

# President's Letter

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Happy 30th Anniversary! It's official - our chapter is now in its 30th year. To give you some perspective on what life was like in 1972, here are some headlines from that year:

**President Nixon makes unprecedented eight-day visit to Communist China and meets with Mao Zedong.**

**Eleven Israeli athletes at Olympic Games in Munich are killed after members of an Arab terrorist group invades Olympic Village.**

**Five men are apprehended by police in attempt to bug Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington DC's Watergate complex.**

**Time Inc. transmits HBO, the first pay cable network.**

**Women dominate the Grammy Awards, taking all four top categories - Carole King for three categories and Carly Simon takes Best New Artist award.**

**Gloria Steinem's Ms. Magazine debuts.**

**Atari introduces the arcade version of Pong, the first video game.**

**The compact disk is developed by RCA and the video disk is introduced by Philips.**

Among the other headlines (showing how far we've come and how much farther we still need to go), I was so surprised to see where technology was back in 1972. Although certainly not mainstream yet, media disks were just being created. Now, look at us. Those large LP-sized video disks are long gone and compact disks are soon to be replaced by other, more durable, media. We've seen many life-changing innovations in the past 30 years. Librarians have stayed ahead-of-the-curve, using continuously evolving tools and staying flexible in an ever-changing environment. We are part of a profession that constantly re-invents itself with the passing years and a chapter that embraces change and new ideas.

Don't think that our chapter's innovative spirit has gone unnoticed. This summer, the Oregon Chapter was the inaugural winner of the Information Technology Division's Outstanding Chapter Technology Programming award. Kudos go to the Communications Team who developed and produced our Virtual Conference series for two years running.

It's the members that make our chapter exciting. This year, take time out of your schedule to get involved, meet other members, and attend some meetings. Our Kick-Off Breakfast on September 27th will get this year off to a rousing start. We're planning lots of events throughout the year and a Big Anniversary Party in May - so stay tuned for details.

Before I sign off, I'd like to thank those Board Members and Team Leaders that are rotating from their duties after years of service: Gerry Lukos, Past-President, and Laura Merrell, Communications Team Leader. I would also like to recognize those officers that are continuing on: Kathy Hemphill, Past-President; Linda Absher, President Elect; Dareth Murray, Treasurer; Althea Pribyl, Membership/Director; Judy Anderson, Operations; Gretchen Leslie, Promotional Activities/Consultation; La Jean Humphries, Professional Development; and Lenora Oftedahl, Webmaster. Finally, I'd like to welcome the new Board Members and Team Leaders: Samara Wilson, Secretary; Linda Lovett, Valley Liaison/Director; and Shannon Marich, Communications. And, thanks to all of you who stepped forward and joined a team this summer. There are still openings, so please let me know if you'd like to be more involved in our chapter.

With the support of our Board and all of our chapter members, I'm looking forward to an exciting year!

---Rachel