

Roseburg Staffers Contribute to Statewide Library Community
Kris Wiley for The News-Review

Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp and I believe in giving back to the greater library community through service in statewide organizations.

Our most recent volunteer project involves serving as Program Coordinators for the 2025 Oregon Library Association (OLA) Conference, which will be held April 23-25 in Eugene.

OLA is a great opportunity to network, learn from speakers in order to stay updated on trends and best practices, meet with representatives from some of the vendors we use and share our knowledge with others.

Our component started in October, when we solicited session ideas from librarians, educators and museum professionals. Over the past month, we created the schedule, confirmed speakers and finalized descriptions for 80 sessions.

Our job is nearly done, and we look forward to a fun-filled and jam-packed conference.

Once there, I will speak at a session titled “The Evolving E-Book Landscape” with State Librarian Wendy Cornelisen and Jesse Holden, Program Manager for Shared Content & Scholarly Communication at Orbis Cascade Alliance, a nonprofit consortium of 38 colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

I will share information about the Oregon Digital Library Consortium (ODLC), which makes the Libby app possible for our library users. I am in my second and final year as ODLC Chair, running monthly Executive Committee and biannual Governing Board meetings. It takes a village, including selectors, catalogers and administrators, to ensure the wildly popular platform remains operational.

Although my term on the Executive Committee ends in July, I expect to remain the ODLC Governing Board representative for the group’s associate libraries, those with a service population of less than 50,000.

I am in my second year as Chair of the Southern Oregon Library Federation (SOLF), an organization of professionals from all types of libraries in the region. We gather four times a year, twice online and twice in person, rotating our meeting locations so we can tour facilities and exchange ideas and information.

Because of connections made at SOLF, Roseburg Public Library is part of a network of libraries that exchanges puzzles for Roseburg Parks and Recreation’s popular Puzzle Palooza events.

Aurora is in her second year as Secretary of the Oregon Library Association Children’s Services Division, a group that promotes and advances library service to children and

youth through public and professional education and cooperation. She attends monthly online meetings, shares her knowledge and skills, and supports the efforts of youth librarians around the state.

We enjoy these opportunities to collaborate and will continue to share our time and expertise with colleagues from around Oregon.

Next week's library events

Tuesday, February 11, 10 a.m. – Grab-and-go children's craft kits

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email kwiley@roseburgor.gov for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, February 12, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, February 13, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, February 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Legos & Building for all ages

Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. – Author Victor Lodato