Centennial Endowment Campaign Kicks Off!

At the Annual Conference membership meeting this year in Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) Centennial Endowment Campaign was announced. The goal of the campaign is to raise $1 million dollars by 2007, the year OLA will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The campaign has two goals. The first goal is to establish an endowment fund of $750,000 that will provide OLA with a stable annual income from interest earnings, keeping down the cost of future programs. The funds will be raised from vendors, OLA members, fundraising events and other sources. The second goal is to purchase a home office for OLA with $250,000 that can house our administrative personnel, serve as a meeting center and provide rental income from unused space. We hope to raise these resources through foundation grants.

The Centennial Endowment Committee, Patrick Brennan, Kathy Hale, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Kathryn Lewis, Julia Ratliff, Bob Swisher and Pat Weaver-Meyers have, with OLA Board approval, made arrangements for OLA endowment funds to be managed by the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma (CFOK), a non-profit organization that provides financial support to cultural, municipal and other non-profit organizations throughout Oklahoma. CFOK currently has over $35 million in assets under management. Through CFOK, a $10,000 matching endowment grant is available this fiscal year and the committee has solicited funds from the following donors to match that challenge. As of this writing, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED! The first $10,000 has been raised and deposited in the OLA Centennial Endowment Fund before the deadline.

The following vendors/agencies helped OLA meet our initial matching grant by making donations at the "Sustaining" level ($1,000-$4,999):

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The committee encourages our membership to make a special effort to let these donors know that you appreciate their support for this worthy and ambitious program which ensures that OLA offers programs and services to future Oklahoma librarians and library users.

Individuals have also helped us meet this first goal in our campaign:

**Contributing:** Kay Boies, Lee Brawner, Patrick Brennen, Rachel Butler, Ron and Lin Drees (in honor of Patrick Brennen), Tom Haines, Katherine Hale, Wayne Hanway, Jan Keene, Ruth King, Kathryn Lewis, Bill Lowry, Juliana McPeeters, Susan McVey, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Anne and Dr. Manuel Prestamo, Julia Ratliff, Jan Sanders, Elyn Schmidt, Mary Sherman, Donna Sikvarla, Robert Swisher, Mary Thompson, Pat Weaver-Meyers. **Supporters:** Karen Bays, Peggy Cook, Vema Graybill, Anne Haieh, Melissa Huffman, Linda Jordan, Andy Peters, Gary Phillips, Suanne Wymer. **Others:** Victoria Dixon, Fran Harbert.

In September, you will receive a brochure describing the fund-raising program. If you have not yet made a contribution, I encourage you to consider a monthly pledge to OLA that will last until the end of the fundraising campaign in April 2007. A monthly pledge can accumulate to a substantial gift, even when the monthly deduction is modest. Remember, OLA is a 501(c)3. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

You might also want to consider a planned gift such as a bequest or insurance policy. These alternatives are described in detail in the campaign brochure. Regardless of the size of your gift, participation by 100% of the members will help us convince donor agencies that the membership is dedicated to this enterprise.

OLA Centennial Endowment Fund is also a meaningful way to honor or memorialize a colleague, friend or loved one. OLA will provide acknowledgment of these contributions to the family.

We are excited about this project and hope you share our excitement. Many of you have served the organization as officers, committee members and volunteers over the years. But, I must ask you for something more. The goal is lofty, but necessary to ensure the viability of OLA and the continuing support it provides to our profession within the state.

This organization has a history of nearly 100 years. Through your support, we can assure that OLA will have a future of 100 more. Please join us in contributing to the next 100 years of Oklahoma Librarianship! www.olacampaign.org is a new website designed to describe the program, and will be updated regularly to let you know how the campaign is progressing.

Pat Weaver-Meyers
As I look forward to serving OLA and its membership in the coming year, I am deeply grateful to Kathryn Lewis and the past year’s leadership for their dedication and hard work that resulted in another banner year for OLA. But the greatest credit for the success of the organization must go to its members. All of you have built the community that is OLA, and I look forward to continuing that work in the coming year.

