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Round Tables

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

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. ☐