Essay Contest Winners Honored at OLA Legislative Day

The OLA Legislative Committee honored winners of its Essay Contest at OLA Legislative Day at the State Capitol on April 11th. The OLA Endowment Committee provided $375 in prize money to the four winners, who wrote on “Why my Library is Important to my Community.”

**Winner for the 4th-8th grade category**, Nirvana Kahn (pictured right) is pictured receiving recognition from Cindy Moore, Administrative Assistant to Senator John Sparks. Miss Khan wrote, “During my childhood, my parents could never afford books. If not for my local library, I may have never become such a lover of learning.”

**Judges’ Choice Award winner**, Rosalinda Espinosa, is pictured (left) with Tim Rogers, Director of the Metropolitan Library System and Calypso Gilstrap, OLA President. Ms. Espinosa wrote, “As I grew older, my love of reading grew but my parents could never afford to buy books. This was never a problem for me because I knew I had millions of books waiting for me at my home away from home. I loved my library and the programs it offered.”

**Honorable Mention winner Gaby Fernandez** is pictured (right) with Kathy Hale, Director of the Southern Plains Library System. Miss Fernandez wrote, “The library brought me closer to literature, in a physical but also personal way... I picked out a book that called me from its high shelf, flipped through its worn pages. Yet those worn pages just showed not how old and abandoned it was, but instead, how loved of a story it really was, and it was the push I needed to give into the world of literature.”

**Winner of 9th-12th grade category (not pictured)**, Sarah Sampson wrote, “Our library may not be the fanciest of libraries. It doesn’t have two floors full of books or a fancy computer system but it does have something no other library has, Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller has been the librarian for as long as I can remember. She knows the name of every student and has the perfect recommendations for those who can’t make up their minds about what adventure they would like to go on next.”

Desiree Webber
Director, Mustang Library
Thank you for helping me Turn on the Light this year!

My leadership style was different for some of you— an “acquired taste” or “breath of fresh air” or “I don’t understand what you mean” kind of leadership. But I think it worked out. My secret presidential initiative was really to ensure OLA was still an association at the end of my term, and I must say I was successful! The best gift you gave me was taking a chance and letting me be myself.

Here are my Top Ten favorite things we did this year!

10. Every single award and scholarship. Hard work goes into raising the money, writing the nominations, deciding the winners, making the plaques, and honoring the winners.

9. Hyatt Regency Tulsa. It was an AWEsome place to have conference.

8. Tribal Libraries Committee emails. This committee has the best communication, sharing, and true camaraderie. That is something every DRoC should have. Even though I have no expertise in tribal libraries, I always felt welcome and included.

7. Diversity Beyond Color (SRRT program at conference). This session was mind changing, and I hope it can be turned into an all day workshop.

6. Read Y’All poster with Olivia. Love this campaign already, but the diversity in the celebrity this year was unique and memorable.

5. #oksnapshotday2016. Of course I love seeing what other librarians are doing! Excellent advocacy tool that must continue!

4. #ola2016. Trending for two days during conference with more than a thousand entries on social media.
OLA President, Con’t.

3. “Why my library is important to my community?” essay contest. Reading the entries from the children of Oklahoma was inspirational and emotional. I believe the children of Oklahoma can be our best advocacy tool.

2. Social Media Policy. Thank you to the marketing and communication committees for working diligently to update our policies to include guidelines on using social media as an association. I believe we are setting a standard for other associations through this work.

1. Legislative Committee’s Polling Data. If you haven’t seen the data- Oklahomans love libraries! I believe it was a great investment (thank you Past Presidents!) to spend money on the poll and hope we can create more advocacy tools to ensure every library is open and supported!

I appreciate all of our leaders who made these things possible. There were dozens more projects that were accomplished and unseen by me that are worthy of our praises too! Ann Voskamp says, “Random acts of greatness pale in comparison to habitual acts of faithfulness.” OLA is a great exemplar of this and I will greatly miss the opportunities it has gifted me to be habitually faithful in you.

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Is available here:

http://c.ymccdn.com/sites/www.oklibs.org/resource/group/9ff71fd-5db3-4b5b-8324-cc0d063ba79c/Annual_Reports/OLA2016AnnualReports.pdf
Chickasaw Regional (Public) Library System’s Renovation Underway

“Open During Renovations” reads the sign hanging from the Chickasaw Regional (Public) Library System (CRLS), Ardmore Branch, as customers enter the front doors for service. The library is currently operating out of the meeting room while construction takes place for a much needed renovation.

The building looked the same as it did when it first opened in the 1980s, including the drab orange carpet! But as community needs have changed, so has the design of library spaces. Digital resources, high speed Internet, programming, video conferencing and distinct spaces for youth are a necessity for customers today! CRLS’ staff are excited to soon be able to offer library services in a more vibrant environment that customers will enjoy.

CRLS’ renovation will create unique spaces for all library customers from young toddlers to adults. The remodel will improve the functionality of customer service, allowing visitors to move more freely around the library. A wall mounted book return is being installed so customers can return their materials before entering the library. In addition, a self-check machine at the circulation desk will give guests more independence and save them time.

Improving the appearance of the library with new flooring, paint, shelving and furniture will give the existing facility a much needed “face lift.” The library is being redesigned to include comfortable and functional spaces for all age groups; children to adults.

(Photo: CRLS remains open during renovation process) (con’t . On next page)
CRLS, con’t.

