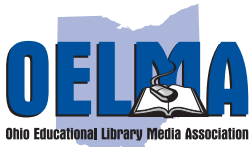


OELMA News



President's Message

Celebrate Ohio School Libraries During School Library Media Month in April!

By Joanna McNally, OELMA President



Dear OELMA members,

During School Library Media Month, let us celebrate and take pride in the many efforts and projects that have taken place during this school year – and those that are still to come! A few highlights include:

tinues its mission to focus on collaboration among K-12 teachers and library and media specialists, concerned with advancing library and information literacy in the school curriculum. Sixteen full tuition scholarships have been created for students interested in becoming licensed school library media specialists and Young Adult Librarians.

- The OELMA research study: *Student Learning Through Ohio School Libraries*, conducted by Dr. Ross Todd and Dr. Carol Kuhlthau, confirms that “effective school libraries, with actively involved school library media specialists, positively effect students’ development of research, ethical usage, and other information literacy skills.”
- The new *Ohio Guidelines for Effective School Library Media Programs* represent a standards-based education (SBE) approach to school library/media programs, defining what students should know and be able to do as a result of an effective school library/media program; and, the *Technology Academy Content Standards* include an Information Literacy Standard.
- The *Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education (ILILE)* – con-

- *INFOhio celebrates 2000+ automated school libraries!* LSTA grants made available through the State Library of Ohio and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), have enabled more than one thousand school libraries to automate with INFOhio.
- The State Library of Ohio continues to provide innovative services to all of Ohio’s citizens. Ohio is fortunate to have a Statewide Core Electronic Information Collection (SCEIC) available through Libraries Connect Ohio and statewide resource sharing available through MORE.
- OELMA is also proud of our efforts to better serve our membership through a new website that incorporates the most current web development and management technologies while also creating a site that facili-



OELMA home page

tates better access to information available – providing you with easier access to information available!

Join OELMA in celebrating School Library Media Month. Watch for an announcement regarding an exciting and special event that will take place on April 28th – OELMA will call upon its membership to assist us in celebrating Ohio’s school libraries. More information about School Library Media Month is available from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) website: <http://www.ala.org/aaslTemplate.cfm?Section>

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Call for Program Proposals Available Online Until April 10, 2004

The OELMA Conference will take place Oct. 20-22, 2004, at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. There are some great authors and speakers already lined up to participate...now we need you! The Call for Programs is located on the OELMA web site (www.oelma.org). Click on the Conference link, and you’ll see it. Please note that submissions are ONLY being accepted online this year, in an effort to streamline the process and make it easier for you! We’re looking for high quality programs that can be completed in one hour. Submissions are due **no later than April 9, 2004**. The online submission site will close April 10, so this year when we say no late submissions, we mean it! Plan now to submit your session for the OELMA 2004 Conference. Questions? Contact OELMA Director of Services, Kate Brunswick, CAE, at kate@assnoffices.com or 614.221.1900, ext. 225.



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Board Motions

By Leeann Gallaway



Motion 2004-1: Suellen Stotts moved that the OELMA Board approve the December Board minutes as amended. Seconded by Elaine McGuire. Motion Passed. **Motion**

2004-2: Elaine Ezell moved that the proposed 2004 budget of OELMA be accepted as submitted. Seconded by Sue Subel. Motion Passed. **Motion 2004-3:** Chris Findlay moved that the Board approve the submission of the AASL/ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant with AIME and if awarded the OELMA cost will not exceed \$1,500.00. Seconded by Cynthia Hustead. Motion Passed. **Motion 2004-4:** Suellen Stotts moved that OELMA support a joint legislative day celebration with INFOhio, SLO, and ILILE to promote school libraries and the Ohio Research Study. Seconded by Emily Colpi. Motion Passed. **Motion 2004-5:** Chris Findlay moved that the OELMA Board accept the 2004 Conference registration rates:

	Pre	Onsite
OELMA Member	\$150.00	\$195.00
Non-member	\$250.00	\$325.00
One Day Only	\$100.00	\$130.00
Retired or Student	\$75.00	\$100.00
Administrator	\$75.00	\$100.00
Award's Luncheon	\$25.00	N/A
Pre-Conference	not exceed \$100.00	

Exhibitor's rates:

Professional (Non-Profit)	\$125.00
Standard Booth	\$600.00
Bronze	\$750.00
Silver	\$1,250.00
Gold	\$2,250.00
Platinum	\$5,000.000

Seconded by Jane Puleo. Motion Passed.