Over the past ten years our roles, and the roles of libraries, have fundamentally changed. We’ve weathered periods of doubt, concern, and hard wringing about the relevancy of libraries and librarians in the cyber world. We have risen to the challenge admirably: reinventing our libraries and ourselves by implementing new technologies and tools, mastering new skills, and broadening the content and services we provide to our patrons. And of course, we’ve left nothing behind. Print is still very much alive, and likely will be for the rest of our lifetimes. To paraphrase Steve Jobs’ comment when Apple launched the Macintosh in 1984 “The paperless library is about as likely as the paperless bathroom.” OLA has played a key role in this reinvention process by offering workshops and conference programs, and through partnerships like the Public Library Certification program offered through ODL. But again, none of this would have been possible without the active participation of members and their willingness to share their expertise, knowledge, and skills with others. OLA continues to successfully fulfill its role of building synergistic communities for the growth and development of its members.

There has been much concern here and nationally about the graying of the profession, and the need to develop new, younger leaders. OLA has created an ad hoc group that is exploring the feasibility of creating a leadership institute to address this challenge on the state level. Oklahoma was fortunate to have 3 librarians selected to participate in the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute this past year. I believe that OLA has already made significant progress in this regard. This year’s Executive Board will have only a few members that have served in that capacity previously. The fact that I have the honor of serving as President is proof that OLA is an open and welcoming organization. I certainly do not qualify on the “young” side of leadership, but still consider myself a relatively “new” Oklahoman. When I began working at OSU about 7 years ago, I was encouraged by colleagues to become involved in OLA. Somehow, from the time that I attended my first OLA event I have found myself more and more involved. The rewards gained from participation have been many, and the time leading to this year has passed by in a whirlwind. If you have not been actively involved in a division, committee, or roundtable of OLA, I urge you to contact me and express your interest to do so. To those that are actively involved, some for many, many years, make a commitment to get a colleague involved in the organization during this next year.

While libraries of all types across the state and the nation face legislative and financial challenges, OLA and ALA provide us with a voice of cohesiveness and strength. As we face these challenges it is important that we take time to recognize and reflect on our successes.

We have made tremendous strides with the integration of technology. As we heard from Mitch Freedman at the March 2004 Conference, 99% of libraries nationwide now provide free Internet access for their patrons. Nonetheless, circulation of library materials continues to increase.

- In Oklahoma we have once again forestalled passage of UCITA.
- OLA membership, and participation by new members, has increased.
- Results of the recent Oklahoma Opinion Quarterly by the OU Public Opinion Learning Laboratory found that Oklahomans place high status, importance and priority on Oklahoma’s libraries.
  • 97% believe that support of libraries is a good use of their tax dollar.
  • 68% have used their library at least once in the past year.
  • 95% believe that it is important that their community library offer electronic reference materials.
  • 88% think that state should continue to fund literacy grants that help non-readers learn to read.
- 77% believe that the state should definitely continue funding library building grants to help strengthen rural communities.
- 92% believe that state funds should be used for computer hardware and software upgrades in libraries.

We know that the coming year will present us with challenges in the areas of intellectual freedom, intellectual property, and budget at the local, state, and federal levels. We also know that OLA has some exciting new initiatives underway, including the emerging plans of the Centennial and Leadership Ad Hoc Committees, and the Endowment Committee. Especially exciting is the Read Y’All Campaign unveiled at the Annual Conference’s Opening General Session.

We’ve reached the point we’re at today through much introspection and by reinventing our libraries and ourselves. The time has come to spread the word about the vital importance of libraries to your communities. My theme for the coming year is “Telling Library Stories.” During my term of office I vow to eat as much rubber chicken as it takes to tell library stories to civic and business groups all across the state. I challenge each of you to do the same, by sharing something unique or important that your library is doing with someone everyday. Our greatest challenge is bringing these messages to people who DON’T come through our doors on a regular basis.