A Children’s Cove is being added with vibrant colors and appropriate furniture and chairs. Early literacy children’s computers with bilingual features will continue to be housed in the children’s area. Separate areas for tweens (8-12) and teens (13-18) are part of the new architectural plan. Age appropriate books and other library materials will surround these sections. A flat screen TV for virtual gaming will be available in the “teen zone,” as well as a maker space with 3D printers, other games and study tables.

A quiet comfortable adult reading area will be located at the far south end of the library. Newspapers, periodicals, books and a flat screen TV will be featured in this space.

In the middle of the public service area the “Tech Center” will stand out as its own entity for computer and microfilm users. It will also serve as a computer lab for classes and private instruction.

The renovation of the library space will allow CRLS to offer all customers more choices, convenience and comfort! CRLS will remain open during the renovation process and invites the public to drop by and see the changes occurring at the library! For more information call 580-223-3164 or visit us at 601 Railway Express in Ardmore.

(Photo: CRLS is serving customers out of its meeting room during renovations)

*Gail Currier*

“I love my library patrons!”

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Introducing *Amplified Oklahoma*

In May 2016, the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at the OSU Library launched a new podcast called *Amplified Oklahoma*. Every month, *Amplified Oklahoma* will share voices from the OSU Library’s oral history collections, and visit with experts, students, our interviewing team, and others as we examine a variety of topics related to Oklahoma history and culture.

The introductory episode introduces listeners to the show, the OSU Library’s background in developing audio programs and a discussion about what goes into a good name.

The first episode focuses on tornadoes in Oklahoma. Devastating storms such as the May 3, 1999 and May 20, 2013 tornadoes are discussed via oral history interview excerpts with Gayland Kitch, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Moore, Oklahoma, and Gary England, longtime Oklahoma City meteorologist. Listeners also hear from Dr. Alex Greer with OSU’s Political Science Department about his experiences conducting quick response fieldwork after the May 20th storm. Finally, the OOHRP’s Dr. Tanya Finchum talks about the Oklahoma Mesonet Oral History Project (www.library.okstate.edu/mesonet).

You can listen to both episodes and view show notes by visiting www.library.okstate.edu/podcast. Additionally, all episodes are available on SoundCloud, iTunes, and Stitcher.

Podcasting is another tool which can be used to highlight voices in your collections and experts within your institution. By using free audio editing tools, such as Audacity, paired with a USB-microphone on your computer, you too can share your collections with the world.

—Juliana Nykolaiszyn & Tanya Finchum
OSU Library
Election Results for 2016-2017 OLA Officers

OLA Vice President/President-Elect
Linda Pye

OLA Secretary
Tassey Beeson

Children and Teen Services Roundtable Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Kirsten Walker

Government Information Roundtable Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Judith Matthews

Oklahoma School Librarians Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Amy Lagers

Oklahoma School Librarians Secretary
Rosa Blocker

Public Libraries Division Chair
Lynda Reynolds

Public Libraries Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Tonya Baldwin

Social Responsibilities Roundtable Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Suzette Chang

SMART Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Alyson Vernon

Technical Services Roundtable Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Tom Steele

University and College Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Wensheng Wang

University and College Division Secretary
Tabitha Manners

Congratulations to all who were elected and a very special thank you to those not elected for your willingness to serve. We hope you will decide to stay involved in OLA in other capacities. Your involvement is needed.

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2012 Economic Census Data for Oklahoma

Although not all the small-geography data is available for Oklahoma yet, we have data for our state, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (populations of 50,000+), micropolitan statistical areas (populations of 10,000 to 50,000), and 125 “economic places” which are incorporated towns in which there are a minimum of 2,500 jobs. Smaller incorporated places are represented only by data for 5-digit zip code geographies. Here's some data for our state -

The same categories of data are available for the other geographies noted above. Here are those Oklahoma geographies – An Economic Place (simple definition) is an incorporated place or CDP of any kind in which there are 2,500+ jobs. Oklahoma’s Economic Places are: Ada, Altus, Alva, Anadarko, Ardmore, Atoka, Bartlesville, Bethany, Bethel Acres, Bixby, Blackwell, Blanchard, Bristow, Broken Arrow, Broken Bow, Cache, Catoosa, Chandler, Checotah, Choctaw, Claremore, Cleveland, Clinton, Collinsville, Cordell, Coweta, Cushing, Davis, Del City, Dewey, Drumright, Duncan, Durant, Edmond, Elk City, El Reno, Enid, Eufaula, Fairview, Fort Gibson, Frederick, Grove, Guthrie, Guymon, Harrah, Healdton, Heavener, Henryetta, Hinton, Hobart, Holdenville, Hominy, Hugo, Idabel, Jay, Jenks, Jones, Kingfisher, Lawton, Lindsay, Lone Grove, Longtown CDP, McAlester, McLeod, Madill, Mangum, Mannford, Marietta, Marlow, Miami, Midwest City, Moore, Muldrow, Muskogee, Mustang, Newcastle, Nichols Hills, Noble, Norman, Nowata, Okemah, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Owasso, Park Hill CDP, Paul’s Valley, Pawhuska, Perkins, Perry, Piedmont, Pocola, Poteau, Pryor, Purcell, Roland, Sallisaw, Sand Springs, Sapulpa, Sayre, Seminole, Shawnee, Skiatook, Slaughterville, Spencer, Stigler, Stilwell, Stillwater, Stroud, Sulphur, Tahlequah, Tecumseh, Tishomingo, Tonkawa, Tulsa, Turley CDP, Tuttle, Verdigris, The Village, Vinita, Wagoner, Walters, Warr Acres, Watonga, Weatherford, Wewoka, Wilburton, Yukon. The 2012 Economic Census added 55 new incorporated places for a total of 125 cities, towns, and two CDPs. This is 17+% of the incorporated places in our state. (Con’t)
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A *Metropolitan Statistical Area* (MSA) consists of an urban area of 50,000+ population; a *Micropolitan Statistical Area* (msa) consists of an urban area of 10,000 but less than 50,000. Oklahoma’s MSAs and msa’s are:

