June traditionally marks the beginning of a new year for the Oklahoma Library Association as the chairs of its divisions, roundtables and committees gather together for the annual Leadership Retreat. This year was no exception as incoming President Leslie Langley welcomed OLA's leaders to scenic LeFlore County and the friendly city of Poteau. The retreat was held at the Poteau Days Inn and Suites on Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11. The large sign in front of the hotel greeted attendees with the words: "Welcome Oklahoma Library Association". We all felt right at home. The work of the meeting began at 1:00 on Thursday afternoon as President Langley introduced herself and explained, via a clever PowerPoint presentation, why and how the concept of "community" is so important in her life and work. "Community" became the theme of the retreat, as it will be for OLA during the coming year. By the time the meeting ended on Friday we each had truly come to feel part of a very special OLA community.

The work of the afternoon included discussion and training in the use of the Association's Content Management System (which runs the OLA website) and presentations by the Communications Committee on proposed guidelines for keeping the divisions, roundtables and committees on track and in close touch with each other. A little after 4:30 the attendees boarded a bus for a field trip to our new president's library in nearby Wister. This was something most attendees had been looking forward to, and we were not disappointed. The small public library has a friendly, cozy feeling and even though we were there for only a short time, we could clearly see why it's the heart of the Wister community. Following a group photo outside the library (which made the front page of the Poteau newspaper the next day!) we embarked on a brief sightseeing tour around LeFlore County and enjoyed some of the most beautiful scenery in Oklahoma. Back at the hotel President Langley hosted a wine and cheese reception followed by a real "down home" supper of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, courtesy of Community State Bank which not only paid for the food but whose employees also did all the cooking. Wow!

On Friday most of our attention focused on planning for the 2011 conference, which will be held on April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Southern Hills Marriott in Tulsa. Program Chair Sara Schieman led us in a productive brainstorming session where we came up with suggestions for conference speakers as well as for other program and workshops. If even a small portion of the ideas generated come to fruition, OLA will be in for a very exciting year! The Retreat ended with a delicious lunch provided by the Friends of the Wister Library. We all felt a bit sad that our time together had come to an end, but we knew it was really only the beginning of our time together as a community during the coming year. I can't speak for everyone, but I know I came away from Poteau feeling emotionally recharged, enthusiastic and ready to take on the new year in OLA.
From the President

Welcome to the beginning of the 104th year of the Oklahoma Library Association. Our sense of community in Oklahoma libraries has become more and more important and even urgent in many cases. This group of like-minded people who are supportive of libraries and their work in diverse communities will most likely be tested even further in the uncertain economic days ahead.

All libraries have communities. School libraries support the growth and education of children and young people who are, in turn, the supporters of the school library community. Academic libraries are central to the higher education of people of all ages who are their communities. Public libraries have become the hubs of neighborhoods and towns by providing ever-changing services to their communities and special libraries, who meet the specialized needs of particular groups are key to their communities. Libraries that cooperate with one another are communities unto themselves and finally, the Oklahoma Library Association is the community to us, the librarians. So, in essence, libraries are the Heart of Your Community!”

And our communities are important. The very people to whom we provide services can be cultivated and called upon to help us in many instances but especially in times of need. An excellent case in point was the use of people and groups from my community in Wister during the recent OLA Leadership Retreat. Every civic group, the local school, countless businesses and the Friends of Wister Library came together to provide those OLA members who attended the retreat with food, services, very nice accommodations and even transportation. My community, who are invested in the library, wanted to ensure that OLA members had a good experience while visiting this area. My community cares about Wister Library and the perception that others have of it. I, in turn, care deeply about my community and am invested in it. We provide library programs that benefit the businesses. We assist teachers with programs or materials needed to teach students and we serve as members of advisory boards for schools and businesses. We participate in community events and publicize our community at every turn. They believe in us and we believe in them and all of us take care of each other.

