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December 10th is the copy deadline for the next issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.
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A Message from the
O. L. A. President

Summer has meant no vacation for the Oklahoma Library Association—exciting projects have been launched, committees have been set up, and activities planned. The fall and winter months promise to be even busier.

We shall be hearing a great deal about the rural reading project in Haskell County! Under the joint sponsorship of the Oklahoma State Library and the State Home Demonstration Agent, and with an advisory committee from the Oklahoma Library Association, a demonstration of rural reading service in a county with no libraries will begin November 1st.

The advisory committee of OLA, meeting with representatives of the State Library and the State Home Demonstration Agent, were so encouraged by this promising development in the extension service in rural areas, that it was suggested that they start the ball rolling for the purchase of a bookmobile by the Association, to be made available to the State Library for demonstration purposes. As an immediate start for this project the group present pledged about $300, and others have since indicated their willingness to contribute. A state committee will be appointed soon to further this project. The State Library will keep you informed through the Extension News Letter. A bookmobile that could be shown at fairs, at club meetings, at conventions, to county commissioners, wherever we tell people of the need for good library service, would say more than thousands of words.

Another OLA committee has been hard at work drafting a leaflet to present graphically, briefly, and with enthusiasm, the importance of libraries, the status of libraries in Oklahoma, and what the average citizen can do about the problem. This folder will be ready shortly, in quantity, to be distributed widely.

OLA's membership is now 291, the largest in the history of the Association, but still not large enough for two representatives on the ALA Council, nor large enough to accomplish all the work to be done in the next year.

Whether or not you are now on a committee there is activity in store for every OLA member. This issue of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN contains suggestions for work for all. Whip out your typewriter, write a letter to your congressman, suggest candidates to the nominating committee, distribute leaflets, collect funds for the bookmobile project, round up new members! Projects are under way which need the support of librarians and friends of libraries in every corner of Oklahoma. Whether or not they succeed depends on you!
Pawhuska's New Public Library

Pawhuska's new library building was opened for use July 5, 1955. On August 7, Mr. H. G. Benson, a citizen of Pawhuska who has been putting money in a library building fund for ten years, presented title to the building to the Chairman of the Library Board in a formal dedication service.

The building was furnished by the City with the assistance of donations. Pawhuska's Rotary Club happily chose the library as their project to commemorate Rotary International's Golden Anniversary and raised $2,000 to furnish the adult reading area. A $1,000 grant from the Phillips Foundation and smaller gifts from the local American Legion post and individuals rounded out the sum required. The total cost of building and furnishings was approximately $44,000.

The building is 85 by 43 feet and provides approximately 3700 square feet on one floor. Conservative in design, it is constructed of masonry blocks and buff face brick, with stone trim and aluminum awning windows.

The front entrance faces South, and is protected by a concrete canopy supported on three columns which rise from planters. Inside, on the left of the entrance is a display case, and on the right the back of a book case provides a bulletin board. The circulation desk, directly opposite the entrance, is placed just outside the door of the office-work room.

Flexibility and a feeling of space were the aim of the interior arrangement—friendly informality and comfort of the interior decoration.

PAWHUSKA'S NEW LIBRARY features modern design and comfort. Acoustical tile is used on all ceilings and its color and lighting make reading a pleasure.
A soft blue-green color was used throughout on all walls not paneled in Philippine mahogany; the exterior walls are masonry blocks, providing an interesting contrast in textures. The public areas are arranged across the front of the building and the same colors and furniture design are used throughout.

Mahogany book cases built in under the windows across the adult reading area, and a wide shelf under the windows in the children's area provide space for displaying new books and special collections. Six-foot high birch wood shelving is used in the children's area, and the free standing steel stacks in the adult area have matching birch end panels.

Furniture in the children's area, to the left of the entrance, includes a sloping picture book table, reading tables of two heights, persimmon leather backed chairs, and two full sized upholstered chairs.

To the right of the entrance is the reference area. Vertical files and a large magazine rack separate it from the browsing area furnished with a long low table, a comfortable couch, and chairs upholstered in shrimp, brown and cream colored fabrics. Reading tables and chairs with persimmon and sea foam green leather backs, and low shelving against the east wall complete the adult reading area. The asphalt tile flooring is a confetti pattern which picks up the colors used in the furniture.

The combined office and work room, utility room, a storage closet, rest rooms, and adult stack area range across the north side of the building.

Acoustical tile is used on all ceilings except in the utility and rest rooms. Fluorescent lighting provides uniform light (approximately 75-foot candles at reading level) throughout the building, and air conditioning provides year-round comfort. The furniture is Remington Rand's Trend design and Dunbar upholstered lounge furniture.

The building was planned to house approximately 28,000 volumes and seat 35 patrons. We haven't begun to prove the book capacity, but we have seated over 100 youngsters at story hours this past summer. We admit that this taxes even the seating capacity of our floor!

Oklahoma Catalogers Meet

The Oklahoma Regional Group of Catalogers convenes Friday, November 4th, at 10:00 a.m. for an all-day discussion of the Dewey Decimal Classification. The meeting will be divided into three parts: a panel in the morning composed of five librarians from the state representing administration, reference, cataloging, and classification, and schools; luncheon, with a speaker at noon; and an afternoon workshop. The workshop will be divided into four groups for large and small college and public librarians.

For luncheon reservations please write (by October 28th): William H. Lowry, Oklahoma City Libraries, N. W. 3rd at Robinson, Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma.
HASKELL COUNTY LIBRARY PROJECT

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Haskell County have embarked upon a library project for the County. At the present time there is no public library within the area. The membership is aware of the value of good library service and is anxious to aid in making this service available to the County's citizens.

The members of the ten Clubs were willing to provide space for books and carry on the work of circulating them, but the problem was to secure books for use in the County.

Miss Norma Brumbaugh, State Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Pearl Winterfeldt, Southeastern District Home Demonstration Agent, were notified of the Clubs' interest in library services and of the need for books. Miss Brumbaugh discussed the matter with Mr. Edmon Low, Librarian of Oklahoma A and M. College. He and Miss Brumbaugh asked the State Library to assist.