**MSA**  
Fort Smith (Le Flore and Sequoyah counties), Oklahoma City, Lawton, Tulsa  
**msa**  
Ada, Altus, Ardmore, Bartlesville, Duncan, Durant, Elk City, Enid, McAlester, Miami, Muskogee, Ponca City, Shawnee, Stillwater, Tahlequah, Weatherford, Woodward

A *Consolidated Statistical Area* consists of one MSA and one msa that have an employment interchange of 25% or more, or as a rare exception 15% to 25%. Oklahoma’s CSAs are: Dallas-Ft. Worth TX – OK (area extends into southern Oklahoma); Joplin, MO-Miami, OK; Oklahoma City-Shawnee; and Tulsa-Muskogee-Bartlesville.

Here’s how to find this data yourself for the geography of Oklahoma—

1. Go to American FactFinder at [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov)
2. Click *Advanced Search* and then its *Show Me All*
3. Click *Topics*
4. Click *Dataset*
5. Scroll down until you find *2012 Economic Census* and click it
6. Then click *Geographies* and open its drilldown
7. Click *State*, then *Oklahoma*, and click *Add to Your Selections*
8. Remove *Select Geographies* by clicking the X in its upper right screen
9. You now have 57 tables to work with.

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Federal Documents Coordinator  
Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries

Have questions about how to use this data? Want to get free training on how to use it? Contact me at [steve.beleu@libraries.ok.gov](mailto:steve.beleu@libraries.ok.gov)
OLA Volunteers for OETA!

Oklahoma Library Association Members were very honored to volunteer for OETA's Festival on Saturday March 12, 2016. (Photo: Kim McNaughton)

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THATCampOK
Comes to OSU Library

On May 20-21 librarians, teaching faculty members, graduate students, and others interested in the fast-developing field of digital humanities came together at the Oklahoma State University Edmon Low Library for THATCampOK (The Humanities and Technology Camp) 2016. Digital humanities (DH) is an umbrella term for the application of computer, mobile, and other digital technologies for the study of the humanities (such as using programs to analyze the texts of a single author or the works of many hundreds, or creating interactive maps of historical events with interpretive GIS data).

THATCamps are traditionally “unconferences”—open, free or low-cost gatherings of scholars, technologists, and often library professionals to plan sessions such as demonstrations of tools, methods, concepts, and “play” sessions to practice using tools for different applications. THATCampOK is jointly sponsored by the OSU and the University of Oklahoma Libraries, and the first THATCamp in the state took place in June 2015 at the OU Bizzell Library. This year digital humanists and librarians from OSU and OU as well as other institutions across Oklahoma gathered in Stillwater to learn more about this exciting new approach to the fields.

THATCampOK featured a “Workshop Day” on May 20 with more structured programming. Our keynote speakers were Dr. Robin Anne Reid and Dr. Christian F. Hempelmann, professors in the Department of Literature and Languages at Texas A&M-Commerce, who have been developing a linguistic corpus of the works of J. R. R. Tolkien to use for stylistic analysis with various electronic text mining tools. We had breakout sessions given by faculty and librarians on DH projects they are developing as well as discussions of issues in DH such as DH in classroom projects and other topics. The second day was our “Unconference Day” in which participants proposed sessions at the beginning of the day and organized the sessions on the spot. In our unconference we covered issues such as how to form cross-campus collaborations in DH projects (including libraries), overviews of tools such as Omeka, mark-up languages such as TEI and XML, discussions of DH in faculty tenure and promotion decisions, and introductions to various DH tools for text analysis, visualizations, and other processes.

The attendees found this a valuable meeting of the minds and saw it as an excellent way to develop new partnerships in scholarship and teaching. The OSU and OU libraries will continue their collaboration in 2017 when the next THATCampOK will be held on the OU Norman campus.

For more information on the camp and the programs, visit http://thatcampok2016.thatcamp.org

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Oklahoma State University Library
Tribal Libraries Committee Update

We would like to give a big Thank You to all the people who attended our meetings at Annual Conference! It was good to hear from our members about the kinds of projects they’re doing to preserve their cultural heritage, from gathering oral histories to enlarging their archival spaces. The program on using the Dawes Rolls for genealogical research was popular with a number of OLA members. So was the session on the digitization efforts for documents held by the Gilcrease Museum’s Helmerich Center for American Research. We’re looking forward to seeing the museum’s new searchable web resources. This will make some of the museum’s primary documents about the American West available for research, so that they can be used by scholars from elementary school to the Ph.D., and by anybody interested in history no matter what their background.

