Author Ann Patchett wins Tulsa Library Trust’s Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award

Ann Patchett, American novelist, was in Tulsa December 5 and 6 to receive the 2014 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award. A New York Times best-selling author, Patchett has written six novels and three books of nonfiction.

Hailed as one of the most interesting and unconventional writers of her generation, Patchett has dazzled readers for the last two decades with her award-winning books, including “The Patron Saint of Liars,” “Taft,” the critically acclaimed “The Magician’s Assistant,” “Bel Canto,” “Run,” and her most recent work, “State of Wonder,” a provocative and ambitious novel set deep in the Amazon jungle. Her nonfiction works have intrigued readers as well. Titles include “Truth & Beauty: A Friendship,” a memoir about her friendship with writer Lucy Grealy; “What Now?,” an expansion of her graduation address at Sarah Lawrence College; and, most recently, “This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage,” a collection of essays that examines the theme of commitment. She also was the editor of “Best American Short Stories 2006.”

“Patchett is a master storyteller who has an entertaining habit of dropping ordinary people into extraordinary and exotic circumstances to see what they’re made of,” according to Publishers Weekly.

Photos: Above: Ann Patchett, courtesy of Bob McCormack. Photo right: Pictures at award dinner are: Gary Shaffer, Tulsa City county Library CEO; Peggy V. Helmerich; Ann Patchett, and Kristin Bender, dinner chairwoman., courtesy Bob McCormack.

Con’t. on page 18
Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Henry Ford

As we begin a new year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who are working “one together” on another successful OLA annual conference and numerous other endeavors!

There are several workshops on the OLA calendar in the next few months… there is indeed something for everyone!

February 5th – For Every ACTION (Selection) There is an Equal and Opposite RE-ACTION (Deselection) – Sponsored by the Public Library and University & College Divisions
February 13th – Open Access for All – Sponsored by the University and College Division
March 13th – True Colors: Understanding Yourself and Others (registration coming soon) – Sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table
March 25th – Spring into Action! Green Practices for Every Library (registration coming soon) – Sponsored by the Ethics Committee
April 7th – OLA Legislative Day and Advocacy Workshop – Sponsored by the Legislative Committee

Under Wayne Hanway’s leadership, the Sites Committee is actively investigating potential conference venues for OLA’s annual conferences in 2016 and 2017. The committee has made recent visits to three conference venues in Tulsa as well as a December visit to the beautiful city of Enid. Stay tuned for additional updates as the Sites Committee continues to evaluate proposals and prepares a recommendation.

Cathy Blackman, Program Committee Chair, has things well in hand regarding our 2015 annual conference and the conference web site will be available in the very near future. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for April 29th-May 1st!

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions you would like to share by sending email to president@oklibs.org.

Shari Clifton, OLA President
Allie Beth Martin Scholarship Awarded

In 1963, Allie Beth Martin became the first director of the Tulsa City-County Library (TCCL), a position she held until her death in 1976. A forward-thinking advocate of libraries, Allie Beth Martin was also the president of the American Library Association (ALA) from 1975 until her death. In memory of her outstanding dedication and service to libraries and librarians, a scholarship fund was established in her name to benefit residents of Oklahoma who wish to pursue a graduate degree in library science. Individuals from all over Oklahoma and the United States contributed to this fund, earnings of which are awarded annually as a scholarship to a deserving Oklahoma MLIS candidate.

The Tulsa Library Trust and the Friends of TCCL are proud to announce the 2014 Allie Beth Martin scholarship award winner, Tatiana Godinez. Tatiana is pursuing her Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) degree at The University of Oklahoma with her projected graduation in 2015. Tatiana has been employed by TCCL since 2007 and is currently the Children’s Library Associate at the Glenpool Branch.

We are happy to be able to contribute to the educational costs of a hard-working, deserving student and librarian such as Tatiana Godinez. Following in the footsteps of a librarian of Allie Beth Martin’s caliber is a high honor.

Photo:
Tatiana Godinez: “My goal is to improve people’s lives by promoting information literacy and multiculturalism.”

Marian Sexton
Tulsa City County Library
Types of Kids in a School Library

Every library has its eclectic mix of patrons, and the school library media center is no different. Regardless of grade levels served, geographic location, or any of the myriad factors that make each school unique, there are some basic personality types you will find in every one. The high school where I work, for example, is often overflowing with the vibrant music, clothing, attitudes, and hairstyles of the next generation. While I shake my head in wonder and confusion at times at some of their antics, just as often I feel extremely hopeful for the future, seeing young people who are bright, compassionate, and creative. Please allow me to introduce you to some of my students...

First, there are always those students that “have to” be in the library for whatever reason - they’ve been sent there to sit, wait, find, or produce something. They are usually the easy cases that are in and out quickly, the ones who know what they need to do, and do it with minimal assistance.