A representative of the Library met with Miss Brumbaugh and Miss Winterfeldt and was given complete information on the proposal. Later the State Librarian met with the officers of the Oklahoma Library Association for the purpose of thoroughly discussing the feasibility of the Library Extension Division of the State Library carrying on a small library demonstration project in cooperation with the Home Demonstration Clubs of Haskell County. After a great deal of thought it was the group's opinion that an effective but limited demonstration could be initiated and supported. A later meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association's officers, Mr. Low, State Library representatives, Miss Brumbaugh, Miss Winterfeldt and Miss Alice Pyron, Haskell County Home Demonstration Agent, settled a number of the details connected with this program.

The Library Extension Division of the Oklahoma State Library plans to send some 1900 to 2000 volumes to Haskell County for a period of one to two years. A portion of these volumes will be allocated to each of the ten Clubs. A member of each Club will act as a Library Aide and will house and circulate these volumes. The Field Librarian of the State Library's staff will work with these groups, with the Library Aides and with the County Home Demonstration Agent. From time to time professional librarians from other libraries will be available for the purpose of giving assistance to the Clubs in operating the community libraries. These are Oklahoma Library Association members who have volunteered their services to the State Library for this purpose. It should be emphasized that this is a cooperative venture of the Home Demonstration Clubs and their Administrative officers, the Oklahoma Library Association membership and the Library Extension Division of the State Library.

The community book deposits will be reapplied from time to time and general meetings for the purpose of discussing the progress and goal of the project are planned.

It is the hope of everyone concerned that the project will lead to the formation of a multi-county library district in southeastern Oklahoma and the establishment of a district library (under Oklahoma's new Multi-County Library Act) for a number of counties in the area. If this goal can be reached it will result in good library service for all citizens in an area that has most inadequate library service.

It is planned to open the library demonstration project in Haskell County on November 1, 1955. All librarians, library trustees and friends of the libraries are invited to attend the open house that will be held shortly after that date.

OEA Librarians to Meet

The annual general meeting of the Librarians' Section of the Oklahoma Education Association will meet in the Hall of Mirrors, Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, on Friday, October 28, 1955 at 8:15 a.m. Chairman Edith Holley, Stillwater High School Library, will preside, with Ola Lee, Bristow Elementary School Librarian as secretary. The program has been announced as follows: Discussion of the proposed constitution of the section by Mildred Wilson, Webster High School, Tulsa; State book selection plan, and the library's place in the school, by Jake Smart, Director of the State Department of Education; Shall Oklahoma have an award for authors, by Mary Ann Wentroth, librarian of the Young People's Department, Oklahoma City Libraries. Exhibits and displays will be in Room 310 of the Municipal Auditorium, and the Oklahoma City School Librarians, with Pat Dickinson as chairman, will serve coffee to the group.
OLA Will Help Celebrate Statehood’s 50th Anniversary

OLA’s Select Committee on the Golden Anniversary of Statehood has as its immediate purpose the participation of the Association in the celebration of Oklahoma’s 50th anniversary of statehood on November 16, 1957. The committee, headed by Gaston Litton, will concentrate its work in two areas:

1. The Committee must discover what plans the Governor of Oklahoma has for the official celebration. It should also survey the state for municipal and other celebrations that may be significant. It must, thereafter, find the appropriate place of the OLA in these ceremonies.

2. The Committee must produce an appropriate official history to commemorate the golden anniversary of statehood and of the association, which coincide. A faithful, fair, and full history of the OLA will require ample materials. The committee, therefore, must inventory the accumulated archives of the association and bring in non-current materials still outstanding. A very significant source of information for the projected history will be the reminiscences and memoirs of the state’s pioneer librarians. The collection of the memoirs will assume necessary attention.

Mr. Litton has appointed forty librarians to serve with him on four sub-committees: archives, memoirs, participation, and history. Definite goals have been established for each subcommittee, and may be summarized briefly as follows:

Archives: An inventory of OLA’s archives in the State Library, the collection of items not on file, and the organization of these materials for use in preparing the history of the Association.

Memoirs: The collection and preservation of biographical material on the state’s library pioneers.

Participation: The determination of the OLA’s role in the state’s program to celebrate the Golden Jubilee, and the carrying out of this role, as authorized.

History: The preparation, financing, publication, and distribution of the official history of the Association.

Know Your Library Month Has Library Service Theme

Public librarians and units of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs in hundreds of communities throughout America are working together to highlight the services of the library during “Know Your Library Month,” in November.

This is the second annual observance of the event, part of the “Know and Grow” program developed by Mrs. Robert F. Herrig of Libby, Montana, Chairman of the GFWC Libraries Division, and Librarian of the Lincoln County Free Public Library in Libby. The American Library Association is again cooperating in the program which has had the close interest and assistance of Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary of the ALA Public Libraries Division, and Miss Mildred L. Batchelder, Executive Secretary of the ALA Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

All State Library Extension Agencies were advised of the two-year program last year by Miss Kee who prepared and distributed a suggestion sheet of activities for “Know Your Library Month” and this guidance will again be furnished for the 1955 observance. This suggestion sheet may be secured from the State Library Agency or by writing to Miss Kee.

The suggestions will include ideas sent to Miss Kee by librarians who participated in the previous observance. Reports have come from many parts of the country on successful activities. Among the states where reports indicated participation was widespread are California, Georgia, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Washington.

Emphasis in the 1955 “Know Your Library Month” programs suggested by Mrs. Herrig is on involving the entire community in the observance. Mrs. Herrig’s suggestions to club presidents and state officials of the GFWC urge that, working with local librarian, they organize community activities so that the people will learn that “good libraries are important agencies in our vital need for an informed citizenry.” She adds: “In localities with adequate facilities, the need is to inform more people of available services and

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Conoco Library at Ponca City

This is one of a series of articles on special libraries in Oklahoma.

Born of necessity and nurtured by a paternal spirit of executive talent Conoco Central Library conformed to the wide informational needs of petroleum company employees. Its educational arteries have turned every shade of the spectrum as they supplied the colorful heart of this petroleum research center in the beginning of an atomic age.

