Until recently Tuttle was the largest city in Oklahoma without a library. More than five decades ago, Tuttle had a tiny community library, but that lasted only a brief time.

In 2009 a grassroots organization named Friends of Tuttle Public Library (FOTPL) was formed with the goal of finally creating a full-service library to serve the citizens of Tuttle. Multiple options were explored, including tax proposals that would have allowed participation in the Pioneer Library System. Tough economic times, however, made those attempts unsuccessful.

Undaunted, a core group of FOTPL members reorganized and approached their goal from a new direction: the creation of a volunteer library. After many discussions and much research, an agreement was reached with Tuttle’s City Council to provide space for the library in a city-owned building. FOTPL agreed to provide volunteer staffing and fund the operating costs for the library.

Immediately following the agreement with the city of Tuttle, FOTPL quickly went into action with fundraising activities and appeals to the community for help with the library project. The community response was overwhelming and gratifying! Thousands of books were donated by individuals and other libraries. Money, materials, and labor were donated by individuals and by the Tuttle business community. Additionally FOTPL applied for and received sponsorships from the Inasmuch Foundation and from the Chickasaw Nation.

Simultaneous some volunteers began cleaning, processing, and wrapping more than 10,000 donated books. Another volunteer fully updated 12 donated computers. One woodworking volunteer built shelving for the children’s library area. Still more volunteers began renovations on the building, turning a former clothing store into a 2,500 square-foot library facility.

Building renovations included removing old paneling, relocating walls, and installing new drywall throughout. Walls were textured and painted; floors were scrubbed, sanded, and painted; restrooms were updated; and shelving was assembled and installed. Individuals and businesses donated renovation materials and lumber for children’s shelving as well as plumbing and skilled labor to assist volunteers with the renovations. The City of Tuttle also applied for a federal energy grant for the library building which resulted in the installation of all new energy-efficient windows, doors, lighting, and heating and air conditioning systems.

With more than 4,500 hours of volunteer labor and strong support from Tuttle’s citizens and businesses, the Tuttle Library is now OPEN! This attractive new facility includes a warm and welcoming children’s area, shelving for more than 12,000 books, nine public computers, Wi-Fi, a comfortable reading area, a public meeting room, and even a “StarBOOKS” Coffee Nook for patrons to enjoy. The Tuttle Library also has electronic resources available to members through the website at www.tuttlelibrary.org. These include the Apollo on-line circulating materials catalog, the OverDrive digital media services, the LibriVox recordings of public domain literature, and Project Gutenberg free electronic books. Tuttle Library’s summer children’s program, “Reading is Delicious,” is already underway, and adult programs are being developed now.

FOTPL President Jane Bryant believes the Tuttle Library represents the true definition of a “grassroots effort.” With determination and thousands of hours of incredibly hard work and community support, Tuttle Library’s goal is to be the BEST small library in Oklahoma.
If it weren’t for the last minute, nothing would get done.  

Rita Mae Brown

I can very much identify with this sentiment because lately there never seems to be enough time in the day to accomplish everything that needs doing. With that in mind, this first column is reporting on a few things that are either underway or on the horizon.

In late June I will present my Presidential Initiatives to the Executive Board for their feedback and approval. Areas of emphasis will include continuity of operations planning for OLA and the association archives.

The Reed Center in Midwest City will play an important role this year, since OLA will be returning to the venue for our 2015 Annual Conference which will be held Wednesday, April 29-Friday, May 1. OLA’s annual Leadership Retreat and the first meeting of the Program Committee & Executive Board for 2014-15 will also be held at the Reed Center on July 10-11.

If you’re interested in becoming more involved with OLA it is not too late to submit your committee preference form; the form is available on the OLA home page. Serving on a committee benefits the association and provides one way to find your place at the OLA table!

