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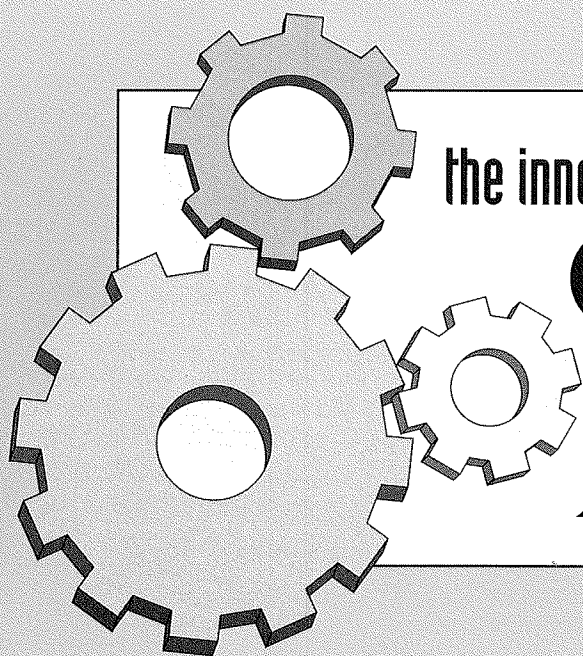
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## The Oregon Library Association

Everyone—from new librarians to veteran support staff just discovering the organization, from librarians new to the state to long-time Oregon librarians—views the Oregon Library Association with a set of assumptions and questions. This issue of *OLA Quarterly* is devoted to OLA itself. We hope it provides an adequate introduction to newcomers and encourages them to join. We hope it provides an overview of what OLA does and entices members to become involved. We hope it explains how OLA works and enables members to become more effective parts of the organization. Part of this issue is extracted from the OLA Bylaws and Procedure Manual. Board members and committee and round table chairs were responsible, in most cases, for their portions of this issue.

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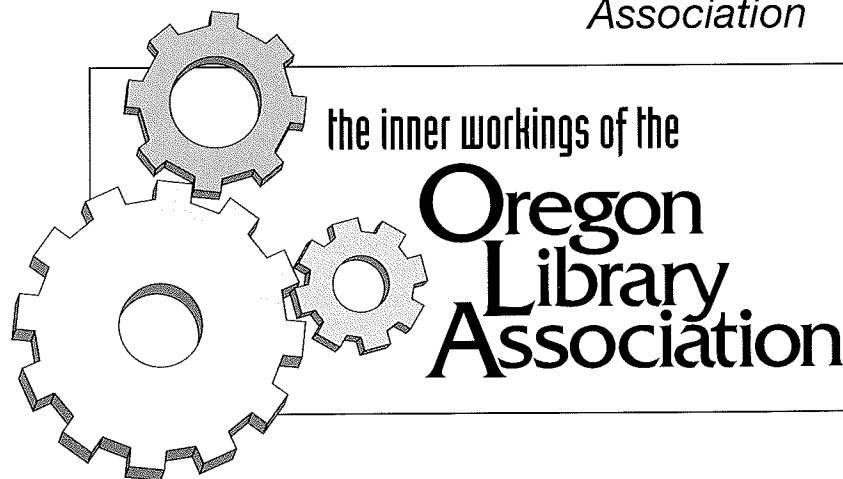
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Sometimes I find it frustrating trying to keep up with the changes in the world of librarianship and information science. I admit it would be nice simply to close the door and have things stay the same for more than a few months, but reality has a way of whacking me on the head and making me move on with the times.

Keeping pace with the constantly changing world is as essential for the Oregon Library Association as it is for our lives and our libraries, and that's exactly

what OLA will do: shepherd appropriate change in response to the needs of OLA and its members. At the annual planning retreat in July, which more than 30 OLA executive board members, division heads, committee chairs, and round table chairs attended, we discussed numerous issues and challenges that helped map out the new directions OLA must take.

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## The Year Ahead

*A Message from the President*

by Ed House

Library Director

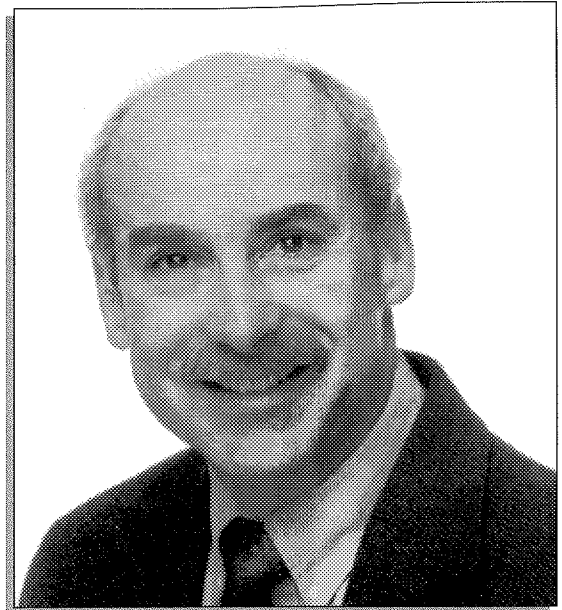
Albany Public Library

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Technological advances offer OLA and its members tools that may be used to respond reasonably to many challenges we face. One such tool is the Internet. A special Internet committee will be appointed to look into a number of issues, including providing the *OLA Hotline* to the membership electronically. (Hard copy would be sent to those unable to access the Internet.) OLA would contract with an Internet provider, enabling us to establish a Web address and plenty of space to mount a Web page. A "Web Master" would oversee the construction of the Web page, manage the e-mail lists, provide electronic delivery of the *Hotline*, maintain an accurate membership directory with sub-directories, establish bookmarks and links, and more. This would provide a better and more responsive communication tool for the membership and save money by minimizing the number of newsletters and other mailings having to be printed and mailed.

Another challenge we face this year is our response to ballot measures that will affect libraries: Measure 31, which narrows the free expression rights of Oregonians; Measure 46, which counts non-votes the same as "no" votes; and Measure 47, which rolls back property taxes and puts a 3% annual limit on the increase of property taxes. In addition to the ballot measures, there will be legislative issues needing OLA's attention. The increase in the "Ready to Read Grant" from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per child is one upon which we are currently working. We will be keeping an eye on developments at the statewide telecommunications meetings with the intent of negotiating for the development of a statewide infrastructure for technology to benefit libraries and allow them to receive preferential rates.

Continuing education is another area OLA will address. We want to ensure that all library workers have opportunities to excel in their vocation. Topics that workshops and conference programs may cover



Ed House, OLA president

include refocusing on the customer, library ethics, library employees as leaders in their communities, changing demographics, and diversity of service. (Can libraries play new roles in their communities?) Continuing education opportunities, including scholarships for all levels of staff, will be publicized on the OLA Web page along with a master calendar of events. (We'll finally have a single calendar that lists all OLA activities, including division, round table and committee events!)

The Executive Board will examine the organization's effectiveness with input from a special committee. We hope to improve the contract with our management services provider to include services we are seeking but not yet receiving. We would like to address a number of issues: better accounting systems, better financial statements, and mailing lists that can be tailored to our needs. We will also consider the possibility of contracting with a professional conference planner, who would work with the Conference Committee to negotiate the lowest cost for facilities, equipment, meals, etc., and enable the organization to maximize profits.

Membership has shown healthy growth over the last few years, however, large segments of the library community still are not OLA members. Community college library staff, library support staff, trustees and friends, and libraries as institutions must be encouraged to join OLA. Institutions have received great benefits from OLA's work. The Reference Link program and the Net Lender Reimbursement program have saved or repaid institutions a considerable sum of money. Whether an institution or an individual, simply joining OLA is not enough. Membership is a responsibility. Members must become involved and participate at some level. Divisions, round tables,

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# The Past Year:

## *A Focus on Intellectual Freedom*

Deb Carver

*Knight Library*

*University of Oregon*

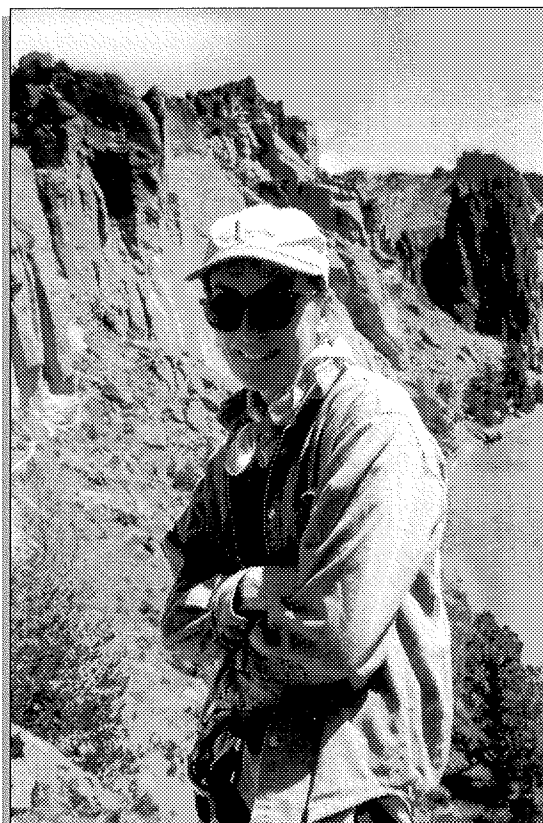
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Several challenges and accomplishments have marked the Oregon Library Association's past year. Some trial balloons were released early in the year, and looking back on those experiments, we see new patterns and practices that may emerge and strengthen the organization.