Our Regional Meeting at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Library
On May 13th, we visited the Cheyenne and Arapaho Library at Concho, Oklahoma. Christine Denny, the tribes’ Library Media Specialist, was our hostess. She has been cataloging their library collection to make it more usable by the community. Christine has a specialty in early childhood education, and she has been using the myON reader from the Capstone company for their Head Start program. This program is a literacy resource that makes many books available for download to an app available on computers (including tablets and some mobile apps). This makes them portable and easy for people even if they don’t have good Internet access in their area.

A highlight of our meeting at Concho was getting to meet Mr. Gordon Yellowman, the Assistant Director of Education for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He talked about their efforts at developing educational programs, especially in the preservation of the history and languages of the two tribes. They plan to publish three or four children’s books translated into the Cheyenne or Arapaho languages. Mr. Yellowman also stressed the importance of networking with other individuals and groups, with mutual respect and appreciation. He said that this had led to many successes for the tribal educational and other programs.

Bill Young of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries also attended the meeting. He is asking for tribal libraries to participate in the EDGE program sponsored by the Urban Libraries Council. EDGE begins by surveying current library programs and needs, and using the results as a way for libraries to engage with their community leaders and staffs to improve public technology in their communities. We know that a number of Oklahoma’s public libraries are also participating in this program.

As we prepare to give a workshop for OLA in the next year, we are emphasizing two themes in our planning. First, we want to focus on programs and resources that will be useful for small and rural libraries, including tribal libraries. We’re more and more aware that small libraries and their staffs need practical and affordable professional training and development opportunities, and that they work closely with their local leaders to help their libraries grow. We plan to make meeting these needs the focus of our workshop. We’ll be reaching out to other OLA divisions to ask for ideas and probably to participate in offering the workshop. We’re thinking about holding it in March, since the Annual Conference is taking place on April 24-26, 2017.

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Book Reviews

Michele Seikel, from OSU Stillwater Libraries is accepting reviews! Send her your name and she will be sending out a list of books to review. Or if you have a book you would like to review, send Michele a note. It should be book under two years old. Please include the name of the Publisher, the year published,, no. of pages, and ISBN. It would also be helpful to include a picture of the book jacket. Contact her at michele.seikel@okstate.edu.

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!

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Meet your new Editor! Jill Knoke McFall

The Oklahoma Librarian will have a new editor beginning with the July Issue!

Jill writes, “I have been a librarian at the Edmond Library since January 2015 and was at the Mabel Fry Library in Yukon before that. I obtained my Master's of Science in Information Science from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville via the distance learning program while I was living in Northwest Arkansas. Library science was a career change for me. I have owned an advertising agency, Escape Media, since 2005, which I operate from home. My bachelor's degree was in Journalism with an emphasis in Advertising and Public Relations. I currently live in OKC with my family.” Best of Luck to you Jill, on your new venture as editor! Jill’s email is: <jill.mcfall@metrolibrary.org>

And remember, next deadline is July 15th! Let’s get Jill lots of articles for her first issue!

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Wister Public Library Receives Coveted 2016 Ruth Brown Memorial Award

Each year the Oklahoma Library Association’s Social Responsibilities Roundtable takes applications for the Ruth Brown Memorial Award. The award is presented to recognize and support social issue-oriented programs implemented by or with libraries. The award commemorates the courageous spirit of Ruth Brown, a former Bartlesville librarian and OLA President who fought for racial integration in public libraries but was fired for her efforts in 1950. This year Wister Public Library, a branch of the Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma, was presented the Ruth Brown Memorial Award at the Oklahoma Library Association’s Annual Conference in Tulsa, for the Community Garden Project. The Garden Project began in the early spring of 2015 with the idea of planting a small vegetable plot and making vegetables available to the public. While the idea was still on the drawing board library customer James Barnett expressed great interest and was soon named the Garden Project Manager. Under James’ careful guidance and diligent hard work and determination, the garden became a summer focal point for the library and library customers. The project was so successful that expansion became the theme for 2016 and the Community Garden Project has now tripled in size!

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Stillwater Families get set for exciting additions to this year’s ‘Summer @ Your Library’

(STILLWATER, OKLA. / May 10, 2016) – “Summer @ Your Library” is just around the corner with reading, learning, and fun for everyone. The whole family can get involved this summer by signing up for a reading club, earning prizes and attending entertaining programs each week. This summer, Stillwater Public Library has added even more fun reading opportunities for families to enjoy.

“This summer the library is highlighting ways for all ages to stay physically and mentally healthy and active with a wide range of activities,” said Lynda Reynolds, library director. “We can’t wait for our readers to check out our newest children’s reading additions, like evening programs during June and an exciting new partnership with OSU.”

Sign up for the reading clubs begins on May 16, while events begin on Sunday, June 5, from 2-4 p.m. with the annual Family FunFest, presented by the Young Professionals of Stillwater. The FunFest includes a variety of fitness demo classes, craft activities, plus healthy snacks and prizes. In case of rain, this outdoor event will be cancelled.

Children in the “On Your Mark, Get Set. READ!” reading club can earn food and activity coupons and a free book, as well as a chance to win $20 Wal-Mart gift cards from Sylvan Learning Center and Monty Harper classroom visits. Children who read 30 hours will be entered into a drawing for a bicycle provided by District Bicycles.