Finally, I want to thank all the OLA leaders that have preceded me for building the vibrant organization we have today. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and OLA in the coming year. If you have ideas, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email address is aprestamo@cox.net and my daytime phone number is 405-744-9377.

Anne Prestamo
Breaking Barriers-2 Views of the Workshop

Learn a second language, uncross your arms, and examine your library’s culture are at the top of the things-to-do list for thirty librarians who attended the Breaking Down Barriers to Excellent Reference Service workshop in Enid on June 26.

Sponsored by Reference Roundtable, the event’s three speakers gave tips on overcoming the cultural, language and social barriers that reference librarians deal with every day as they try to give excellent customer service to all types of library users.

Dr. Rhonda Harris Taylor, associate professor in the OU School of Library and Information Sciences started off the workshop with a discussion of what makes up a culture. She reminded participants that the cultures of library customers are not the only barriers to good service. Libraries and librarians have their own culture that may be a barrier to customers unfamiliar with the way a library in the United States works. If staff members have a basic understanding of what makes up a culture, they can use this knowledge to improve service and market the library to the community. Dr. Taylor encouraged everyone to get out of the library and learn about cultures in the community to determine how they can best be served.

Sara Martinez, Coordinator for Hispanic Resource Center, Martin Regional Library, Tulsa, told participants that when language is a barrier, any effort to bridge the divide is appreciated by the customer, even a step as small as pronouncing a name correctly. Further steps include overcoming staff reluctance to use existing foreign language skills and using Internet resources to make “cheat sheets” of common library phrases for staff and customers.

After a lunch break for visiting Enid restaurants, participants enjoyed a presentation by Theresa Dickson, Associate Director for Collections and Facilities, Pioneer Library System, discussing ways to overcome the social barrier to good reference service. Group exercises focused on body language, eye contact, and use of voice expression. Dickson pointed out that training, preparation, and self-awareness are essential to dealing with unfamiliar or uncomfortable situations that arise in dealing with problem customers or customers from cultures other than one’s own.

All three speakers focused on ways librarians can prepare themselves for dealing with different cultures instead of changing the other cultures to fit the existing library culture. While training on the different cultures in the community is helpful, self-examination is also important in determining one’s own pre-conceptions and prejudices. Librarians must try to make sure they are not the biggest barriers to excellent reference service.

The workshop concluded with small-group discussion of several common library scenarios in which problems arise among co-workers and between librarian and customer. Using information covered during the day, groups were able to come up with several alternatives for solving problems dealing with cultural, language and social barriers.

Rhonda H. Taylor (OU) on Cultural barriers, Sara Martinez (Martin Regional Library) on Language barriers, and Theresa Dickson (Pioneer Library System) were the three fabulous speakers for this workshop.

Ms. Taylor began by helping us to define what “culture” includes and means to various groups. Items included were language, gender roles, religion, body language, food’s preparation and ceremonial significance, health attitudes, etc. We then described the “library culture” in the United States which included the value of access to information, the “right” place for things, quiet, knowledge and professionalism. She also listed several values and accepted styles of behavior in our and other cultures. The question raised at the end, was how to handle prejudice in the staff? The answer was to impress upon the staff that they must behave in the accepted manner while on the job.

Ms. Martinez is the Coordinator for Hispanic Resource Center in Tulsa. She gave guidelines on how to communicate with non-English speakers. Some of those were:

- When a child is doing the translating, be sure to make the majority of your eye contact with the adults even though responding to the child.
- Ask bi-lingual parents to volunteer some hours at the library so as to have an adult translator.

You can go to http://www.tulsalibrary.org to see what the Hispanic Resource Center is doing.