Our special library for Continental Oil Company research activities was visited by many members of the Oklahoma Library Association in 1953. Our visitors saw a small but complete business unit staffed by six employees trained to locate and obtain published information anywhere in the world, rather than a depository for complete sets of books. Our staff built up forty out-of-town-book collections, one for example was located in distant Cairo, Egypt, where field crews were supplied with technical information.

INFORMATION

Our information section indexed and filed all Conoco research reports and published a library bulletin listing new books and abstracts of articles published in magazines on engineering and applied sciences. The associate librarian, as head of this section, developed his own system of abbreviated index entries for retrieval of information by sorted punched cards. This method used for retrieval was described in a paper presented at a meeting of the American Chemical Society in New York, September 12-17, 1954, by the associate librarian. A reprint, including the basic card used, will be forwarded upon request to the library.

PATENTS

Our patent section maintained subject files of United States patents by class and subclass pertinent to petroleum and petrochemicals. Most patent copies were filed by patent number, as were the microcards of all chemical patents issued since July 1, 1952.

The associate librarian in charge of patent services circulated the official Gazette of the United States Patent Office for purposes of selection of patents, and was custodian of the continuing account with the Commissioner of Patents for prompt delivery of patents as they were issued.

Establishment and maintenance of a patent index for recording surveys of patents made by scientists was a function of this special library section.

LOANS

Since much of the fundamental information available to scientists being legally the personal property of the authors doing graduate and postgraduate work, the reports or theses may be borrowed by librarians for a limited time. Confidential services of this type were the responsibility of our graduate librarian who maintained close liaison between scientists and research workers.

This section also handled catalog, circulation, lending, and storage functions in our special library. Telephoned requests for stock material, file information, and periodical duplicates, were handled immediately by the graduate librarian.

CLERICAL

Since the clerical, purchasing, and accounting functions which our library performed within our company organizations were of particular interest to visitors, some specific responsibilities of the clerk of the library have been included. All incoming mail passed across this desk, and included many requests on our standard “Request to Conoco Library” form. The form F 8-94 PA handled every conceivable kind of library request from films to translation services, and also carried supervisory approval authorizing prompt ordering of material.

A publications order form was specially designed, not only to purchase but to notify the employee of the status of his request, to post a follow-up by department and by vendor.
and to keep permanent record. These requirements were satisfied in less than a minute by the typing of two carbons with the original form F 8-103 in one operation. Samples of our forms may be had upon request to the library.

The clerk was disbursing and recording in account ledgers all funds authorized by itemized and approved library budgets. This responsibility included maintenance of itemized subscription files for six years, with cumulative listings of nearly 2,000 items and the employees who received them.

SUPERVISION

The senior librarian upon organization of the central library in June, 1949, was in effect, responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the company library and had full authority to take any reasonable action necessary to carry out the responsibilities assigned to him, so long as such action did not deviate from established company policies and practices and was consistent with sound business judgment.

While the primary purpose of Conoco library was to serve the staff of the Development and Research Department and all company employees working in Ponca City, our doors have always been opened to visitors sent to us by librarians in the area. We personally feel that should unique development have occurred during our formative period, it was due to the organization and policies of a strong management.

We hope that by offering to share these experiences with others of our profession that this article may contribute to better library service in Oklahoma.

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Mary Ann Wentroth

Booklists at Oklahoma City Libraries

In using booklists with children and parents, we have found that too often they tend to limit reading to those books on the lists. There seems to be something about a printed list which the average library patron considers sacred. When a book appearing on a list is not available, there is hesitation and sometimes refusal in accepting a substitute suggestion even when the recommendation comes from the same authority which compiled the list in the first place. It therefore becomes necessary for the library to provide itself with an unduly large number of copies of the books on the lists which it is distributing, when there may well be other books just as deserving of attention. And yet we recognize the value of these printed suggestions for the borrower who does not know just what he wants.

The solution which we are currently trying, is a series of lists to be produced in small quantities and revised very frequently, so that demand for a few books will not be out of proportion. This plan makes it possible for us to call attention to the good books which are not circulating well at any given time. We can encourage use of the titles we have in quantity and reduce a little the demand for books of which we have fewer copies.

We have chosen nine broad headings: American Adventures; Chuckle-bait; Families Are Fun; Howdy Neighbor (about the Southwest); If You Like Mysteries; Magic & Enchantment; Melting Pot—U.S.A.; A Number of Things; and Other Lands and Peoples. We find these headings can be made to cover most of the books in our collection, both fiction and non-fiction—and we do mix them on every list. Attractive distinguishing designs were drawn by our staff artist for each heading. Decoration and heading were then made into a stencil, so that they could be duplicated in large quantities for use as needed. It is now relatively simple to cut a stencil for the book list itself and to run a small quantity of each text revision on the preprinted forms.

While we recognize that books can not be closely graded, we do know that some are easier than others, so we make an easy list and a harder one for each heading. For our own convenience, we use a code on each production to show its date, and an arbitrary symbol to indicate roughly the reading level, e.g., 6-54-j means that the list was compiled in June 1954 and is upper elementary in difficulty.

These lists seldom come back to us in books and are not found on the floor. This, we believe, is evidence that they are being well received.

(This article appeared originally in the March, 1955 issue of Top of the News.)

ALA's Pay Plan Now Available

"The Library's Pay Plan: A Statement of Principles," which was adopted by the Council of the American Library Association at the Philadelphia Conference, is now available and librarians are urged to make full use of it.

Explaining the usefulness of the statement, Hazel B. Timmerman, Executive Assistant of the Board of Personnel Administration, said:

"This statement, drafted by the Board, contains nine related tenets which are basic to the foundation of an equitable pay plan. The Board believes that these principles can be used by each library—large and small, public and college—in the formulation, promulgation, operation, and administration of its pay plan."

In an introduction to the nine points, the Statement says in part:

"The ALA believes that an important factor in establishing and maintaining good library service is adequate pay for library employees as exemplified in a well-constructed and well-administered pay plan. A knowledge of the principles on which sound salary administration is based must be the foundation of an equitable pay plan."

Copies of the statement, which is scheduled for publication in the October (1955) ALA Bulletin may be secured from the Office of Personnel Administration, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.
OLA Committee Appointments For 1955 – 1956

Auditing: Opal Carr, University of Oklahoma; Chairman: Mary Evelyn Potts, University of Oklahoma; Ruth Spalding, University of Oklahoma.

