglas County, OR

CALENDAR

Association News

Nominate Someone for the PLD Ole Award

With the 2008 Conference fast approaching, the Public Library Division Board is soliciting nominations for our annual "OLE" Award. The OLE Award is presented by the Public Library Division to a deserving person employed in any capacity in an Oregon public library who has displayed exceptional effort and excellence. The annual Ole Award was so named in recognition of the recipients' efforts to "take the bull by the horns" and get the job done.

Please send your nomination, along with a one-page statement about your candidate and why he or she is deserving of the award, to Carol Uhte by [email](#) or snail mail to: Woodstock Library, 6008 SE 49th, Portland, OR 97206.

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OLA/WLA Joint Conference 2008 - Program Showcases

Does your library have an innovative, unusual, or highly successful program that you'd like to share with your colleagues? Have you recently completed research or grant-funded work that would be of interest and use to the library community in Oregon and Washington? If so, you should consider participating in one of the OLA/WLA Joint Conference program showcases.

Showcases will consist of 12 to 15 drop-in sessions sharing a large room with display tables. Attendees can visit with the presenters one-on-one to discuss their programs, services, and projects. This allows a wide variety of participation from libraries and a more direct, focused interaction from attendees.

For the 2008 Joint Conference, we will be hosting showcases on the following four topics:

- Staff Training and Development – Laurel Steiner (lsteiner@kcls.org)
- Library User Instruction – Sue Kunda (suekunda@hotmail.com)
- Library Outreach Activities - Candise Branum (cbranum@emporia.edu)
- Innovative and Grant-Funded Programs – Ann Reed (ann.reed@state.or.us)

Proposals for each topic will be reviewed by OLA and WLA representatives with expertise in that area.

Interested in presenting at a showcase? Please submit a completed Showcase Proposal (attached) to the appropriate contact above. For questions about specific showcases, please refer to the showcase coordinator. For general questions about the Showcase program, please contact Robert Hulshof-Schmidt OLA Program Co-Chair, at robert.hulshof-schmidt@state.or.us or 503.378.5030.

All proposals are due to the topic coordinator by January 31, 2008. The final list of showcases will be set by February 28, 2008.

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Professional Development Opportunity – Get Published!

The OLA Publications Committee is looking for Guest Editors for the OLA Quarterly (Fall and Winter 2008 issues). This is a great chance to expand your editing and writing experience while making a contribution to the Oregon library community. Quarterly articles are organized around a theme. Some possible theme ideas from the Publications Committee are disaster planning, libraries in a post-911 world (i.e., Patriot Act, civil liberties), or the library as a forum for dialogue and exchange of ideas (particularly in the Web 2.0 environment). The Publications Committee is also open to your ideas. It's much easier to pull together an issue on something that ignites your passion or peaks your interest! To see past issues and themes go to: <http://www.olaweb.org/quarterly/index.shtml>

Please consider making a New Year's resolution to try your hand at guest editing the Quarterly. Contact Diane Sotak (sotak@up.edu), Loretta Rielly (loretta.rielly@oregonstate.edu), or Jey Wann (wann_jey_a@oslmac.osl.state.or.us) with your ideas and any questions.

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What's New and Cool at NWCentral? Just a Grant – That's All

Hi everyone and welcome to December. Thank you for making 2007 a great year for NWCentral! Hope you're ready to start writing 2008 very soon.

At NWCentral (<http://www.nwcentral.org/>), the Advisory Group recently learned that NWCentral will receive an LSTA grant from the Oregon State Library! We are thrilled our grant was funded because we want to make NWCentral an even better site for you to contribute to and use.

The LSTA funds will go to hiring consultants for usability testing, content rubric design, web design, content harvesting, and outreach. Each of these roles will contribute to NWCentral site becoming more user friendly with more content for your use and your continuing education and training needs.

We are very excited about the possibilities! Work with this grant will start in January 2008 and continue over the course of 2008.

Comments? Suggestions? NW Central is truly only as good as the site and the content on the site. You are instrumental in that. Please let us know! Below is the list of the Advisory Group. Feel free to write to any one of us.

This project is supported in whole or in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Oregon State Library. The NW CENTRAL pilot phase is being supported by the Portland Area Library System (PORTALS)

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Remembering to Say THANKS to Your Legislators for Ready to Read Grant

In the coming weeks, most of Oregon's public libraries will receive their Ready to Read grant. As the Chair of OLA's Legislation and Development Committee, I want to urge all of you to thank your local legislator for supporting the Ready to Read program. Also, when you get a minute in the coming weeks, write a letter to your local paper about the Ready to Read program and what your library does with the money. Or, better yet, get one of your board members or parents write a letter. Increased awareness of this important program helps convince legislators that money is well spent. The December checks are a perfect

opportunity to say thanks. Check out the OLA Legislative Committee's web page for tips on how to celebrate Ready to Read - <http://www.olaweb.org/org/lad.shtml#Ready%20to%20ReadAdvocacy>.

