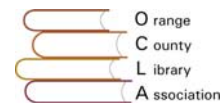


OCLA OUTLOOK

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Chapman University's Leatherby Libraries

On Thursday May 24, 2007, OCLA members and friends will gather at Chapman University. We will be touring the Leatherby Libraries, including the Sala and Aron Samueli Holocaust Memorial Library.

We will meet there at 6:30 with our annual business meeting, followed by the announcement of the winners of our OCLA Scholarship. At 7:00 we will begin our library tours, including the viewing of a Holocaust documentary. Please join us for an informative and inspiring evening.

The deadline to register is Monday, May 21 and the cost is \$8 for OCLA members and \$10 for nonmembers. If you are interested please mail payment (made out to OCLA) to:

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OCLA Scholarship Winners!!!

The OCLA Scholarship winners for 2007 are Beth Vance and Kathleen Derr Staymates. Both are students in the Library Technology Program at Santa Ana College.

They will be presented with their \$250 scholarships at our Spring Program on May 24.

Beth became interested in Libraries through working as a librarian at her son's elementary school, Westwood Elementary. A quote from one of her recommendation letters says, "She is disciplined, motivated, and shows great initiative in ensuring that our library is the best resources it can possibly be for our community."

Kathleen currently works as a part-time reference librarian for the Placentia Library. Some of her past experiences include Landscape Designer, Writing Instructor, and an Instructional Materials Center Clerk.

Congratulations to both our winners!

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Legislation Effecting Libraries Update

Giving to OCLA: OCLA and 501c (3) Status

OCLA is recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This status gives you the opportunity to support the OCLA scholarship project and our OCLA project with tax-free gifts.

OCLA has provided scholarships to OC Library students at CSU Fullerton, SJSU Library and Information Science Program and the Santa Ana College Library Technology program since 1991. We make these gifts solely out of your donations and most years we have more applicants than funds to award.

OCLA has also annually designated a special project to support in Orange County. This basically has been any organization that needs funds for books. Because, no one should be without books.

So supporting more librarians, library staff and books in Orange County is our mission and we hope it will be yours too. Please consider giving a little extra when you renew your membership to these causes.

AB 333 State Legislated free databases

Introduced by Loni Hancock (Assembly), this bill would "require the superintendent of public instruction to contract with a county office of education for the development and funding of a statewide online database purchase." This would bring California up to the marker set by the other 49 states, through their school and public libraries. It is estimated that the cost of this bill would be \$12 million for 6 million students to access databases such as Ebsco, ProQuest and Thompson/Gale.

AB 1233 State Library: Homework Assistance

Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani this bill "would require the State Librarian to enter into a contract and maintain a program of online homework assistance through the public libraries in the state. The program would be required to be available free of charge to all pupils in the state.



Updates from the Libraries of Orange County

New Staff

Hires and Promotions at Chapman University's Leatherby Libraries

Julie Artman, Public Services Librarian, has been promoted to Head of Reference and Instruction. Julie serves as a subject liaison for Dance; Theatre; and Business & Economics/Human Resources. Julie's degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Master of Fine Arts in Drama from the University of Montana, Missoula; and Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Previously, Julie taught theatre at Sweet Briar College and the University of Montana and has worked extensively in the film industry in NYC and LA. Julie is Associate Editor for The Fight Master, the journal of the American Fight Directors for stage, film, and television. She is a member of the American Library Association, Reference and User Services Association, Association of College & Research Libraries, and California Academic & Research Libraries.

Brett Fisher has joined Leatherby Libraries as Head of Library Systems & Technology. Prior to his arrival at

Chapman, Brett spent 15 years at Cal State Fullerton's Pollak Library, working first as a student assistant in Interlibrary Loan, then in Circulation, and finally as a staff member in the Systems department. Brett has also worked as a page in the children's room at the Fullerton Public Library. Brett holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communicative Disorders (Speech Language Pathology) with a minor in Christianity. He is currently working towards a Masters of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University.

Cheryl Highsmith has joined Leatherby Libraries as Electronic Resources Librarian. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and holds the degree of Master of Science in Library and Information Science. Cheryl has previously worked as a reference librarian at La Salle University and Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She taught at the secondary level in her native Illinois and earned the degree of Master of Arts in the Teaching of German. Her undergraduate degree was in the field of psychology with a minor in the Scandinavian languages.

Kevin Ross has been promoted to Associate Dean. Kevin is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the Leatherby Libraries, budgetary issues, and human resources liaison work. In addition, he currently serves as the library web master and has collection and development responsibilities in the subject area of

Education. His degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from St. Ambrose University; Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa; Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University; and a certification in Human Resources Management from Chapman University. Kevin is the current web master for the Orange County Library Association. He is also a member of the American Library Association and Association of College & Research Libraries – Library Administration and Management Association.