Consequently, when libraries in Oklahoma are in peril, my community rises to the challenge and works hard to make a difference for you. It’s important to make sure that the people who believe in us are our advocates and are willing to tell their many library stories. Every year it becomes more critical for those who benefit from our services to spread the good word and let others know just how valuable Oklahoma libraries are. That’s where communication and commitment, something that goes hand-in-hand with community, plays a large role. We must keep the dialog about libraries and their services and definite place in our communities going and we need to help those who are our community talk the important talk to others who may not know our message or mission. We must focus on communicating outside of our walls and make the commitment to expand our community. Our future may depend on it.

As OLA president, I look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year. We will spend time on OLA membership and connect with librarians who may not be fully aware of the purpose of the association. We will revive the Ambassador Program and reinstate Regional Meetings. We will also begin an ‘Each One Reach One’ membership incentive which encourages librarians who are already members of OLA to reach out to another non OLA member librarian and pay for their first year of membership. We will continue to explore communication methods and use those which are successful to keep us current on future legislative issues. We will strengthen our ties with Tribal Libraries and work on the development of a mentoring program and, of course, we will work hard to ensure that OLA has a financially successful year.

We have a great year of programs to look forward to. The Information Technology Roundtable will sponsor iCon 2010, a mini technology conference, Friday, August 6 at the Tom Steed Center, Rose State College in Midwest City. This is the year for the Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books so save the 28th of October for that because you definitely won’t want to miss this 3 author event that will be held in Stillwater. The OLA Gold Leadership Institute will be held this November 3, 4th and 5th and will be an exciting time as new leaders emerge. Of course there will also be workshops throughout the year so stay tuned to the OLA website at www.oklibs.org where you will always find upcoming events on the sidebar. Oh, and don’t forget the 2010-2011 Annual OLA Conference which will be held at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, March 30 – April 1st. You can stay informed about these events by subscribing to the OLA electronic discussion list, by following OLA on Twitter or becoming a fan of the OLA Facebook page. It’s just that simple. So please, stay tuned to find out more about the year to come. I think you’ll agree that we have a lot to look forward to. And don’t forget …Oklahoma Libraries are the Heart of Your Community! - Leslie Langley
Budget Cuts Impact State Library Programs

ODL's FY11 budget which begins July 1st will be 13% less than the budget the agency had beginning on July 1, 2009. Carryover funds cushioned some of the agency's programs from last year's cuts, but McVey said those dollars are now gone. The agency's total reduction is $951,940. A number of administrative expenses will be reduced as well as pass through funding for libraries. For the 2010-2011 year, State Aid to Oklahoma's public libraries will be cut. In addition, library construction grant opportunities will not be offered next year, and there will be reductions to the agency's adult literacy services. Statewide database licenses will not be affected as those costs are paid with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds.

ODL employees will not face furloughs during the year if there are no additional state revenue failures. "We're already working with bare bones staff. Furloughing employees ultimately won't save us that much, and it could really jeopardize our ability to meet the agency's statutory requirements. The agency employed more than 80 staff members just 10 years ago. Past recessions and resulting budget cuts have led to a gradual reduction in the agency's operating budget and the number of employees. Today, just 36 staff members carry out ODL's services.

Susan McVey, State Librarian

Bizzell Library Named one of Nation’s Most Beautiful

NORMAN – The University of Oklahoma’s Bizzell Memorial Library has recently been recognized as one of the most beautiful university libraries in the nation.

Bizzell Memorial Library, which stands sentry over the university’s equally striking South Oval – itself known far and wide for its colorful fall chrysanthemum beds – was cited in the Campus Grotto: The Inside Source at College’s top 25 “quick list,” which also includes libraries at such well-known institutions of higher learning as Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Johns Hopkins University, Dartmouth and the University of California at Berkeley.

"The university is proud of this recognition," said OU President David L. Boren. "We have the late President William Bizzell to thank for the beautiful design of the building and for obtaining the funds to build it. We are proud that it is not only the largest library in the state of Oklahoma, but it is also the second-largest library in the Big 12," Boren said. "It is also home to one of the most important History of Science collections in the United States. This collection contains the only work by Galileo that has his been revised in his own hand writing. We are grateful that our library is both beautiful and strong in its collections.”