Awards: Willa Grace Hardy, Cushing Public Library, Chairman; Mrs. R. C. Bruner, Seminole Public Library; Eugenia Maddox, University of Tulsa.

By-Laws and Constitution: Ralph Hudson, Oklahoma State Library, Chairman; Edith Scott, University of Oklahoma; Hannah Atkin, Oklahoma City Libraries.

Children's Book Award: Mary Ann Wentroth, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman; Doris Park, Tulsa Public Library; Marian Dierdorff, John Marshall High School Library, Oklahoma City; Mary Hays Marable, University of Oklahoma Library School.

Exhibits: Robert Motter, Motter Bookbinding Company, Muskogee, Chairman.

Finance: Ruth Cox, Oklahoma City University, Chairman; Ida Self, Norman High School Library.

Legislation: Leta Dover, Bacone College Library, Bacone, Chairman; Virginia LaGrave, Tinker Airforce Library, Oklahoma City; Arthur McAnally, University of Oklahoma; James E. Gourley, Tulsa Public Library; Edmon Low, Oklahoma A & M College.

Local Arrangements: Hollis Haney, Pawhuska Public Library, Chairman.

Membership: Mariam Craddock, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman; Ella Sisler, Claremore Public Library; Bess Stewart, Oklahoma City Libraries; Mabel Murphy, Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha; A. Herbert Smith, McAlester Public Library; Beth Welch, Oklahoma City Libraries; Wanda McCollum, Emerson School Library, Tulsa; Pat Yowell, Tulsa Public Library.

Nomination: Richard Covey, Muskogee Public Library, Chairman; Jim Babeck, University of Oklahoma; Mrs. Andy Gravitt, McAlester Public Library.

Organization Manual: Helen Donart, Stillwater Public Library, Chairman; Frances Kennedy, Oklahoma City University Library; Gertrude Sterba, Ponca City Public Library; Elizabeth Thomas, Oklahoma A & M College Library, Stillwater.

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Resolutions: Lula Pratt, Conners College Library, Warner, Chairman.

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Steering Committee: Gaston Litton, University of Oklahoma, General Chairman; Allie Beth Martin and John Stratton, Executive Officers; J. M. Babycock and William Lowry, Public Relations.

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Memoirs: Florence L. Bray, Tulsa Public Library, Chairman; Ruth Spalding, Elizabeth Cooper, Mary R. Bell, Margaret Zinn, Elizabeth Willis, Esther McRuer, Elsie Hand, Rose Darnell, Mrs. R. C. Bruner.

Participation: Mariam Craddock, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman; Edmon Low, J. L. Rader, Lee Spencer, James Gourley, Martha Rinsland, Mrs. Walter Gray, Casper Duffer, Richard Covey.
Oklahoma A&M College Library Has Book Fair at Conference

A Book Fair in a college library can be whatever you make it, members of the Oklahoma A & M College Library staff have found. With help from friends throughout the state, they made theirs into an attraction which drew 1490 visitors in four days last August.

Planned as a part of the Farm Home Conference held annually on the Oklahoma A & M campus for home demonstration club leaders from all counties in Oklahoma, the fair was directed to women with homes, families and an interest in their communities.

Clusters of gay balloons and colorful posters added to the fair atmosphere in the Browsing Room of the Library where the event was staged. There were book displays in ten special categories: Building Good Family Life; The Community and Its Schools; To Help Us Grow Spiritually; The Road to Mental Health; Art in Everyday Life; Interesting People; The World About Us; For Children; For Your Home; and For Your Leisure Time.

Visitors also saw some other special exhibits, received a booklist prepared especially for family reading and had opportunity to talk about books and libraries with well-qualified librarians.

Plans for the August Book Fair started late in the spring, when Miss Norma M. Brumbaugh, State Home Demonstration Agent, asked Edmon Low, Librarian, if such an event could be held in connection with the Farm Home Conference.

After a Library staff conference, the decision to have the Book Fair was reached, though no one was too sure just what such a display in a college library should be. Investigation showed it could be just about what you made it.

John Stratten of the Library staff talked with Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Head of the Children’s Department, Tulsa Public Library; Ralph Hudson, State Librarian; Clarence Paine, Librarian of the Oklahoma City Library, and others about book fairs, receiving many good suggestions.
During a later talk with Miss Brumbaugh, she said it would be very fine to have something, like a book list, to put in the hands of fair visitors, adding that she would particularly like a list of books applicable to home demonstration work which could be used throughout the state.

With the help of Mrs. Leta Moore, Extension Family Life specialist, the topics to be covered were determined. Miss Elizabeth Thomas, Humanities Librarian, and John Stratton chose books from the college Library shelves for the list, which was called "The Family Reads With a Purpose." Miss Thomas prepared the annotations.

Miss Esther Mae Henke, Field Representative of the Oklahoma State Library, Miss Hollis Haney, Librarian, Pawhuska Public Library, and Miss Helen Donart, Librarian, Stillwater Public Library, were invited to be present during the Book Fair to talk about books and libraries with those who attended. They also helped members of the A & M Library staff arrange the displays in the Browsing Room.

Clarence Paine sent an exhibit prepared by Charles Ingram of the Oklahoma City Library. The exhibit, "Books, as Important at 70 as at 7," was most appropriate and occupied the space just opposite the most used entrance.

The posters representing the topic headings were prepared by Mrs. Emelie Shroder and Mrs. Helaine Lemon, library assistants of the College Library.

Other assistance came from Dowlings of Oklahoma City which loaned a selection of children's books, and Hinkel's bookstore of Stillwater which loaned a selection of their fine stock of Bibles to go with the topic "To Help Us Grow Spiritually." A. C. McClurg

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Library Services Bill Favorably Reported

The Library Services Bill was favorably reported on July 26 by the House Education and Labor Committee, by a vote of 20 to 9. It is now ready for a floor vote by the House in January, after receiving a “rule” from the House Rules Committee. We have until January, 1956, to visit our Senators and Representatives, and to discuss the Library Services Bill with them while they are at home.

