

OYAN Quarterly Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2003
Ashland Regional Library

Attending

Executive Board: Carol Reich, Chair (Hillsboro); Anne Guevara, Past Chair (Jackson County); John Sexton, Co-Vice Chair (Jackson County); Susan Ludington, Secretary (Deschutes); K'Lyn Hann, Web Editor (Newberg); Lee Catalano, Newsletter Editor (Multnomah). Absent: Ali Kastner, Co-Vice Chair (Multnomah).

Members: Lori Moore (Jackson County Library); MaryKay Dahlgreen (State Library); Marianne Dwyer (Josephine County); Sue Plaisance (Hillsboro); Linda Kitchens and Carol Lamb (Douglas); Christine Atkinson (Fern Ridge); Leighann Morlock (Vernonia); and David Stump (Klamath County).

Introductions

Prior to member introductions, Reich passed around a form for members to add agenda items for the next meeting. Reich also stated that a note had been sent to Oregon YA author Virginia Ewer Wolff, congratulating her on the National Book Award recognizing *True Believer* as the Honor Book in the Author Category. Following those actions, members went around the table and introduced themselves.

Old Business

The July minutes were reviewed and approved. Reich moved, Hann seconded.

As of August 31, 2003, OYAN has \$4358.02 in its account. Although this is a respectable amount, Reich gave members some perspective by listing the balances of other association divisions: Outreach Roundtable has \$3200, the Reference Services Division has \$4450, the Public Library Division has \$7800, the Academic Library Division has \$14,000, and Support Services has \$15,000, to name a few.

Guevara stated that there were extra copies of the OLA Quarterly Fall 2003 issue, to which many OYAN members contributed. She has already sent 3 copies to Virginia Ewer Wolff. Reich suggested another copy be included with the welcoming note being sent to the new Multnomah County Library director. Ludington took another to give to the Deschutes County student recognized in the article she wrote. Members expressed thanks to Guevara for all of her help in developing the momentous OLA Quarterly issue on YA library service.

Continuing Business

OEMA Booktalk Wrap-Up

Dahlgreen offered recognition to the OYAN members involved in this year's OEMA conference session of booktalks. Weisel, Atkinson, Morlock, and Dahlgreen presented approximately 40 booktalks on teen literature for a little over an hour to a full house. Following the presentation, 3 people in the audience actually asked to become OYAN members. Because of the receptive crowd and the fun that presenters can have sharing YA books, Dahlgreen strongly urged members who have never booktalked at a conference to consider doing so. She suggested that OYAN start planning now for next fall's OEMA conference (in Seaside, October 9th). Some discussion was brought up about offering two booktalking sessions at the OEMA conference (one for middle school students and one for high school students), which was done by Weisel two years ago.

However, since the CSD had their first booktalking session this year, promoting children's literature, it was agreed that probably just one OYAN session on teen books would be sufficient.

The Dahlgreen Report

On October 4th, Dahlgreen attended the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. where, in the "Pavilion of the States," she hosted the Oregon table that offered information to viewers on reading programs and literacy projects in our state. Passers-bys carried maps and aimed to collect stickers from each state booth. This year it was estimated the 75,000 people attended. Numerous copies of Oregon Book Award finalists and winners brought to the event, and 250 attendees entered the drawing to win these books. Dahlgreen also mentioned that the Institute for Museum and Library Services contributed financially for travel costs not only for her but also for some Oregon authors who attended.

Dahlgreen announced that OYAN is once again one of the sponsors for the Letters About Literature contest here in Oregon. Target is the corporate sponsor this year, with their donations including 1200 copies of the guidelines, posters, \$500 to use for state prizes, \$50 gift cards for 1st place winners, and paying to send the national winners and their guardians to the National Book Festival in 2004. Members were offered to make copies of the application form, or visit the website. Judges for Level II (grades 7-8) are Phyllis Richardstein, Jackie Rose, and Susan Fletcher; Level III judges (grades 9-12) are Virginia Ewer Wolff, Heidi Weisel, and Marsha Richmond. Dahlgreen sent copies of the guidelines with a cover letter to every principal in the state, so hopes this will keep numbers up (there were over 90 last year).