Built in 1929, Bizzell Memorial Library features Cherokee Gothic architecture and serene study retreats, including the Peggy V. Helmerich Great Reading Room. It is surrounded by formal endowed gardens, complete with sculptures, such as Allan Houser’s work, “Homeward Bound,” depicting a Native American woman herding sheep; keeping watch over the building is a statue of library namesake William Bennett Bizzell, OU’s fifth president.

The library holdings include a broad range of research and rare acquisitions, including the Bass Business History Collection of works relating to the history of business and industry; the John and Mary Nichols Rare Books and Special Collections of rare books and special materials in English, European and American literatures dating from the 15th century to the present; and the Bizzell Bible Collection, featuring many rare and unusual bibles and related works from around the world. The library also has a selection of historically important documents, including works featuring Galileo’s hand-written notes to first-edition works of Charles Dickens. In 2008, the library acquired its 5 millionth volume, a rare first edition of Herman Melville’s The Whale, housed in the John and Mary Nichols Rare Books and Special Collections.

The OU Libraries, including Bizzell (the main library) is the largest research library in the state of Oklahoma. It contains more than 5 million volumes, 63,000 serial subscriptions and 250 databases. For more information about the library, please visit http://libraries.ou.edu/.

CampusGrotto.com (www.campusgrotto.com/about.html) covers a wide range of college-related topics; the web site reaches an audience of more than 1.2 million annually.—Press Release—Photo- Univ. of Oklahoma
Book Festival Set for October 2010

Do you need inspiration? How about a whole day surrounded by books you’d love to read? Are you hungry for conversation about books? Which of the newest children’s titles are you promoting in your library? Have you met these authors? Need Christmas gifts for the children in your life? How about autographed titles for your collection? The Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books for Young People offers all this and more!

A biennial workshop and fundraiser for the Oklahoma Library Association, the Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books will be held October 28, 2010 at the Tom Steed Center at Rose State College in Midwest City. Visit the OLA web site for more information, including a downloadable registration flyer and book order form. Submit your book order in advance for priority autographing.

The 2010 festival features award-winning authors and illustrator including, Tamora Pierce, Stephen Krensky and Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Pierce is the author of over twenty-five fantasy titles for young adults. She recently won the 2009 West Australian Young Readers Book Award for *Terrier: A Tortall Legend*. Pierce has received multiple honors for *Emperor Mage* and *Trickster’s Choice*, including ALA Best Books for Young Adults list. Stephen Krensky is the author of over one hundred books. He has written in every genre of children’s literature. Two of his award titles are *Hanukkah at Valley Forge*, which won the Sydney Taylor Book Award and *How Santa Got His Job Back*, an ALA Notable Children’s Book. Laura Seeger’s books have won the Caldecott Honor (*First the Egg*), the Geisel Award (*One Boy*), the Boston-Globe-Horn Book Award for Best Picture Book (*Dog and Bear*), and the ALA Notable Book (*Lemons Are Not Red*). All three presenters have bodies of work of exceptional literary quality, with new titles published in 2010.

Books will be available for purchase and autographing on site beginning at 8:00 am and continuing through lunch. Order forms for titles available for purchase will be posted on the OLA web site in advance of the festival. Purchase orders, credit cards, personal checks, etc. will all be accepted. Cost of the event will be $80.00, including lunch, the same for OLA members and non-members to encourage teachers, library school students, and other guests to attend. Parking is free. However, due to space restrictions, registration is limited to 200. Be sure to sign up early! Tell all your friends!

Formerly an event sponsored solely by the OU School of Library and Information Studies, the 2010 Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books will be a joint project of OUSLIS and OLA, with OLA assuming sole sponsorship in future years.

