

OLL Committee Reports

BOD Meeting 8/21/ 2025

Tech Committee

There is no report for this month

-Doug Long

Volunteer Committee

Nothing to report

-Dottie Bellinger

Terrace Talks Committee

Both David Myler and Linda Farthing have been at work constructing the 2025-2026 Calendar of TT. Summer travels have interfered with our meeting as a committee, but work progresses. We will soon be contacting previous volunteers and recruiting new volunteers. Insofar as possible, TT will coordinate with both of the OLL 60th teams working on fundraising and celebrations. TTC members are embedded in both teams, so to speak.

-Gail Ament

Book Committee

Members: Sara Boskovich, Diana Carr, Siobhan Grogan, Kate Hart, Joyce Hinton, Gabrielle Larew, Peter McCallion, David Myler, Cathy Pikel, Liz Renn, Patricia Saull, Shannon Sheppard.

Circulation: 818 items

Fines: 2,089

Book Sales: \$5,478 pesos

ACTIVITIES

Accepted with regret the resignation of Lissa Waite, professional librarian, who has moved permanently to Seattle.

Shelved books, magazines and DVDs

Trained volunteers in shelving and other tasks

Mentored student summer volunteer

Gave tours to visitors and new members

Staffed Circulation Desk

Catalogued new and donated books

Managed Wish List and communicated with donors

Accepted, evaluated, and organized book donations

Managed Book Sale

Provided readers advisory to users

Mobile Book Display: "Little Known Gems by Famous Authors"

Continued to update "Recommended Reading" on OLL website

Continued weeding DVDs according to Collection Development Policy

Ordered new fiction and nonfiction books

-Siobhan Grogan

Excursion Committee

Hoofing It - Tanya and Dottie had lunch with our main guide for hikes, Rocio Santos, and presented her with a small gift of appreciation. She has consistently been rated extremely high by participants. The Committee completed a tentative schedule for the next season and is waiting for a quotation from the van provider on transportation and guide costs. Tanya and hiking committee members have also been exploring additional hiking venues.

Out & About - Due to Jacki Gordon's illness, I asked Tanya LaPierre to take over as the Coordinator of the Out and About program. We estimate that she will cost the program about \$13,000 pesos until the end of the year, a bargain in my estimation. She recently planned a tour of the archeological site in Teotitlan which was fully booked, netting the OLL about \$5,000 pesos. We plan to offer more tours earlier in the season, something that was requested by responders to a recent survey conducted by Tanya. We may also be offering a few walking tours in the city for smaller groups. Lastly, we will also be conducting more training for chaperones on the Out and About tours, so they have more knowledge of the events for which they are escorting participants.

Financial considerations - We are requesting a meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss two issues:

1) We need to pay local guides and service providers at the time of hikes and tours.

Collecting this money from participants has resulted in some complaints about having already paid a tour fee and then being asked to pay for more services during the event. As a result, we would like to build these costs into the tour or hike fee, but most of these providers, even municipalities, cannot provide a factura. How should we handle these cash transactions?

2) To what extent should we be building in the 30% income tax to fees we charge participants? If the OLL has to pay 30% tax on all income, don't we need to build that into the fees? And what will be the impact on net income?

OaxacaEvents.com

David Raphael and I agreed to end OaxacaEvents.com, at least in its current operation, after 8 years of service. Personal life events and fewer volunteers led to this decision. Since then, a programmer expressed interest in automating it, sending automated bots out to find events online and put them on the website. He is exploring that now, and we'll see what he comes up with.

-Dottie Bellinger

Welcome to Oaxaca

July was a busy month for the city and a quiet one for the WTO sessions. Nothing new to report, but we are hunting for a few new speakers for our team.

-Bliss Wilson

Social Committee

Members: Enaj Schlak, Susan Frett, David Myler, Larry Ginzkey, Bonny Weil

Enaj and Bonny met to discuss what the social committee events regularly include, and did an inventory of committee supplies at various storage locations in the library. Bonny will be scheduling a planning meeting with the team and putting together a committee budget.

-Bonny Weil

Outreach committee

No report submitted this month

-no chair

Facilities and Design Committee

No report submitted this month

-no chair

Finance Committee

No report submitted this month

Fundraising Committee

No report submitted this month

-no chair