The first experiment was to adopt a presidential theme. In a joint meeting of the Legislative Committee and the Intellectual Freedom Committee, it became obvious that the political climate in this state would continue to shake the foundations of intellectual freedom. OLA needed to coordinate its efforts to make sure it was covering all issues surrounding these principles. The suggestion was made to make "Intellectual Freedom—Liberties and Liabilities" the president's theme. Selecting a theme had many advantages. It gave the organization a focus for the year. It helped to heighten members' awareness of the importance of intellectual freedom and how easily these freedoms can erode if we take them for granted. The theme prompted several educational discussions regarding access to electronic information and the particular concerns associated with the non-regulated Internet. It gave the Conference Committee ideas for programs, and it created a focal point for the Public Relations Committee. A theme may not be necessary every year, but OLA now has a precedent that may help future president's coordinate efforts around a critical issue.

1995-96 was a transition year for the organization's publications. Communication is one of the key elements of an effective association. Success means that members receive information that is useful, educational, timely, and cost-efficient. The Publication Committee managed this transition year extremely well. The *OLA Quarterly* became established as a journal of substantive discussion on major issues such as library facilities and intellectual freedom. In addition to the Quarterly, the *OLA Hotline* was issued twice monthly, bringing members up-to-date news on library events across the state. Perhaps the most significant change in the publications was the development of OLA's homepage by committee member Tim Klassen. The homepage will change the way we think about communication and will open up new avenues for marketing and recruitment. In the coming year, technology will give us the opportunity to make further improvements to the way we communicate with members, and it will reduce the costs associated with printing and distribution.

The Legislation Committee made significant changes this year in the way the political agenda is set. It



Deb Carver, OLA past president

established long-term goals that will provide the organization with a clear sense of our legislative mission during the next several years. Instead of advocating dispersing our interests in several directions, the committee urged the membership to zero in on one significant improvement this year: increase the per capita spending for children in libraries throughout Oregon. Beyond this major legislative goal, the committee helped to organize an aggressive strategy for the pre- and post-election periods. Thoughtful position papers on several ballot measures were developed and distributed to the different library regions in the state.

Two special committees were established to investigate OLA's role in information technology and preservation. In the area of preservation, we learned that there are many efforts that OLA could sponsor that would strengthen the state's ability to maintain its collections for future generations of library users. Education, coordination, disaster-planning, facility improvements, security, and more, can all be enhanced if OLA were to play a stronger role in preservation. Under the leadership of Jey Wann and Normandy Helmer, the committee made significant progress in one year and will continue to gather information in the coming months.

Finally, the organization's conferences continue to draw large numbers of library employees, educa-

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Lynn Chmelir initiated OLA's *Vision 2000* during her year as OLA president. She believed that librarians ought to develop a vision of what library service for the state of Oregon should be as we entered the next millennium. Thus, from the beginning, the vision was to transcend OLA's specific interests and identify general directions for library development in the state. The plan suggests goals for the Oregon State Library; the Oregon State System of Higher Education; and other library, cultural and educational organizations.

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## OLA's *Vision 2000*

by Melvin R. George

Chair, *Vision 2000* Committee

Delpha and Donald Campbell  
University Librarian

The Valley Library, Oregon State University

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The *Vision 2000* Committee attempted to consult the entire Oregon library community in creating the vision and its planned implementation. The committee, whose members represented a cross-section of the library community, developed a statement of goals and objectives that it shared with library leaders across

the state. Then, the Committee invited members of the Oregon library community to write vision Statements, brief documents of two to four pages that outlined the writer's vision of the library future based upon a goal or objective. More than two dozen such statements were received. The committee printed and distributed the vision statements broadly, inviting additional comment. Response was good, especially from leaders of the local White House Preconference Speak Ups, which were held throughout the state. After much revision and discussion, the final *Vision 2000* document was approved by the OLA Board on August 16, 1991.

The plan outlines four standards for library development to be achieved in Oregon by the year 2000.


1. The Oregon library community is committed to quality local library collections and services for each Oregonian.
2. The Oregon library community is committed to unrestricted access to the state's collection and library services for each Oregonian.
3. The Oregon library community is committed to excellent, well-trained staff at every Oregon library.
4. The Oregon library community is committed to creating a more positive image of libraries in Oregon as service-oriented institutions supportive of the needs of society in general.

Attached to each standard is a series of objectives and to each objective there is a series of assignments for specific action indicating who is responsible for an action and when the task should be completed. Thus, OLA, OEMA, SLA, and the State Library were to meet the goals and objectives by the year 2000. In 1995, Jim Scheppke, state librarian, issued a progress report with assistance from Deborah Jacobs and Mary Ginnane. For each objective they identified whether limited progress, some progress, or substantial progress had been made. They judged that

substantial progress had been achieved for eight of the twenty objectives, that some progress had been made in nine objectives, and that limited progress had been made in only three objectives.

They judged that substantial progress had been made through a number of actions:

- The State Library's publication of lists of core reference collections
- The establishment of the LINK reference centers
- Progress in cooperative collection development
- Growing agreement among libraries to subscribe to the OLA resource sharing code
- Shared development of automated systems in a number of communities and counties
- Increased legislative awareness of the needs of library development in Oregon
- Legislative approval of support for PORTALS and ORBIS
- Development of fax protocols and substantial growth in networked dissemination of digital information
- Introduction of an accredited MLS program in Oregon
- Continuing, award-winning efforts to support intellectual freedom in Oregon

While it is unlikely that all of the goals, objectives, and actions in the document will be completed by the year 2000, there is evidence that *Vision 2000* has served as a catalyst for improvement of library services in Oregon. Through *Vision 2000*, OLA has fulfilled one of its chief aims: to improve the delivery of information and cultural materials to all the citizens of the state. 

*“Basic Vision: Every Oregonian will be served by public, school, academic, and special libraries which have secured adequate staff, collections, facilities, and technology to meet the needs of their primary users. Moreover, every library will participate fully in a coordinated statewide network that will provide every Oregonian with access to all of the library resources in the state.”*

—*Vision 2000*:

*A Strategic Plan for Library Development  
in Oregon Through the Year 2000.*

# Kappy Eaton's Career Puts OLA Goals in Perspective

by Carolyn Peake  
Lake Oswego Public Library

**K**atherine G. Eaton, or Kappy as she is known by friends and associates, has recently completed one of the many significant projects of her life. She has edited her last *PNLA Quarterly*. She has been the editor for nearly twelve years, and it is nearly impossible to think of that publication without thinking of Kappy at the same time.

In the late sixties and all through the seventies it was virtually impossible to think of library legislation and development in the state of Oregon without thinking of Kappy. During the eighties the same could be said of her intense involvement with ACRL, the League of Women Voters, and the American Association of University Women.

More recently she has been involved in the fight for better lives for women from the wide perspective of the NGO Women's Forum and the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women (August 30 to September 15, 1995, in China) to the local perspective here in Oregon. Kappy says the issues are the same: poverty, education, and human rights.

No doubt about it—Kappy is an activist. She has spent years fighting hard for the things in which she believes.

She became a library activist in the mid-sixties when she, as part of a group of concerned mothers, organized to keep elementary school libraries open in the Eugene School District from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After that she went to library school at the University of Oregon and, armed with her MLS degree, she became a consultant at the State Library with an office at the University of Oregon. A key part of that job was to work with the OLA Library Development Committee to create a statewide library development plan that would use LSCA dollars. This was the beginning of the serious push by OLA to put LSCA money to work in local libraries rather than have it continue being used to fund the operations of the Oregon State Library.

When the Bureau of Governmental Research Library became a branch of the University of Oregon Library, Dr. Carl Hintz asked Kappy to head it. Her educational background, which included journalism, political science and law, made her uniquely qualified to do so. This was a position she held until retiring from the university in 1985. One of the high points of her career at the university was being president of the faculty senate the same year her son David was president of the student body.

Kappy's first official position with OLA was as editor of *Oregon Library News*, a job she performed for

about four years. She was elected OLA vice-president/president-elect in 1972 and served as president in 1973-74. She was chair of the Legislative Committee for many years, working closely with Mary Bates. The first per-capita bill for state aid for libraries was introduced in 1973. During the next few years the Legislative Network was organized and Nan Heim was hired as OLA's lobbyist.

Finally, in 1977, on the third try, a modest per capita bill was passed. During this same time, the state statutes pertaining to libraries were rewritten to recognize public libraries as a part of the state's educational structure. The mid-seventies also brought attempts to pass obscenity legislation, and OLA began to broaden resource sharing and technical development issues. Technology began to be explored on a state-wide basis in the early eighties.