Northwest Region Update

The Northwest Region sponsored a fall workshop, Pick the Winner, which offered attendees the opportunity to see what it would be like to be on the Caldecott Committee. A spring workshop was presented by Dr. Carolyn Brodie and Dr. Greg Byerly on collaboration for ILILE in northwest Ohio. Regional Directors Cynthia Skiver and Jackie Yambert have recently sent out a survey offering NW members the opportunity to suggest topics of interest for future seminars and workshops.

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Budgeting OELMA

By Elaine Ezell



What does it take to operate a professional organization of approximately 1,100 members? For 2004 it is a budget of \$256,000. Conference alone has a budgeted cost of \$125,000. Where does all this money go? Office operation, printing and mailing, website development and operation, conference, mid-winter are just a few of the many expenditures. Last year, the Columbus Conference Center was paid over \$50,000 for facility rental and food and beverages.

The budget is a product of the Budget and Finance Committee. This committee is chaired by the treasurer and is composed of the Vice-President, a regional director, and two at-large members serving two overlapping terms. This year's committee is comprised of Elaine Ezell (treasurer), Chris Findlay (Vice-President), Jane Puleo (regional director), and Sue Rahn and Linda Cornette (members at-large). President Joanna

McNally and AOM Director of Services Kate Brunswick will also participate.

The largest area of income for our organization is membership dues. Membership dues were increased last year thanks to the generosity of our members. The Board thanks each of you for your continued support. In order to keep our dues low, we must work together to increase our membership roster. As new library media specialists enter your district or region invite them to be a member. Last year, several of our members gave paid memberships to retirees and new library media specialists as gifts. Contributing to OELMA's Endowment Fund is another way to help sustain our organization. The endowment is an undesignated bequest. Contributions can be sent at any time to the OELMA office. The volunteer efforts of your Board members, division chairs, committee members, etc. all contribute to keeping our dues low. It takes the combined efforts of many members to keep our organization viable.

2004 OELMA Conference Welcomes Jamie McKenzie



Jamie McKenzie is the publisher and editor of *From Now On*, a monthly electronic technology newsletter which reaches more than twenty-three thousand technology leaders, thinkers and teachers along with hundreds of library media specialists, parents, industry figures and thousands of others who visit the *From Now On* Web site daily. [www.fno.org]

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April also finds us celebrating National Library Week (<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nationallibraryweek.htm>) during April 18-24, 2004 and a First Annual National Library Workers Day on April 20, 2004. How will you recognize your accomplishments? What will you do to celebrate your school/library media program? How will your (learning) community celebrate you? School Library Media Month and National Library Week provide a great opportunity to market your library/media program!

Speaking of marketing, OELMA is seeking your participation as we *Plan for the Future*. Thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant awarded

by the State Library of Ohio through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), OELMA received generous financial support to sponsor John Shannon and Becky Schreiber, international facilitators, to present six high-energy sessions during the 2003 Annual Conference. The data generated and summarized from over 130 conference participants is available from the OELMA website at: <http://www.oelma.org/organization/StrategicPlan.asp> and is intended to assist OELMA as we review and revise our strategic plan (dated 1996). OELMA needs to be prepared to adequately evolve, improve, and innovate services for the advancement of Ohio's school libraries and the OELMA Goals and Long Range Planning Committee will be seeking your feedback and involvement. Why should you join us in this effort? You are OELMA! How well your professional organization serves you depends on your willingness to direct its activities. OELMA is moving forward; however, we need your assistance to help us move even farther ahead. The Board is anxious to include members in the work

of the organization - join us in creating the OELMA you envision! Simply complete the online committee/division interest form at: <http://www.oelma.org/Organization/DivisionsForm.asp> or contact Patricia McCauley, Goals and Long Range Planning Chairperson, by email at: mccauley@nwoet.org.

It is a challenging, exciting, and rewarding time to work in and with Ohio's school libraries. I would like to conclude by sharing a favorite quote that I refer to often by King Whitney Jr.: "Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better." Let us be hopeful and confident - let us celebrate Ohio's school libraries!

Thank you for your membership and for your dedication to OELMA and school libraries.



Planning A Conference: Sense of Humor Needed

By *Christine Findlay*, OELMA Vice-President

It isn't like I didn't know what was involved in planning a conference. Twice in the past, when the OELMA conference was held in Dayton, I served as the Local Arrangements Chair for the Vice Presidents in charge of the conferences. Back then, when the conferences rotated around the state, the Vice President would select a local arrangements chair and that person would form a committee of people to oversee different aspects of the conference like exhibits, meals, decorations, authors/speakers, etc. Each conference I've been involved with has had 8-10 years in between them, so I think some of the reality of all the work involved faded between them.

