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# OLA QUARTERLY

## Stepping into the Political Arena

**M**aybe you thought you were safe from political commercials and pleas for your vote, your money and your soul. But, the 69th session of the Oregon Legislature is just beginning and the library community needs to be prepared for action! To be prepared, we need to know the issues and the rules; we need to be committed and united. While still reacting to the November election, we also must look forward and deal with whatever the new political reality will be.

The Oregon Library Association has taken great strides in its political astuteness, but as with many things in life, there is always room for improvement. This issue of the *OLA Quarterly* is a pep talk, a pat on the back, a reminder of past battles, and a resource for future ones. Take the time to read about why you should be politically involved for libraries, then learn how to do it. Finally, reflect on what can really happen if the library community works together for change.

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