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The Chalkboard

The OCTE newsletter, *Chalkboard*, is a print and digital publication produced four times a year to communicate news from language arts teachers across Oregon, as well as book reviews, conference reflections, announcements, and more.

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Fall Conference Success

BY LAURIE DOUGHERTY
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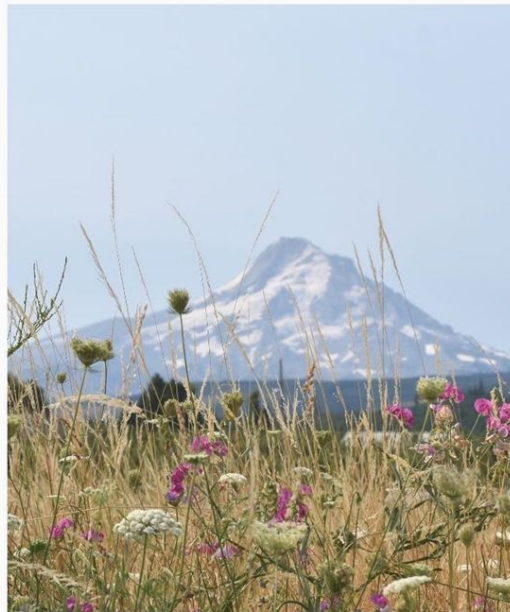
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This October, OCTE offered our first virtual conference in the form of a free four-week speaker series. With our theme, “Courage Hope and Humanity: Meeting Our Students Where They Are”, we hoped to create a space to explore culturally sustaining and antiracist English language arts education. Our speakers, representing a variety of voices and genres, included Dawnnesha Lasuncet, Equity and Inclusion Specialist from Clackamas ESD, Oregon Poet Laureate Anis Mojgani, Family Therapist and author Chris Crutcher, and young adult author April Henry. Their insights helped give us new ways of reflecting on the world our students are navigating. The conference was enthusiastically received. It felt like an intimate conversation with a friend in the comfort of my own home. As one participant remarked, “I initially signed up for PDU’s, but these have all been so good!”

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Save the Date: Spring Conference!
Coming in April 2021...

Based on the encouraging feedback we received from our October series, OCTE will be putting together another series in April based on the theme Oregon's Untold Stories. We will be building on our efforts to promote culturally sustaining and anti-racist language arts education by examining stories from Oregon's marginalized and unsung peoples. We are excited to meet with well-known Oregon author, Jane Kirkpatrick, who has just published *Something Worth Doing*, the story of suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway. We also plan to have speakers from TAMÁSTSLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE, The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, and a survivor of Japanese American Internment. Again, this will be a free series for members of OCTE.



Oregon's Untold Stories

Watch for details coming up!

For more information, check out the links below:

[Jane Kirkpatrick](#)

[TAMÁSTSLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE](#)

[The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust](#)

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The 2019 Oregon Spirit Book Award Winners Have Been Selected...

The award was established in 2005 and is given yearly to the author of a distinguished contribution to children's literature or young adult literature that engages and encourages readers' imagination, discovery, and understanding, reflecting the spirit and values held by Oregonians. There is priority to texts that present:

- Respectful portrayals of diverse individuals and groups
- Peaceful, innovative, and equitable solutions of conflicts
- Tolerance of various individual and cultural perspectives
- Respect for ecosystems and environmental sustainability



Children's Winner:
Fix that Clock, by Kurt Cyrus



Middle Reader Winner:
Last of the Name, by Rosanne Parry



Honorable Mention:
Banjo, by Graham Salisbury



Young Adult Winner:
Run, Hide, Fight Back, by April Henry



Honorable Mentions:
The Oddmire: Changeling, by William Ritter
and *Winterwood*, by Shea Ernshaw

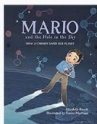


Graphic Novel Winner:
Queen of the Sea, by Dylan Meconis



Honorable Mention:
Peter & Ernesto: The Lost Sloths, by Graham Annable

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**Nonfiction Winner:**

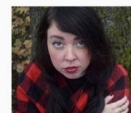
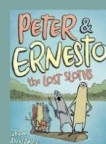
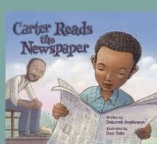
Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet,
by Elizabeth Rusch

**Honorable Mention:**

Carter Reads the Newspaper, by Deborah Hopkinson

**Debut Winner:**

We Set the Dark on Fire, by Tehlor Kay Mejia

**Honorable Mention Books:**

Congratulations to these fine authors!



Bookmarks

- Have you updated your membership? Go to the [OCTE website](#) to renew! A quick reminder that the upcoming OCTE Spring Conference will be free to current OCTE members.
- Would you be willing to share some information with us? Thanks for taking a moment to complete this [brief survey](#)!
- Consider attending OSLA's Feb. 10th [conference](#), "From Striving to Thriving"!

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