It is very important that each member of Congress is visited and polled as to his vote. If you cannot go to your Congressman’s home town yourself, find someone who can. We must be sure that the Oklahoma members vote for the Bill. Remember that in 1950 the Bill was defeated by only three votes; we must not let this happen again.

These “visits” should not be limited to librarians, although each librarian in the state should make it his responsibility to visit, call, or write his Senator and Representative at least once in the next few months; but trustees, interested citizens, and representatives of organizations should also let the members know that their favorable vote is expected. We know it will be impossible for every OLA member to see his Congressman, but each member can write letters and call on the telephone.

Every librarian should have a copy of the “Hearings before the Subcommittee.” Write to your Congressman and ask for a copy of the “Hearings before a Subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor on Bills to Promote the Further Development of Public Library Service in Rural Areas.”

During your visits, in your telephone conversations, or in your letters to your Congressmen, find out how they intend to vote, and send this information to the Extension Division of the State Library. This information will be forwarded to Julia Bennett of the ALA Washington Office. It is important that Miss Bennett know how each member of Congress plans to vote.

Members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation are:

Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma City
A. S. Mike Monroney, Oklahoma City
Page Belcher, Enid, 1st District

Ed Edmondson, Muskogee, 2nd District
Carl Albert, McAlester, 3rd District
Tom Steed, Shawnee, 4th District
John Jarman, Oklahoma City, 5th District
Victor Wickernham, Mangum, 6th District

In addition to getting in touch with your Congressmen soon, letters of thanks should go to the following people who have helped so much in getting the Library Services Bill out of the House Education and Labor Committee: Representatives Graham Barden, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee; Phil M. Landrum, Chairman, Subcommittee on the Library Services Bill; Edith Green, sponsor of H. R. 2840; and Lee Metcalf, member of the Subcommittee on the Library Services Bill.

REMEMBER—you have three months in which to see your Congressmen, encourage others to see them, and report their intended vote. Don’t put it off. Christmas will soon be here!
ENID, Public Library—November 12 is the beginning of the fifty-fifth year of service to Enid's library patrons. On that date in 1900 a donation of 150 books at a "Book Social" formed the nucleus of the present collection. The City of Enid assumed the support of the Library in 1905 with the present Library building being constructed in August, 1910, from a $25,000 endowment from the Carnegie Foundation.

NORMAN, Public Library—The redecoration of the entire Library building was completed this summer. Assisting with the decorating of the Conference Room was the Sorosis Club. This organization purchased drapes and chairs for the Children's Story Hour.

The popular film program for children, begun last fall, will be continued this year. Formerly, films and equipment were borrowed from the University of Oklahoma, but, hereafter, these items will be purchased directly by the Library.

The Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Library and meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, has begun its third year. A new beginning group is expected to be organized because of the steady growth of the first group.

OKLAHOMA CITY, City Libraries—The Armchair Library, a new service department of the Main Library, was officially opened on September 12. This department, located on the building's first floor, was designed for readers of all ages featuring the best of the popular non-fiction books.

The Capitol Hill Branch will celebrate its fourth birthday in November. Over 21,000 volumes have been accessioned by this branch.

PERRY, Carnegie Public Library—The Summer Reading Club has completed its summer program. Of the 197 children enrolled, 126 received award certificates.

PONCA CITY, City Library—The forty-fifth Annual Report, published recently, revealed a circulation of one book every two minutes during 1954-1955. Total circulation included 59,439 adult and juvenile fiction, and 58,989 adult and juvenile non-fiction. Of the 9,328 active card holders, 1,275 of this number are new patrons who registered during the year. Several important gifts were donated to the Library during the year. Included in the donations were a pair of prism glasses from the Twentieth Century Club, a combination blackboard-bulletin board from the Engineer's Club, two Oriental scrolls presented by R. R. Hatouman in memory of his uncle, G. R. Hatouman, and two illustrated Bibles from the DeVore Foundation, Wichita.

WAGONER, Carnegie Library—A new Children's Department occupying the entire east side of the south wing has been completed. With the Department made more attractive and efficient by the addition of new furniture, drapes and books, circulation has increased considerably.

Other renovations in the Library include new asphalt tile throughout the building and the installation of heating and cooling equipment.

MUSKOGEE, Public Library—The Children's Department reported a record enrollment of 1,764 children in the summer reading club. Certificates were awarded to 884 children who read a total of 12 or more books during the summer.

Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominations Committee requests OLA members to send their suggestions for nominations for Association offices to the chairman of the committee, Richard Covey, Muskogee Public Library. Names should be sent to the chairman not later than November 15, 1955, and all must be members in good standing. The membership directory appeared in the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN, July 1955. It is your responsibility as a member to nominate librarians who will carry forward the high standards of leadership by which the Association has grown. Send in your suggestions today.

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BRISTOW, Public Library—September 10 marked the beginning of Bernette Jackson's thirty-third year as Librarian.

Janie Coil, Assistant Librarian and high school senior, was elected President of the high school Student Council. She was also the student chosen to accompany Mrs. A. E. Gurley, high school mathematics teacher, on the Freedom Foundation's Pilgrimage in May. Valley Forge, Philadelphia, Ft. McHenry, Maryland and Washington, D. C. were visited by Miss Coil and Mrs. Gurley.

CHEROKEE, City-County Public Library—Mrs. Etta Gray Watkins, Librarian, recently spent three weeks in New York City as a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Michael Sloway. Of special interest during her stay was a visit to the United Nations building and the Fifth Avenue Branch of the New York City Public Library. A side trip to Washington, D. C. included a visit to the Library of Congress.

DURANT, Southeastern State College Library—Raymond Piller, formerly Assistant Librarian, has been appointed Acting Head Librarian, effective September 1. Mr. Piller succeeds Eugene E. Slaughter. Dr. Slaughter will resume his duties in the English department at Southeastern.

ENID, Public Library—Mrs. Dorothy Henthorn, Children's Librarian, resigned on September 30. Mrs. Henthorn, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Library School, had been with the Public Library since June, 1952.

Robert D. Wood, Librarian since May, 1953, has resigned to accept the position of Field Representative for the Mississippi Library Commission with headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi.