Dahlgreen shared with us that, this year, the Oregon Book Awards now includes 2 awards for youth: the Leslie Bradshaw Award for Young Adult Literature and the Eloise Jarvis McGraw Award for Children's Literature. Nominees for the YA award include Brian Connelly's (Bend) *Wolf Journal*, Kezi Matthew's (Portland) *Flying Lessons*, Elizabeth Rusch's (Portland) *Generation Fix*, Graham Salisbury's (Lake Oswego) *Island Boyz*, and Heather Vogel Frederick's (Portland) *The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed*. The announcement of winners and ceremony will be held November 13th in Portland. She reminded us that nominated books could be named by anyone, though books for next year must be written by a living Oregon author and published between April 2003 and March 2004.

Dahlgreen told us she had more copies of the flyer promoting the "We the People Bookshelf" program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Some discussion ensued regarding the overall merit of the program, though Dahlgreen conceded that it might be worthwhile for a small library. The deadline for submissions is October 22nd.

Sexton asked Dahlgreen about her experiences so far as a member of the Caldecott Committee, which she says is wonderful but challenging due to the number of picture books that she's had to keep up with throughout the year – approximately 700! She also reminded members that there is a Mock Caldecott workshop sponsored by the CSD coming up on January 3rd at the Corvallis-Benton County PL; Nancy Helmsworth, an art teacher Riverdale School, is scheduled to lead a discussion about artistic components and illustrations in Caldecott Books.

Past-Chair Year End Summary

At the OLA Board Meeting in August, Guevara presented the annual report for OYAN, highlighting accomplishments of the group. She discussed the history of OYAN's efforts to become more visible – much of which was spearheaded by Heidi Weisel in the past few years – and results were shown in 2002/2003 through booktalks at the OEMA conferences, the compilation of the Book Rave reading lists (downloadable from the website), the OLA pre-conference on graphic novels and booktalk session, and the Fall issue of the OLA Quarterly. This summary was compiled into a one-page report, which she distributed to members. More discussion and kudos abounded about the OLA Quarterly issue, which has garnered a lot of exposure and feedback. Dahlgreen mentioned that the OYAN pre-conference was almost identically replicated at the OEMA fall conference. Guevara also handed out copies of handouts from both the OYAN and OEMA graphic novel conferences.

Guevara informed members about OLA nominations, as she is on this year's nominating committee. For 2004, the following positions need nominations: Vice President/President Elect from the academic community; PNLA representative; secretary; and ALA representative from Oregon. Guevara encouraged members to consider submitting nominations for themselves or other people they think would successfully fill these roles.

OLA Proposed Sessions

Reich discussed the proposed OYAN-sponsored sessions at the 2004 OLA Conference. Currently three are planned: YA/Adult Book Crossovers [in collaboration with the Public Library Division] on Thursday from 11:00-12:30; Book Rave booktalking on Friday 8:30-10:00; and YA Author(s) on Friday 11:00-12:30. Reich, who expects to be involved with the "Crossovers" session, is looking for YA books that would be of interest to adults. Additionally, she asked for members who would potentially be interested in presenting for both this session and the Book Rave. Ludington, Sexton, Morlock, and Atkinson offered themselves as possible volunteers, and Weisel was mentioned as another prospective. The original idea had been to have 2 YA authors, but Reich was somewhat dismayed about the fee of Nancy Osa; however, Dahlgreen suggested that, from conversations with her, she thought Osa would consider lowering her fee. Dahlgreen has not heard back from Susanna Vance, and recommended that one author would be more than enough for the 1.5 hour long session.