Even though I’m writing this column before my presidential term officially begins, I would like to acknowledge several people who have already contributed to a successful year:

Thanks to everyone who said “Yes!” when asked to chair or serve on a committee and a special thank you to Cathy Blackman who agreed to serve as Chair of the Program Committee.

As with many of my predecessors, Bill Young and Bill Struby at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries have provided invaluable assistance with my presidential theme and logo; they are a joy to work with and make a challenging task look effortless!

Webmaster Charles Brooks coordinated and managed the migration of the OLA web site to a new platform, a move that was seamless for OLA members. Kudos Charles!

I would also like to express my gratitude to President Lynda Reynolds and Treasurer Tim Miller for their efforts with “all things OLA” while Executive Director Kay Boies was recuperating.

Although I seem to be completing assignments at the “last minute” with increasing frequency, I know from talking with many of you that this is not foreign territory to most of us. I’m very much looking forward to another rewarding and productive year for OLA. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas at president@oklibs.org.

Shari Clifton
OLA President
Genealogy Programming for Family History Month

Start Your Research @ the Library
Tuesday, July 10 • 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Computer Lab • Join Lisa L. Hanson, Genealogy Center associate, for an overview of the many helpful services the library offers to family history researchers. Registration is required.

An Overview of the Civil War Records on Fold3
Thursday, July 10 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Pecan Room
Genealogy Civil War researcher Hugh Keen gives an in-depth look at the Civil War records found on Fold3, including war records, pensions and more.

Beginning Genealogy
Saturday, July 12 • 8:30 a.m.-noon
Frossard Auditorium • Learn how to begin your family research with Kathy Huber, Genealogy Center managing librarian.

Women Finding Their Way:
Tulsa in the 1920s
Saturday, July 12 • 1:30-4 p.m. • Frossard Auditorium
Genealogist Jae Jaeger uses media methods to introduce historic women of Tulsa that may have yet to meet. The times were exciting as women pressed forward after winning suffrage and began boldly, sometimes politically, to address the unmet needs of their city. In addition to Tulsa stories, Jaeger will introduce the research methods that take the story “off the page” to unknown details. This presentation complements Tulsa City-County Library’s “One Book, One Tulsa” initiative.

Explore Ancestry’s Collection
Monday, July 14 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Computer Lab
Learn to use some of Ancestry’s underutilized collections, including directories, maps, plus military, school and tax records. Registration is required.

The Deep Web: Using the Library’s Other Databases for Genealogy Research
Wednesday, July 16 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Computer Lab
You may be familiar with our genealogy databases, but did you know the library has an entire list of other databases that can help you with your genealogy research? Carissa Kellner, Genealogy Center associate, will show how to use these non-genealogy online databases to further your research. Registration is required.

Gold Nuggets: Those Overlooked Sources in the Genealogy Collection
Saturday, July 19 • 9:30-11 a.m.
Frossard Auditorium • Join Kathy Huber, Genealogy Center managing librarian, for an overview of important print resources that may help solve that difficult research problem.

Hidden Treasures: Genealogy Vertical Files
Saturday, July 19 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Frossard Auditorium • Join Carissa Kellner, genealogy center associate, as she delves deep into the hidden treasures found in the vertical files collection. Learn what kinds of resources you will find and how to easily search them.

Preserving Family Records: From Expensive to Cheap Methods - You Decide!
Saturday, July 19 • 2:30-3 p.m.
Frossard Auditorium • Bill Wege, certified archivist and director of the American Indian Culture and Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society, will show how to preserve family documents, letters, photos and film/videos. He will cover methods that range from inexpensive to costly.

Solving Google Mysteries: A Skills Training Workshop for Family Research
Tuesday, July 22 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • Computer Lab
Genealogist Jae Jaeger will teach 10 mighty tools needed to unlock Google and maximize its potential. Learn how to narrow a search, expand findings, prevent useless responses, create a paperless file for findings, decrease paper production, and use Google Images and books. Bring your laptop or notebook; it’s possible! Registration is required.