FAIRFAX, Public Library—Mrs. Joe LaBen- ske attended a performance of "Rigoletto" in the LaScala opera house.

NORMAN, Public Library—Goldie Barnett, Librarian, has completed twenty-five years of service to Norman's library patrons.

Mrs. Joe A. Smalley, wife of the former Senator, and J. L. Rader were re-appointed to the Library Board for an additional three years. Mr. Rader has served continuously since 1935, and has been Chairman of the Board since August, 1947.

Jeanette Barbour, Assistant Librarian, writes a weekly column for the Norman Transcript under the heading "Library Notes." Topics under discussion coincide with the season but vary in subject matter.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Libraries—Gene T. Hodges has been appointed Head of the Acquisition Department replacing Warren Wickliffe. Mr. Hodges has his B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma, B.D. degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and a Master's degree in Library Science from O.U.

George E. Skinner arrived September 1 to assume his duties as Assistant Law Librarian replacing Pauline Carleton. Mr. Skinner was formerly Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Connecticut. He holds a B.A. in Economics from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and a B.S.L.S. from the University of Minnesota.

Burnette Shanklin was appointed Lower Division Librarian to replace Mrs. Blanche Morgan. Miss Shanklin has a B.A. degree and a Master's degree in Library Science.

Virginia Fesper is replacing Mrs. Mary Sue Brown as Periodicals Librarian. Miss Fesper received the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education and the Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma.

Arthur Long, former Art Librarian, has been transferred from the Reference Department replacing Mrs. Angela Coalson.

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RALPH HUDSON has been state librarian since 1936. He is ALA councilor representing the Oklahoma Library Association. He has held many other OLA offices, the latest being Vice-President and Acting-Treasurer in 1953-54.

SIDNEY J. BRAGG is librarian of the Continental Oil Company in Ponca City. He is active in the Special Libraries Section of the Oklahoma Library Association.

MARY ANN WENTROTH is Boys and Girls Librarian of the Oklahoma City Libraries. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma Library School, she has served as secretary of the Oklahoma Library Association, chairman of the Children’s and Young Peoples section of Southwestern Library Association, and is now representing the ALA Division of Libraries for Children and Young People on the ALA council.

HOLLIS C. HANEY is librarian of the Pawhuska Public Library. She has held positions in the Columbia University Library, the Oklahoma A & M College Library, and before coming to the Pawhuska Public Library, was Documents Librarian at the Oklahoma State Library.

ESTHER MAE HENKE was appointed Field Librarian, Oklahoma State Library, in August, 1953. After receiving her L.S. degree at the University of Oklahoma, Miss Henke did county library work in Missouri. She is Federal Relations Coordinator for the Oklahoma Library Association.

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DURANT, Junior High School—Student assistants have been organized, and meet twice weekly for a training period. This group is looking forward to next year's High School Librarians' Day at Norman. During Book Week they will present a play in the assembly. Gretchen Payne, Librarian. (Note: Look in your April 1955 issue of Wilson Library Bulletin, page 668, and read Mrs. Payne's letter to the editor of School and Children's Libraries.)

ENID, Emerson Junior High School—The beginning of school means the beginning of orientation in the library for students in the 7th grade reading classes. They are instructed in rules and regulations, arrangement of the library, classification of books, and the card catalog. Each student then makes a floor plan, and a sample author, title, and subject card for a book of fiction and non-fiction. Elizabeth Geis, Librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Classen Junior-Senior High School—The library is being remodeled into a more up-to-date working unit to serve the six grades and the faculty. Plans call for one room near the library to serve as the Faculty Conference Room, where materials will be available to aid teachers in their classroom needs. Etalea Unferth, Librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Crooked Oak High School—Beginning in the fall of 1953 the first trained teacher-librarian was employed in this school. This year the librarian is on duty full time, serving both junior and senior high schools. Book collections are being supplemented with books borrowed from the Oklahoma State Library Extension Division. Mrs. teacher-Librarian was employed in this

MRS. TERESA ROBERTS
School Library News Editor
Pauls Valley High School

Charles C. Kiser, Librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Edgemere School—Committees of mothers are being organized to do book mending and to type catalog cards. During the summer lesson outlines on the use of the card catalog have been revised for grades three through six. Barbara Bailey, Librarian.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Southeast Secondary School—Because of crowded classroom conditions, there is no new library as yet in this building. Books are being checked out before and after school, but in a short time the librarian will become a traveling librarian." Books will be loaded on a book truck, and taken to the English classes for their free reading period, and may be checked out then. Thus the teacher and the librarian will work together in helping students select their reading. Pat Dickinson, Librarian.

PONCA CITY, Senior High School—The library has moved into new quarters in the recently completed addition to the building. And no study halls are scheduled! Fiction has been rearranged and shelved according to reader interest, and the Library Club artist has made attractive posters calling attention to the various groups. Elva Curtis, Librarian.

POTEAU, High School—An enthusiastic group of student assistants are planning their year's work in the Library Club, and looking forward to their next trip to High School Librarians' Day at Norman. Margie Belle Bramlett, Librarian.

SAPULPA, High School—"Do-it-yourself" has invaded the library! The grandmother of
one student, herself a book lover and library patron, has assembled five apple crates, painted them to match the library woodwork, and fitted them into a corner of the library. This is a budget-stretcher and a shelf-stretcher which was much needed. The Library Club has issued a booklet giving its aims and its creed. Write for a copy. Opal Hellewell, Librarian.

The Library Section of the Oklahoma Educational Association will meet in Oklahoma City on October 28. The Oklahoma City School Librarians are planning a coffee to precede the meeting, and everyone is urged to attend. READ AND STUDY THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE SECTION! See you there!

Note: This is a new department in the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN, and its appearance as a regular feature will depend upon YOU—the school librarians of Oklahoma. Send Mrs. Roberts your news—your plans—your ideas. The deadline for the January issue is December 10th.

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**ALA Chapter Designation**

Members of the Oklahoma Library Association who are also members of the ALA will soon be asked to indicate their approval of our Association application for designation as a chapter of ALA. Please return the postcard ballots which you will receive promptly, in order that proper action on our application may be taken at the Midwinter Meeting of ALA.