Then there are kids who simply want or need a book to read. If they’ve had a good experience with reading in the past, this transaction is usually easy to facilitate by asking some guiding questions about the student’s particular interests and parameters. But if they’ve been told they must do this by a teacher or parent, the transaction becomes much more challenging. Because reading is being thrust upon them, finding the exact right book to break down their barriers is key. The same guiding questions about interests and past experiences can be asked, but it is a much longer, tedious process for both the librarian and the student. However, if that book can be found, it has the power to transform a non-reader into a reader for life; and this is one of the great joys any librarian can observe.

Next, there are the asylum seekers - those students seeking a quiet hiding place from the world or a safe spot to chat with one or two close friends. These students can usually be identified by their use of earbuds, hair or hoodies to cover their faces as much as possible, and their affinity for soft furniture in out-of-the way corners of the library. They want nothing more than to be invisible, but a gentle welcome offered unobtrusively and repeatedly over many weeks has been known to eventually break down a few of their barriers, possibly leading to a smile or quiet word of thanks.

Con’t.
School Librarians, con’t.

The next group of students are my personal favorites - the curious. These students are information seekers, questioners, and readers. They want to know more about the world around them. They might seek out information through learning chess or browsing through nonfiction books about their favorite subjects or even just reading fiction. These are the kids who bring in fun facts and unique experiences to share with the librarian. They ask for help looking up obscure information or fact-checking things they’ve heard in the media or from friends. They are the ones wearing the most interesting t-shirts featuring obscure characters, subtle witticisms, and ironic pop references. They are the ones who give me the utmost hope for our future as thinking, thriving, democratic society.

Lastly, the library is often a place for kids who for some reason are needing or wanting an extra measure of attention. These kids flock to it like seagulls surrounding an abandoned picnic on the beach. They know instinctively there is something for them in the library - just to be called by name, know someone is listening, be seen and acknowledged and accepted. A librarian, of course, cannot possibly meet all the needs of all these children as they walk through the door. We can only provide a warm, welcoming environment and create an atmosphere of helpfulness, positivity, and kindness. The beautiful thing is that so often these lonely souls end up bumping into one another, sensing a similar need, and forging unlikely bonds - timidly at first, then more actively, eventually emerging as fierce friends.

Sometimes the intersection of these personalities and needs in the library feels like too much for the limited space and resources available. There are days when there aren’t enough chairs, listening ears, or computers to suit everyone. But there are also days, when the various types of students fall into their natural rhythms in this shared space, thriving in their routines, and the earnest ebb and flow of youthful humanity trying to find their place in the world overwhelms my heart. I have seen our future, and we have every reason to live with hope.

Tara Hixon
Library Media Specialist
Piedmont High School
OKSL Chair
“Marry Me” Memories

With Valentine’s Day just around the corner it seems like a good time to share stories of love and commitment through oral histories. When interviewing people who have shared their lives with that special someone for many years it is fun to go down memory lane and ask how they met, how they “popped” the question, and what is the secret to a long marriage. In a 2013 interview, Edmond, Oklahoma, native Dr. William LaFon, recalls forging a relationship with a girl named Anna and her friend Lucille.

We went down—my buddy had a Chrysler ’51 I think they called it. Anyway, it had a rumble seat. Coming back I had Anna on one side, Lucille on the other side, singing “There ought to be a moonlight saving time so I can love these gals of mine.”

LaFon found himself spending more and more time with Lucille, and the two started dating and later married in 1936.

[We dated] a little over five years, and finally I bought a set of rings, wedding ring and engagement ring. I gave her the engagement ring on my birthday, and I told her she’d have to marry me to get the other one.

Fay and Blanche Hudson were preparing to celebrate their seventy-sixth wedding anniversary in April 2014. During Fay’s oral history interview, he recalls the day he popped the question.

Well, I don’t know whether I asked her or she asked me. (Laughs) She was sitting on a sack of corn cobs behind a wood stove like this out here, and I asked her. She said yes... I went down to Sulphur, hitchhiked down there and got the marriage license. We went down one day and got married, and nobody knew it for a month or so.

As far as his secret to a long, happy marriage, Fay jokingly said, “I told her I was going, she told me where to go.”

—Tanya Finchum & Juliana Nykolaiszyn, OSU Library

Photos: Dr. William LaFon (December 2013), Fay & Blanche Hudson (April 2014) courtesy of Oklahoma Oral History Research Program, OSU Library
WE Have a New Book Review Editor

Congratulations to our new Book Review Editor, Michele Seikel, from OSU Stillwater Libraries. Please send her any ideas you have for reviews, and/or send her your name and she will be sending out a list of books to review. Contact her at michele.seikel@okstate.edu.

Thank you!

Calling All OLA 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!

Joanne Huff
Library Technical Assistant

Reminder!!! Note new deadlines!

Oklahoma Librarian deadlines for submission have changed, and will be the 15th of the ODD months of the year. The deadline for the next Oklahoma Librarian is March 15, 2015. 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 Barbara Miller at barbara.miller@okstate.edu. Get involved,! This is YOUR newsletter and a way to let everyone in the state know what YOU are doing for libraries in Oklahoma!