As soon as I started to read the evaluations from the 2003 conference, those realities came back to mind. There are lots of excellent comments and suggestions that are turned in on the evaluations. The reason the evaluations are so entertaining to read, though, is because for everything that you read, you also read an opposite suggestion. That could be pretty aggravating if you didn't stop to realize how truly wonderful it is. It's wonderful because it shows the wide spectrum of our membership. We come from poor districts and wealthy districts; rural districts and urban districts; small districts and large districts. Some of us have stable, healthy budgets and others must scarp for everything they get. That may not sound wonderful to you, but when you step back and think about it, it paints a picture of an organization that must strive to meet the needs of so many different library media specialists and so many different students. We all know that diversity is a good thing. As I've been planning the 2004 conference, I've tried to keep this diversity in mind.

The first thing you may notice about the 2004 conference is that the schedule will be a bit different. I realize this will make some people very happy and others will not like it. Some of the comments that I tried to keep in

mind as I worked on a new schedule were:

- ◆ not enough sessions
- ◆ not enough room at book review sessions
- ◆ box lunch is awful
- ◆ great to have a box lunch available at conference
- ◆ not enough time to visit exhibits
- ◆ too much no-conflict time for exhibits
- ◆ not enough sessions repeated
- ◆ too many sessions repeated

Are you starting to see a trend here?

Here are some of the changes I plan for our conference. Only time will tell if they are wise choices or not, and I suspect there will never be consensus about that. But I do want to let you know well in advance that things may function a little differently than they did in the past and with any luck, change will not be all bad. Please, when you get to conference in October, READ YOUR PROGRAM to be in the know! In the meantime, keep checking the Conference section of our web site. We will post appropriate information as we have it ready.

Instead of a box lunch on Thursday, participants may sign up for a luncheon (additional cost) session. At this session, you have the choice of a Picture Book Picnic with Carolyn Brodie, where Carolyn will do her picture book review for all of those in attendance. We always hear that Carolyn never has enough room so here is a way for you to be sure of a seat and handout.

For those interested in YA books, James Cook will offer a YA book session at an alternate luncheon. Again, by purchasing a ticket, you are guaranteed a seat and handout. James is another of those speakers we always hear was not in a big enough room. That shouldn't be a problem this year.

If you are not interested in attending one of those luncheon sessions, you can choose to do lunch on your own. The

North Market is across the street and limited food items are available in the convention center or some of the hotels.

After lunch, no matter where you eat, **all** conference attendees are invited to the exhibits for dessert. It won't be anything too fancy, but it should be fun & sweet! The exhibits are a very important part of our conference and we like to provide some no-conflict time for attendees to visit with the exhibitors and take advantage of some of the great conference deals offered at their booths.

Another problem area I identified on the evaluations was Friday afternoon. Presenters in the sessions after lunch are usually disappointed with the number of people attending those sessions. I guess many conference attendees head home after the Awards Luncheon on Friday so they are not getting home so late. This year, I plan to eliminate the afternoon sessions. The number of sessions in the morning will be increased with a snack break mid-morning. Then the Award/Author Luncheon will be later. It will start at 1:30 and end around 3. I know this is a dangerous thing to try, but it is important that we offer enough sessions for those participants seeking CEU credits and I believe we will still be able to do that by offering four sessions in the morning on Friday.

The exhibitors always say Friday afternoon is slow for them and many pack up to go home anyway. This will allow them to be done by 1:30 when we go into the luncheon.

Planning conference is a lot of work. But it's a lot of fun, too. The best part about it is working closely with library colleagues to put together a worthwhile event. I love getting the little e-mails from members volunteering to help in any way they might be needed. Don't worry - - we'll be calling you as conference time draws near! So far, I've managed to keep my sense of humor. Hey, have you heard the one about the librarian....



2004 Printz and King Award Winner Featured at Conference

Angela Johnson, winner of both the 2004 Michael L. Printz Award and Coretta Scott King Award for *The First Part Last*, will be a featured author at the 2004 OELMA Conference.

Angela Johnson is an original writer whose award-winning works range from picture books to poetry to novels for children and young adults. Her realistic stories deal with issues faced by children and adults in the context of their families – adoption, care of elderly family members, and death.

In addition to the Printz award for 2004, Angela Johnson won a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship for 2003. Also known as the “Genius Award,” the fellowship comes with a check for \$500,000.

Ohio Research Study

“Student Learning Through Ohio’s School Libraries”

By *Suellyn Stotts, Past-President*



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . .

Even though Ohio and its local school districts are reeling after the debilitating blow that the majority of the districts throughout the state took as a result of the March 2 dismal levy results, it is still a potentially good time for school librarians due to publication of the Ross Todd study.