Kids have more chances to win prizes when they wear their summer reading t-shirts to the weekly programs. Each child who registers for the reading club will receive a coupon from Chris’ University Spirit. Just take the coupon and a t-shirt to the store and the summer logo will be added for free.

Weekly programs take place on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Attendance is limited by fire code, so please be sure to arrive early to get a seat.

From June 14-28, Tuesday programs will be repeated at a 7 p.m. performance.

“We have so many parents who work during the day and can’t attend daytime programs with their children,” said Elizabeth Murray. “But reading is a family affair and we want the whole family to be involved which is why we decided to try out evening programs during June.”
Stillwater families, con’t.

Weekly programs for the summer, with evening programs noted, include:

**June 7, Rock & Roll Operetta** – Take a musical trip back in time to find out where and when Rock and Roll began, with local Stillwater children singing and dancing classic rock and roll songs. This program will also take place Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m.

**June 14, Read All About It** – Richard Renner, the Vodvill Klown takes the audience on a comic tour of characters who explore their favorite books. Each character brings the books to life with circus skills to give children the thrill of reading a good book and the effect it can have on a lifetime of learning. Includes a 7 p.m. performance.

**June 21, Gary Owen, Ventriloquist** – With lots of audience interaction and participation, puppets will grab kids’ attention about “healthy choices” and how laughter is good medicine. Includes a 7 p.m. performance.

**June 28, Jump Rope Master** – Jump ropes, a unicycle, audience participation, and motivational speaking is what Peter Nestler is all about. The program is designed to capture children’s attention, inspire them with jaw dropping skills and build a lasting memory of what it takes to be a champion. Includes a 7 p.m. performance.

**July 5, Hill’s Irish Dancers** – Talented student dancers present a spirited and entertaining Irish dance experience. Set your toes to tapping and hands to clapping and enjoy the colorful costumes and fast-moving feet of these award-winning step dancers as they showcase both traditional and modern dances of the Emerald Isle.

**July 12, Ready, Set, Read!** – Monty Harper gives an energetic performance of original songs that will have the audience moving and grooving in celebration of books and reading!

- **July 19, Magician Kevin Wade** – Kevin Wade returns to the Stillwater stage to mystify and amaze with his bag of magic tricks and love of reading.

The Award Ceremony will take place Tuesday, July 26, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Children who read ten hours or more will be invited to the program which will feature performer “Professor B. Looney.”

“Summer Cinema @ the Library” returns again each Thursday, June 9-July 21, with two free shows at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to enjoy popcorn and watch the G and PG rated shows. For specific movie titles, please check the library’s website.

Families can make it a double feature by attending “Summer on the Plaza” each Thursday evening, May 19-June 30. The event, featuring live music, water fun and craft activities, takes place outside the OSU Student Union from 6-8 p.m. Recent, popular children’s movies are shown at 8 p.m. inside the Student Union.

The library will have an outside booth each week with fun activities based on each of the films and families can also pick up a free book.
“We are so pleased that the OSU Office of Arts, Culture and Entertainment has chosen to add a literary element to their activities this summer,” said Reynolds. “Each Thursday, the library will be distributing free copies of ‘Bridge to Terabithia’ with discussion questions to enjoy together. We have 150 copies to hand out.”

At the June 30 screening, humanities scholar Dr. Harbour Winn, English Professor and Director of the Center for Interpersonal Studies through Film and Literature at Oklahoma City University, will provide commentary on “Bridge to Terabithia” and discuss the process of transforming a book to film.

Funding for this program is provided in part by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed do not necessarily represent those of OHC or NEH.

Major “Summer @ Your Library” sponsors include Friends of the Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater Public Library Trust, Chris’ University Spirit, KOSU, U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Arvest, Cockrell Eye Care Center, Monty Harper, Sonic, Sylvan Learning Center and Young Professionals of Stillwater. Please visit the library website for a full list of sponsors.

The Stillwater Public Library is located at 1107 S. Duck St. (the corner of Duck and 12th Ave.). For more information, contact the Stillwater Public Library by phone at (405) 372-3633 or by e-mail at askalibrarian@stillwater.org or visit the web site at http://library.stillwater.org.

(pictured top to bottom: Gary Owens, Peter Nestler, Richard Renner, courtesy of Stillwater Public Library)

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Teen readers ‘Get in the Game’ during ‘Summer @ Your Library’

(STILLWATER, OKLA. / May 10, 2016) – Young adults will have their calendars stuffed full of fascinating programs and their pockets full of prizes when they join the Stillwater Public Library’s teen summer reading program, “Get in the Game. READ!” Sign-up begins May 16.

“‘Get in the Game’ is exclusively for readers going into grades 6-12,” said Amanda Bell, teen librarian. “The book lists, weekly programs and prizes are all designed to make teens want to spend their summer reading.”

The program kicks-off Wednesday, June 1, from 6-8 p.m. with a private party at the Stillwater Municipal Pool. Teens will get to swim, hang out with new friends and have a chance to win a docking station provided by Kicker and pool passes from Parks and Recreation.

Participants will be reading throughout the summer to earn prizes. According to Bell, the prizes this summer are bigger than ever.

“Our prizes this year will definitely make young adults want to get into the game of reading. Not only do they earn prizes for every five hours they read, but they can also earn a free book at thirty hours of reading and multiple entries into our huge grand prize drawing.”