Free Genealogy Websites
Tuesday, July 29 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Computer Lab
Join Liz Walker, Genealogy Center associate, and discover useful free genealogy websites. Registration is required.

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Genealogy Workshops Presented by MARK LOWE

Mark Lowe, certified genealogist, joins us July 26-28 for a weekend of entertaining programs. Learn valuable tips and helpful resources that will aid you in solving difficult research problems.

Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You • Saturday, July 26 • 9:30-10:30 a.m. • Frossard Auditorium
Stop avoiding those pre-1850 census records. Turn those lists and O’Inn/O’Inn clues into lively pictures of your family. Discover your ancestors in these records even without individual names.

Cemeteries as a Genealogical Resource • Saturday, July 26 • 10:45-11:45 a.m. • Frossard Auditorium
Enjoy this look at ways to learn more from our ancestors through gravestones and cemeteries, whether town or country.

Over There and Back: World War I Records That Do Survive • Saturday, July 26 • 1:30-2:30 p.m. • Frossard Auditorium
Find the valuable state and local records that document WWI service (including females). Also look at some other federal sources.

Road Crews and Jury Selection: Finding an Ancestor Without a Census • Saturday, July 26 • 2:45-3:45 p.m. • Frossard Auditorium
Our ancestors were expected to be good citizens. Court minutes can identify where and when our ancestors participated in the community. Learn about their appropriate conduct or when they left town.

Using State Archives and Libraries From Afar: Digging Deeper - Getting Records Away From Home
Sunday, July 27 • 1:30-4:30 p.m. • Frossard Auditorium
Learn about the wonderful genealogical records in the U.S. state-level research facilities. Discover tools to accomplish long-distance research, and develop plans to solve your research problems and obtain the records you need.

Using Library Resources to Find Ancestors • Monday, July 28 • 9:30 a.m.-noon • Frossard Auditorium OR 1:30-4 p.m. • Magpie Room
Mark Lowe will solve a research problem using resources in the Genealogy Center’s collection. Follow the pathway as we discover and detail real ancestors through published and online resources. Understand how you can follow the same paths to develop your plans.

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Library
Library Trust
Hearing loop available in Frossard Auditorium. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.

Free and Open to the Public: TulsaLibrary.org • 2014 • If you are hearing-impaired and need a qualified interpreter, please call the library 48 hours in advance of the program.
Another school year is done!

It’s been an interesting one with changes in state learning objectives, testing, and even more demands placed on the school librarians’ shoulders. The good news is students, teachers, administrators, and community are seeing the value of the school library. It is vital that we continue to meet the ever changing needs. Our ability to provide appropriate resources and services, along with our flexibility, will be the saving grace for many schools in our state.

I’m currently writing this article in Shanghai. I’m part of the OU Confucius Institute’s Educators Tour, and we’ve already been to Beijing, Nanjing, and will be visiting Suzhou tomorrow. I want to encourage others to apply for opportunities such as this and broaden your horizons. Normally this group just takes teachers, but another TPS librarian and I applied and were selected to participate. OU Confucius Institute then invited the director of Tulsa City County Library. Now we have three librarians on tour! Not only have we been allowed to visit schools, but are also touring libraries in China. It’s been a trip of a lifetime!

The National Library of China is designed in the shape of the Chinese character translated to “come back home,” which we felt as we looked at the resources so similar to what we provide. Beijing Normal University, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in China, is so busy that students use their library card to reserve a seat. At the Shanghai Research Library the motto is . It was exciting to see an entire floor dedicated to a maker space, and I’m now the proud owner of my very own Shanghai Library card. Finally we visited a K-12 private school in Shanghai. This school library looks just like mine, complete with a full-time librarian and assistant. Imagine looking through all of our favorite books translated into Chinese! Here they understand and appreciate the importance we have on the educational success of students. 100% of their students graduate and go onto colleges and universities around the world.