“The Ohio Research study shows that an effective school library, lead by a credentialed school librarian who has a clearly defined role in information-centered pedagogy, plays a critical role in facilitating student learning for building knowledge.” This is not new information for Ohio’s school librarians. We have always known this fact, but NOW we have evidence to back it up. And we’re going to celebrate!

April is School Library Month and school librarians have cause to celebrate all month long! Our state study has garnered international interest, being the largest school library study ever; for the first time OELMA will advertise in *The Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) Journal*, a real coup for OELMA thanks to our Director of Services, Kate Brunswick, and offering another way to promote the study to those who can make

changes happen; OELMA, with Leadership for School Libraries (L4SL—a joint partnership representing OELMA, the Ohio Department of Education, the State Library of Ohio, and INFOhio) is planning an event at the Ohio State House on April 28 to help legislators become familiar with the study findings; ODE will approve and distribute the Guidelines for Effective School Library Media Programs. We need YOU to celebrate too! Join the OELMA-L list serve to stay up-to-date! OELMA is going to need your participation. Visit the redesigned OELMA website at www.oelma.org and become familiar with the study findings and other work of your state organization. Participate in OELMA’s Midwinter Conference and State Conference to get more ideas on advocating. Participate in professional development activities offered by your OELMA regions.

School librarians are making a difference and the time is ripe. Educators blame the hidden costs of unfunded federal mandates such as NCLB as a key force in expense and growth forcing Ohio districts to constantly seek more money from voters. This is not working and something has to change. When it does, school librarians will be ready to take advantage of the study results. 13,000 students cannot be wrong!

Central Region Update



Cynthia Hustead



Susan Yutzey

The Central Region rounds out its “Planning an Effective School Library Program” series with workshops in April and May. On April 1, Deb Logan, author for Linworth Publishing and school library media specialists at Mt. Gilead High School, will provide tried and true strategies for collaborating with classroom teachers.

On May 6, Karen Hildebrand, Diane Guiett, and Susan Yutzey will share their best practices, and will provide plenty of opportunity for input and discussion. Each of these workshops is from 4:30 to 6:30 at Upper Arlington High School, 1650 Ridgeview Road, Upper Arlington, Ohio. Cost per session for OELMA members is \$20.00 per session; for non-OELMA members, \$24.00. Contact the OELMA office to register.

The Central Region directors are planning next year’s series of workshops. If you have any suggestions for programs or speakers, please contact Susan Yutzey at syutzey@uaschools.org or Cynthia Hustead at hustead@infohio.org



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West Region Update

Submitted by: *Becky Roetgerman and Elaine McGuire*

Upcoming events include a workshop titled "April Book of Showers", with Betty Darst as presenter. The day-long workshop will be held on Fri., April 23, from 8:30-3 p.m. at the Kettering Center for Continuing Education (Wright State University), 140 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. This is an opportunity for those who share a love of reading. See new award-winning books and displays, hear book talks, and pick up book

lists and teaching guides. Cost is \$100, which includes lunch. For further information, contact Wright State University at 937-775-2250 or Betty Darst at 937-426-8114.

At the request of Superintendent Frank DePalma, a video was recently filmed featuring Centerville City Schools' Virtual IMC website. (<http://lib.centerville.k12.oh.us>) The video high-

lights online resources available for student and community use including district OPACs, recommended websites, district subscription databases, and INFOhio resources. This 13 minute program will air on public access channels and will be available for checkout in all district libraries. This video is first in a planned series that emphasizes Centerville City Schools' instructional programs.

OLSSI is planning on holding its Third Annual Conference at Ohio Northern University on August 1 – 3, 2004.

Though the classes have not yet been finalized, we are planning on having 3 different seminars/classes running at all times, with one always being a computer lab. The conference will also run 3-days/2-nights, as opposed to the 4-days/3-nights of previous years.



Jane Puleo



Sue Subel

Northeast and East regions joined together for a Management Series. Approximately 30 Library Media Specialists have joined us for the series. Marti Peden gave Time Management tips. Participants from CAP and ILILE presented on making Curriculum Connections. Terri Pasadyn focused on Leadership styles. Cathy Hakala-

Ausperk and INFOhio's Terri Fredericka offered tips on Managing People.

Upcoming session:

April 29-Best Practices
Beachwood High School

If you are interested in another series for the 2004-05 school year, please let us know. Email: Sue Subel: ke_subel@lgca.org; Jennifer Farthing: jfarthing@twinsburg.k12.oh.us; or Jane Puleo: jkpuleo@garfieldheights.k12.oh.us.