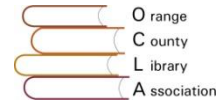


# OCLA OUTLOOK

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## Silverado Public Library is 2007-2008 OCLA Special Project

Silverado Public Library is the smallest and most isolated branch of the 33-branch Orange County Public Library. During the October 2007 wildfires they played a key role supporting their town of 1200 households.

OCLA was able through your donations and dues to present a check to them for \$250. Lucille Cruz, the librarian there, accepted the check at the OCLA Spring Program.

When you donate to our OCLA Special Project Fund we are able to support Orange County organizations that are making a difference by bringing books and reading to the people of Orange County. Each year we choose a different organization. If you have a suggestion for the 2008-2009 Special Project organization please send us a note.



## OCLA Scholarship Winners!!!

By Stacy Russo

The OCLA Scholarship winners for 2008 are Jane Luh and Maria Yanez .

Graduate applicants for the 2008 OCLA Scholarship were stellar. In fact, the OCLA Board was so impressed with the candidates that a decision was made to award one \$500 scholarship and one \$250 scholarship instead of the customary award of a single \$500 scholarship. For 2008, the OCLA Board voted to also allow applications from students enrolled in the SJSU School of Library and Information Science and California State University, Long Beach Library Media Teacher Services Credential or Librarianship Master's Degree, as long as the applicants lived in Orange County or worked in an Orange County library. Our scholarship winners represent how talented and creative individuals continue to be drawn to the profession. We have much to look forward to in the future of librarianship. Let's now meet our 2008 winners!

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## Spring 2008 Program: A Special Evening with Comic Book Writer & Illustrator Tommy Kovac



**We met at the Chapman University's Leatherby Libraries for our program on May 29. The speaker was Tommy**

**Kovac, a local artist who has drawn such titles as *Stitch*, and *Skelebunnies*. He is now the writer for a new Disney project called *Wonderland*. *Wonderland* will take a new look at Lewis Carroll's creation and will be illustrated by Sonny Liew.**

**Tommy's style focuses on highly detailed line work and distinctive lettering. We had a lot of fun as Tommy shared his past work and projects. For more about Tommy see:**



[www.tommykovac.com](http://www.tommykovac.com)

## FALL 2007 Program on Local History

Our Fall program was at the Placentia History Collection in the Placentia Public Library on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

Pat Irot was our presenter for the OCLA Fall 2007 Program. Pat Irot, formerly of the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District, is a retired educator with a passion for history and her community. Pat has been involved with the Placentia History Collection since 1991.

Pat's presentation included information about the Placentia History Collection, including the Local Authors Collection. In



addition, Pat shared her knowledge of the numerous historic sites in Placentia. At the of the evening we all had light refreshments with Pat.



# OCLA Scholarship Winners (cont.)

## Jane Luh, \$500 Scholarship Recipient



Jane Luh is a first-year teacher-librarian at Godinez Fundamental High School within the Santa Ana Unified School District. She has a 4.0 grade point average as a student in the

California State University, Long Beach Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in School Librarianship. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Pomona College. In addition, she obtained a Multiple Subject Credential with a BCLAD in Spanish and a Supplementary Authorization in Music (California State University, Dominguez Hills) and a Professional Clear Single Subject Credential in Foundational Level Math with a Supplementary Authorization in Economics (California State University, Los Angeles). Jane is proficient in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. She has taught in public schools since 1996. Jane is a member of the American Library Association, California Library Association, and California School Library Association. She has studied abroad in Spain, Taiwan, and Mexico. In the summer of 2007, she worked for the Nogales High School Community Library Program, sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Public Library and Rowland Heights Unified School District, as the children's librarian for the summer reading incentive program. Jane, a trained classical pianist, brings to librarianship an enthusiasm for integrating

web 2.0 tools, such as podcasts and blogs, into her role as a school librarian. She believes she has the experience and education "to create a strong library media center to help students think critically and achieve academically." We wish Jane the very best in her future career endeavors!

## Maria Yanez, \$250 Scholarship Recipient

Maria Yanez is currently an interlibrary loan assistant at Chapman University's Leatherby Libraries where she actively serves on the Arts and Exhibits Committee and contributes to the library's newsletter.

Maria has a 3.95 GPA in her studies at San Jose State University toward a Master of Library and Information Science degree with



an emphasis in Archival Studies. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Studio Art from California State University, Fullerton. After completion of her library degree, she would like to pursue archival librarianship at an academic or museum library. She is concerned about diversity issues in the profession and the "access of historical information regarding gays and lesbians, women, and minorities."

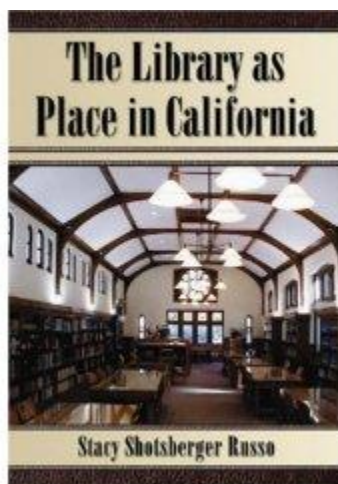
Maria has worked in libraries for seven years. She was first employed by Anaheim Public Library as a library clerk and later worked as a student assistant in the Pollak Library at California State University, Fullerton. She is a member of the Society of American Archivists Student Chapter where she engages in discussions that will ultimately lead to "an overall awareness of the issues concerning archivists and archival repositories."

Maria's interests include painting, graphic design, music, cooking, and animals. Her blog, my MLIS (available at <http://mugsio.wordpress.com>), provides a window into the life of a current library school student. Maria's enthusiasm for libraries, coupled with a background in art, will undoubtedly contribute to her future success!

## Updates from the Libraries of Orange County

### Books

OCLA Board Member Stacy Russo has recently published [The Library as Place in California](#) (McFarland, 2008).



From the educational space of UC Berkeley to a one-room library in Silverado Canyon, this tour of thirty-two California libraries explores the sense of space and unique atmosphere a structure can provide. Dividing California into eight distinct regions including the northern

California coast, the San Francisco Bay area, Los Angeles County, and San Diego County, the work looks at a sampling of libraries from each area, discussing the surroundings, facilities and physical presentation of each building. Chosen libraries reflect the communities they serve as well as their particular missions. Entries include contact information for the selected library, a website address, and information regarding its size, circulation and the extent of its collection. Photographs of the libraries are also included.

### News

#### **ORANGE COAST COLLEGE'S NEW LIBRARY**

"The new library, located on the west side of the campus, opened Thursday, January 3, 2008. The official opening party was on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 10:30 a.m.". <http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/library/Library+News+and+Events.htm>

Orange Coast College's spectacular \$33-million Library, under construction since March 2006, is complete! The two-story, 88,777 square-foot facility, is the largest building on campus. It replaced the college's Norman E. Watson Library which closed more than five years ago, was completely renovated and re-opened last October as the Watson Hall Enrollment Center.

In 1948, OCC's first Library was a converted Santa Ana Army Air Base barracks building. The second Library, which opened in 1951, was the graceful clock-tower building that still sits in the



## 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 2008

Join the Orange County Library Association in our 87th 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 2008. Join or renew now.

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Personal membership: \$15.00

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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.

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