SRP Collaborative

Reich introduced the topic of the Collaborative State Library Program (CSLP), and the CSD's inquiry about whether or not OYAN wants to join next year in their financial participation. Dahlgreen clarified that the state library, through a LSTA grant, would pay for the membership after this first year, so the only financial responsibility from OYAN would be to pay for the travel of the representative to go to the annual workshop, and possibly manuals for Oregon libraries. Reich recommended that we let one year pass before committing to formally join the collaborative. Dahlgreen agreed, and suggested that OYAN consider becoming involved with the CSD's spring SRP workshop on Friday March 5th in Salem. This is a one-day workshop that showcases ideas for summer reading program events, themes, etc. Guevara believes OYAN should let the CSD know where our group stands on the collaborative, and that library staff statewide should know about the YA component/manual that's available through the collaborative. Further, she (and other members) believes that now is the time for OYAN to unite with the CSD, and vocally promote the usability of the collaborative.

Dahlgreen proposed that OYAN approach the OLA Executive Board saying that, because of the YA component of the collaborative, OYAN would like to be involved and represented. Reich expressed concern about the current limited involvement of OYAN members, and believes active members are spreading themselves too thin. She also is worried about quality control, and making sure that OYAN-sponsored activities are successfully presented. Reich summed up by saying that the consensus seemed that we would pursue involvement in the CSD workshop, and continue discussion about future partnering with the CSD regarding the CSLP. Agreement was made that OYAN should not step away from becoming involved with the collaborative with the CSD, as it could be extremely beneficial to small libraries in the state. A sub-committee of Ludington and Plaisance was formed to look into the deadline for ordering CSLP materials (including the YA manual created by the Ohio State Library) and to create a flyer to put on the OYAN website and in the newsletter. To reduce the financial obligation of providing every library in the state with future CSLP YA manuals, Dahlgreen suggested that OYAN offer a scholarship to a library (or libraries) who desires a manual, bookmarks, stickers, t-shirts, etc. Addressing Sexton's concern about whether or not pursuing CSLP involvement is setting OYAN on a path for forming a statewide YA program, Dahlgreen clarified that this process is to help support SRP's around the state and to perhaps create more buy-in to the collaborative teen program; it's not about OYAN creating a statewide teen summer reading program.

Book Rave Nominations

Sexton shared with the members the progress of the Book Rave nominations, explaining that books selected are discussed at quarterly meetings, a final list is compiled in December, and voting occurs at the January meeting. Titles recommended at this meeting included:

- Odd Girl Out
- Mango Season
- The Stone Goddess
- Please Don't Kill the Freshman
- Keeper of the Night
- Northern Light
- Amulet of Samarkand
- Firebirds
- Eragon
- Hawksong
- Comfort
- Battle of Jericho
- The Fall of Rome
- A Mango-Shaped Space
- Beginner's Luck
- Odd Jobs
- Secret Life of Bees
- Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
- God Went to Beauty School

- The theme “@ Your Library” campaign is going international in partnership with IFLA.
- The Resource Sharing Committee presented an extensive report on statewide delivery of library materials through the courier service; the OLA Board has to decide whether or not to support or endorse proposals to improve the situation.
- There was further discussion about disbanding the Friends/Trustee division, which hasn’t been sufficiently active to justify their quorum position.
- There was also discussion about changing the OLA bylaws for altering some processes associated with establishing roundtables (???)

Summer Program Survey

Reich wanted to gather statistics about teen summer reading programs, and heard from Debra Bogart that we can add any YA questions OYAN wants to for the evaluation form that goes out at the end of the summer. Guevara thinks that it would be useful for libraries to know in advance that feedback will be desired next year; Dahlgreen then suggested that OYAN send out a questionnaire or survey about prior YA participation in summer programs, along with the announcement about the availability of a YA manual. The sub-committee of Ludington and Plaisance agreed to incorporate this. Currently, the State Library compiles statistics on only children’s summer programs.

PLA Scholarships

Reich announced that, with the national Public Library Association conference coming to the Northwest, OYAN is offering a scholarship (amount up to the discretion of the board) to an active OYAN member who would like to attend. Catalano agreed to put offer in the OYAN newsletter and Hann was asked to include it on the OYAN website.