Kappy Eaton has achieved many personal accomplishments in a career spanning thirty years, including national positions with ALA, ACRL, AAUW, League of Women Voters, and the National Council of Planning Librarians. She has seen the increase in intellectual freedom challenges become a major issue. Kappy is concerned with the degree of organization and structure among those who wish to control the access to information. Positive change has occurred in the area of new technology, which has enabled resource sharing and operational changes in libraries to take place. Kappy has also

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**O**LA's Executive Board acts for OLA during intervals between annual meetings, determines current and long-range policies, directs the activities of all standing and special committees, and empowers the president to perform delegated responsibilities on behalf of the Association and the Executive Board. The board is composed of four elected officers (president, vice president/president elect, secretary, and treasurer); the past president, the American Library Association (ALA) representative, the Pacific Northwest Library Association

(PNLA) representative, the presiding officer of each division (academic libraries division, public libraries division, children's services division, and trustees and friends division); one member at large; and the state librarian. The Oregon Educational Media Association (OEMA) Representative is a non-voting member of

the board. The parliamentarian attends board meetings but is not officially a member of the Executive Board. Each board member represents a constituency and fulfills a particular function.

#### **PRESIDENT**

The president services three years on the Executive Board, the first as vice-president/president elect, the second as president, and the third as past president.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT**

The vice-president/president-elect serves in the usual roles indicated by the name and represents OLA on the OEMA board. Gary Jensen of Western Oregon State College is the current vice-president/president-elect. At the March 1996 OLA conference, he made the following remarks:

"I have been in Oregon for the past eight and one half years, and if there is one important observation I have made in that time, it is that even in difficult budget times, Oregon librarians have delivered. They provide high quality collections and services in spite of lack of support and severe cuts in their library budgets.

"How have they been able to do that? I am convinced that a major contributing factor is cooperation. Librarians have always found strength in numbers. The Oregon Library Association is a good example. But I sense a new willingness on the part of all Oregon librarians to combine together in mutually beneficial associations and consortia. Differences in missions and clientele, once viewed as precluding commonality of interest, no longer prevent us from developing shared visions and projects, especially those relating to technology.

"If the trend continues toward greater expectations and more accountability for libraries, coupled with soft support for libraries and ongoing budget difficulties, librarians must continue to connect with their colleagues, as well as citizens and other govern-

mental and non-governmental groups. If libraries are to control their destinies, there are few other choices. The Oregon Library Association is a perfect vehicle for promoting cooperation."

#### **PAST PRESIDENT**

The past president is available to the new president for advice or counsel and advises the new board of the preceding board's actions. The past president recommends a site for the annual conference in the third year after the completion of his or her term and negotiates a contract for the site. The current past president is Deb Carver of University of Oregon's Knight Library. During her term she selected the theme of Intellectual Freedom, and most divisions, committees, and round tables focused their activities on intellectual freedom.

#### **SECRETARY**

The Secretary handles official OLA correspondence, takes minutes of board meetings and general membership meetings, and maintains files of minutes and correspondence. The secretary also keeps a mailing list of Executive Board members, committee chairs, and division chairs and sends them notices and mailings as requested by the president. The current secretary is Carol G. Henderson, instructional dean at Central Oregon Community College. Carol holds an MLS from the University of Denver. She was faculty librarian at the COCC Library from 1986 to 1995.

#### **TREASURER**

The treasurer is responsible for paying bills upon receipt of proper documentation in accordance with the approved annual budget. The treasurer also countersigns checks for more than \$200 and works closely with the association management contractor to ensure competent management of OLA's finances. The treasurer prepares a financial statement that is given to each member of the board at each meeting and prepares an annual statement that is presented to the membership for acceptance at the annual conference. The current treasurer is Donetta Sheffold of Oregon State University's Valley Library. She is serving the second half of her two-year term as treasurer. She has been a member of OLA for about five years. During her association with OLA, she founded the Library Support Staff Round table (LSSRT) and was named Oregon Library Employee of the Year in 1992. She has served on the Membership Committee as well as the Annual Conference and LSSRT Conference committees. She was elected the first LSSRT chair and has previously served as OLA secretary.

Donetta has prepared a General Fund Balance Sheet, which appears on the facing page. It can be confusing if you are unfamiliar with OLA's structure, so Donetta has included explanations defining what is on each separate line.

1986-1987 OLA budget adopted.  
Approved budget totals \$29,700.

—"Oregon Library News," August 1986

## The OLA Executive Board:

### *Its Role and Responsibilities*

## ALA REPRESENTATIVE

The ALA representative serves a four-year term in a dual capacity, as a voting member of the OLA Executive Board and as a voting member of the Council of the American Library Association.

The council is the governing body of ALA. It determines all ALA policies. It's a big group: It consists of 100 people elected at large, 11 individuals representing each ALA division, and 53 representing chapters in each of the 50 states, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. The members of ALA's Executive Board are also part of the council. Each year, perhaps 15 to 20 percent of council members are new, and it takes at least a year to begin to understand how the body operates.

Most of ALA's work is done by divisions, committees, and round tables, supported by ALA paid staff. After they've each held meetings and conducted hearings, they draft resolutions for council's consideration. The council meets officially on three days during the annual and midwinter ALA conferences. Resolutions on big topics like library legislation tend to be approved with little or no council discussion, while resolutions about ALA's internal structure and operation are debated endlessly.

The conference schedule also calls for informal caucuses of council (usually held in the late evening when sane people would have gone to bed) and caucuses of chapter representatives. The most useful and interesting meetings at conferences, however, are those held by the Chapter Relations Committee. This committee aims to communicate chapter needs and goals to ALA and ALA goals, programs and priorities to the chapters.

An important part of the ALA representative's job is to keep the OLA Executive Board and membership informed about national library initiatives that have an impact at the state level or that must be supported at the state and grass roots level. The three chapter relations meetings scheduled at each conference are where the ALA representative learns about the important work being done by people in ALA's Washington office, the Office for Intellectual Freedom, and the other parts of the oldest and largest national library association in the world.

Ronnie Lee Budge is the current ALA representative, serving the third year of her four-year term. She is library director of Jackson County Library Services.

## PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

The PNLA representative serves on PNLA's board of directors for a two-year term. The PNLA region includes Alberta, Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The PNLA board meets three times each year and does PNLA's work, including planning the annual conference. Carol Ventgen, library director at Coos Bay Public Library, began her term October 1 to coincide with the PNLA year. She has previously served OLA as president and as ALA representative.

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

as of August 31, 1996

### ASSETS

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Checking	4,064.55
HAS Savings	1,364.00
Money Market	124,931.18
Total Assets	130,359.73

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

<i>Liability</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Accounts Payable	1,886.10
Enterprise Fund	51,679.24
HAS Contributions	416.00
OEMA Dues	540.00
Pre-Paid Dues	12,933.50
Total Liabilities	67,454.84

#### Equity

OLA General Fund	62,904.89
Total Liabilities & Equity	130,359.73

#### ASSETS

*Checking:* Everything we bring in is deposited into our checking account.

*HAS Savings:* Contributions throughout the year go into checking, and payouts for HAS awards are made from checking. At the end of the year the difference between HAS contributions and payout are balanced and the excess is deposited into HAS Savings.

*Money Market:* This account includes OLA's general fund; enterprise funds for divisions, round tables and committees; and interest. The interest earned in this account is credited to OLA's general fund.

#### LIABILITIES

*Accounts Payable:* Anything OLA has been billed, exclusive of the enterprise funds. A zero means OLA is up to date and all bills are paid.

*Enterprise Fund:* How much the various groups, such as the divisions and round tables, have in their accounts.

*HAS Contributions:* Belongs to HAS but has not been transferred to HAS savings.

*OEMA Dues:* Belongs to OEMA but has not been transferred to them.

*Pre-Paid Dues:* Dues for new year which we have already received as of August 31.

#### EQUITY

*General Fund:* The amount OLA would have left if it paid off all enterprise funds as well as any other funds outstanding. This is general fund cash on hand.

#### GENERAL

On a balance sheet, total assets should equal liabilities plus equity, as it does in this case.

### State Librarian Jim Scheppke Receives Oregon Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award

Jim Scheppke, State Librarian at the Oregon State Library, received the Oregon Library Association's Librarian of the Year award. Scheppke has worked at the State Library in Salem, Oregon for ten years. He began his tenure in Oregon as Administrator of Library Development for Oregon. Later, Scheppke served as Interim

Director of the State Library during the summer of 1991 until he was appointed as State Librarian in the fall of 1991.

Scheppke received his advanced degree in Library Science at the University of Texas at Austin and spent the first years of his library career in Texas before coming to Ore-

gon. From the beginning of his career in Oregon, Scheppke has been active in the Oregon library Association. His commitment was never more evident than when he served as President of OLA in 1991. Scheppke was honored for his continued endeavors to support Oregon libraries and enhance service throughout the state.

He has a keen understanding of funding and the political process and was a leader in the efforts to target library service to children with state funds.

Jim Scheppke is exemplary in his vision and commitment to excellent library service.

—“OLA Hotline,” May 1, 1996

#### STATE LIBRARIAN

The state librarian is a voting ex officio member of the Executive Board, advising on legislative matters, business to be considered in regard to the State Library and libraries at large. The current State Librarian is Jim Scheppke, who is OLA's 1996 Librarian of the Year.