After every five hours of reading, teens get one chance in the grand drawing. They also get to choose one additional prize, including a food or activity coupon, $3 library fine waiver, Kicker lanyard or an extra entry into the final drawing.

The end of summer grand prize is the winner’s choice of an X-Box One, PlayStation 4, Laptop, gift card to Academy Sports or gift card to Daddy O’s. Final prize choices are valued at approximately $400.

Each teen who registers for the summer reading club by June 5, will receive a free summer reading t-shirt, which will be given out at the June 8 and June 15 programs. Weekly programs take place Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and include:

June 8, Laugh: Play the Game with OKC Improv - Play the game with OKC Improv’s small group comedy exercises and a group performance.

June 15, Quidditch - Learn from Stillwater's OSU Quidditch Club! Make a broom, practice moves and play.

June 22, Geek Out: Ok Science Museum - The OK Science Museum will challenge teens’ engineering, physics and survival skills.

June 29, Bug Out: Insect Adventures and Maggot Art - Learn about awesome insects with OSU's Insect Adventures and use artistic skills to make maggot art.

July 6, Use the Force: Jedi Boot Camp – Padawans will make a lightsaber, get meditation tips from a Jedi Master and more.

July 13, Karate Chop: Ninja Academy - Learn about different types of martial arts and practice some moves with Elite Combat Systems.

Con’t.
Stillwater Teens, con’t.

**July 20, Cook: Cutthroat Kitchen** – Who has what it takes for Cutthroat Kitchen? Join the healthy cooking contest with Payne County Extension.

Each of these weekly programs will have drawings for prizes including books, Kicker earbuds, and prizes that coordinate with the week’s program.

The program wraps up on July 27 with the end of summer party at the Roller Dome. Participants can skate, play laser tag and find out if they are the winner of the grand prize.

The Top 30 readers of the summer will also be announced at the finale. These readers will be invited to a special Laser Tag Party held at the library on Aug. 1.

For more information, contact the Stillwater Public Library by phone at (405) 372-3633 or by e-mail at askalibrarian@stillwater.org or visit the web site at http://library.stillwater.org.

Photos: Top: Andrine Shufran and Xandea Morris of OSU’s Insect Adventures
Bottom: OSU Quiddich Team
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McALESTER LIBRARY Engaged
IN THE COMMUNITY

McAlester Public Library has participated in three big community events since the OLA Conference.

On April 16, Library Assistant Ellen Barlow and Head Librarian Kathy McGilberry handed out Summer Reading Program calendars and mini flying discs at the annual Kids Fair at the Southeast Expo Center. Thanks to Ellen’s presence on the planning committee, this yearly event somehow always manages to match the Summer Reading Program theme. This year’s Kids Fair slogan was “Move and Groove.” Hundreds took library information, and quite a few exercised with a round or two of “Library Limbo.” (photo right).

On April 29-30, Ellen, Kathy and Assistant Librarian Sarah Standish assisted the Friends of the Library at their annual book sale at St. John’s Gym, where a refreshment table tempted shoppers to join the Friends group. Joining Ellen and Sarah at the Friends table was Citizen’s Recognition Award winner Carolyn Wright (photo at left).

Finally, the library hosted a booth at the annual City of McAlester’s Family Fun Fest at Chadick Park on May 7. This year, the event also served as the kickoff to former Mayor Steve Harrison’s wellness initiative “Taking Shape Pittsburg County.” The library has partnered with other community organizations to promote the health and fitness drive, which includes weight-loss challenges and other contests. McAlester Public Library hopes to engage the community with a Steps Taken/Pages Read challenge to go along with this summer’s theme.

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Picturing Migrants: The Grapes of Wrath and New Deal Documentary Photography

The Great Depression holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Oklahomans. The devastating effects of the Dust Bowl combined with nationwide economic collapse impacted the people of our state in ways that are difficult to imagine now. Fragments of family stories may exist for some of us who have deep roots in the state, but where do most people learn about these events?

James R. Swensen writes in Picturing Migrants that John Steinbeck’s The Grapes of Wrath and images like “Migrant Mother” by Dorothea Lange are the most iconic depictions of the Great Depression in American culture. Steinbeck wanted to portray migrant workers, and he wanted his book to be as realistic as possible. He told Farm Security Administration (FSA) officials, “I’m writing about people and I have to live as they live.”

He studied FSA photographs as a part of his research, and while he did drive through Oklahoma in 1937, he did not travel with the migrants as some believed. Much of his understanding about living in Oklahoma came from secondhand sources like these photographs that “helped create a surrogate experience that played an important part in creating a believable story.”

Connections have been made between Steinbeck and the Farm Security Administration (FSA) photographers before, but it has never been explored in such depth. What was lacking, according to Swensen, was an interdisciplinary approach that was not primarily focused on literature or art, but on the rich interconnections between the two.

Picturing Migrants is a beautiful book illustrated with FSA photos, many of which you probably have not seen before. The most fascinating story is that of Russell Lee, the FSA photographer who set out to Oklahoma in 1939 using The Grapes of Wrath has a “shooting script” to corroborate Steinbeck’s novel.

Swensen expertly weaves these two narratives together, and while it is very specific, it speaks to a wide variety of interests from art history and documentary photography, to new insight into a beloved work of literature. The subject is so close to the heart of local history that an Okie cannot help but be captivated.