Along with visiting schools and libraries, we have been seeing some awesome sites and making great friends throughout China. If you are ever presented with an opportunity, such as this one, I encourage you to go for it. It’s a powerful experience, and the memories will be priceless!

In July OKSL will transition to new officers for our division. Here are your representatives for the 2014-15 school year: Chair – Kristi Merchant, Vice Chair – Tara Hixson, Secretary – Jenny Regier, Treasurer – Amy Lagers, Awards Chairman – Connie Wise, AASL Representative – Earon Cunningham, and Past Chair – Calypso Gilstrap.

Kristi Merchant  
**OKSL Chair-Elect**  
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The New 21st Century OLA Handbook

When you are planning your conference programs and workshops this year, check out the “Guide to Program Production” in the OLA Handbook. It has the forms you need for your workshop proposal, and conference programs, and a whole lot more. You can find the Handbook on the OLA website at the About OLA tab: http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.oklibs.org/resource/resmgr/Handbook/OLA_Handbook.pdf.

The Handbook also now has everything anybody needs to know about each of our committees, divisions, and roundtables and what they do. And it’s been completely revised and updated to reflect what we’re really doing! So you’ll know what to do about OLA election candidates, serving on the Program Committee and the Executive Board, annual reports, and even writing articles for The Oklahoma Librarian. It’s all there with hyperlinks now! Take a look.

Respectfully submitted by
Michele Seikel, Chair
OLA Constitution & Bylaws Committee
Interviews help document history of the Oklahoma Mesonet

For the last twenty years, the Oklahoma Mesonet has been recording weather data across the state. With this anniversary in mind, the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at the OSU Library has been busy recording the story of the Oklahoma Mesonet, interviewing researchers, forecasters, emergency managers, and others who not only helped develop the system, but also utilize Mesonet data in their daily work.

In 1987, Oklahoma State University agricultural scientists joined forces with the University of Oklahoma meteorological community to design the system. In 1990, members from the two universities sought funding for the Oklahoma Mesonet from Governor Henry Bellmon, who was known for his interest in agriculture and for his encouragement of collaborative efforts between the state’s institutions of higher learning. With funding from the governor and from each university, the team of scientists set to work and in January of 1994 the Mesonet “went live” and officially began gathering data.

The Oklahoma Mesonet has been referred to as the "gold standard" for statewide weather and climate networks. The Mesonet measures a large variety of environmental conditions, including rainfall, soil moisture, dewpoint, and humidity. In every Oklahoma county, there is at least one Mesonet station recording observations every five minutes, twenty-four hours a day. Today, much of the data is accessible through the website www.mesonet.org and many Oklahoma citizens have the Mesonet’s weather app on their cellphones.

Interviews in this oral history collection feature members of the original steering committee such as Fred V. Brock, Stephen Stadler, Ron Elliott, and Ken Crawford. You can learn more about this oral history project by visiting http://www.library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/mesonet. Check back often as more interviews are added to the online collection.

For more information about the OSU Library’s Oklahoma Oral History Research Program, contact us at 405-744-7685 or e-mail liboh@okstate.edu.

—Tanya Finchum & Juliana Nykolaiszyn
OSU Library
Fair Use Victory

As the Electronic Freedom Frontier blog reports, decisions in favor of a broader interpretation of fair use have been increasing. The latest is the Second Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision in *Authors Guild v. Hathi Trust*, in which the court wrote "the creation of a full-text searchable database is a quintessentially transformative use." Other aspects of the decision are also of interest: the court found that Hathi’s double backup system was reasonable, and that the Author’s Guild does not actually have standing to bring suits on behalf of its members.

https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/06/another-fair-use-victory-book-scanning-hathitrust

Public Domain Handbook

The Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic at Berkeley has recently released a 52-page handbook titled *Is it in the Public Domain?* The user is guided through the process of evaluating the copyright status of works published in the US between 1923 and 1977. Does this really require 52 pages? The answer is yes; situations can get very murky, especially when one ventures into the realm of non-print. The handbook is full of detailed flowcharts, helpful tips, and warnings of traps for the unwary. It can be downloaded for free.