After lunch Theresa Dickson was in charge of getting us to lighten up. She proceeded to do this by having us do different “exercises” in various styles of body language. Since body language is 50% of what the listener “hears”, it is important for us to be aware how we respond. Some of the activities of the session were: We tried staring directly into each other’s eyes while speaking. This did make some people nervous. We stood by, close to, each other at different distances (from approx. 36” in to approx. 24”). Again what a difference there was in levels of comfort. She also demonstrated how to "guide" an excited person into mirroring your more relaxed demeanor, thereby making it easier to discuss a situation with the person. Even though it was a serious topic, we had a lot of fun.

Thank you for a day well spent. We hope to see you again in similar situations.

Brenda Johnson

BJ Vinson
RETIREMENTS ARE IN THE AIR

Ray Lau Retires

After 29 years of service to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University community as Director of Libraries, Ray Lau is retiring this summer. At the Friday evening banquet of the Oklahoma Library Association in March, ODL Director Susan McVey presented the OLA Special Meritorious Service Award to Ray Lau. Ms. McVey later remarked: “Ray Lau is a man of integrity and professionalism whom everyone respects and admires. He is more interested in service than in recognition. Ray has been a credit to his profession and to his institution, Northwestern State University. He will be missed as one of those ‘rocks’ on who we depend.”

As a member of the Oklahoma Library Association, Mr. Lau served as Chair of the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Committee from 1974-1978 and as the association’s Treasurer from 1981-1983. Mr. Lau was elected to the Council of the American Library Association in 1984 and received the Distinguished Service Award as Councilor for the American Library Association in 1988. During his career, Mr. Lau also served two terms on the Advisory Board to the University of Oklahoma’s School of Library and Information Studies, where he has encouraged many of his staff members to further their education.

In addition to his Director’s duties, Mr. Lau was Chair and Assistant Professor of the Department of Library and Information Sciences at Northwestern until the department’s closing in 2002. He taught many of the courses in the library science curriculum in addition to advising all library science majors, supervising student teacher/librarians, and sponsoring the Library Science Club. It was during this time many school and public librarians throughout the area became influenced by his teaching and his love of librarianship. Mr. Lau represented library interests on campus by being Chair of the university’s library committee, as a member of the teacher education committee, as a member of the scholarship committee, as the university’s records management officer, and as senior class sponsor for ten years. Northwestern recognized and appreciated his leadership on campus by the awarding of the following honors: the 1980 NWOSU Faculty Senate Service Award, the 1982 Northwestern Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, and the 1990 Honorary Drum Major Award for contributions to the Northwestern Band program.

During his time at Northwestern, he brought computer/online technology to the Martin Library as well as creating the Library at the Enid campus of NWOSU. Just this past year, he was also instrumental in forming the “Friends of the NWOSU Libraries” organization; the very first ‘Friends’ organization created to support the libraries of a regional Oklahoma university. Ray Lau has represented librarians of every type with his leadership and administrative capabilities, as well as his devotion and untiring service to the profession.

Prior to his 29 years of service at NWOSU, Mr. Lau taught in the Anadarko and Drummond Public School Systems and was Cataloging Librarian and Instructor of Library Science at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Mr. Lau is a graduate of the Master of Librarianship program at Emporia State University (Kansas) as well as a Southwestern Oklahoma State University alumnus (B.A.Ed. and M.Ed). He is married to the former Cherie Garriott and the father of two sons, Marc of Piedmont, Oklahoma and Justin of Alva, Oklahoma.

After leaving Northwestern, Mr. Lau is looking forward to writing, doing additional genealogical research, and further involvement with the Germans from Russia Heritage Society and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

Verna Graybill, Cindy Gottsch, Susan Jeffries & Marilyn Moore

Tulsa City-County Library’s Math Magician Counts Days to Retirement

Jan Keene can forecast long-range, multimillion-dollar budgets with pinpoint accuracy but when it comes to predicting what retirement may bring she says she can’t imagine!

As deputy director, Central Library and business services, Keene has overseen the preparation of Tulsa City-County Library’s annual budget, making sure the library is fiscally responsible, for the past 34 years.