#### MEMBER AT LARGE

The member at large is appointed by the president and “shall not be an administrative member who supervises more than three full-time librarians.” The member at large in recent years has assumed a role as the representative of small libraries (public, academic, and special). The current member at large is Gretta Siegel. Her background is in science and in small libraries. She earned a BA in chemistry, an MS in biochemistry and toxicology, and an MLS in information studies. She has filled professional library positions at the Oregon Graduate Institute (technical services librarian, reference bibliographic instruction librarian, and assistant director); at Washington State University-Vancouver (campus librarian); and currently at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (information services coordinator and StreamNet librarian).

Her current project involves gathering all gray literature on anadromous fish in the Columbia River Basin; indexing, abstracting, and cataloging it; and creating a full-service library in Portland that will serve fisheries scientists, managers and policy analysts who are working on Columbia Basin issues. The library is part of a larger data integration project funded by Bonneville Power Administration and co-managed by several state and federal fisheries agencies as well as by several tribes.

#### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

Since 1983, OLA's Academic Libraries Division has played a dual role within the state. It is OLA's academic division and its president is a voting member of OLA's Executive Board. It is also the Oregon chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (OR-ACRL) and its president is a voting

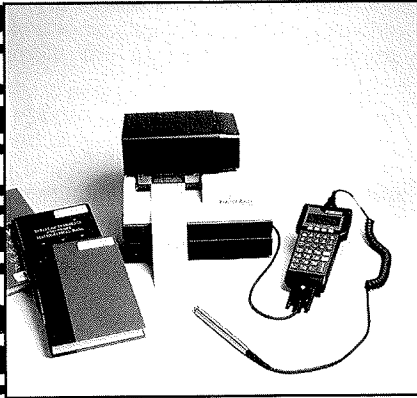
member of the ACRL Chapters Council. In both its roles, the division supports academic libraries by fostering communication, sponsoring educational programs, and advocating in the political, social, and professional arena at the local and national level.

OR-ACRL's 180 members reflect the diversity of academic libraries. They work at community colleges, private and public colleges and universities, and special libraries. They catalog, answer reference questions, provide research assistance, acquire materials, teach users information-seeking skills in workshops and credit classes, check-out books and software, deliver and receive electronic and print materials, maintain automated systems and CD-ROM networks. They also conduct and publish research in books and journals, present papers at conferences, and serve on committees and boards of library and academic professional associations.

OR-ACRL is governed by a board consisting of a president, vice president/president elect, past president (ex officio), and publications editor (ex officio) and an eight-member advisory board, four of whose members are elected by the membership and four of whose members are appointed to represent community colleges, private colleges, Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) colleges and universities, and the State Library. The board meets quarterly, and membership meetings are held twice each year, once at a breakfast meeting during OLA's annual conference and once at an annual conference held jointly with the Washington ACRL.

At OLA's annual conference, OR-ACRL sponsors a preconference, a breakfast, and several programs. Topics reflect issues that affect academic libraries but that also are interesting to employees at other types of libraries: collection development in an electronic environment, rethinking reference services, outsourcing services, organizational change, digitizing special collections, library instruction, and new technologies.

In October, the Oregon and Washington ACRL chapters meet jointly for a two-day conference and membership meeting, either in Oregon at the Menucha Retreat on the Columbia Gorge or at Pack Forest, the



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University of Washington's Research Forest on Mt. Rainier. Recent programs have addressed libraries' roles in multimedia development, the political and social ramifications of the internet, total quality management in libraries, developing user-centered services, teaching critical thinking skills, and diversity. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for members from both states to assemble and discuss mutual concerns and share ideas in a casual, rustic setting. The food is great, the scenery is beautiful, but the upper bunks seem higher each year!

OR-ACRL's methods of communicating with the membership are changing. The quarterly newsletter will be replaced in 1997 by columns and information items in the *OLA Hotline*, by mailings to members, and by a homepage. In addition, OR-ACRL maintains a regional listserv, ACRL-NW. To subscribe, send the message "SUBSCRIBE ACRL-NW <your name>" to [listproc@listproc.wsu](mailto:listproc@listproc.wsu). There are many opportunities to participate in OR-ACRL, on program planning committees, on special topic task groups, as a contributor to the homepage or *Hotline*, or as a participant in ACRL-NW.

The current OR-ACRL president is Loretta Rielly of Oregon State University's Valley Library. Other ACRL Board members are listed below:

David Bilyeu, member at large  
*Central Oregon Community College*  
Rushton Brandis  
*State Library*

Anne Christie, member at large  
*Oregon State University*  
Dale Edwards, community college representative  
*Treasure Valley Community College*  
Paula Hamilton, private college representative  
*Mount Angel*  
John Helmer, member at large  
*University of Oregon*  
Barbara Jenkins, past president  
*University of Oregon*  
Sue Kopp, member at large  
*Pacific University*  
Kit Dusky, OSSHE representative  
*Portland State University*  
Lori Robare, publications editor  
*University of Oregon*  
Janet Webster, vice-president/president elect  
*Oregon State University*

### **PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION**

According to its by-laws, OLA's Public Libraries Division (PLD) was established "to promote public library service and development, to promote the potential for increasing cooperation among public libraries, to represent the interests and concerns of public libraries in relation to the Oregon Library Association and the Oregon State Library, and to develop legislative priorities for public libraries and

other issues as may be pertinent to the Division." This constitutes a rather daunting assignment, but one that PLD has worked diligently to fulfill.

Consequently, PLD has engaged in a number of activities designed to enhance the visibility and effectiveness of public libraries across Oregon. PLD sponsors workshops and other activities each year at the annual OLA conference. PLD works cooperatively on an ongoing basis with the OLA board and other divisions, committees, and round tables to advance public library goals. Additionally, the division promotes public libraries to regional and statewide organizations such as the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties. During the OLA conference, PLD hosts the membership's spring dinner and business meeting. Throughout the year, PLD strives to offer articles of interest and value to public libraries in OLA publications.

PLD will be engaged in a number of promotional ventures during the next few months. The division will make a presentation on electronic resources and what libraries have to offer their cities at the League of Oregon Cities annual conference. The conference is November 16 and 17 in Portland. PLD will also sponsor a number of programs at the joint OLA-WLA conference in April 1997. Additionally, PLD will pay special attention this year to encouraging public library staff members to join the division, promote staff exchange programs, support the OLA legislative agenda, and work on a classification-and-salary study.

One of the divisions most visible activities is the annual Olé Award, which PLD established in 1993-1994. The Olé Award is given to a deserving person employed in any capacity in an Oregon public library who has displayed exceptional effort and excellence. The annual Olé Award was so named in recognition of the recipients' efforts to "take the bull by the horns" and get the job done. Winners to date:

1994 Mark Yerburgh  
*director, Fern Ridge Community Library*

In recognition of his efforts to improve library service in the community through the formation of a library district.

1995 McMinnville Public Library Staff  
In recognition of their ability to deal with the day-to-day challenges of a 10-year-old library building that was falling down around them, with holes in the walls and gallons of water streaming inside on rainy days.

1996 Gail Warner  
*director, Josephine County Library System*

In recognition of her efforts to acquire stable funding for a library system that has seen closure and desperate times in recent years.

PLD members are actively encouraged to forward nominations for the year's Olé Award to PLD's executive board:

Margaret Barnes, chair  
*Dallas Public Library*

Aletha Bonebrake, vice-chair/chair elect  
*Baker County Public Library*

Leah Griffith, past chair  
*Newberg Public Library*

Peter Rayment, secretary  
*Toledo Public Library*

Leigh Van Sickle, director #1  
*Douglas County Library*

Colleen Winters, director #2  
*Forest Grove and Banks Public Libraries*

Peter Ford, director #3  
*Clackamas County Library*

Bob Russell, director #4  
*Springfield Public Library*

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION

The defining goal for the Children's Services Division is to provide support and continuing education for Oregon's children's librarians and support staff who work in children's services. Several constant and several changing objectives and activities enable the Children's Services Division to meet its defining goal:

- It produces, markets, and distributes support materials for the statewide summer reading program. The statewide Summer Reading Committee chair for 1997 is Steven Engelfried of the West Linn Public Library. In past years, support materials have included a projects-and-activities manual complete with artwork for certificates; a poster; stickers; and a t-shirt with a summer reading logo. After an unsuccessful attempt at using American Library Association materials in 1996, the Summer Reading Committee for 1997 plans to expand what it will offer libraries, and it will provide the materials in a timely manner so that libraries may take advantage of them when planning their summer programs.

OLA supported the Children's Services Division in developing a partnership with McDonald's of Oregon and Southwest Washington to help support the statewide summer reading program. 1997 marks the third and final year of that partnership. We hope either to continue the partnership with McDonald's or develop new partnerships.

- It holds a continuing education workshop annually, usually during November. A hugely popular component of the 1994 and 1995 fall workshops consisted of an afternoon session of a Mock Caldecott Award selection committee. In 1996 the major portion of the fall workshop will be a program titled *Advocating for Children's Services in Your Library and in Your Community*. Books, summer reading, and division business reports will fill the remainder of the day.
- It holds continuing education workshops during the OLA Annual Conference. In 1996 there was little to arrange as OLA and the Public Library Association met jointly in Portland. In 1997 the Children's Services Division will cosponsor a pre-conference program with the Public Libraries Division. One or two other workshops will be conducted, and the division will hold its annual business meeting.