Stacy Russo recently joined Leatherby Libraries as Instruction Librarian. She was formerly Reference & Instruction Librarian at Cal State Fullerton. She is the subject liaison for Criminal Justice. Stacy is a book reviewer for Library Journal and other publications. She recently visited libraries throughout the state for her book project *The Library as Place in California* (forthcoming from McFarland). Stacy is the editor of the newsletter for the Association of College & Research Libraries – Women’s Studies Section. She serves on the Orange County Library Association Board and is a member of the American Library Association and California Academic & Research Libraries. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California at Berkeley; Master of Arts in English from Chapman University; and Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University.

News

ORANGE MAIN LIBRARY

The expanded new Orange Public Library & History Center (also known as the Orange Main Library) re-opened April 21 after nearly two years of construction. The \$18.7-million building, a landmark in the Old Towne Orange area downtown, provides 45,000 square feet of space with new and expanded services including:

- After-school homework help in a center jointly developed with Orange Unified School District;
- Six (6) small-group study rooms;
- A lovely Children's Garden and a separate Children's Storytime Room;
- A special Teen Zone with its own librarian to serve the community's youth;
- 87 public-use computers throughout the two-story building;
- Public access to more than a century of Orange's heritage in a beautiful new History Center and adjacent Reading Room;
- Community meeting rooms;
- Wireless access;
- Self-checkout and automated check-in of books and other items;
- More books, DVDs, compact discs, and other library materials for free borrowing with an Orange Public Library card.

The city's historic fountain is also on the new library site as part of an outdoor History Walk. The History Walk provides an introduction to the community's heritage along the walkways outside the building.

Library service hours are Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays. For more information, please call Library Manager Yolanda Moreno at 714.288.2425.

Huntington Beach Public Library

Renewal of Central Library

The Huntington Beach Public Library has embarked on a two-year renewal program to update and refurbish the Central Library. About a half million dollars a year is directed at re-carpeting, repainting, and renewing this showcase library.

One book program

Three Cups of Tea

(<http://www.threecupsoftea.com>) is about to be adopted by the City of Huntington Beach for a Huntington Beach Reads One Book program. Subtitled "One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations...One School at a Time," This is Greg Mortenson's story of discovering a need for schools in Pakistan and filling that need through an amazing effort of will and fortitude. Starting before 9/11 and continuing today through the Central Asia Institute (<http://www.ikat.org/>), this failed mountain climber and ex-army medic has returned year after year since 1993 to build schools and promote peace.

OCLA Special Project

This year's OCLA Special Project grant is going to Hope School. This is a special school within the Anaheim Union High School District for developmentally disabled youth. Part of their educational goal is to provide job training for those students who are able to do this.

Last year Mr. Louie LeMonnier and another teacher wrote a grant to get the physical trappings of a library (circulation counter, shelving, tables & chairs, leisure reading furniture, computers, and a circulation/catalog system) so they can train students to work in local libraries in a facility that looks and feels like a library. That, now, is all set up in a classroom, but there are very few actual books. Those they do have were mostly old ones brought in by teachers, staff, and/or some of the students at the school.

Our grant will help them begin to build a new collection with attractive, up-to-date books. Mr. LeMonnier will attend our Spring Program at Chapman University Leatherby Libraries to accept the check.

Why people should join OCLA?

The Orange County Library Association exists to "promote the interest of all libraries in Orange County, to develop good public relations, to provide a means of exchange of information and to promote interlibrary cooperation." It is an opportunity for librarians of all kinds (special, public, academic, school) to get to know each other, share their facilities and news, and create partnerships with each other. The opportunities are as great as the members' imaginations to provide access to the profession, public relations for their institutions, and a further knowledge of the variety and depth of librarianship in Orange County. Just as librarians help patrons on a daily basis, this organization provides the network of friends to accomplish together more than we could accomplish alone.

OCLA Membership for 2007

Join the Orange County Library Association in our 86th year!

- To promote libraries and librarianship in the county
- To share professional concerns
- To network
- To enhance library cooperation

Membership is open to **all** staff levels in **all** libraries in Orange County. Dues are for 2007. Join or renew now.

Name (print): _____

Position: _____

Library: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(City) (Zip) (Telephone)

E-mail address _____

_____ Personal membership: \$15.00

_____ Institutional/Corporate membership: \$20.00

_____ Student membership: \$10.00

OPTIONAL (tax deductible donations):

A. I am including a donation of \$_____ to the OCLA Library Student Scholarship fund.

B. I am including a donation of \$_____ to the 2007/2008 OCLA Special Project.

Make check payable to OCLA. Send application and/or donation to:

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