Now, instead of forecasting how much money the library will have to spend on personnel, maintenance and operations over the next 10 years, she’s calculating what she’s going to do 24 hours a day, seven days a week, starting Oct. 1, the first day of her retirement.

Keene began her career at Tulsa City-County Library in 1963 as a secretary in the administrative services department. An expert at balancing the books, Keene assumed the position of business manager in 1969, and was promoted to deputy director in 1976.

Over the years, Keene has served on numerous boards and committees of the American Library Association and Oklahoma Library Association. Plus, she has served on the OCLC Users Council Executive Committee, 1992-96; University of Oklahoma Library...
School President’s Advisory Committee, 1992-94; and as treasurer for the Oklahoma Center for the Book, 1988-91. For her dedication to libraries, Tulsa City-County Library inducted her into the Library Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Oklahoma Library Association awarded her its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2003. These are just a few of her activities and accomplishments.

Having worked all of her adult life, Keene says she can’t imagine what retirement is going to be like. But she does have a “little list” of things she would like to do.

“I would like to volunteer at Alcott Elementary School,” said Keene. “My church, First Presbyterian of Tulsa, adopted Alcott several years ago. Our church members read to the kids and serve as tutors and mentors. Over the past couple of years since we adopted them, the students’ reading scores have gone up 23 percent.”

Keene also plans to travel more. Her goal is to visit all 50 states. She only lacks five: North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Rhode Island and Delaware. Learning calligraphy, making another quilt (she’s only made one in her life, but she enjoyed it), playing the piano more and joining an athletic club are also at the top of her list.

Though she is ready for something different, Keene sentimentalizes about retiring.

“When I was 25 if anybody had asked me if I thought I would work at the same place for the next 40 years, I would have thought he was crazy. I would have thought that it would be so boring to work at the same place for that long,” said Keene. “Now when I look back I can’t imagine a job any more interesting. It certainly has not been boring! I have had such wonderful people to work with. We offer such a great service to the community — something that enriches people’s lives — and I love being a part of that. It’s very satisfying.”

Jackie Hill-TCCL

Enid Director Retires

Glenda Lamb, Director of the Public Library of Enid & Garfield County since November of 1996, retired on May 31, 2003. Lamb brought many important changes to the Enid Public Library, making it an exciting place for both patrons and staff. Her foremost thought was to show the library in a positive manner and bring awareness of the library to all of Garfield County.

Lamb always stressed customer service as the most important aspect of library service, and to this end encouraged staff development, and upgraded the automation system. She also evaluated and updated library materials, making items housed there more current and easier to locate.

The physical arrangement of the library reflects Lamb’s touch. She oversaw the replacement of carpet, the remodeling of the staff lounge and meeting room (adding new appliances and counter tops). The Children’s Service area was redesigned. A new custom-made desk replaced two mismatched desks that were shoved together, and portable walls removed. In the Reference area, on the second floor of the library, a new office was built, adjacent to the reference desk.

She also created three new staff positions: Teen Service Librarian, Reference Services Supervisor, and Computer Technology Specialist. All staff positions were upgraded and she encouraged the staff to receive certification from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, with 14 staff members receiving certification the first year it was offered by ODL.

Lamb always encouraged professional development for herself and her staff. She has been active in the Oklahoma Library Association, was a past chair of the Social Responsibilities Roundtable, and was the O.U. SLIS Alumni representative. Enid Public Library staff members are not only well represented on OLA divisions, roundtables, and committees, but also attend workshops and conventions in order to keep abreast of new ideas, technology, and library materials.

Lamb was instrumental in Enid hosting the Oklahoma Library Association’s annual conference in the spring of 1999. Without Lamb’s hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm, the 1999 conference wouldn’t have been the success it was.

Lamb was also active in community activities; serving on the literacy board, active on the Chautauqua Committee, Hispanic Council, and in the First Presbyterian Church.