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Out Where the West Begins:
Profiles, Visions & Strategies of Early Western Business Leaders

Entrepreneur Philip Anschutz’ newest publication, Out Where the West Begins, Profiles, Visions & Strategies of Early Western Business Leaders is chock-full of his favorite people--- people like himself: creative risk-taking visionaries who damn the torpedoes, taking matters into their own hands with the spirit of ‘full steam ahead’. As Anschutz explains in the forward, “Like all great moments in history, the West is about people, so I decided to focus on those who made the most important early contributions to the regions’ development, turning their visions of what might be into realities... The criteria for selection had to be refined, and the time period narrowed to the most critical years.” Those critical years were 1800 through 1920, when man power and technology seemed to blossom together creating many conveniences we still enjoy today.

In Out Where the West Begins, the readers find themselves drawn in to the lives of individuals like John Jacob Astor, Brigham Young, Levi Strauss and Buffalo Bill Cody, just to name a few of the approximately 50 trailblazers included. Written in simple language and casual style, each mogul is given their own chapter. Following each chapter is Anschutz’ bibliography for each person, which reveals the level of detail the author committed to his subject. Anschutz notes that Out Where the West Begins has been 30-35 years in the making--- sounds like a labor of love to this reader.

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Path to Excellence: Building the University of Oklahoma 1890-2015
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University of Oklahoma Press 2015.

Released as part of the University of Oklahoma’s 125th anniversary in 2015, Path to Excellence collects decades of OU’s building and renovation history into one colorful coffee-table book. A brief history of the University and its buildings is provided at the beginning of the book, but the majority of the volume consists of color photographs of OU’s best-known locations, as well as some that might surprise even those familiar with it’s campuses. While locations on OU’s Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses make appearances toward the end of the volume, the book primarily covers the evolution of the main campus in Norman. Looking at some of the then-and-now photos of campus buildings, as well as at the flurry of building and renovation in recent decades, the book’s visual exploration of the university’s growth is impressive. Libraries that are local to the main campus, or with patrons interested in the architectural and building history of the university, may be interested.

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Winter’s Hawk: Red-tails on the Southern Plains is an introduction for readers to the biology and social behavior of the Red-tailed Hawk, as well as to its place in Oklahoma’s tallgrass prairie ecology. With over forty years’ experience as a professional biologist and ornithologist, the author, Jim Lish, is able to give incredibly in-depth and often personal accounts of this majestic species. Sixteen chapters are dedicated to the Red-tailed Hawk and its five subspecies including the Eastern, Western, Harlan’s, Krider’s, and White. Focusing on Red-tails wintering in Oklahoma, Lish describes their hunting techniques, competition with other raptors, and behavior in the presence of human observers. He also describes the subtle differences in plumage and other characteristics to help you distinguish between the various subspecies when out in the field. Lish proves himself to be an expert teacher, engaging storyteller, and skilled photographer, providing informative text, fun anecdotes, and stunning photographs. The book includes nearly 200 color photographs, all but a few taken by the author himself. Each photograph taken by Lish is documented with the name of the county in Oklahoma and the date on which the photograph was taken. Also included is one map, a selected list of references, and an index. Whether you are a biologist, falconer, naturalist, sportsmen, or just an avid birder you will enjoy reading this book and learning about the Red-tailed Hawk. Take it outside to read and remember to look up every once in a while and you might just spot a hawk making lazy circles in the sky.

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Adults reading this summer at Stillwater Public Library could win OSU Men’s Basketball season passes

(STILLWATER, OKLA. / May 10, 2016) – A full adult reading program, “Exercise Your Mind: READ!” returns to the Stillwater Public Library this summer with programs, chances to win weekly prizes and an end of summer drawing for grand prizes. Final prizes include two men’s basketball season tickets and a Fitbit. The season passes have been donated to the library by the OSU Athletic Department’s Orange and Black Gives Back program.

“Orange and Black Gives Back is built on the foundation of service with an emphasis on improving the lives of those in the Stillwater community,” said Emma Kelley, OSU Athletics Director of Marketing. “We are excited to partner with the Stillwater Public Library to encourage people of all ages to learn more about a healthy lifestyle and to emphasize the importance of reading.” Library Director Lynda Reynolds says the donation is an important component in the success of the adult program.

“The number of local businesses and organizations wanting to support adult reading has been astonishing,” said Reynolds. “With the chance for readers to win basketball season passes from OSU and all the other weekly prizes, we expect many adults to be signing up to read.”

The adult program is being reintroduced to keep adults reading throughout the summer and to help them show the children in their lives how important reading is. After several years hiatus, the library is bringing back a full adult summer reading program,” said Lynda Reynolds, library director. “While the program will be enjoyable and rewarding for anyone who joins, one of the most important reasons for signing up is to show the young people in your life how much you value reading.”

According to Reynolds, research indicates that children repeat behaviors and attitudes they see in adults. “We can use this phenomenon to reinforce positive habits in children. When your children and grandchildren see you reading, they will want to read as well. You have a huge impact on the kind of reader the children in your life will be.”

The adult series is open to readers 16 years and older and includes programs emphasizing physical and cognitive wellbeing. In addition, participants who read at least 15 minutes for at least four days of the week will be entered into a weekly drawing for prizes.