Barbara Miller, editor
editor@oklibs.org
Free ‘Eat Better, Move More’ Classes Coming to Stillwater

(STILLWATER, OKLA. / January 14, 2015) — When it is cold and chilly outside, it is very easy to wrap up in a warm blanket, forego exercise plans and stay cocooned until it grows warmer outside. Not this year! The Stillwater Public Library and the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative (OHAI) Central Center of Healthy Aging are partnering on a great opportunity to help older adults to get healthy this season.

The “Eat Better, Move More” program is a 10 week training series designed to fit the interests and needs of older adults who want to maintain or improve their quality of life. Each week will focus on a different aspect of nutrition and physical activity.

The program will be from 1-2 p.m., Mondays beginning Feb. 2 for 10 weeks, in room 119 of the library. This class is offered at no cost to participants and is open to the public.

Participants will receive a free step counter and the “Eat Better, Move More” manual including daily record sheets for individuals to track their success. Instructors are provided by OHAI, a program of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at the University Of Oklahoma College Of Medicine and supported by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

For more information or to register call OHAI’s Central Center of Healthy Aging at (405) 271-6424.

Those who cannot attend the classes should consider stopping by the library’s Help Desk to check out material on senior fitness. Items to consider include DVDs like “Zookinesis Chair Exercises” and “Dr. Andrew Weil's Healthy Aging;” books such as “Yoga for All of Us: a Modified Series of Traditional Poses for Any Age and Ability” by Peggy Cappy and “Living Healthy to 100: a Wellness Program for Seniors” by M.B. Seretean; or eBooks like “Fit at Fifty and Beyond” F. Michael Gloth and “Spinach for Breakfast” by Sam Almond.

For more suggestions or information about library books and programs, contact the Help Desk at (405) 372-3633 x8106, email askalibrarian@stillwater.org or visit the library website at http://library.stillwater.org.

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

Stacey Delano
Adult Services Librarian
Stillwater Public Library
“Add Life to Your Years!”

Eat Better, Move More

This program is designed for older adults and their caregivers. Classes will teach you how to improve your meals with better nutrition, find simple, fun ways to introduce movement and exercise into everyday routines and develop a plan that will enhance the quality of life you now live.

Learn to eat better and find ways to exercise within your own limitations of the day!

Eat Better, Move More

Stillwater Public Library
1107 S. Duck
Stillwater, OK 74074
February 2nd – April 13th
Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Registration Info:
Everyone is welcome to participate, however space will be limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Maricela at:
(405) 271-6424

Classes are complementary, Donations are accepted

Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine • University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
This work is supported by a grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation
Workshop Features New Initiatives in Sharing Information Resources  
(UCD and PLD)

The University and College Division will sponsor a one-day “Open Access” workshop at the University of Oklahoma Library on Friday, February 13, at the Bizzell Library at OU. Because the Internet gives us multiple ways to tell people about our resources, academic, special and public libraries are working to increase the numbers and kinds of information that our patrons can access and use. The growth of resources is amazing!

In academic libraries, many research articles that could only be accessed via subscriptions are now published in “open access” journals. Colleges and universities are making use of open textbooks to reduce costs for students. Many faculty members are authoring textbooks that they share using a Creative Commons license. OU and OSU librarians will talk about what open access is, and faculty members from both schools will discuss how they use open access to teach and further their research. Dr. Rick Luce, Dean of the OU Libraries, will be the keynote speaker.

Public libraries are also into enhanced services. Libraries around the state are making the OK Virtual Library available—offering e-books, audio books, music. Find out more about the Virtual Library from Lynda Reynolds (Stillwater Public), and about using open source software for your library’s website and other projects from Adri Edwards-Johnson (Pioneer Library System). Do you do historical or genealogical research, and want to know about new resources and programs at the Oklahoma History Center? Come hear Dr. Chad Williams, head of the Research Division.

We’ll wrap up the day with speakers from academic and public libraries around the state, who will share details of their online offerings or their programs for training in digitizing collections.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the University and College Division and the Public Library Division. It will increase your awareness of trends toward providing open access to information resources, whether created or brokered by your library. We will also provide a short resource list to attendees and others via the OLA Website. Please plan to bring your information to share! Registration is now open on the OLA website. Log in at www.oklibs.org, and follow the link on the homepage to the online registration blank. Deadline to register is Friday, February 6th.

Helen Clements, Chair  
University and College Division, OLA  
Humanities Social Sciences Librarian, OSU Stillwater Libraries
Here's a rhetorical question for you: who makes a higher hourly mean wage in Oklahoma, librarians or petroleum engineers? Of course you know the answer, but you can get exact data for that—

In May 2013 Oklahoma's librarians made an average of $20.95 per hour
In May 2013 Oklahoma's petroleum engineers made an average of $72.63 per hour

Note: “mean wage” is the average hourly wage for a worker

Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) is published online by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for about 840 detailed occupations; these occupations are based on the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification Manual as published by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. This manual is available separately at http://www.bls.gov/soc/major_groups.htm but you don't need to use it for OES to work. The OES surveys about 200,000 establishments every 6 months (in May and November) over a 3-year period to collect this data from about 1.2 million businesses. It includes most industry sectors with the exceptions of most agricultural jobs, private household jobs, and workers who are self-employed.