Questions about the Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books for Young People should be directed to the co-chairs Jenny Stenis, jenny@pls.lib.ok.us or Shari Clifton, shari-clifton@ouhsc.edu. Check www.oklibs.org for Festival information and registration. Book order form coming soon!


Correction: The photo identified as Dr. Rufus Spears on page 19 of the last issue (May-June) is actually Rob Banks, of the Topeka Kansssas and Shawnee City Public Library, and former MPLA president. The editor regrets the error.
Early Oklahoma Serials Project at Oklahoma State University Libraries

Some of the rarest research sources for Oklahoma history are magazines that were published in the state in the territorial and early statehood periods, from around 1890 to 1920. Robin Leech and Helen Clements of OSU-Stillwater have had a grant from AMIGOS Library Services for a pilot project to locate copies of several these magazines, with the goal of converting them from print or microfilm to a digitized format and making them available via the Internet. We have confirmed that few original copies exist.

We are completing the digitization of Sturm’s Statehood Magazine (later Sturm’s Oklahoma Magazine), published in Tulsa and Oklahoma City from 1905 to 1911. It will be available soon on the Library’s website at http://www.library.okstate.edu/digital/index.htm.

Sturm’s was a “booster” magazine featuring articles about the peoples, industries, and history of the state. Its contents ranged from articles about current ladies’ fashions to those about Indian tribes by Mrs. Ora Eddleman Reed of Muskogee, the former publisher of Twin Territories, the Indian Magazine, another now-rare periodical.

We have also been able to digitize a few secondary works, with the gracious permission of their institutions. Among these is the bibliographic tool, Oklahoma Imprints, 1835-1907, by Carolyn Thomas Foreman, published in 1936. We are constructing a directory of libraries that hold early Oklahoma magazines, in whatever format. We hope eventually to produce digitized files of as many of the magazines as possible. These resources will be available on the OSU Website, stored on our server, and participants will be able to link from their own web pages. By doing this we hope to increase the availability of information for the study of Oklahoma history. For further information, please contact Helen Clements at hel-en.clements@okstate.edu, or Robin Leech at robin.leech@okstate.edu.

Announcing Two Economic Census Workshops

At long last, the US Census Bureau has begun releasing new results from the 2007 Economic Census that pertain directly to Oklahoma. At the time of this writing, Oklahoma’s Mining, Construction and Manufacturing industries have seen significant data releases at the statewide level, and 37 counties in the state have also come to be represented in the available data sets. Over the next several months, the Census Bureau will be releasing additional data using their American FactFinder website at www.factfinder.census.gov. If you would like to know how to get the most out of that data, you might want to consider attending one of two workshops being scheduled for August.

The Census Bureau will be conducting two hands-on workshops, one in Edmond at the UCO Campus on August 17th and another at the Tulsa Community College Conference Center on August 18th. Space is limited for these free workshops, and pre-registration is required. Whether you are an established user or new to examining Economic Census results, you are certain to find something useful at either of these workshops.

You can register online by going to http://www.census.gov/econ/census07/www/conferences/ Conference participants will be given guidance and hands-on opportunities to learn about several aspects of the 2007 Economic Census data release, including:

- **Geographic coverage** - Some industries will receive coverage only to the metro level, while others will receive coverage to the zip level. What data will you be able to find?
- **Changes in publication formats** - No more PDFs, CD-ROMs, or DVD-ROMs. How will you best be able to get the data you need?
- **Employer and nonemployer data will be available together** - Have you been getting the full economic picture in years past?
- **Product classification now available for all service sectors** – Consistent with North American Product Classification System. Do you know what that means?
- **Expanded data on franchising, pensions, and fringe benefits** – New data brings answers to many questions. Will your questions be among those answered?
- **Expanded data on small business owners** – Are the internet and e-commerce being used? When and how was the business acquired? What percentage of sales occur outside the US? What languages are used for business transactions?

If you have questions about the Economic Census or any other Census Bureau related topic, you can contact Steve Barker with the Oklahoma State Data Center at steven_barker@okcommerce.gov or 405-815-5182. - Dana Jackson, University of Central Oklahoma

There’s a lot to learn on this webpage since it contains information for the public, for professionals who work with water issues, and for we librarians.