Another Free Copyright Course

Kevin Smith of Duke University has teamed up with copyright experts from Emory and UNC Chapel Hill to develop a course called Copyright for Educators and Librarians. You can earn a Statement of Accomplishment for this four-week course on the Coursera platform. The next session begins July 21st.

https://www.coursera.org/course/cfel

Janet Brennan Croft, Head of Access and Delivery Services
University of Oklahoma
2012 Census of Agriculture for Oklahoma

Data from this Census is conducted not by the Census Bureau but by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We now have this 2012 data for Oklahoma by state and county geographies –


State and County Reports – Click either “State” or “County” to get 70 data tables in the “State” choice on such topics as cattle and calves, beef cows, milk cows, hogs and pigs, sheep and lambs, poultry, fish farming, fruits and nuts, grain storage capacity, women operators, fertilizers used, and more. For the “County” choice there are similar data tables, but only 55 of them.

County Profiles – Click your county on a map of Oklahoma to get a report that includes these types of data for 2012, 2007, and the percentage of change between those years: number of farms, land in farms, market value of products sold, government payments to farmers, farms by values of their sales, and characteristics of farmers. There’s also a state summary here. Here is some data from the state summary to whet your interest: in 2012 Oklahoma had 80,245 farms, in 2007 Oklahoma had 86,565, a decrease of -7%; in 2012 Oklahoma had 103,766 white farm operators, 11,536 American Indian farm operators, and 1,784 African-American farm operators; the average net farm income was $11,899.

Ranking of Market Value of Ag Products Sold – these are rankings within Oklahoma, so as you would expect “Cattle and Calves” has the #1 ranking, “Aquaculture” the #14 ranking. Note: data for state only.

There are other tools on the 2012 Census of Agriculture website, but the above three tools are what you will use most of the time. But here are a few other tools from this web site –

Need to get data from earlier Censuses of Agriculture? Here it is back to 1840.

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/Historical_Publications/

A list of reports published and yet to be published on this website.

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/#special_studies

Got a color printer? Print out these colorful “Infographic” handouts about the Census.

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Partners/Infographics/

The homepage of the National Agriculture Statistics Service.

http://www.nass.usda.gov

Steve Beleu
Federal Documents Coordinator
Book Reviews Needed!

Calling all book reviewers!

Book review editor Janet Croft reports that several people are behind on Book reviews! Publishers depend on your good word to sell their books, please be prompt and turn in your reviews!

Thank you!

Calling All Members!

Membership renewals are now determined by the anniversary from your last renewal. To determine your renewal date, log into your OLA account at www.oklibs.org, or contact Kay Boies at the OLA office (405) 525-5100. Since memberships used to run July through June, many memberships still have the July 1 anniversary date and are up for renewal. Be sure you are up to date and renew today!

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Reminder!!!

The deadline for the next Oklahoma Librarian is August 15, 2014. Please send articles on what your library is doing, what your DROC is doing (a workshop?), and who’s who in your library. Do you have a topic of interest? Write an article! Do you want to review a book? Contact Janet Croft, jbcroft@ou.edu, our book editor! Get involved,! This is YOUR newsletter and a way to let everyone in the state know what YOU are doing for libraries in Oklahoma! Please send in articles to talk about our great spring conference!

Barbara Miller, editor
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Mary Jane Warde’s award-winning book captures the essence of the occurrences taking place in Indian Territory prior to the beginning of the Civil War, through the war itself, and concluding with the war’s impact on life in Indian Territory. Through impeccable research, Warde provides detailed descriptions of how and why tribes made their decisions regarding which side of the conflict they chose to support as well as how Native American troops and family units were involved. The ending of the war changed the landscape, for the destruction—both physical and mental—was unbelievable. Reconstruction brought about a multitude of changes for the people who lived in the Territory when more and more Indian land was opened for white settlement.