- In 1996, the Children's Services Division worked on revising bylaws and examined its structure. Several bylaws were changed to make the division's operations uniform with the rest of the association.
- The division began a joint project with the Oregon Young Adult Network in the spring of 1996. Many youth librarians from throughout the state had the opportunity to attend the "Wisconsin Public Library Youth Services Guidelines" session at the PLA Conference in Portland. A group has begun work on developing youth services guidelines for public libraries in Oregon. This is a multi-year task that will continue through 1997. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for October 1996.
- The division established The Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award in 1982 to honor a living Oregon author, librarian, or educator who has made a significant contribution to the children of Oregon. The division solicits nominations and conducts the balloting. This award may be given annually by the Children's Services Division. Past recipients include the following:
  - Walt Morey (1982)
  - Patricia Feehan (1983)
  - Eloise Jarvis McGraw (1984)
  - Nonny Hogrogian (1985)
  - Irene Brady (1986)
  - Ursula LeGuin (1987)
  - Irene Bennett Brown (1988)
  - Peggy Sharp (1989)
  - B. J. Quinlan (1990)
  - Eric Kimmel (1991)
  - Walter Minkel (1992)
  - Patricia Blair (1993)
  - Rebecca Cohen and Rick Steber (1994)
  - Sandi Olmstead (1995)
  - Aletha Cox (1996)
- The division initiated two new events in 1995-1996. *Stories by the Sea* was held in Newport on September 30, 1995. This storytelling festival provided training and experience for storytellers from the region. This endeavor was so successful—it made money—that it is being repeated in 1996. Another success was the Performers Showcase, which gave librarians an opportunity to preview a large number of performers who could be booked for library programs. This proved popular not only for librarians, but also for the performers. It will be repeated in January of 1997 at the request of both librarians and performers.
- Children's Services Division scholarships to attend a conference, workshop, showcase, training session, etc., may be applied for by any member of the division. In addition the division makes available scholarships for membership in OLA and CSD.

The current chair of the division is Curtis L. Kiefer of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the vice chair/chair-elect is Steven Engelfried of the West Linn Public Library.

## FRIENDS AND TRUSTEES DIVISION

The Friends and Trustees Division is committed to providing interesting programs to Friends and Trustees and to publicizing what Friends groups do for their libraries. It also encourages membership in OLA itself. On October 18, at the Library Information Network of Clackamas County conference, the Friends and Trustees Division will sponsor two workshops: *Community Connections* by Michael Gaston, Siuslaw Public Library director, and Ray Cooper, board president of the Siuslaw Public Library District; and *Friends Forever*, a round table discussion about what Friends groups are doing around the state, led by Anne Carter, president of the Friends and Trustees Division.

What the Division needs most are three things:

1. OLA members to encourage their Friends and Trustees to join OLA and to check off the division box on the membership form.
2. Friends groups to write Anne Carter (2901 Baker Blvd., Eugene, OR 97403; 541-686-2558; atecarter@aol.com) and tell her what their activities are.
3. Ideas and suggestions for future programs. Friends and Trustees are true library lovers. The division is here to assist OLA any way it can in order to have good libraries in Oregon.

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

"Most people roll their eyes when I say that I'm OLA's current Parliamentarian," says Janet Webster. "Trust me, it's not nearly as dry as it sounds."

Webster is the librarian at the Hatfield Marine Science Center's Guin Library in Newport.

The parliamentarian monitors OLA's procedures and ensures that new decisions do not conflict with previous ones. At the general business meetings held during the annual conference, the parliamentarian ensures that issues are properly communicated to the membership and that votes are legal. During Executive Board meetings, the parliamentarian assists the president by tracking motions, amendments, and votes. The parliamentarian also maintains the constitution, bylaws and procedures for the organization. When a new round table is proposed, the parliamentarian ensures that its methods of doing business—its bylaws—are in harmony with OLA's. If a division re-organizes, the parliamentarian compiles the changes and communicate them to the Executive Board. The parliamentarian assures that the organization abides by its own rules and helps to change them if necessary.

"My tenure as parliamentarian, from 1993 to the present, has given me a broad knowledge of the organization, its history and its mechanics," says Webster. "I have had the opportunity to help the Children's Division review its organization, a division that as an academic librarian I would otherwise have little contact with."

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OLA employs two kinds of committees to do its work: special committees and standing committees. Special committees are appointed to accomplish a finite task, and their existence beyond the year in which they are created must be confirmed by the new president and Executive Board. At present, five special committees exist.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

##### *Preservation Committee*

The Preservation Committee was appointed by President Deborah Carver in 1995 with Jey Wann as chair. In 1995-96 the committee conducted a survey of preservation and special collection efforts in Oregon libraries. President Ed House has reconfirmed the Preservation Committee and has appointed Normandy Helmer of University of Oregon's Knight Library as the 1996-97 chair. Members of this special committee are considering becoming an OLA round table.

##### *Library Technology Committee*

The Library Technology Committee was appointed by President Deborah Carver in 1995 with Sara Brownmiller as chair. President Ed House has reappointed Sara Brownmiller of University of Oregon's Knight Library as chair. Members of this special committee are considering becoming an OLA round table.

##### *Internet/Homepage Committee*

The Internet/Homepage Committee was appointed by President Ed House. He describes its assignment in his introductory remarks. Tim Klassen of University of Oregon's Science Library, who is Webmaster of OLA's under-construction home page and a member of the OLA Publications Committee, is chair of this special committee.

##### *Conference Manager Committee*

The Conference Manager Committee has been appointed to investigate and make recommendations concerning the possibility of hiring a conference manager to negotiate the conference site and handle the major aspects of the annual conference. The selection of programs and presenters is not to be part of the conference manager's responsibilities. Kit Dusky of Portland State University's Millar Library, who chaired the 1996 Conference Committee, is chair of this special committee.

##### *Management Services Committee*

The Management Services Committee has been appointed to develop a request for proposal (RFP) for the administrative services for which OLA currently contracts with John McCulley of Professional Administrative Services in Salem. The present contract expires February 28. The committee will explore the needs of the organization in developing the RFP. Donetta Sheffold of Oregon State Univer-

sity's Valley Library, current OLA treasurer, is chair of this special committee.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### *Conference Committee*

The Conference Committee plans and executes the program for the annual conference, which rotates among conference sites throughout the state. Every fifth year the conference is held jointly in Portland with the Washington Library Association. April 23-26, 1997 will be a joint WLA-OLA Conference. OLA's 1997 conference chair is Shirley George of Beaverton City Library.

##### **Wanted: Escorts**

Exhibit managers are looking for friendly, gregarious, willing, enthusiastic, personable (any or all of the above) - librarians (male or female) to be unpaid lunch escorts for attractive, personable, etc. exhibitors. Responsibilities will be to meet the vendor at his/her booth, escort to lunch, engage in scintillating repartee during meal, introduce others at the table, and generally make the vendor feel welcome.

- "Oregon Library News," March 1986

##### *Continuing Education Committee*

The Continuing Education Committee has set its 1996-97 goal:

To publish continuing education opportunities in electronic format in coordination with the Public Relations Committee and the new Web Task Force.

The committee's main activity for the year will be to establish and maintain a web page of continuing education opportunities. The committee has nine members:

Judy Cross, chair  
*The Valley Library, Oregon State University*

Charles Piquett  
*Oregon Coast Community College*

Marcia Bianchi  
*Reed College Library*

Kim Wolfe  
*3166 Carriage Drive, Medford, OR 97501*

Joanne Halgren  
*The Knight Library, University of Oregon*

Carolyn Gates  
*Hillsboro Public Library*

Linda Lybecker  
*Washington County Cooperative Library Service*

Carrie Ottow  
*The Valley Library, Oregon State University*

## Committees

Get Wired and Inspired at the 1997 Joint OLA-WLA Conference at Portland's Jantzen Beach Red Lion. Molly Ivins will speak at Friday night's banquet, and a gala will take place at the newly remodeled Multnomah Central Library.