Kathy Logan & Carla Hickey
OLA Board Actions

April 18, 2003

- Approval of “Breaking Down Barriers” Reference Roundtable Workshop for June 26, 2003 in Enid
- Approval of OASLMS workshop “1-2-3 Energy” to be held August 5, 2003
- Approved the sale of Read Y’All t-shirts by the PR Committee with the provision that “OLA” or “Oklahoma Library Association” appear on all printed items. Approved a dedicated fund for the net income from the sales of all PR items.
- Approved entering an agreement with Communities Foundation of Oklahoma to serve as a repository for the OLA endowment funds in exchange for 1% of the funds invested. The Foundation will service the funds, handle tax forms, etc. The McCaslin Foundation will match the funds deposited dollar for dollar. OLA retains the option to withdraw at any time.

May 16, 2003

- Approved adding a line to the membership flyer allowing members to contribute toward the Conference Scholarship Program.
- Approved the Oklahoma Librarian continue publishing in print through December 2003. Issues will include information on how to access the publication online and publish a method for expressing members’ preference for electronic or print receipt. This approval will be re-evaluated in December 2003.
- Approved Support Staff Roundtable’s proposal for “Support Your Support Staff” workshop in Ardmore on August 21.

CONGRATULATIONS, MARY!

Congratulations are in order for Mary Kirk of Rose State College, who has been awarded the Association of College and Research Libraries’ (ACRL) Spectrum Scholarship. The award was announced at ALA’s annual conference in Toronto. ACRL has donated funds that provide assistance to library students of color with an interest in academic librarianship to support six Spectrum Scholars in 2003-4. The mission of the Spectrum Scholarships are to improve service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries in the new millennium.

We’re all very proud and pleased for you, Mary.

KUDOS TO MISTY, TOO!

Misty Smith, a Library Assistant at the Edmon Low Library is the 2003 recipient of the Mary Greenberg/Marguerite Howland Personnel Development Award. Smith is pursuing her Masters in Library and Information Science degree and plans to use the $500 scholarship to help finance her graduate program and commute to Tulsa.

The award is given annually to full-time employees for work-related higher education tuition, workshop and seminar registration fees and conference expenses. Congratulations and good luck, Misty.

SIGALO SPRING MEETING

The Spring, 2003 SIGALO meeting was held at the campus of the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa, OK on Friday, May 2.

We were very fortunate that three difference vendors could give us presentations on “Taming of Electronic Resources in Academic Libraries - Open URL Products”. Chris Pierard from Serials Solution (http://www.serialssolutions.com), Sean O’Doherty from Ex Libris (http://www.sftit.com/OpenURL.html), and Jean Bryan from Endeavor (http://endinfosys.com) each gave informative presentations on their various products.

Each started with a basic explanation of OpenURL which you can find at http://library.caltech.edu/openURL. The basic premise of each of the products is that links are provided directly to the article when ever possible from your current databases. Links can also go to your local catalogues and in some cases to the internet. Go to each products internet site for more information. These products all look extremely useful in this age of multiple databases and sources for our students.

Beverly Dowdy of University of Central Oklahoma, and a member of the Programming Team, then gave us a presentation on “Budget Cuts: Making Journal Cancellation Decisions.” Some of the areas that she reminded us to take into consideration when making cuts are: use of the print source, do you also have it in electronic, relative use by subject area, cost, is electronic format stable (Project Muse) or unstable (Ebscohost), publisher’s package deals which could include either print or electronic, is the journal indexed and where, does another nearby library subscribe, and look at the physical journal - does it add value to your collection. She also mentioned ISI which is a source of Journal Citation Reports that lists the top journals for subject areas.

After Beverly’s presentation, Nancy Jurney led our short business meeting. UCO has volunteered to host the fall meeting. A possible program suggestion is to review CONNEXION. The Programming Team will check into this further. The Programming Team next year will consist of Michael Kim (Chair), Marla Roberson, Beverly Dowdy, Nancy Jurney, Michele Seikel, and Louisa Payne. Marla, Beverly, and Nancy will rotate off next year. Michael will stay on for another 2 years.