Various economic alterations involving railroads, cattle ranching, coal mining, and timber were additional adjustments that occurred as the nation began the healing process and Oklahoma ultimately became the 46th state. *When the Wolf Came* provides an excellent look at what happened to the tribes and the land as a result of the Civil War. This is an important book for library collections that emphasize both Oklahoma’s history and Native American history. The bibliographic information is outstanding, and there is a great deal to learn about what happened in Indian Territory during a tumultuous period of United States’ history.

—Jane Long, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

*Fundamentals of Managing Reference Collections* is a practical guide to designing, organizing, and maintaining both print and electronic reference collections for any size or type of library. Consisting of nine chapters covering the collection-management process from policy development to selection through weeding, this book aims to provide those who are responsible for managing reference collections with the knowledge and tools to perform the job in an efficient and effective manner. Readers of this book will learn the importance of collection development policies, how to involve others in the decision-making process, selecting both print and electronic reference materials, and strategies for collections maintenance. Included is an index and appendix with a handy reference collection development policy template, which can also be found on the ALA Store website as a Web Extra.

*Fundamentals of Managing Reference Collections* is part of the ALA Fundamentals Series. The author, Carol A. Singer, is a reference and instruction librarian at Bowling Green State University where she coordinates the development and management of the reference collection.

-Misty Smith, Associate Professor and Cataloger, Oklahoma State University Libraries
Stillwater Public Library upgrades online catalog for easier use

(STILLWATER, OKLA. / May 29, 2014) – The Stillwater Public Library is introducing a new catalog to make looking up books and material easier for readers. The new catalog provides many features that computer users see on their favorite websites.

“One of the best changes in the catalog is that it shares many features common to sites like Google, Amazon and eBay,” said Lynda Reynolds, library director. “These websites became popular because of what they do, but also because they are simple to use. That is why we decided to upgrade to a system that is similar to other top sites.”

According to Reynolds, the new catalog allows users to narrow their search results with a set of limiting options that appear on each page like the ones on Amazon and eBay. In addition, users will get suggested searches when they begin to type into a search window and results will be returned even if a keyword, name or title is misspelled.

“This type of corrective searching is one of the most popular features on sites like Google,” said Reynolds. “We want looking for a book to be that easy.”

To make searching even easier, the library’s new catalog lets library users find both physical items and downloadable items in one search. Available digital items have a download button which will take users directly to the item’s checkout page in Oklahoma Virtual Library.

“The one stop searching is our favorite new feature,” said Reynolds. “This option even gives library users results for magazine and journal abstracts from our magazine database.”

Another favorite feature is the addition of the Facebook “Like” option. Each item’s record contains a “Like” button so that readers can share their favorite books with their friends.

Library users can begin using these features by testing the new catalog now. To access it, visit the library’s webpage at http://library.stillwater.org. From there, click on the link to the “New Catalog” on the right hand menu.

Reynolds encourages the public to provide feedback on the new catalog and says that the library has more local control over how this system operates, as opposed to the older catalog.

“So far, we have received very positive feedback,” said Reynolds. “But we are happy that we can make changes for our customers as we get more feedback. We hope everyone will tell us what they like and do not like about the new catalog.

For readers who are not yet ready to make the switch to the new catalog, the library will leave a link to the “Classic Catalog” on the library’s webpage.

“We want to make the transition to the new catalog easy,” said Reynolds. “So we will be keeping the “Classic Catalog” for several months until our users get adjusted. But, by the end of summer, we will be using the new catalog exclusively.”

For assistance in using the new catalog, the library is providing training classes, online tutorials and information sheets to its users. For information about these training aides visit the library website or email asklibrarian@stillwater.org. For help via phone, call 405.372.3633 x8106.

The Stillwater Public Library is located at 1107 S. Duck St. (the corner of Duck and 12th Ave.).

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