**FOR THE PUBLIC**

Scroll down and you’ll find what the public uses most: “Lake Conditions” and “Lake Situation Report.” “Lake Situation Report” contains the latest reports for several lakes but has minimal amounts of information. “Lake Conditions” has more of the details that fishermen and boaters want: Are all the parks at the lake open? Are all the boat ramps open? Each entry, arranged by name of lake in an A – W file (Arcadia - Wister Lakes), tells where the lake is, how to get there, and facilities at the lake such as hiking trails, picnic sites, beaches, and fall hunting. Another way to get to this information is at the link titled “Recreation Information” -  [http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/recreat/recreat.cfm](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/recreat/recreat.cfm)

Also with the public in mind the top of the website has links to such E-government tools as “How do I…Contact the Corps? Get a discount card? Buy an annual day use pass? Find lake levels?” and more. From the top left side of their screen you’ll see such buttons as: “Public Meetings,” “Public Notices” and “Public Comments Wanted” so the public can become involved in their state’s water management; “Agriculture and Grazing Leases” so ranchers can graze their cattle on lakeside land and harvest hay there; and the very important “Lake and River Information” which contains the other types of information that fishermen, boaters, and water professionals want: daily reports on lake conditions in several different formats.

**FOR WATER PROFESSIONALS (and also those interested in water issues)**

* eNews from the Tulsa District – news from the lakes, including such news as “Endangered Birds Return to Nest”
* Hot Topics – among these is “Arkansas River Corridor Master Plan”
* Civil Works Boundary Map
* Contracting and Information and Contractor Training
* Project Information – about current projects, including “Least Tern Protection Efforts”

**FOR LIBRARIANS AND OUR CUSTOMERS**

* Newsletters – there are links to three newsletters here: “Tulsa District Record,” “Pacesetter,” and “Engineer Update”. Archive issues exist for all but the “Record,” which is an office newsletter.
* Library – Documents – there are links to three resources here: “eLibrary,” “Tulsa District Records,” and “Pacesetter” (the same newsletter as above). “eLibrary” contains digitized documents about anything the Corps works on, such as “I-40 Bridge Disaster and Recovery Effort” about the multiple fatality accident in eastern Oklahoma in 2002, “Zebra Mussel” from the discovery of Zebra Mussels invading our state via the Arkansas River in 1993, and more recent photos from the Optima Lake project dated March 26, 2010. “Tulsa District Record” is a newsletter that ended in 2005; its digitized issues from 1995 through 2005 are here.
* Library – Images – this links to the Corps’ national website that you can search by six drilldown tools for “Division,” “District,” “Major Category/Mission,” “State,” “Labs and Centers,” and “Subject of Image”. Examples: a search for “Oklahoma” in “State” produces 71 images; a search for “Oklahoma” in “State and “Recreation” within the “Major Category/Mission” choice produces 54 images.

**OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS FROM THIS WEBSITE –**

* [Lake Office Directory](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/recreat/phone.cfm)
* [Recreation Information](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/recreat/recreat.cfm) (conditions at each Corp Lake)
* [Press releases, current and back to 1995](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil/~NEWS/News.cfm)