We then adjourned to the library for a tour. One interesting thing about the library is that, as a medical library, they have teaching material that includes body parts. Thanks to Janet Hughes, Wallee Chotikavanic, and Beth Freeman for hosting our gathering.

Marla Roberson, UCO
Edmon Low Library Celebrates 50 Years

The Edmon Low Library celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2003. To commemorate this golden anniversary, the Library is holding a yearlong celebration. The theme of the anniversary is That Was Then, This Is Now. Suzanne Thompson, Library Director of Development says, “Our programming this year highlights the many changes over the last fifty years. Our focus is on library services, collections, technological advances and new challenges facing the Edmon Low Library in the 21st century.”

A goal of the 50th Anniversary is to build the Library’s endowments. Donors can give to existing endowments or establish their own. Endowments begin at $10,000. By using only the interest from the original gift, endowments provide support for a designated area in perpetuity.

There are several existing endowments that support the College of Arts and Sciences. The Mendenhall Endowment purchases materials in astronomy. The Jill, Cy, and Vy Lacher Holmes Endowment supports the humanities, and the Lottie Herd Endowment supplements general education. Native American Studies benefit from the Chief Wilma Mankiller Endowment. The Class of 1939 Endowment funds current prize-winning or notable works of fiction.

Endowments also support OSU Library Special Collections. The Paul Miller Endowment funds an archive of the well-known journalist’s papers and photographs. The Women Archive’s Endowment is used for preservation of the archive and pursuit of project such as the Women in the Dustbowl Oral History. For more information on Library endowments, call Suzanne Thompson at (405) 744-6323.

50th Anniversary Calendar of Events:

◆ When: September-October
  Where: Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing
  What: Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature’s Image This traveling Smithsonian exhibit will be open to the public during regular building hours.

◆ When: October 17
  Where: Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room
  What: Library Employee Reception Current and former Library employees and the class of 1953 are invited to a come and go reception during Homecoming walk around. Past employees can update their information at <www.library.okstate.edu/employee.htm>

◆ When: November 7
  Where: Edmon Low Library
  What: H. Louise & H.E. “Ed” Cobb Speaker Series featuring Ken Burns. The event includes dinner, lecture, and signing reception with Burns. For an invitation call (405) 744-7331 or email lib-pub@okstate.edu.

For more information on Library events visit www.library.okstate.edu/news

Bonnie Cain
Everyone is invited to attend the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists (OASLMS) Social on the Thursday night of Encyclo-Media. The Social will be Thursday, September 25 at the Bricktown Brewery from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. You do not have to be a member of OASLMS to attend.

We have something really special planned for this year. We will have live music, a silent auction, a Mexican buffet dinner, and an opportunity for you to visit with authors, illustrators, and conference presenters. This is a great time for all school librarians to get together and relax!

The price for the social is $20.00 To register mark your check "OASLMS Social" and send to:

OASLMS Social
300 Hardy Drive
Edmond, OK 73013

No tickets will be available at the door.

Changes Are Happening
Starting with this July/August issue members will be able to go to OLA’s website and read the Librarian online! We hope you will like it. We’re also hoping this new format will allow for more graphics and better reproduction of pictures. The online issue will be the same as the print issue.

Members who would like to view the Librarian online can request the password by sending an e-mail to kboies@coxinet.net

This is an effort by OLA to make the Librarian more accessible to the membership and to help cut postage costs. If you prefer to receive your Librarian by web only please let us know and we'll be glad to send an e-mail reminder when it is uploaded to the website. The cost of printing and mailing paper copies of the Librarian has increased steadily over the years. Hopefully going to this newer format will alleviate some of those costs.

We hope you enjoy this new offering. Let us know if you want your Librarian only through the OLA website! (Contact Kay Boies, OLA Executive Director, at 300 Hardy Dr, Edmond, OK 73013; 580-348-1629 (fax) or kboies@coxinet.net).

Pat Williams, editor

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