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**Is Your Library in OLA?**

Does your library have an institutional membership in OLA? Institutional dues are computed on a sliding scale based on the total income of the library for the last fiscal year as follows:

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- An income from $20,000 to $40,000: $3.00
- An income larger than $40,000: $5.00

All membership dues should be forwarded to Ida Self, treasurer OLA, Norman High School Library, Norman, Okla.

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Pawhuska Meeting Will Feature Outstanding Speakers

John Joseph Mathews, author, traveller, and lecturer; John S. Richards, President, American Library Association; Patricia Paylore, President, Southwestern Library Association; Alice Brooks McGuire, Librarian, Cassis Elementary School, Austin, Texas; Virginia Mathews, Director of Publicity, Longmans Green Company; Mrs. Orcena Mahoney, Executive Secretary of the Division of Cataloging and Classification, American Library Association; and Mr. Kenneth White, Librarian, Chance-Vought Aircraft Company, Dallas, Texas, highlight the program being arranged for the 1955 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Convention in Pawhuska, Thursday to Saturday, April 19-21, 1956.

John Joseph Mathews, whose address is The Blackjacks, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, is the author of Wah’kon-tah. A former trustee of the Pawhuska City Library, Mr. Mathews will talk to the members and guests of the Association Friday evening on “Books and Libraries in Oklahoma.”

John S. Richards, Librarian of the Seattle Public Library, Washington, will bring to the Convention the successful experiences of that state in extending library services. He will be present at the Public Libraries Section and Trustees Section meetings.

Patricia Paylore, Assistant Librarian, University of Arizona Library, will be welcomed by her many friends in the state, with whom she will be making arrangements for the Southwestern Library Association meeting in the fall of 1956. The subject of her remarks to the Association and the College and University Libraries Section has not yet been determined.

Alice Brooks McGuire, an outstanding school librarian, will be the featured speaker on the program of the School Libraries Section.

Virginia Mathews is the daughter of John Joseph Mathews. She will be returning to her home town to share experiences gained from book promotion at Longmans Green Company with the members of the Association, particularly the Children’s and Young People’s Work Section.

Mrs. Orcena Mahoney has tentatively accepted an invitation to be present and bring greetings from D.C.C. to the Cataloger’s Section of OLA.

Mr. White has been active in the Special Libraries Association and is well-known to special librarians in the state.

OLA committee meetings will be held Thursday afternoon. The program for the general meeting Friday morning and the Friday luncheon will develop the theme, “Implementing the Oklahoma Public Library Plan.” It will follow the same direction as the work of the OLA Planning Committee and OLA Legislative Committee.

The Catalogers’ Section, the Children’s and Young People’s Work Section, the Special Libraries Section, and the Trustees’ Section will meet on Friday afternoon. Friday evening will feature a Pawhuska barbecue, general meeting and entertainment. The College and University Libraries Section, the Public Libraries Section and the School Libraries Section will meet Saturday morning, followed by the OLA business meeting. The general luncheon Saturday noon will close the Convention program.

The Local Arrangements Committee, Hollis Haney, Chair, are preparing a friendly welcome for all who attend. The suggestion has been made that those who plan to drive, invite to go with them, librarians in their neighborhood who do not have cars. Your friends will be looking for you in Pawhuska.

Book Fair

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and Company, of Chicago, also loaned a selection of books for the exhibit.

Apart from the Book Fair, but related to it in interest, was a bookmobile of the Tulsa Public Library which was stationed on the campus through arrangements made with Allie Beth Martin and James Gourley, Librarian at Tulsa. Mrs. Martin, Miss Hollis Haney and Miss Henke talked with the women who visited the bookmobile about the possibilities of bookmobile service in rural areas. Many of the visitors had never before seen a bookmobile.

There is no way to measure accurately the effect of the Book Fair, but it is felt that the interest in libraries and in reading aroused in rural families throughout the state will make its contribution to the program of Oklahoma public libraries.
Library Trustees Adopt New Name and By-Laws

Library trustees took forthright action—generally expected to revitalize their activities—when they adopted a new set of by-laws on July 7, 1955, during the 74th Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Philadelphia.

They changed the name of the Trustees Section of the ALA Public Libraries Division to: the American Association of Library Trustees, and set forth the purposes of the new organization as:

1. To study and encourage the development of libraries and library service in the United States and Canada.

2. To study the library programs of the several states and Canada to disseminate the information gained from such study; and to strengthen state trustee organizations.

The new Association remains a Section of P.L.D.

The by-laws call for a National Assembly of Library Trustees which "shall be a consultative body to this association which shall consist of persons delegated by each state trustees organization to represent it in this association."

Provision is made for delegates to be selected from citizens organizations whose purposes are similar to the Association's purposes, in states where no library trustees organizations exist.

President of the AALT is Frank T. Milligan, lumber and grain merchant who is President of the Jefferson, Iowa, Public Library Board of Trustees and President-Elect of the Iowa Library Association. He announced the following four-point program for the coming year:

1. Establishment of the National Assembly of Library Trustees. A Credentials Committee, whose chairman is Mrs. George Rodney Wallace, Fitchburg, Mass. President of the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association, is working up the requirements for Assembly membership.

2. Adoption of a five-year program for long-range activities to implement the Association's purposes. A Planning Committee, chaired by Mrs. J. Henry Mohr, member of the San Fran-

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Charlene Leafgreen was transferred from the Geology Library to the Circulation Department in the General Library. Miss Leafgreen has a B.A. and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Eleanor A. Gravelle replaced Mrs. Paula Wallace in the Cataloging Department. Mrs. Gravelle was formerly Cataloger in the Oklahoma City Libraries.

Mrs. Helen Nolan has been appointed Art Librarian, replacing Arthur Long.

Mary Lyle Childs, a journalism major, succeeded Preston Trimble in the Journalism Library.

Ray E. Held has been appointed Assistant Director of the School of Library Service and Assistant Professor of Library Science. He is replacing Richard Chapin who has gone to Michigan State Library as Assistant Librarian. Dr. Held received the B.S. degree from Florida Southern College, the B.A. and M.A. degrees in Library Science from Emory University of Georgia. He was formerly Assistant Professor of Librarianship at Emory University.