“We want adults to experience the benefits of fitting reading into their busy schedules,” said Reynolds. “It’s okay if you don’t have hours of free time to read. Just pick up a book whenever you can. In a waiting room? Read! Have a 15 minute break at work? Read! Waiting for the microwave to go off? Read! Getting in your reading at even 15 minutes at a time has significant health benefits.”

Con’t.
Adult reading, con’t.

Weekly prizes provided by area donors include:

- A free Kayak rental from Boomer Lake Paddle
- $30 gift certificate from Green Acres Market
- $25 gift certificate from Good Little Eater
- One hour facial from La Ritz Salon and Spa
- One hour personal training session from YMCA
- City of Stillwater gym bag stuffed with exercise goodies
- $25 gift certificate to Panera
- $30 gift certificate to Hastings

Readers who meet their weekly goal will be entered into the end of summer drawing for the basketball season tickets and FitBit. Chances into the final drawing can also be earned through completing library challenges like reading to children and trying out different library services. Reading goals and challenges can be tracked on the library’s “LitBit,” an online program called Wandoo that tracks summer reading.

In addition to reading, adults are encouraged to include programs that highlight healthy living. The schedule of adult programs include:

**Friday, June 10, 1 pm - Your Amazing Brain** - Blake Hopiavuori, Neuroscience Doctoral Candidate at OU Health Sciences Center will explain the fascinating science behind how the brain works and what it is doing during reading, exercising, stresses, or just being lazy.

**Tuesday, June 14, 7 pm - Laughter Therapy** - Taryn Cordell is a certified laughter leader who will have participants rolling on the floor in laughter while showing them how to de-stress, funny-style. Parents are welcome to take their children up to the evening performance of the children's reading program, juggler Richard Renner.

**Wednesday, June 15, 1:30 pm - Housing Designed for Aging in Place**
Retirees can get an early start on healthy aging when expert Louise Schroeder discusses aging in home at OSU Emeriti’s monthly program, “Making the Most of Retirement.”

**Friday, June 24, 1 pm - Tai Chi** - Experienced instructor, Dr. Marty Heitz, will introduce the Zen of Tai Chi, leading participants through Tai Chi movements and explaining the history and benefits of this centuries old exercise that is gaining popularity across the nation.

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Adult reading, con’t.

Friday, July 8, 1 pm - Smoothie Soiree - Resident foodie librarian, Emily States, will show participants how to make healthy and tasty smoothies that everyone gets to sample.

Tuesday, July 12, 7 pm - Book Club Basics - Librarians and local book club leaders will show explain how to start and maintain a vibrant and rewarding book club. Learn about all of the free resources and tools available to book clubs and maybe even join a book club at the event.

Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 am – DEEP: Diabetes Empowerment Education Series - Each session of this six week series will take participants through activities and training to learn how eating, exercise, stress management and medication management help prevent or delay the complications that stem from uncontrolled blood sugar. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., July 13th – August 17th. Registration is required.

Thursday, July 14, 10 a.m. – Concussion Facts for Parents – Dr. Steve Nedbalek, from the OK State Dept. of Health’s Injury Prevention Service will explain how to keep children safe from concussions in sports, in play and at home. Parents are welcome to take their children up to the “Summer Cinema” during the program.

Wednesday, July 20, 1:30 pm - Iceland, Land of Ice and Fire - Armchair travel with Arletta and Jim Webster on a magical tour of Iceland during OSU Emeriti’s monthly program, “Making the Most of Retirement.”

Friday, July 22, 1 pm - Home Remedies - Naturopathic Doctor, Julia Fetter, will show participants how to make natural remedies to feel better and live healthier.

For more information, contact the Stillwater Public Library by phone at (405) 372-3633 or by e-mail at askalibrarian@stillwater.org or visit the web site at http://library.stillwater.org.

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Leslie Langley Receives
OLA Distinguished Service Award

Wister Public Library Manager Leslie Langley received the Oklahoma Library Association’s Distinguished Service Award at the recent Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference in Tulsa. This award is granted to a professional librarian in recognition of inspired leadership, devoted service, and unusual contributions to Oklahoma libraries and to the profession of librarianship. The recipient of this award has effectively demonstrated a valid, thorough, and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service in Oklahoma, having expressed that concept in actual practice. This award is the highest honor OLA bestows on its members.

“I never imagined that I would be honored in such a way”, stated Langley. “When you have a personal commitment to your career and your community you sometimes forget that others notice”, she said. Langley started her library career as Children’s Librarian in Poteau in 1990. She became Library Manager of Wister Library in 2000 and has helped the smallest branch of the Southeastern Public Library System prosper. Langley is a past president of the Oklahoma Library Association and still actively works in the association to further the cause of libraries across the state. Her greatest accomplishment in Wister, in addition to working through the renovation of the old bank building and turning it into Wister Library’s new home, is helping people in our town realize that the library plays an important role in building the community and in the future of Wister.

Congratulations Leslie, you inspire us all!!! (Oklahoma Librarian editorial comment!)

Submitted by Leslie Langley
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2016 Sequoyah Award Winners

The OLA Sequoyah Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Sequoyah Book Awards:

**Children’s:**
**Chews your Destiny: The Gumazing Gum Girl!**
  by Rhode Montijo

**Intermediate:**
**Goodbye, Rebel Blue**
  by Shelley Coriell

**High School:**
**The 5th Wave**
  by Rick Yancey

More information about the Sequoyah Book Awards is available on the Sequoyah website

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