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Coordinator of Federal Documents, Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries
L. Susan Work. *The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma: A Legal History*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press. 2010. 334 pp. 978-0-8061-4089-6. $45.00. In this volume the author fills a scholarly void by writing the first legal history of the 20th century Seminole Nation. She begins with the forced removal of the Seminole people from Florida in the late 19th century and ends with an Epilogue that includes an account of Seminole governance from 1993 until 2009. Although a member of the Choctaw nation, Work has a long personal and professional history with the Seminole Tribe, therefore her narrative isn’t as much detached scholarship as academic indignation. Work describes the Seminole Nation as the smallest and fiercest of the Five Tribes and the first of the Five Tribes to write their own Constitution. By including the context of federal legislation Work helps the reader understand why the legislation was being imposed on the Seminole, and by including their consequences she demonstrates their lasting effects. One can’t help but be continually struck by how complicated and inconsistent federal Indian law has been and how miraculous it is that the Seminole not only survived but retained their language, culture, and self governance. This book is first and foremost a legal history and is presented for the legal mind but it also contains a chronicle of our nation’s legal assault on an indigenous people and their indomitable tenacity and strength to not only persevere but play by the rules and come out ahead.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is an essential addition to any college or university library with a Native American and/or United States Legal History collection. It would be useful for college students, professors, legal history researchers, Native American legal practitioners, anyone interested in Native American legal history, particularly in relation to the Seminole Nation or the Five Tribes. – Kathryn Plunkett, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Michael Cassity and Danney Goble. *Divided Hearts: The Presbyterian Journey Through Oklahoma History*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, c2009. xix, 340 pp. 9780806138480. *Divided Hearts* is the first state denominational history for Oklahoma Presbyterians. It will be of certain interest to students of Oklahoma history in that it brings together in one place a comprehensive description of the collective work of Presbyterian missionaries during and after the forced treks of the five Civilized Tribes across the South to new homes in Indian Territory. More than half of the narrative is devoted to the histories of missions to various tribes, and the establishment of Indian schools and other institutions during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The authors also attempt to place the effects of this work in the context of “Oklahoma’s cultures, societies, politics, and economics.” Written by two professors steeped in Oklahoma history, the book also examines how the Oklahoma churches have weathered and adapted to the rapid-fire changes of the twentieth century and early twenty-first centuries. The book’s appeal may be limited to historians and members of the church; it has a place, however, in the historical record of Oklahoma and the Southwest. — Michele Seikel, Oklahoma State University

**OLA GOLD Coming this November!!!**

**OLA membership - $39 to $107**

**Travel to Ardmore – less than one tank of gas**

**Cost for Institute - $310**

**Experience – priceless**

It’s coming and NOW is the time to apply. OLA is calling all potential leaders to apply for the 3rd Leadership Institute, which will be held November 3rd-5th, 2010 at the beautiful Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma. You won’t regret it, unless you don’t apply!

The purpose of the GOLD Leadership Committee is to inspire and develop future leaders for the Oklahoma library community. The Committee sponsors workshops, sessions at the annual OLA Conference plus a full day Pre-Conference workshop. Committee members oversee a leadership institute every 3 years. The Leadership Institute is designed to help those wanting to become more involved in leadership, mostly in OLA, but also in their own organizations, and in their personal lives. It is an intense 3 day commitment to expanding your potential.

Debbie Robertus, Asst. Lib. Mgr., Belle Isle Library
In Memoriam—Robert T. Motter, Jr.

Oklahoma Librarians recently lost one of their great friends with the passing of Robert Motter on June 11. A lifelong Oklahoman, Bob was born in Muskogee in 1924 and attended the Oklahoma Military Academy in Claremore. He served in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1945, and after the war joined his father in the library binding business.

Bob attended his first Oklahoma Library Association conference in 1947, helping with exhibits. After a short detour to Korea in 1950 Bob returned to helping with exhibits for the Oklahoma Library Association Conferences.

Bob has honored by OLA on several occasions, first with the OLA Citizens Recognition Award in 1973 and later with the Distinguished Service Award in 1989. In 2007 when OLA celebrated their centennial conference Bob was honored as one of 100 library legends. He is pictured at right with Pat Weaver-Meyers, then President of OLA, at the awards ceremony. OLA has also honored Bob by naming the new Vendor Appreciation Award for him. He will be missed by many and remembered by us all for his over fifty years of service to librarians in Oklahoma. Thank you, Bob, for your dedication.

Read about Bob and other Library Legends honored by OLA at the Oklahoma State University website http://www.library.okstate.edu/dean/jpaust/Legends/people/motter.jr.htm [picture from OLA files]