Melanie Lightbody  
*Newport Public Library*

**Honors, Awards and Scholarships Committee (HAS)**

The Honors, Awards and Scholarships Committee is responsible for providing information about honors, awards, and scholarships available through OLA. From 1981 through 1989 OLA presented Outstanding Service Awards annually. Following are recipients of the award:

Ron Waldron (1981)  
Pat Feehan (1982)  
Suzanne Morrison (1983)  
Douglas County Library (1984)  
Leigh Barry (1984)  
Barbara Coyle (1984, 1985, 1986, 1987)  
Rose Ellen Uhreen (1988)  
Irma Lady (1989)  
Lynn Brady Tompkins (1989)

OLA now presents three awards:

**Oregon Librarian of the Year:** This award is given to a professional librarian who has demonstrated excellence in library service in Oregon. The librarian must have worked for pay in an Oregon library for at least two years. Following is a list of OLA Librarians of the Year:

George Happ (1991)  
Ken Reading (1992)  
Carol Hildebrand (1993)  
Deborah Jacobs (1994)  
Sara Charlton (1995)  
Jim Scheppke (1996)

**Library Employee of the Year:** This award is given to a library employee who is committed to providing excellent library service to the community. The recipient has shown leadership, initiative, and willingness to share skills with the organization. Following is a list of OLA's Library Employees of the Year :

Charlotte Lee (1991)  
Donetta Sheffold (1992)  
Robin Beerbower (1993)  
Jey Wann (1994)  
Linda Bellock (1995)  
Judi Beaty (1996)

**Library Supporter of the Year:** This award is given to someone involved in various library activities on an unpaid basis. This may be as a volunteer, friend, board member, government official, or individual. The recipient should be one who has shown commitment to supporting and promoting Oregon libraries. Following are OLA's Library Supporters of the Year:

Anne Carter (1991)  
Jackie Sutton (1992)  
Douglas Bennett (1993)  
Mike Duncan (1994)  
Mary Hoffman (1995)  
Ed Ohlmann (1996)

OLA also awards honorary life membership to "any Oregonian who is retired or near retirement and who has shown leadership in librarianship and made a notable contribution to library service in Oregon. To be eligible for honorary membership, an individ-

ual shall have made a contribution of outstanding and lasting importance to Oregon libraries and have a record of active involvement in the association. The honorary membership should not be conferred simply as a reward for longevity or passive committee or organizational activity. Honorary life membership recognizes an accumulation of years of service."

OLA's Honorary Life Memberships have been awarded to the following people (Those marked with an asterisk are now deceased.):

Carol Alderson (1975\*)  
Katherine Anderson (1963)  
Meredith Bailey (1958)  
Mary Bennett Bates (1989)  
Josephine Baumgartner (1959)  
George Bell (1995)  
Nathan Berkham (1965)  
Jean Black (1969)  
Shirley A. Brown (?)  
Father Joseph Browne (1994)  
Mary Busterud (1976)  
William H. Carlson (1965)  
Beverly Cleary (1989)  
Julie F. Corwin (1973)  
Gertrude Currier (1978\*)  
Eleanor Davis (1959)  
Mabel Doty (1959)  
Katherine G. Eaton (1989)  
Eloise Q. Ebert (1976)  
Elizabeth Findly (1974)  
Loretta Fisher (1972)  
Kay Grasing (?)  
Edith Green (1957\*)  
Ivy Grover (1969\*)  
Bertha Hallam (1967)  
Lucile F. Hansen (1975)  
Mark O. Hatfield (1988)  
Carl W. Hintz (1973)  
Stewart Holbrook (1958)  
Helen L. Howard (1982)  
Pauline Howard (1965)  
David Martin (1967)  
Muriel Mitchell (1962)  
Florence L. Moberly (1976\*)  
Richard Moore (1989)  
Perry D. Morrison (1983)  
Wayne Morse (1970\*)  
Mary Phillips (1972)  
Jack Radow (1990)  
Gail Schultz (1995)  
Marian H. Scott (1968)  
Maureen Sloan (1994)  
Hardin Smith (1987)  
Jean Smith (1987)  
Charles A. Sprague (1958)  
Gary E. Strong (?)  
Carol Trimble (1975 \*)

Scholarships are available to those who wish to attend the OLA annual conference for the first time or who wish to attend workshops or classes that would further their knowledge of the library world.

To apply for scholarship money or to nominate a person for an award, send a letter indicating your intent to Sandi Olmstead, Newberg Public Library,



503 E. Hancock Street, Newberg, Oregon 97132 (fax 503-538-9720, phone 503-537-0304). Sandi Olmstead is the current chair of the HAS Committee and has chaired it continuously and with flair since 1993.

#### *The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC)*

##### DUTIES, GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To aid development of OLA's position on intellectual freedom, interpret it to the public, and act in support of this position.
- To inform membership of pending legislation, present recommendations, and tender OLA's support of such legislation.
- To promote development by libraries of a selection policy.
- To determine facts in cases of public controversy over censorship, develop a statement of OLA's position, and present OLA's position to all interested parties.
- To develop liaison with other statewide organizations interested in intellectual freedom.

##### ACTIVITIES

Last year, OLA President Deb Carver chose *Intellectual Freedom: Liberties and Liabilities* as the theme of her presidential year. Because of this, every OLA division, committee, and round table worked on an activity to promote intellectual freedom. The IFC has worked on many issues:

- Monitoring the Telecommunications Bill, Communications Decency Act legislation, and court battles.
- Preparing for fall election by creating position papers to educate and assist the membership on Measure 31 and the Oregon Citizens Alliance initiative.
- Working in collaboration with other organizations fighting attempts at censorship or limiting access to materials and information.
- Attending Family Friendly Library conference and reporting to membership.
- Monitoring an attempted censorship situation in Lake Oswego and offering assistance, as needed.
- Dedicating the Spring issue of OLA Quarterly to issues of intellectual freedom.
- Adding as ex-officio member the chair of the Legislation and Development Committee and adding the IFC chair as ex-officio member of the Legislation Committee.

##### ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR COMING YEAR

- Participating in membership training and education on ballot measures during September and October.
- Remaining actively involved in relevant election campaigns.
- Planning and presenting intellectual freedom continuing education sessions in collaboration with other OLA committees and divisions.

- Developing recommended bibliographies of gay, lesbian and bisexual collections and Evangelical Christian collections.
- Engaging in other activities as assigned or as they become relevant to committee goals and responsibilities.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee chair is Deborah Jacobs, who has served OLA as president, Conference chair, and Legislation and Development Committee chair; who was OLA's 1994 Librarian of the Year; and who was *Library Journal's* 1995 Librarian of the Year. Following are other committee members:

Sheryl Steinke  
*Eugene Public Schools*

Larry Oberg  
*Willamette University Library*

Colleen Winters  
*Forest Grove City Library*

Faye Chadwell  
*University of Oregon*

Mary Norman  
*Lake Oswego Public Library*

Ex Officio members include Ed House, OLA president; Mary Kay Dahlgreen, Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearing House; and Karyle Butcher, chair, Legislation and Development Committee.

#### *The Legislation and Development Committee*

##### DUTIES

- Establish plans for the improvement of libraries in Oregon through study and recommendation of plans for the use of state and federal funds.
- Explore other sources of funding, e.g. foundation grants.
- Establish priorities for legislative action that may affect all types of libraries in Oregon.
- Be responsible for library legislation on the local, state, and national levels.
- Alert librarians to proposed legislation that affects libraries and librarians.
- Work with the OLA lobbyist.

##### ACTIVITIES

- Established the OLA Legislative Network
- Developed a legislative agenda which was approved by membership
- Presented programs at the annual conference to educate OLA members on important legislative issues
- Developed a plan to educate the community at large about legislative measures important to Oregon's libraries
- Working to establish an action plan for testifying before the Oregon Legislature

The bylaws require five committee members representing public libraries, five representing academic libraries, three representing library users, one repre-

senting school libraries, and one representing special libraries):

Karyle Butcher, chair  
*The Valley Library, Oregon State University*

Sue Burkholder  
*Southern Oregon State College*

June Knudson  
*Hood River County Library*

Carol Ventgen  
*Coos Bay Public Library*

Susan Whyte  
*Northrup Library, Linfield College*

Sara Charlton, network coordinator  
*Tillamook County Library*

Phyllis Lichenstein, citizen user

Darcy Dauble  
*Blue Mountain Community College*

Faye Powell  
*Portland State University*

Diedre Conkling  
*Lincoln County Library District*

Jim Hayden, school library

Bob Ehmann, citizen user

Howard McGinn, PORTALS

#### **Legislative Network**

The purpose of the legislative network is to foster communication concerning libraries and library needs between OLA members and elected officials. The Network has three goals:

- To maintain local personal contacts with elected officials concerning library issues
- To foster close working relationships between elected officials and OLA members
- To provide the ability to communicate with elected officials in a timely manner when necessary.

The network coordinator is appointed by the president with the approval of the Executive Board and serves as an ex-officio member of the Legislation and Development Committee.

The past year has been spent planning and setting up the network for the upcoming Oregon legislative session. Eight people around the state were recruited to be network contacts for their areas. Each has six to eight people on his or her call list. When a state legislative action pertaining to libraries is happening, the network coordinator will receive the information from the OLA Lobbyist, Nan Heim. At that point, the coordinator will contact the eight network contacts who will in turn contact the people on their call lists. All people in the network will contact their local legislators concerning the library issue at hand.

In past years the network has worked, but with holes in it. This year OLA hopes that everyone in the Legislative Network will call his or her contacts and his or her legislators and that the library community will be rewarded for its hard work.

#### **Chair Proposes Dues Increase**

Eleanor Brown, Chairman, suggested a change in membership dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The increased amount to be used for building up a scholarship fund.

—"Oregon Library News," vol. 1, no. 1, December 1952.

Sara Charlton is the Legislative Network coordinator. She has served OLA in many capacities and was OLA's 1995 Librarian of the Year. She is library director of the Tillamook County Library.