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Year End Giving - Remember People for Oregon's Libraries

You just got your kicker check and am wondering what all to do with it. One idea is to donate to the People for Oregon's Libraries, the political action committee that funds library supportive candidates as well as local library ballot measures. You can take your donation as a tax credit (\$50 for individuals and \$100 for couples). Make your check out today to "People for Oregon's Libraries" and mail them to Nan Heim, the OLA Lobbyist at
Nan Heim/Associates
833 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 315
Portland, OR 97205

Thanks for your support!

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Happenings

WebLive Training

OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics

Online Description:

<http://www.bcr.org/training/online/weblive/wl-wcresourceshare.html>

Description: This workshop consists of three modules. Each module is a 1.5 hour to 2 hour live Internet presentation. Practice and readings will be provided for participants to complete on their own.

Module I: Searching OCLC WorldCat in FirstSearch Increase your comfort level and optimize the powerful tools available in the FirstSearch reference and Resource Sharing interface. This workshop will address how to access FirstSearch, search WorldCat, navigate and manipulate lists of records, developing search proficiency. This workshop is appropriate for those working with WorldCat Resource Sharing and those using FirstSearch for reference activities.

Module II: Borrowing and Lending Activities Borrowing - Learn to create borrowing requests for returnable items such as books and DVDs and for non-returnable items (i.e. copies). This part of the session will demonstrate the use of custom holdings and local data records to create efficiencies in the interlibrary loan workflow. We will also complete all actions required to bring a request through the entire interlibrary loan cycle.

Lending - Manage incoming requests and gain familiarity with the Request Manager categories. In this half of the workshop, you will learn to use batch processing in order to update and print requests in your lending cycle and administer your work more effectively.

Module III: Administrative Functions

Access the FirstSearch administrative module to create data records that eliminate repetitive data entry. Participants will devise constant data and saved notes, review the use and implementation of IFM (ILL Fee Management) as well as create custom holdings groups, custom holdings paths and direct request profile to improve service in all aspects of resource sharing. Time will also be spent updating and maintaining records in the ILL Policies Directory. Customization of the patron interface and the creation of links between authorizations, local catalogs and Open URL services will also be covered.

This workshop is appropriate for those who administer WorldCat

Resource Sharing activities or FirstSearch reference activities.

Who Should Attend: Library staff who want to acquire the basic skills needed to do OCLC ILL using WorldCat Resource Sharing.

How to Get Started: The workshop is accessed from your own or your library's computer using a Web browser. Details will be included in your confirmation letter after registration.

BCR will provide a microphone to you free of charge to use during WebLive workshops if you don't already have one. Please indicate this on your registration form (comments box), and we will ship it to your attention.

Minimum requirements: 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).

Dates: January 15-17, 2008 (2 p.m.-4 p.m. MT)

Fees: BCR members - \$50/module or \$125 for all three modules if taken sequentially Nonmembers - \$65/module or \$175 for all three modules if taken sequentially

The presentation can be viewed and heard by a group of people at a single computer. If this is the case, please register only one attendee who will log in on behalf of the group (send a list of names for other participants).

Alternatively, the presentation can be viewed and heard by multiple people from the same institution at separate workstations. If this is the case, please register each individual attendee who needs to log in to the class.

NOTE: Regardless of whether you attend as an individual or as a group, the price for each online module is \$50 for each person who views the session.

BCR Registration Form:

<http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/register.html>

Instructor Heather Clark: <http://www.bcr.org/about/staff/hc-bio.html>

About BCR: <http://www.bcr.org/about/index.html>

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Cool Ideas

Oregon Battle of the Books

If you think kids these days are just playing video games and checking their MySpace accounts, think again. OASL's (Oregon Association of School Librarians) Oregon Battle of the Books program has kids devouring books in preparation for an epic showdown between schools. The premise of the Battle of the Books is that students are assigned a list of books to read, they then read the books, discuss the books together, and then compete in a quiz-style format to see which school's team knows the most about the contents of the books on the list.

Students are already warming up for the competitions which are set to start this spring. Competitions will be held regionally, and the regional winners will meet at the state level for a final competition. Check OASL's website for the schedule: <http://www.oema.net/OBOB/Calendar.html> and plan to attend a Battle of the Books in your area. Reports from last year indicate that students could hardly wait to begin reading again in preparation for the next Battle of the Books.

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