Meeting called to order by President Melody Kellogg.

Banquet Keynote Introduction: Melody Kellogg

Sherri Coale is the current Head Coach of the University of Oklahoma Women’s Basketball. She is a coach who embraces the balance of student and athlete. Fewer teams have had success while emphasizing the books on the same level as basketballs. One of the things she tells all of her team is, “Leave your story better than you found it”.

Coach Coale is from Healdton, Ok.

Awards Committee Report: Matt Upson

Awardees:

Distinguished Service Award: Helen Clements, Oklahoma State University

New Librarian: Cassie Spindle, Pioneer Library System

Support Staff: Gwyn Dominick, Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma Library Service Award: Stacy Delano, Stillwater Public Library

Robert Motter Vendor Appreciation Award: Vicki Raynes, Worldbook

Library Excellence Award: Tina Ham and Stephanie Brucks, Will Rogers College Jr. High and High School

As a committee, they also decided to recognize all the nominees for the New Librarian Award as a way to provide recognition of motivated and involved new professionals. Shay Beezley created the certificates that were provided to the nominees.

Full nominees list for New Librarian Award:

Kelsey Gourd – Library Media Specialist, Lakeview Elementary School, Norman Public Schools

Briton Heitt - Library Media Specialist, Blanchard Intermediate School
Shay Beezley - Manager, Metadata & Cataloging, University of Central Oklahoma

Kameran Huggins - Head Librarian, Stigler Public Library, Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma

Jeanette Kennedy – Director, Seminole Public Library

**Scholarship Committee: Joanne Huff**

2017 OLA Graduate Scholarships Winners

1. Kristin Haddock. Previously, she was the director at Mounds Public Library. She is now the Children’s Librarian at Sapulpa Public Library. She has grown her story time attendance from 2 to 13.

2. Laqueta Lewis. One of her goals is to reach out to the African Americans in her community and bring them into libraries. She wants to make them aware of the importance of the libraries and its services. She currently works in the Technical Services department of the Metropolitan Library System.

3. Kay Bjornen. She became interested in becoming a librarian while as a scientist with ConocoPhillips where, in her last position, she was managing 45 people in a research laboratory. She states, “During that time, I developed a passion for implementing systems that would preserve all the work done by the research employees, i.e. managing information so that it would be retrievable at a future date.”

4. Sarah Davis. Her passion is serving the Spanish-speaking community in Tulsa through libraries. She has held various positions within the Tulsa City County Library system. She is pursuing the MLIS to prepare her for a career in library management and youth services.

5. Aaron Pope. He serves on the OU-SLIS Graduate Study Committee. He plans to pursue a career in Archives and Special Collections.