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SPRINGFIELD LIBRARIAN HEADS STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Library Director, Rob Everett, becomes Oregon Library Association President

On Friday, August 27th, Springfield Public Library Director Rob Everett officially began his year of serving as the president of the Oregon Library Association (OLA). OLA is a thousand member organization comprised of professional librarians and library staff from public, academic and special libraries throughout the state.

“I’m grateful to the membership of the Oregon Library Association for affording me the opportunity to repay a small part of the debt I owe this great, professional, association for all the encouragement and support it has given me throughout my career.”

Everett was elected in the spring of 2009 and served for a year as the vice-president/president-elect. His one-year term as president began on September 1st of 2010 and includes responsibility for the association’s annual conference in the spring of 2011. Everett will serve an additional year on the OLA Executive Board in the year following his presidency. During his term he will advocate for support of library services across the state as well as working for the support and development of library workers in all types of libraries throughout the state.

Background:

It is the aim of the association to support, nurture, and grow current and future generations of library professionals. At the same time OLA members advocate and educate about, not only the importance of, but the essential need for libraries in our communities. Everett has also served as the Association secretary as well as the Chair of the Public Library Division.