#### **Membership Committee**

##### **DUTIES**

- Endeavors to secure new members for OLA by contacting librarians and others interested in library service in Oregon
- Works with OLA's management contractor to ensure the processing of memberships and the maintenance and distribution of membership information
- Produces and distributes a membership brochure that targets new and former members
- Receives a list of non-renewing members from the association management contractor by November 1
- Receives a list of new members as requested

##### **ACTIVITIES**

- Prepares and distributes membership brochure and form
- Prepares notices for the *OLA Hotline* and other appropriate publications
- Prepares and distributes welcoming materials to new members
- Publishes a list of members annually

##### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Jon Cawthorne, chair  
*Knight Library, University of Oregon*

Dennis Moler  
*Newport Public Library*

Martha Hawkes  
*Newport Public Library*

Peter Rayment  
*Toledo Public Library*

Mary Mohr  
*Oregon State Library*

#### **Nominations Committee**

The Nominations Committee is chaired by Deb Carver, who OLA's immediate past president. This committee of three is responsible for seeking nominees for OLA elective officers and representatives, for submitting candidates' statements for the OLA

*Hotline*, and for ensuring that candidates are introduced and that information about the candidates is available at the annual conference.

**OLA/OEMA Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation**

This Committee has three OLA members and three OEMA members. The chair alternates between the two organizations.

**PURPOSE**

- To foster cooperation between school and public libraries

**OLA MEMBERS**

Kathy Davis, chair  
*Tigard Public Library*  
Ken Reading  
*Umatilla County Library*  
Marie Mulholland  
*Eugene Public Library*

**OEMA MEMBERS**

Jim Hayden, OEMA past president  
Mary McClintock, OEMA president  
*Roseburg Public Schools*  
Tom Sprott, OEMA president-elect  
*Medford 549C School District*

Mary Kay Dahlgreen, children's consultant at the State Library, is an ex-officio member.

**Oregon Authors Committee**

**DUTIES**

- To collect and preserve biographical information on Oregon authors

**ACTIVITIES**

- To publish an annual bibliography of books by authors currently residing in Oregon

Committee members gather information throughout the year on publications by Oregon authors. Near the end of the year, the committee sends a mailing to all known Oregon authors and publishers to solicit additional submissions for the bibliography. Editors enhance the basic bibliographical information with the author's place of residence, annotations, and indications of Oregon-related subject matter, juvenile subject, or reading level.

**MEMBERS**

Lori Robare, chair  
*University of Oregon*  
Donna Evans  
*Tillamook County Library*  
Nancy Freeman  
*Coos Bay Public Library*  
John Hawk  
*University of Oregon*  
Pat Myers  
*Lake Oswego Public Library*  
Jey Wann  
*Oregon State Library*

Ken Watson  
*Eastern Oregon State College Library*  
Nadine Williams  
*Eugene Public Library*  
Bonnie Wright  
*Cedar Mill Community Library*

**Public Relations Committee**

**DUTIES**

- To promote libraries in Oregon with an ongoing year-round public relations program
- To coordinate and promote National Library Week in Oregon
- To prepare displays about library services and libraries in Oregon to be exhibited at appropriate statewide meetings (e.g., OLA Conference, League of Oregon Cities, Organization of County Governments, OEMA.)

The current chair is Ruth Kratochvil, director of the Tualatin Public Library.

**Publications Committee**

**DUTIES**

- To provide timely ways to communicate with members concerning OLA activities
- To report OLA's official actions
- To report news of Oregon librarians, library staff members, and library activities
- To report local, regional, and national news that affects the Oregon library community, including legislative actions
- To present information on significant materials of local and regional interest

**ACTIVITIES**

- *OLA Hotline* (twice monthly)
- *OLA Quarterly*
- OLA Web Page (under construction)

**MEMBERS**

Anne Billeter, chair  
*Jackson County Library*  
Deanna Iltis  
*Oregon State Library*  
Teresa Montgomery  
*Southern Oregon State College Library*  
Carolyn Peake  
*Lake Oswego Public Library*  
Tim Klassen  
*Science Library, University of Oregon*  
Lynda Larremore  
*Pacific University Library*

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Aletha Bonebrake, *OLA Hotline* editor  
*Baker County Public Library*

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# Round Tables

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The formation of a round table is authorized by the Executive Board upon submission of proposed by-laws and a petition containing at least 25 signatures. Round tables provide a means for interest groups to form and to do as little or as much as the interest group members wish with a minimum of bureaucracy. A round table may be suspended by the board for inactivity and abolished if there is no interest in reviving it. At the present, two round tables have been suspended: the Junior Members Round Table and the Small Libraries Round Table.

## *Business Reference Round Table (BIGOR)*

The Business Reference Round Table, currently chaired by Kate McGann, business reference librarian of the Jackson County Library, is also known as the Business Interest Group of Oregon (BIGOR). BIGOR's objectives are to provide opportunities for information sharing, networking, and continuing education for OLA members who provide business reference services or are interested in the role of business in our society.

## *Documents Interest Group of Oregon (DIGOR)*

The objectives of DIGOR are to provide opportunities for communication, education and cooperation among the government information library community, and to improve access to government information by all. This interest group has operated outside OLA for many years and officially became an OLA Round Table on September 27, 1996. DIGOR is currently chaired by Gwen Newborg of Portland State University's Millar Library.

## *International Relations Round Table (IRRT)*

IRRT is currently chaired by Anne Fox of Western Oregon State College Library. IRRT's objective is to provide a framework for information sharing among librarians, library workers, and library supporters interested in international librarianship activities at all types of libraries. The specific aims of the IRRT are to increase the communication of OLA members from all types of libraries about the international visits, exchanges, and special programs in which OLA members are involved.

## *Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)*

LIRT is currently chaired by Melanie Bailey of Cascade College. LIRT was formed "to promote library instruction as a means to empower library users to become life-long learners; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and materials; to foster continuing educational opportunities; and to promote cooperation and fellowship among OLA members engaged in library instruction."

## *Library Support Staff Round Table (LSSRT)*

### PURPOSE

- To promote awareness of library issues as well as practical application of knowledge and skills, both ethical and technological
- To provide a forum to encourage new ideas, discuss concerns, and solve problems while envisioning and adapting to changes in the profession
- To inspire and promote growth through networking, conferences, workshops, and mentoring

### ACTIVITIES

- Annual LSSRT Conference
- Fund scholarships for Oregon conferences
- Co-sponsor Soaring to Excellence teleconferences statewide
- Increase membership in LSSRT
- Sponsor session, preconference session, or both for OLA annual conference.

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Katherine Stevens, chair  
*Portland Community College*

Maresa Kirk, chair elect  
*Hatfield Library, Willamette University*

Deborah Cook  
*Southern Oregon State College*

Donetta Sheffold  
*Oregon State University*

Doreen Lybeck-Pittman  
*Linfield College*

Linda Kelleher  
*Tualatin Public Library*

Linda Johnson  
*Oregon Health Science Library*

Diane Braithwaite  
*Mt. Hood Community College*

Nancy Kuhlman  
*Oregon State Library*

## *Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN)*

### PURPOSE

- To provide a network for communication and growth among people who provide library services to young adults
- To increase awareness of young adult library services in the state of Oregon
- To promote cooperation between school and public libraries

### ACTIVITIES

- Program sharing and development
- Book reviewing
- Sharing and developing bibliographies
- Summer reading
- OYAN Review newsletter (published three times per year)

- Sponsorship of programs at various state and national library conferences
- Young Reader's Choice Award (YRCA) senior division nominations and promotion

#### OFFICERS

Susan Marrant, president  
*McMinnville Public Library*

Susan Dunn, past president  
*Salem Public Library*

Sue Plaisance, vice president  
*Tigard Public Library*

Carol Reich, secretary  
*Hillsboro Public Library*

Alison Kastner, newsletter editor  
*Cedar Mill Community Library*

OYAN has approximately 90 members.

#### *Outreach Round Table (OORT)*

OORT was formed to provide a framework for information sharing, continuing education, and moral support for library workers currently providing outreach services, and to offer opportunities for networking and encouragement to libraries wishing to expand or develop library outreach services.

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, facility accessibility and library service to the elderly, hearing or visually impaired, physically or developmentally disabled, mentally ill, incarcerated, illiterate, and non-English speaking. OORT has been inactive for a several years. Stacy Rose of Coos County Library Service District is working to re-activate OORT.

#### *Past Presidents Round Table (or Round Table Association of Past Presidents (RAPP))*

##### OBJECTIVES

- To enliven the OLA Conference by encouraging participation by all members
- To encourage library administrators, staff, and supporters to be actively involved in library activities at local, state, regional, and national levels
- To support the OLA president

##### ACTIVITIES

- May sponsor conference program or social event
- May undertake other activities as appropriate or requested by the OLA president

##### MEMBERS

Memberships is open to all OLA members who are past presidents of OLA or its equivalent in another state, OEMA or its equivalent in another state, PNLA or its equivalent in another region, ALA or any of its divisions, or an international professional library association.

##### OFFICERS

Peggy Forcier, chair  
*Washington County Cooperative Library Services*

June Knudson, vice-chairperson/chair-elect  
Carol Hildebrand, past chair  
Ed House, ex officio, OLA president  
*Albany Public Library*

#### *Reference Round Table (RRT)*

##### OBJECTIVES

- To provide a practical framework for sharing information, fostering professional interactions, and providing continuing education opportunities
- To be a support system for library workers engaged in reference services in all types of Oregon libraries

The programs are the centerpiece of activity in the organization. The Reference Round Table generally holds four each year, including a program at OLA, and it strives to hold them in different parts of the state. Programs tend to be practical, they are developed from member suggestions, and they feature expertise from among Oregon's own librarians. Each half-day event includes a brown bag lunch beforehand and a tour of the host library following the program, when possible. The Library Instruction Round table now co-sponsors one of our programs each year.