@ Your Library Teen Campaign

Reich informed members about the “Get on Board and Read @ Your Library” contest sponsored by the ALA and Hershey’s Milk, which is going on from November 2003 through April 2004. Teens are encouraged to submit a written essay or creative entry, with the first prizewinner getting to meet Tony Hawk at the Boom Boom Huck Jam Tour next year.

Quarterly Business

Newsletter

Catalano passed around a sign-up sheet for newsletter submissions. Submissions are due December 12th.

Future Meeting Dates

Winter meeting in Newberg, January 23rd

Spring meeting in Eugene (1st choice) or Corvallis (2nd choice), April 30th [Ludington to contact potential hosts]

Summer meeting in Lincoln City (Plaisance house), July 23rd

Fall meeting in location TBD, October 15th

Bibliographies and Programs

Members shared ideas about programs and events planned for Teen Read Week:

- Atkinson: Papier-mache masks; waiving of fines for youth in grades 6-12; booktalking

New Business

OYAN Executive Board Report

Ludington handed out copies of the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held August 22nd. Members looked through the report, as Reich gave summary comments about the meeting. Some discussion occurred regarding the duties of the OYAN chair to include submission of an OYAN Annual Report at the August OLA Executive Board meeting. The minutes will be amended as necessary.

State Association YA Division Websites

Citing that a web presence is a primary method for OYAN to convey their knowledge of YA library services and resources for fellow YA librarians, Ludington reported on research regarding other state association Young Adult division web pages. She found just 5 YA roundtables/sections that maintain their own site and 3 YA roundtables/interest groups are mentioned by don't maintain a site. OYAN is a progressive group for making an attempt to keep up a website, but Ludington contends that a great deal of improvements could be made. Members discussed enhancing the overall look of the website (including color and layout), expanding the resources segment, developing further the "Performers for Teens" list, and providing links to the OLA Quarterly and Oregon libraries YA websites. Sexton suggested spending OYAN money on Project A, which is a business that creates websites for various organizations. Ludington agreed to confer with Deschutes PL's IT Manager Rod Miller about costs, availability, and processes.

Alternative Media

Ludington introduced discussion on collection of CD's, videos/DVD's, electronic games, and other related equipment in YA areas of members' libraries. Jackson County maintains a CD collection for their teen areas (and Guevara provided members with a list of the teen CD collection), which is very successful. However, no libraries purchase games or movies specifically for their YA spaces. Sexton stated that, due to the rapid advance of technology, equipment like listening stations would likely be considered passé by teens. Most members claimed they don't have the money for computer games or other video games; Ludington also mentioned that general arguments about loss/theft vs. cost and cataloging are often quoted amongst library staff. Guevara told about Jackson County's Technical Services department six-month study, which determined that CD loss is no more or less than books. Members also discussed copyright issue of downloading music from the Internet and requests from teen patrons about the legality of burning library-owned CD's. It was agreed that this practice is OK, as it falls under the Fair Use stipulation.

OLA Board Report

Reich summarized main points at the OLA Board meeting, which included:

- A presentation by Janet Webster who testified before the State Legislature regarding the importance of school libraries and the fact that certified librarians and media specialists are no longer required for elementary schools.
- The PNLA Leadership Institute is still plugging along, having received some outstanding request for proposals, and that it hopes to have its first session in Fall 2004
- The original change to the OLA bylaws to allow using a proxy is still on the table.
- Reich reminded us that the 2004 PLA Conference is just a few weeks before the OLA Conference, so attendance may not be as high at the latter.

- Sexton/Guevara: Blank paper on tables in teen areas for poem writing; magnetic board with magnetic poetry pieces acquired through Dark Horse publisher; conducting TRW over the month of November
- Ludington: Post-a-Poem bulletin boards in branches; booktalking; promoting Teens Top Ten; author visit Gretchen Olson (OBA finalist for YA novel)
- Lamb: "Pizza and Pockets", a craft decorating jeans pockets; poetry slam; book displays with accompanying signs
- Catalano: Author visit with Tamora Pierce on December 11th

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