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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



LSSRT Annual Gateway Conference
Portland Oregon July 1997

LSSRT's annual day-long conference, *Challenges and Solutions*, will be held Friday, July 18 at the Portland Airport Sheraton. LSSRT will be hosting an early registration and hospitality room Thursday night.

Keynote Speaker
Kathleen Weible

Lunch Speaker
Marge Boulet

A few sessions being offered this year:

Stop the Whining: How to Complain Effectively

Vision, Value and Voice

OCLC Custom Holdings

Hiring and Training Student Employees

Preservation for Penny Pinchers

Children's Ready to Read

Things that Go Numb in the Night

Internet Bootcamp

Author Talks

If you are an LSSRT member, watch your mail or the OLA web page for conference information. If you aren't and would like more information, tune in to the online newsgroups Libsup-L or Libs-or, or read about it in *Associates* or *OLA Hotline*. Or you can contact Katherine Stevens, LSSRT Chair, PCC Sylvania Campus LRC 104, PO Box 19000, Portland, OR 97280; or Maresa Kirk, LSSRT Vice-Chair, Hatfield Library, Willamette University, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301; or any other LSSRT Steering Committee member.

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Library Support Staff

When LSSRT was asked to edit the OLA Quarterly we jumped at the opportunity, choosing a theme, however, was a dilemma. Support staff responsibilities span every facet of library responsibility and there is no way to squeeze it all into one issue. We wanted to illustrate the complexity of our jobs, how we got here, how our jobs are changing, and why we stay.

Libraries are changing at an explosive rate, and everyone who works in a library is in a state of rapid transition. OLA/LSSRT is responding to these changes by providing a forum for support staff to exchange ideas, solve problems, act politically, and work side by side with their librarian colleagues.

We hope that you will enjoy this issue of OLA Quarterly. It examines our responsibilities, challenges and changes, what we care about, and how we see ourselves in the library mosaic.

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