How to use the OES -

1) you'll get a choice of 4 types of searches; accept the default of “Multiple occupations for one geographical area” until you've spent time in this database. Click Continue.
2) you'll choose “National,” “State” or “Metropolitan or Nonmetropolitan Area”. If you choose “Metropolitan Area” you'll scroll down a nation-wide A-Z list until you reach “Oklahoma” where you will have a choice of the MSAs of Oklahoma City, Lawton, Tulsa, or Fort Smith Arkansas/Oklahoma. Click Continue.
3) you'll see the occupations. You could use the online Standard Occupational Classification Manual but it's easier to just scroll up and down a few times and see what's there OR click in the occupations box on the screen and key in the occupation you're interested in. Click Continue.
4) you now have a choice of data types. Choose all, one, or use you control or shift keys to choose several. Click Continue.
5) now you have the data. Stay away from the “percentile wage” data.

Steve Beleu, Federal Documents Coordinator
Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries
Abraham Lincoln, Birthday Cake and Tim Burton

It was quite a spectacular fall semester, filled with several special events, at East Central University’s Linscheid Library. Since the Outreach Department at Linscheid Library planned, set-up, and produced these events all semester long, they would like to share the results of their efforts with libraries across the state.

First, a traveling interactive exhibit entitled “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” was on display in the second floor atrium from Sept. 17 – Oct. 31. Put together by the National Constitution Center, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Libraries Association, this exhibit offered a glimpse into the controversies about the 16th President of the United States, as well as the impact of his decisions. Over 300 people visited the exhibit before it was finally taken down for delivery to its next destination in Brigham, Utah.

As part of this exhibition, local and visiting faculty gave a series of five separate lectures about the constitutional issues that Lincoln faced during the Civil War. The first four lectures, given by ECU faculty, each entertained an audience of 30. Over 100 people came to the Cole University Center to hear the ultimate lecture in the series, given by Jonathan White about his book “Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War: The Trials of John Merryman.” Audience questions throughout the series revolved around legal precedence, civil liberties, public outcry, and how struggles continue today in balancing them.

Next, Linscheid Library celebrated its 100th anniversary of being a federal depository on Oct. 23. Oklahoma State Sen. Susan Paddack delivered an inspiring speech about the importance of government documents, and Student Senate President Rachel Nicholas read the Governor’s Proclamation of this historic occasion. To top it all off, Dr. Adrianna Lancaster unveiled a plaque given to the library by the Government Publishing Office. The plaque will be proudly displayed in the library to commemorate this milestone.

Visitors explored the interesting government documents expertly selected and arranged by Kaylie Coleman, Linscheid Library’s Outreach Assistant. Items that received special attention included oversized children’s books on healthy living and a rebound book from Special Collections pertaining to the allies of hummingbirds. More than 60 people – faculty, staff and students – attended this event. Con’t.
Abraham, con’t.

Finally, a two-in-one book signing and Halloween party was held on Oct. 30. The first part of the spooky celebration featured Dr. Jennifer McMahon, Professor of English and Languages, discussing the details of her anthology “The Philosophy of Tim Burton”. Fellow professors Dr. Mark Walling, English and Languages Chair, and Dr. Steven Benton, Associate Professor of English and Languages and Director of University Honors Program, commented on their own contributions to the book. The ECU Bookstore sold copies of “Tim Burton” along with other publications written and edited by professors from the English Department.

A more traditional Halloween party immediately followed the book signing/discussion. A pirate told fortunes, and students colored picture frames with markers well after the party was officially over. Even with all this activity, there was plenty of candy for everyone, thanks to the Linscheid Library Academic Friends (LLAF).

Though the Outreach Department at Linscheid Library planned and organized these events, credit is also due to the ECU community, either through their attendance or direct help. Special thanks goes to the ECU Foundation for their help on the Centennial; the ALA, NEH and National Constitution Center for their exhibit “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War”; and LLAF and the ECU English Department for their participation in the Halloween party.

**If you have any questions about these events, or if you’d like to have an event at ECU’s library, contact the Linscheid Library Outreach Department through their website at [http://ecok.libguides.com/outreach](http://ecok.libguides.com/outreach) or on the phone at 580.559.5308.**

By: Kaylie Coleman, Outreach Librarian
and Katherine Sleyko, Public Services Librarian
East Central State University Library
Meet Olivia, the Library Pig

Reading therapy dogs are popular in libraries and children’s literacy programs. Youngsters who may feel self-conscious reading in front of other kids or adults can relax around an accepting, non-judgmental pup while they practice their reading skills. Reading therapy cats are even emerging in the library world. But have you ever heard of a reading therapy pig? Well, it’s time you met Olivia, a micro Juliana pig who is now living at the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County.

