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Welcome to the world of librarianship in Oklahoma! I want to personally invite you to join the Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) as an excellent way to network with your colleagues across the state and also gain knowledge and skills. In addition to networking, your membership in OLA will bring you many benefits. Each year OLA sponsors an annual conference (April 23-25, 2018 in Tulsa) with great programs in diverse areas of librarianship, as well as fantastic workshops during the year on topics that will improve your skill and knowledge as a library professional.

As a member of OLA, you are encouraged to participate in our divisions, roundtables, and committees. When you visit our website at www.oklibs.org, you will see that these groups represent a wide variety of interests and that there is truly something there for everyone! Please visit the website, learn more about each division, roundtable, and committee, and see which ones interest you. We encourage you to join and [get involved](#) in OLA!

Our Legislative Committee monitors, educates, and advocates on behalf of the association. Through OLA emails, you can stay up-to-date with legislative issues that arise at the state and federal levels that potentially impact our libraries and librarians. Occasionally there are calls to action when OLA members are encouraged to contact their legislators about issues important to us.

In addition to the networking, advocacy, and professional development opportunities that are available through OLA, members also have access to the association's newsletter, *The Oklahoma Librarian*, and the online membership directory. With the newsletter, you can catch up on the news from Oklahoma librarians and libraries and find out what's going on in other libraries in the state. Our online membership directory provides contact information so members can communicate and network effectively with colleagues from other institutions across the state.

I hope you will join our great association, and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you as we work together to strengthen the quality of libraries, library service, and librarianship in Oklahoma. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@oklibs.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Pye

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