##### BOARD MEMBERS

Barbara Valentine, chair  
*Linfield College*

Arden Shelton, vice-chair/chair-elect  
*Multnomah County Public Library*

Anne Goetz, secretary  
*Hillsboro Public Library*

Greg Cutting, treasurer  
*Lake Oswego Public Library*

Melanie Bailey, ex-officio (Member from Library Instruction Round Table)  
*Cascade College*

##### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Arden Shelton, chair  
*Multnomah County Public Library*

Judith Turner  
*Linn-Benton Community College*

Michael Kinch  
*Oregon State University*

Sue Jenkins  
*Driftwood Public Library*

#### *Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)*

SRRT has been fairly inactive for several years and is in danger of being suspended.

##### GOALS

- To provide a forum for the discussion of the responsibilities of libraries and librarians in relation to the important issues of social change that face institutions and librarians
- To provide for the exchange of information among all OLA units about library activities with

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the goal of increasing understanding of current social problems and issues

- To act as a stimulus to the association and its various units in making libraries more responsive to current social needs
- To present programs, arrange exhibits, and carry out other appropriate activities consistent with its other goals

Jos Anemaet of Oregon State University's Valley Library is chair of SRRT.

#### *Technical Services Round Table (TSRT)*

TSRT's general objective is to provide a framework for information sharing, continuing education, and moral support for library workers currently engaged in technical services activities. Specifically, the group has three aims:

- To provide for the exchange of ideas on technical services and automation processes, systems, and policies
- To provide a medium for the exploration of new ideas and technologies
- To foster cooperation among all Oregon libraries in the areas of technical services and automation and to increase an awareness in the library community of the roles of technical and automation services.

TSRT is chaired by Cherie Rusk, Information Services Department, at Oregon State University's Valley Library. ☐

## The Year Ahead

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and committees cover areas and interests throughout the library landscape, whether it be reference, support staff, outreach, public relations, or technical services. After goals and objectives are set and work is done, the resulting benefits extend to all. Having input and assistance from a larger and a more diverse membership can only help make the organization stronger and more successful.

While achieving all the goals set forth above will not be easy, it will be rewarding to know that we gave it our best shot. If we receive a few whacks on the side of the head during the course of the year, we'll just shrug them off. What the hell, we'll just call them "knowledge bumps!" ☐

## Past Year

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tors, and vendors. This past year, OLA tried another experiment with the annual conference. The annual event was planned to take advantage of the Public Library Association's decision to meet in Portland at the same time as OLA. Rather than reschedule OLA, the Executive Board encouraged the Conference Committee to use its creative energy to organize a completely different conference. The planning was complicated, and there was plenty of uncharted territory to explore. The board was prepared for a "non-profit" year because of uncertainties regarding costs and attendance. But the OLA Conference turned out to be a bigger success than anyone had anticipated. Under the leadership of Kit Dusky, the committee emerged triumphant. The lessons learned from this experiment will help OLA deal with future planning challenges and unexpected scheduling problems.

OLA is an exceptionally strong organization with a long history of success. This past year we were able to add to that list of accomplishments through good planning, creative initiative, hard work, and dedication to the principles behind library service. Being OLA president may not be at the top of everyone's to-do list, but I urge our members to consider the possibility in a new light. It is a chance to associate with a winning team of people, to take on important challenges that affect libraries throughout the state, and to learn a great deal from informed colleagues. The benefits outweigh any costs. ☐

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seen continuing education and training opportunities become increasingly available.

Kappy Eaton's professional life is an example of the difference one committed individual can make to any endeavor in which she believes. It is as good an answer as any to the OLA member who questions the value of getting involved. ☐


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## Board

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"I have chaired a special committee on political activity and learned a great deal about what we can and cannot do in the political arena. My predecessor, Don Ownbey, was OLA parliamentarian for 17 years. He participated on a task force addressing reorganization, which precipitated decisions on publications, fiscal year and elections process. So, though not voting on the Executive Board, the parliamentarian reminds us where we have come from and where we are, and even attempts to help shape where we are going as an organization."

### OEMA REPRESENTATIVE


The Oregon Educational Media Association (OEMA) representative is a non-voting member of the Executive Board who serves as a liaison between OLA and OEMA. OEMA usually has designated its past president as its OEMA representative. However, because Carol Henderson, OLA secretary, is on both the OEMA and OLA boards, OEMA has appointed her to serve as the OEMA representative to OLA. OEMA and OLA have worked together for many years to further the efforts of both organizations to improve libraries in Oregon. Joint membership is available through both organizations. Jim Hayden, current OEMA past president, has just completed his second, non-consecutive term as OEMA president. He has been an active OLA member and is currently a member of OLA's Legislation and Development Committee. 

## Committees

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Cynthia Sturgis, ad coordinator  
*Ledding Library, Milwaukie*

### Resource Sharing Committee

The Resource Sharing Committee is chaired by Sheila Wilma, director of the North Bend Public Library. The duties of the committee are "to foster interlibrary loan and cooperation among libraries (sharing of materials) and to assess the need for lists of subject area holdings of libraries." 

### Telefacsimile Document Delivery

PNBC has leased a Xerox Telecopies 400-1 for the next few months to provide a quick document delivery to those libraries who need materials within a few hours. PNBC's equipment is compatible with other standard telecopiers. Transmission of documents takes four to six minutes per page.

—"Oregon Library News," February 1979

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## Oregon Library Association Presidents

1940-41	Willis Warren University of Oregon	1969-70	Norman D. Alexander Southern Oregon College
1941-42	Hugh Morrow Salem Public Library	1970-71	Gary Strong Lake Oswego Public Library
1942-43	Mirpah Blair Oregon State Library	1971-72	Edna Karczag Klamath County Library
1943-44	Mirpah Blair Oregon State Library	1972-73	Mary Bates Blue Mountain Community College
1944-45	Lucia Haley Oregon State College	1973-74	Katherine Eaton Bureau of Governmental Research, UO
1945-46	Agnes Shields Oregon State Library	1974-75	Frank Rodgers Portland State University Library
1946-47	Eleanor Brown Deschutes County Library	1975-76	Kay H. Salmon Corvallis Public Library
1947-48	Philip Blodgett Clatsop County Library	1976-77	Carol Hildebrand Lake Oswego Public Library
1948-49	Mary Phillips Library Association of Portland	1977-78	Richard E. Moore Southern Oregon College
1949-50	Mary Goodrich Hood River County Library	1978-79	Edwin S. Budge Josephine County Library
1950-51	Elizabeth Findly University of Oregon	1979-80	Martha Julaphongs Library Association of Portland
1951-52	Cora E. Mason Ashland Public Library	1980-81	Jim Meeks Eugene Public Library
1952-53	Pauline C. Howard Reed College	1981-82	Carol Ventgen Coos Bay Public Library
1953-54	Ainsley A. Whitman Willamette University	1982-83	Martin "Steve" Stephenson Corvallis Public Library
1954-55	Carl W. Hintz University of Oregon (replacing Evelyn Cooper, who resigned)	1983-84	Stanley Ruckman Linn-Benton Community College
1955-56	Carl W. Hintz University of Oregon	1984-85	Mary Devlin-Willis Portland General Electric
1956-57	Cora M. Miller Oregon State Board of Health, Portland	1985-86	George Smith Oregon State Library (resigned in October, replaced by Pres-Elect June Knudson, Hood River County Library)
1957-58	Bernard Van Horn Library Association of Portland	1986-87	June Knudson Hood River County Library
1958-59	Helen Bliss Eastern Oregon College of Education	1987-88	Carolyn Peake Lake Oswego Public Library
1959-60	Carol Trimble Douglas County Library	1988-89	Lynn Chmelir Linfield College
1960-61	Dessa Hofstetter Oregon College of Education	1989-90	Michael Gaston Siuslaw Public Library
1961-62	Perry D. Morrison University of Oregon	1990-91	Jim Schepcke Oregon State Library
1962-63	Dean Lingle Umatilla County, Pendleton	1991-92	Maureen Sloan Oregon Graduate Institute
1963-64	Jean P. Black Portland State College	1992-93	Deborah Jacobs Corvallis Public Library
1964-65	William B. Wood Multnomah County Library (resigned and replaced by Omar A. Bacon, Public Library of Medford and Jackson County)	1993-94	Patrick Grace Oregon State University (resigned in April, replaced by Pres-Elect Anne Billeter, Jackson County Library)
1965-66	Calvin Middleton Oregon City Senior High School	1994-95	Anne Billeter Jackson County Library
1966-67	Richard B. Engen Oregon State Library	1995-96	Deborah Carver University of Oregon
1967-68	Father Joseph P. Browne University of Portland	1996-97	Ed House Albany Public Library
1968-69	Ruth Watson Coos Bay Public Library		





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