Olivia is adorable, and the Oklahoma Librarian wanted to find out more about her. We talked to library director Jade Champion to get the scoop.

Oklahoma Librarian: Thanks for taking our questions, Jade. What gave you the idea to find a pig to serve as your library’s reading therapy animal?

Jade: The staff wanted to have a mascot, and we had been working with a local therapy dog named Diva. We thought about a dog, but worried about allergies. We thought about a rabbit, but we again worried about allergies. I told the staff they could have a mascot if they found something that was smart, hypoallergenic, appropriate size, didn’t eat live critters, and could serve as a therapy animal. Our communications specialist, Abbey, thought we were looking for a unicorn. She then found a micro Juliana pig instead.

OL: Tell us a little about Olivia. Where did you find her, and how did you name her?

Jade: Abbey went through a search for a reputable breeder of micro Juliana pigs. We spoke with our city attorney about the specifications of having a pig within city limits. In our ordinance, it said that any pig on a registry was considered a pet. She added that if the pig was not on a registry, it was "bacon." The closest reputable breeder with pigs that were registered was in Columbus, Indiana. We further investigated and found that this breeder also had sold to the Cincinnati and New York Zoos. We chose a pink piglet. Library patrons started a GoFundMe account and we reached a goal for purchase and maintenance totaling $2,500 in three days. We officially ordered her and she was flown to Wichita. Pigs have extreme anxiety when flying and have to have a friend. She flew with a littermate and was very calm the entire time. We named her Olivia because we polled our patrons and that was the name they chose. Her last name is "Benson" as a nod to our city manager, who had to sign off on having a pig in the library. We preceded Olivia with "Lady" because she is a lady, and regal. Her manners are mostly impeccable.

OL: We understand Lady Olivia Benson arrived with a friend named Max. What can you tell us about Max?

(photo above: Olivia, a Micro Juliana pig, averaging 30 pounds at adulthood. Enid News and Eagle photos, by Billy Hefton)
Jade: Max is the littermate that accompanied her to Wichita. Of course he is also a micro Juliana pig, but we learned that pigs do not have like personalities, even when they are of the same breed. We often think that the same breed of something will act in similar ways. Max is brown with black spots and has the same black eye that Olivia has. He lives with a family that is very close to the library. Max comes on play dates and the two like to race each other, and nudge each other on the belly, and roll each other around. When they get very hyper they run around and bark—very similar to a dog. Max likes to train much more than Olivia. She is much more of a free spirit. However, Max does not like being held. Olivia does.

OL: We hear Olivia is a big hit in Enid. How do the children and other library customers react to her? Do you have any particular Olivia stories you’d like to share?

Jade: She has been a great hit in our community. She is still in the process of being trained, and will be fully trained when she is a year old next July. Olivia is getting used to children approaching her quickly and with abrupt movements. We find the more time she spends with others, the more she is able to cope with that. Pigs are very social, but know they are prey. She is beginning to understand that she is a very special pig. We have noticed that Olivia cues quickly upon children with disabilities. She will nose them on the cheek and give them a kiss. She just has an understanding of children in general.

OL: What does the future hold for this new star?

Jade: She will be spending much more time in the public area of the library after July. She will continue to visit schools and will have reading sessions after July. We are building a viewing room where patrons can see her while she is sleeping, feeding, etc. She also goes on daily walks around downtown Enid. People love Olivia.

OL: Since Enid has pioneered the use of a pig as a reading therapy animal, are you hearing from other librarians in other communities?

Jade: No, I have not. I think having a pig as a therapy animal is kind of scary to think about. They do take quite a commitment from staff and the community. We are very lucky that our breeder sent a second piglet. Olivia needs to be social and run around with friends, whether it be a pig or a dog. She doesn't really get along with cats very well. She needs special toys like what a toddler would play with. Dog toys are boring to her.

OL: Finally, Jade, we’re wondering if Olivia’s popularity has had any impact on the consumption of pork in Enid. ;-)

Jade: She definitely makes you rethink eating bacon. Most people agree that pigs are smart and they love to see Olivia.

OL: Thanks, Jade! Please send our regards to Olivia and Max.

Bill Young, Public Information Manager, Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries (Above: It may be reading therapy training time, but that doesn’t mean Olivia has to put her kisses on hold. Here, she gives a smooch to library staffer Abbey Roberts. Enid library director Jade Champion says this pink beauty is stealing a lot of hearts in the community. (Enid News & Eagle photo by Billy Hefton)
Spring into Action: Ethics Committee hosts workshop on sustainability practices for all libraries

The OLA Ethics Committee invites librarians and staff from all types of libraries to the workshop *Spring into Action: Green Practices for All Libraries*. The workshop will be held Wednesday, March 25th from 10:00am to 4:30pm at the Northwest Library in Oklahoma City, OK. Attendees of all knowledge levels will learn how to implement sustainable processes and policies at their libraries to save money and reduce their environmental footprint.