Orris E. Carter succeeded Don Rickey as Phillips Collection Librarian. Mr. Carter holds a B.S. in education, a M.S. in psychology and is doing advanced work in the Department of History.

Mrs. Lois Walter, Pharmacy Librarian, has returned from a three months tour of Europe.

OKLAHOMA CITY. City Libraries—Virginia Owens, assistant to the director, announced her resignation which was effective September 15. She has enrolled at the University of Illinois to complete work on a Master's degree in Library Science.

Mrs. Lucille Best has replaced Mrs. Fioretta Sullivan as Reference Librarian of the Capitol Hill Branch. Mrs. Best was formerly on the Oklahoma City University Library staff.

PERRY. Carnegie Public Library—Ethel Know, President of the Library Board, recently returned from a trip which included visits to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Old Mexico.

Mrs. Speck, Librarian, resigned on July 1. C. Irene Mason was selected to fill the vacancy.

PONCA CITY. City Library—Serving on the Library Board are T. W. Prentice, Chairman; Mrs. Lee Harsh, Secretary; J. W. Payne, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. H. G. Osborn, Mrs. O. F. Burris and C. E. Muchmore, members.

POUND CREEK. Public Library—Mrs. Celia T. Harville, is the new librarian. The library is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 3 until 5 p.m.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M College Library—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Pattee returned in September from six weeks spent in the British Isles. Mr. Pattee is Head of the Acquisition Department and Mrs. Pattee is Head of the Catalog Department.

Janet Stuart, Junior Cataloger, and Jack Dickey, Junior Reference Librarian, were married on August 29. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dickey, 1953 graduates of the University of Oklahoma Library School, are continuing their work in the library.

Calvin Brewer has returned to his position as Junior Acquisition Librarian in charge of binding, after spending a year at the University of Oklahoma Library School. Other new members of the library staff, both graduates of the O.U. Library School, are Jack O'Bar, Junior Documents Librarian, and Ed Hill, Junior Cataloger.

Sam Wood, Senior Documents Librarian, has resigned to become an Assistant Librarian at Northeastern State College, Tahlequah. At a farewell luncheon, the staff presented him with a brief case.

John Stratton, Assistant Librarian, recently attended the 19th annual meeting of the Library Binding Institute, in Memphis. Mr. Stratton attended as Acting Chairman of the ALA Bookbinding Committee. During the meeting he participated in a panel discussion. Appearing also on the panel were Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Mrs. Merlin Moore, and Mrs. Lara Currier.

Alton Juhlin attended a Map Workshop at the University of Illinois Library, July 11-22.

On June 1 Angie Debo retired as Map Librarian. The entire library staff will greatly miss Miss Debo, with her wealth of knowledge on Oklahoma history and Indians, her friendly manner, and keen sense of humor. Her retirement is leaving a gap which will not soon be filled. The staff presented her...
A&M Opens New Department For Special Library Work

On June 1, 1955 the Special Services Department was created in the Oklahoma A & M College Library. Included in the functions of the new department are: maps, microfilm, microcards, rare books and the A & M collection, interlibrary loans, United States Department of Agriculture library service, and photo-print service. The acquisition, as well as the public service, for maps, microfilm, and microcards is handled in this department. The library has recently purchased a Cormac book printer and can now offer, through Special Services, photoprints of most of the material in the library collection.

By contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Library, Oklahoma A & M is a "cooperating library," furnishing library service to all Department of Agriculture employees in a five state territory. The service to the USDA men includes routing about four hundred current periodicals to them, lending them any material they need, and doing reference work for them. While the USDA library service has its headquarters in the Special Service Department, other departments, especially Biological Sciences and Documents, give assistance from time to time.

Convenient and comfortable quarters for the new department were provided by rearranging the east end of the third floor. Alton Juhlin was transferred from the Reference Department to become head. The theory behind the new department was that these various services were more or less step-children in the departments where they were formerly located. Collected as a unit they should receive

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with luggage at a farewell dinner shortly before she left Stillwater. Miss Debo has moved to Marshall, where she is continuing to write a history of Oklahoma A & M College.

TALEQUAH, Northeastern State College, John Vaughan Library—Sam Wood has joined the library staff as Assistant Librarian. Mr. Wood received his degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma in 1951. During the past four years he has been a member of the staff at Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, as Assistant Documents Librarian.

Necrology

Willard B. Watson, Special Services Librarian of the Oklahoma State Library, died in Blackwell on September 14, 1955. Mr. Watson, a native of Blackwell, has been associated with the State Library during the past year. During his library career he had been on the staff of the Library of Congress, the University of Arizona Library, and the University of Tulsa Library. Mr. Watson was active in OLA affairs, and had served the Association as Treasurer during the years from 1950-1952.

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courage their use. In the many places where there is inadequate service, the citizens should be informed of the possibilities for future improved service and ways to secure it.”

In detailed program ideas, Mrs. Herrig suggests to the club chairmen that the organization committee include representatives of local government and of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as church, veterans, civic groups, service clubs, newspapers, radio and TV stations.

“Know Your Library Month” activities, Mrs. Herrig points out, should be carefully designed with the close cooperation of the library staff and trustees, to fit the character and resources of the library and the community which it serves. Her suggestions range from single events to a month-long program of events which might include dedication of a Memorial Book Shelf, visits by authors, opening of a new department, special children’s projects, banquets and open house affairs, conducted tours of the library, Town Hall discussion meetings, exhibits, etc.

The total “Know and Grow” libraries program of the GFWC, Mrs. Herrig explains, is divided into three sections: 1. Know and grow through personal and club use of libraries; 2. Know your library and help it grow; 3. Know how to get a good library if you have none.

County Statistics Available

The Oklahoma State Library has assembled a valuable set of county statistics for use in state library planning. Detailed information regarding population characteristics, assessed valuation, and library service in each county, in the state will be useful in any area seeking or extending library service.

Library Trustees

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cisco Public Library Board, is developing this program.


As soon as the Credentials Committee completes its work, Mr. Milligan said, state trustee organizations and citizens groups in all states will be advised so that selection of delegates to the Assembly may proceed.

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