

# OCLA OUTLOOK

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## Fun, Food, and the Future at the Bowers

*OCLA Fall Program*

**Tim Mountain**

Fullerton Public Library

Over 60 participants had a full evening at the Bowers Museum Thursday, November 19th, as OCLA presented its Fall 1998 program. The enthusiastic crowd was greeted at the Museum entrance by friendly and helpful OCLA board members. The group then toured the "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur" exhibit. They were led by an informative docent who provided them with insight on what it was like to live 5000 years ago in one of the most astonishing ancient civilizations. Several of the participants mentioned afterwards that it was like a mini Tut collection.

After the exhibit the OCLA group enjoyed a feast of mouthwatering delights at the exquisite Topaz Restaurant. Much socializing ensued prompted by a wonderful assortment of informational professionals from the Southern California area.

The last part of the evening was a presentation by the engaging Steve Coffman from F.Y.I. L.A. County. Steve gave a challenging talk on the future of Libraries. The information provided gave rise to a flurry of questions and comments from several of the people present.

The well-attended event seemed to be enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who made the evening such a success. Please let the OCLA board know your ideas for future events. To write to the organization just send your comments or suggestions to the membership address.

## Preserving the Past; Moving into the Future

*OCLA Spring Program*

**Claudia Horn**

Chapman University

The Spring Program of the Orange County Library Association combined a mixture of history and technology. The evening began with dinner at P.J.'s Abbey, a reconverted church in the downtown historic area of the city of Orange. P.J.'s Abbey, in business for five years as a restaurant, began its life in 1891 as a Baptist Church. That is readily apparent with its high ceilings, wood floors, and beautiful stained glass windows from Belgium. You might want to check it out on 182 S. Orange St. for its architecture, hearty meals, coffee bar, or live music entertainment.

From that historic adventure, the group migrated to the newly renovated Orange Public Library located at 101 N. Center St. The library, 38 years old, spent 13 months being renovated, and held a grand re-opening on February 6. Highlights of the tour were the overview of the historical collection and the technology center. The historical collection consists of manuscripts, maps,

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city directories, and extensive photographs and information about area homes and city founders. The technology center is a self-contained room for adults over the age of 18 with resources such as web access, CD-ROM databases, and word processing capabilities. Not to be missed is the huge orange ball hanging from the ceiling, the delightful artwork, and the children's center with a massive storytelling structure and several computers dedicated to children's needs and interests. Needless to say, OCLA had many questions for our gracious tour guides, especially about how to run a technology center.

Old Towne Orange proved to be a wonderful place to explore, to experience the fusion of history and present day life.

## **OCLA Special Project 1999**

### **John Sisson**

University of California, Irvine

Our OCLA Special project for all of 1999 is the Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service (FIES). Established in 1985 as a group of 10 congregations it now includes over 25 congregations and the YWCA who have joined together to help the hungry and the homeless.

Currently FIES works to operate the New Vista Transitional Living Center for homeless families and a Distribution Center to provide food, motel vouchers, utility bill assistance and federal rent aid. Last year 33,000 persons were helped at the Distribution Center. Barbara Johnson, spokesperson for FIES, estimates that New Vista has sheltered over 500 families since its opening.

Since FIES seems to be doing so much good in Orange County, OCLA would like to help them with their next project, outfitting a new children's study room as a part of New Vista. OCLA will be collecting cash donations as well as any age 5-12 book materials (in good shape please) you might like to donate to this project.

For more information about FIES, please call 714-871-3032. Their Distribution Center is at 611 South Ford in Fullerton.

## **Community College Libraries:**

### **J. Ayala**

Fullerton College

The Fullerton College Library is moving into a temporary facility on campus during late May 1999, while the Library is being remodeled.

On April 11 the Friends of the Fullerton College Library presented a program with Dr. Carmen Maldonado Decker speaking about children's literature. The title of the Presentation was "Empowering Cinderella: Emerging Feminism in Children's Literature."

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4-5, the Friends will have its Spring Semester Book Sale from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. All proceeds go toward purchasing materials and equipment for the Library.

### **Gita Satyendra**

Saddleback College Library

Saddleback College students, faculty and staff who have home or off-campus access to the Web, can now access our two main online journal databases from those off-site locations. These databases are Infotrac (750 journals/magazines, of which about ¾ are full-text) and SIRS Researcher on the Web (98% full-text.)

Part time Librarians Beth Floyd and Bonnie Stephenson are teaching weekly workshops to all students interested in setting up and using their free college e-mail accounts.

### **Yolanda Garcia**

Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College offers an AA degree and a certificate in Library Technology. The program is designed to successfully prepare students for employment above the beginning clerk status as Library Technicians, Library Assistants or Library Media Technicians in school, public, special or academic Libraries. The following courses have been scheduled for the Fall 1999 Semester:

101: Intro. to Library Technology (6:00-8:50 Mon)

110: Technical Services (6:00-8:50 Tues.)

053: Library Internship (4:00-4:50 Weds.)

If you have Library Technician, Library Assistant or Library Clerk vacancies, or if you wish to participate as an internship site for our LT 053 students, contact Yolanda L. Garcia, Library Technology Program Chair at (714) 564-6717 or at [garcia\\_yolanda@cc.rancho.cc.ca.us](mailto:garcia_yolanda@cc.rancho.cc.ca.us)

## Book Repair Workshop- Interest Survey

The Orange County Library Association together with the Preservation department of the University of California, Irvine, will be conducting a book repair workshop in the Fall of 1999. In preparation for the workshop, we would like to obtain some information about your needs and interest in such a program. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey form and return it by May 15 to:

Eric MacDonald  
UC Irvine Science Library- Preservation  
PO Box 19556  
Irvine, CA 92623-9556

Tentatively, the format of the program would include lecture and demonstration in the morning and the opportunity for hands-on work in the afternoon. The cost of the program, including lunch, would be approximately \$40-50 per person. It would be held on the UCI campus.

1. Would you be interested in, and likely to attend, such a program, or to send someone else from your library to attend?      YES                      NO                      (What day of week is best? \_\_\_\_\_)

2. Which of the following repair techniques would you be interested in having included as part of the demonstration portion of the workshop?

I. Tightening loose hinges

III. Mending book case corners

II. Tipping in detached pages

IV. Simple page repairs

V. Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which of the following would you be interested in having included as part of the hands-on portion of the workshop?

I. Rebacking the spine head of tail

III. Advanced hinge repairs

II. Rebacking a case bound book

IV. Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

4. How would you evaluate your present level of book repair experience?

I. Little or none

II. Intermediate

III. Advanced

5. (OPTIONAL) Your name and address to receive a registration form:

Congratulations to our OCLA  
Scholarship winner for 1999!

**Christine Hepler**

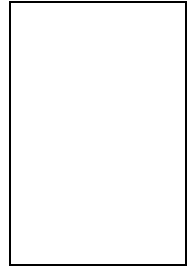
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