Dr. Marc Jenson, OU’s Lean and Sustainability Coordinator, will demonstrate how libraries can reduce waste and save money through lean process management. Theresa Tittle, green library advocate and Librarian Selector for the Pioneer Library System, will share real-world examples of green library practices locally and nationally.

Participants will also tour the Silver LEED Certified Northwest Library with Manager of Library Operations Rachel Kopchick and librarian Rondia Banks to observe a green library environment in action. Todd Olberding, Director of Construction for the Metropolitan Library System, will discuss the challenges and victories of the LEED design and construction process.

Finally, a panel of experts who have implemented sustainability programs at their institutions will answer questions from attendees and offer advice. Panelists include Aiden Street, Branch Manager of the Southwest OKC Library; Tim Tillman, Sustainability Coordinator at the University of Central Oklahoma; Abbey Warner, Technical Librarian at University of Central Oklahoma; and Nicole Kelty, Library Media Specialist at Will Rogers Elementary in Stillwater, OK.

Registration is $65 for OLA Members and $130 for nonmembers. An environmentally conscious lunch catered by Coolgreens is included with registration. Participants are asked to consider bringing their own reusable coffee mugs and water bottles to help reduce waste. For more information please contact:

Natalie Vaughn, OLA Ethics Committee Chair, at natalie.vaughn@libraries.ok.gov or visit the event listing at www.oklibs.org.
Stillwater Masons Promote Childhood Literacy with Gift to Stillwater Public Library

(STILLWATER, OKLA. / Dec. 29, 2014) — Members of the Stillwater Masons Frontier Lodge #48 showed their support of childhood literacy by giving the Stillwater Public Library a $6000 gift to be used on children’s projects. Library Director Lynda Reynolds was on hand to accept the gift on behalf of the children’s department and children’s librarian Elizabeth Murray.

Murray is using part of the gift to purchase copies of “Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves” by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. The books will be given to area teachers to be added to their classroom libraries as part of the Stillwater Public Library’s spring reading event, “One Book, One Community: Stillwater Reads True Grit,” which takes place March 2-April 24.

“In early March, performer Omar Reed will be visiting 3-5 grade classrooms as U.S. Deputy Marshall Bass Reeves,” said Murray. “The books will help children learn more about this legendary frontier lawman.” According to Murray, the library is evaluating uses for the remaining funds.

“A donation like this does not come along very often,” said Murray. “We want to be the best stewards we can of this generous donation and use it to enrich the literacy of the children in our community.”

For more information about children’s services and materials, please visit the library’s website at http://library.stillwater.org or contact the children’s Help Desk at 405-372-3633 x 8108 or childrensreference@stillwater.org.

The Stillwater Public Library is located at 1107 S. Duck St. (the corner of Duck and 12th Ave.). Library hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact: Sherry Fletcher, Director of Marketing and Public Relations
Phone: 405.742.8362
E-mail: sfletcher@stillwater.org
Web: stillwater.org

Contact: Lynda Reynolds, Stillwater Public Library
Phone: 405-372-3633 x101
E-Mail: lreynolds@stillwater.org
Web: library.stillwater.org
Ann Patchett, con’t from page 1

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and the Iowa Writer’s Workshop, Patchett has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including England’s Orange Prize, PEN/Faulkner Award, the Harold D. Vursell Memorial Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Book Sense Book of the Year, a Guggenheim Fellowship, The Chicago Tribune’s Heartland Prize, The Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts, the American Bookseller’s Association’s “Most Engaging Author Award” and the Women’s National Book Association’s Award. Her books have been both New York Times Notable Books and New York Times best-sellers. Her work has been translated into more than 30 languages.

Submitted by Jackie Hill, Tulsa City County Library
OSU Tulsa Library Honors Beth Freeman on her retirement, celebrating 44 Years in Oklahoma Libraries.

Beth Freeman, Library Director for the OSU-Tulsa library retired December 23, 2014 after a 44 year career in Oklahoma Libraries. Beth graduated from the University of Oklahoma and was recognized with the Outstanding Alumni Award from the School of Library and Information Science in 2004. Beth started her career at The University of Tulsa in a number of positions. In 1987, she became the director of The University Center of Tulsa and her career spanned across three administrative changes at OSU-Tulsa. She is recognized as a pioneer in the local Tulsa academic community for her innovative electronic resource acquisitions as early as 1988.

Beth has served the Oklahoma Library Association in numerous capacities including Local Arrangements Chair and Conference Registration Committee, Administrative Roundtable Chair, the Scholarship Committee and Endowment Committee which she plans on still serving after retirement.

Beth also served as the President of the (OCALD) Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors from 1999-2000, where she was an integral part of developing the OKShare Initiative and continues to collect the statistics yearly.

In 2002 Beth took on the dual role of both OSU-Tulsa library Director and the Center for Health Science Director. She became a board member of SCAMEL (South Central Academic Medical Libraries) and was the Local Arrangements Chair for their annual conference in 2009.

Beth’s outstanding efforts working with the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers in Tulsa led to the acquisition of OSU-Tulsa Library’s archival collection of the Center’s Author manuscripts, a small but notable Tulsa Race Riot collection.

Lynn Wallace, Access and Collection Services Librarian
Dona Davidson, Reference Librarian
OSU Tulsa Library
Trucks Do Not Belong in the Library

On July 21st, 2014 we had a truck drive right into our small town library in Kansas, Oklahoma. We had just finished wrapping up our Summer Reading program the week before (thankfully!), and it was business as usual at the library. We had five staff members and about five patrons in the library at the time of the accident.

I was standing in the meeting room when I heard a loud boom on what sounded like the roof and a ceiling tile fell down in the bathroom behind me. I walked out of that room and saw a full size truck sitting right where our circulation desk was. I would not have been surprised at all if the driver had stretched his hand out and handed me his library card, saying, “I’m here to pick up a book.”

Needless to say, he didn’t, but we sure had a mess on our hands. The circulation desk was smashed to smithereens and I had one staff member pinned behind her desk and another on the floor surrounded by about 300 juvenile fiction books. We removed the desk from in front of the pinned staff member and got her into another chair, then covered the one that got hit by the books with a blanket, called 911 and waited for help.
Once I knew that no one was seriously injured, I began taking pictures, knowing that the insurance company would want them, and also that no one would believe it unless they saw the damage with their own two eyes.

I really do have the best staff. One staff member ran around administering first aid, getting water for anyone who needed it, and just comforting those in the building. Another turned into the Hulk, literally lifting up a crumpled book cart and tossing it to the side because she couldn’t find one of our staff. Thank goodness, no one ended up being seriously injured. We had both staff checked out and other than a little soreness, they are both fine.

As for the library, well, we suffered a little more. The driver of the truck hit a mailbox, then our marquee out front, then drove into the library leaving a 12 foot by 10 foot hole right where our front door used to be. It took about 3 hours for the police, fire and rescue, and city workers to remove the truck from the building, take the injured to the hospital, and patch up the hole in the center of the building.

Kansas is a very small town, approximate population 800, and they were furious about the damage to the library. We ended up being closed to the public for a total of 3 months, however we did all we could to still get the books to the patrons. We set up a mini circ desk right in front of the remaining door and we opened for 2 hours a day, 6 days a week for patrons to pick up holds, request books, return books, and pay fines. It seemed as if everyone in our small town came in at one time or another to make sure our staff was fine.
$50,000 later, we have all new carpet, ceiling tiles, paint, circ desk and front door! The next time you drive down Highway 10, stop in and see us, we would love to show you around!

And they say nothing exciting ever happens in the library! We know differently.

Cherokee Lowe, Shared Branch Manager, Hulbert and Kansas, Oklahoma Public Libraries
Pictures courtesy of Kansas Oklahoma Public Library
Stillwater Public Library Provides a Variety of Monthly Programs for Children

(Stillwater, Okla. / Jan. 8, 2015) — Stillwater Public Library offers a program for all ages with storytimes for the smallest babies to Minecraft for big kids. Storytimes are held weekly while afterschool programs are held monthly.

“The library has evolved into a destination for reading, learning and exploring,” said Elizabeth Murray, children’s librarian. “The community is invited interact with information and literacy in a multitude of ways and for the children we create this environment by offering a variety group programs and experiences.”

The newest addition to children’s lineup is “Minecraft Mondays” which is open to kids ages 8 and up. Registration is required as there are a limited number of computers.

“Kids have been begging for Minecraft for months so we are excited to finally get the game installed on our computers,” said Murray. “Even those who have Minecraft at home come to the library to game so they can play in the same world as their friends and learn new tricks from the other players.”

“Picking up STEAM,” a learning laboratory for children in grades K-3 will continue with a second semester of programs. The spring programs are based on theme “Growing Things” and will include interactive activities plus guest presenters. The program will be January through April on the second Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The ever popular “Lego Club,” also continues with twice monthly sessions. Lego Club encourages children in grades K-5 to use their imagination to build creations with the library’s supply of blocks. The club is held on the first and third Thursday of every month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Check out what we have been creating on the library’s Facebook page!

Registration is required in advance for all after school programs of “Minecraft Mondays,” “Picking Up STEAM,” and “Lego Club.” Registration is not need to attend the weekly storytimes. Storytimes are split into various age groups to best serve the variety of developmental stages, but families may attend together.

Storytimes include:

“Babytime,” is a specially designed storytime for children up to 15 months old, held weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

“Toddler Time” is a highly active storytime for children 1-3 years old. It meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

“Preschool Storytime” includes stories, songs, a filmstrip, and a craft. Sessions are on Mondays and Fridays at 10 and 11 a.m.

“Family Time” is similar to Preschool Storytime but held in the evening for the whole family to attend together. The weekly Monday evening session has been moved to 6:30 p.m. to better accommodate bedtimes.

For more information about children’s programs or to register, please call 405-372-3633 x 8108 or email childrensreference@stillwater.org.

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

Contact: Stacy DeLano, Stillwater Public Library
Phone: 405-372-3633 x8124
E-Mail: sdelano@stillwater.org
Web: library.stillwater.org
Promoting Sequoyah

Each fall, for the past three years, the Oklahoma Library Association has partnered with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and private sponsors to promote the reading of titles from the Sequoyah Masterlists, publicize the Sequoyah Book Award program to schools and the general public, and encourage participation in the annual vote.

The $2,000 investment by OLA each year is matched with funds from ODL and the private sector to sponsor a $7,500 Newspapers in Education project through The Oklahoman and NewsOK.com. Four ¼-page ads each September, coupled with online lesson extensions, publicize the program and provide teachers and school librarians with lesson plans, activities, and links related to the three Sequoyah masterlists. In addition, school libraries and classrooms that sign up for the program each receive 25 copies of the Sequoyah newspaper wrap/poster to post and share with students. In addition, ODL produces thousands of bookmarks each year to promote the lists with individual students, and provides public libraries with the posters. The fall 2014 promotion featured online ads on NewsOK.com for the first time. This winter, OLA’s executive board was provided with statistics showing the fruits of that collaboration during the three year period:

- 1,365 school library/classrooms signed up for the program
- 40,625 posters have been distributed
- 60,000 bookmarks have been distributed

Using the 120,000 weekday circulation figure for The Oklahoman, it’s estimated that the Sequoyah ad have been seen 1.4 million times. The collaborative effort was prompted by a need for promotional materials for schools, public libraries, and individual students according to Adrienne Butler, ODL youth services librarian, and member of the Sequoyah Book Award administrative team. “In the past, we had produced downloadable bookmarks that required printing at the local level,” Butler said. “Plus, we were depending on the kindness of one of our vendors to produce an annual poster, and we didn’t always have a poster with the Sequoyah masterlist titles available.”

Since ODL had good results with the NIE program for agency programs in the past, Butler pitched the NIE collaboration to the Sequoyah Committee and to the OLA Executive Board. OLA’s Endowment Committee provided funds in 2012 to test the concept, and the past two years were funded from OLA’s regular budget.

“We’re happy with the results,” Butler said, “and we’ve shown growth over the three year period.” Participating school libraries/classrooms have grown from 414 in 2012 to 502 in 2014. Poster distribution went from more than 12,000 in 2012 to more than 15,000 in 2014. Butler said 172 schools outside The Oklahoman’s delivery area have participated in the past three years.

Above: Ads in The Oklahoman feature lesson plans, activity ideas, and links to much more through the Newspapers in Education and OLA websites.
“Beyond Sequoyah, the school libraries and classrooms in the delivery area get a monthly delivery of newspapers to share with students,” Butler said. “And all participating schools get access to the digital paper, plus access to the newspaper’s online archives.”

Butler said ODL uses its federal funds for its part, and private sponsors have been key and have included Sonic, America’s Drive-In, and Brodart. Global Health has made a generous donation the past two years, and it’s a partner Butler hopes to retain.

While schools and libraries are receiving more promotional materials and activity ideas, and more young people may be reading Sequoyah titles, Butler said it still takes an extra effort to encourage Oklahoma’s young people to vote for their favorite Sequoyah Book.

“We haven’t seen any great increases in the annual voting totals,” she said. “So let me take this opportunity to remind everyone that voting from the 2015 masterslist titles begins in February and lasts until Mid-March. Help your students and young patrons contribute to the selection of our book award winners.”

For more information on the Sequoyah Book Award program and the masterslists, visit [http://www.oklibs.org/?page=01Sequoyah](http://www.oklibs.org/?page=01Sequoyah).

Bill Young
Public Information Manager
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
Poster:
The newspaper-sized posters are two-sided, with all three masterslists covered. All participating school libraries and classrooms receive 25 copies of the posters, whether they are located in The Oklahoman’s delivery area or not.
The OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN is the official bulletin of the Oklahoma Library Association. It is published bi-monthly. The inclusion of an article or advertisement does not constitute official endorsement by the Association. It is published entirely online for members of the association.

Editorial Office
Barbara Miller, Oklahoma State University, 501 Edmon Low Library, Stillwater, OK 74078-1071, editor@oklibs.org.

Online Editor
Nicole Sump-Crethar
Digital Library Services
215B Edmon Low Library
Oklahoma State University Libraries

Book Reivew Editor
Michele Seikel
Catalog/Acquisitions Librarian
501 Edmon Low Library
Oklahoma State University Libraries

Circulation and Advertising Office
The Oklahoma Librarian, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013. : Kay Boies (405) 525-5100, fax: