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A Message from the
O. L. A. President

Just what does O. L. A. do? Do you have a meeting once a year and then go home and forget all about it for another year? An uninformed layman put these questions to me recently when I talked with him about O. L. A. membership. What does O. L. A. do besides hold annual meetings and publish this quarterly, the Oklahoma Librarian?

The more than one hundred members who have been working on O. L. A. activities since the January Oklahoma Librarian appeared are probably already rising in indignation to tell what they have accomplished.

Twenty-eight members of O. L. A. attended the mid-winter sessions of the American Library Association and took time to confer with leaders from throughout the country regarding Oklahoma problems. Six members of O. L. A. are on national committees. Nine are on the Executive Board and important committees of the Southwestern Library Association. Many others will be working on regional committees in preparation for the Southwestern meeting in Oklahoma City, October 10-12, 1956.

The legislature may not be in session and this may be called an "off year" in political circles, but O. L. A. representatives have been busy at the Capitol almost as often as when a library bill is on the calendar. Twenty school librarians met with representatives of the State Department of Education to complete the official library list and others are studying the school library law preparing recommendations prior to the next legislature. Representatives of O. L. A. were present for the hearing on the school library law before the Legislative Council March 16th.

The ten member Legislative-Planning Committee has had three meetings with representatives from the State Library and completed a tentative draft of a bill to promote public library development to be presented to the Legislature in 1957. This tentative proposal appears elsewhere in this issue of the Librarian.

Ninety new members testify to the work of the Membership Committee. Some twenty members of the program, local arrangements and exhibits committees have been working for many months to perfect plans for the state meeting in Pawhuska, April 19-21. The results of the work of other groups will be presented and discussed at this meeting.

This brings us to another responsibility of every member — whether or not already charged with other duties: Study the proposed legislation in this issue of the Librarian and the proposed changes in the Constitution which have been mailed to you.

Then come to Pawhuska prepared to enjoy a spring trip in Northeast Oklahoma, an excellent program, and best of all, a good annual visit with library friends.
The Public Library Development Act

This tentative draft of library legislation is submitted to members of the Oklahoma Library Association for their serious consideration and study. It is the result of the combined efforts of the Planning and Legislative Committees, with suggestions from some state legislators, librarians in the state, and groups in other states who have been working on similar legislation.

Study this draft carefully; then send your suggestions for its improvement to Leta Dover, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, before April 15, so that revision can be made before the OLA meeting in Pawhuska, April 19-21.

Members of the committees wish to thank those who have given so generously of their time and thought toward the formulation of this act. The assistance of Mr. Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, has been invaluable in drafting the proposed bill.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT ACT

Tentative Draft

Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Oklahoma Public Library Development Act.

Section 2. The purpose of this Act is to enlarge the opportunities of Oklahoma residents to secure information and knowledge through comprehensive library collections, to supplement the library resources of areas unable to establish or maintain adequate library services for their residents and to encourage the formation of multi-county library districts in areas without library service or with inadequate library service. As a means of gaining these objectives it shall be the policy of the State to assist in the formation of district libraries under the terms and conditions of this Act.

Sections 3 (a) The term “Board” when used in this Act shall mean the Oklahoma Public Library Development Fund Board.

(b) The word “Fund” when used in this Act shall mean the Oklahoma Public Library Development Fund.

Section 4. (a) There is hereby created the Oklahoma Public Library Development Fund Board to be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Governor from a list of at least two (2) names for each membership, prepared and transmitted to him by the Executive Board of the Oklahoma Library Association. Two (2) members shall be appointed from each Criminal Court of Appeals judicial district for a term of six (6) years beginning July 1, 1957; provided that of the first appointees to the Board one (1) shall serve for a term of one (1) year, one (1) for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, one (1) for a term of four (4) years, one (1) for a term of five (5) years, one (1) for a term of six (6) years, to be decided by lot, and thereafter each member shall serve for a term of six (6) years. All vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner; provided that vacancies caused by death or resignation shall be filled for the remainder of the term only. The Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its members for a term of two (2) years. The State Librarian shall be the Secretary of the Board, and shall administer all of its affairs under the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations of the Board. The Board and Secretary shall make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature.

(b) The Board shall meet in regular session quarterly within the months of July, October, January and April of each fiscal year. The Board may meet in special session if matters of an emergency nature arise and the calling of a special session shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Board. All members and the Secretary shall be notified in advance of any meeting of the Board. The members of the Board and the Secretary shall receive actual and necessary travel expense, but only when incurred by attendance at meetings of the Board and only as authorized by 74 O.S. 1951 §§ 500.5, 500.6-500.11 inclusive, or any amendments thereto, which expense shall be paid from the Fund, provided that if a meeting is held in a county in which a Board member or the Secretary reside, the member or the Secretary shall not receive travel expense for that meeting.

(c) The Board shall have the duty to receive applications for grants from the Fund, to consider these applications and to decide by
majority vote which applying library district or districts shall receive a grant from the Fund. The Board shall base its decision on the general feasibility of the application to further public library development within the State, the probability of the continued existence of the district library, the probability of continued adequate financial support of the library district by the counties and municipalities within the district, the number of persons to receive library service from the district library, the net assessed valuation of all counties within the district and the proximity of the district to other library districts. A necessary condition for any grant shall be the adherence of the applying library district to the provisions of this Act, to the provisions of 65 O.S. Supp. 1955 §§ 62:70 inclusive, and to the rules and regulations of the Board.

(d) When the Board shall authorize a grant from the Fund it shall certify its actions to the Secretary who shall disburse such allocation in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Act.

(e) The Board, by majority vote, may accept gifts and bequests.

(f) The Board shall formulate rules and regulations for the discharge of its duties, for the form and conditions of applications to it, for grants from the Fund and for other subjects pertinent to its functions and operations. After adoption by a majority vote of the Board a certified copy of such rules and regulations shall be transmitted to the State Librarian who shall cause them to be published by the Oklahoma State Library within twelve (12) days from the date of receipt. Such rules and regulations shall not be in effect nor shall they have any force, until ten (10) days shall have elapsed from the date of publication. Any amendment to the rules and regulations, adoption of a new rule or regulation, or repeal of an existing rule and regulation shall follow the identical procedure before being in force and effect. The State Librarian shall cause a copy of such rules and regulations, or of any amendment, new adoption or repeal thereof to be transmitted within seven (7) days of publication to the Secretary of State, to each county clerk and to each clerk of a court of records.

(g) All papers, records, minutes, property, etc. of the Board shall be in the possession of the Secretary. The office of the Board shall be the Oklahoma State Library. At each July regular meeting of the Board it shall allocate a lump sum from the Fund sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the Board and Secretary, and such allocation shall be based on a budget prepared by the Secretary. The Secretary may expend such sums from the allocation, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of this Act, as he considers necessary for services, supplies, travel or other operating expenses required to discharge the Board’s and Secretary’s official duties.

(h) Whenever the Library Services Act, or any similar legislative bill that grants Federal funds to states for library services, becomes law the Board may make grants from the Fund to the State Librarian for the purpose of providing, wholly or in part, the sum necessary to furnish the State’s share under the provisions of the Library Services Act or any like act; provided that the amount of any such grant shall be placed in the State Treasury to the credit of the account created to receive Federal funds allocated to Oklahoma for library services.

Section 5. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Public Library Development Fund in the State Treasury of Oklahoma. The Fund shall include all appropriations made by the State Legislature to carry out the provisions of this Act and all gifts or bequests accepted by the Board. Disbursements from the Fund shall only be made upon claims approved by the Secretary and filed with the State Budget Director for payment.

Section 6. Any library district which qualifies under the provisions of 65 O.S. Supp. §§ 62:70 inclusive may apply in writing for a grant from the Fund under the terms and conditions established by this Act.

Section 7. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Public Library Development Fund from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand ($100,000.00) dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of one hundred thousand ($100,000.00) dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. These appropriations shall not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be available for contractable purposes and for expenditure for thirty (30) months from the date this Act becomes law.

Section 8. Emergency Clause.

March 10, 1956
The Role of the State Library

(The National Association of State Libraries released its statement on the Role of the State Library in January 1956. It is the result of two years of study and consultation by members of the Association, and serves to outline the functions of a model state library. Mr. Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, Oklahoma State Library, worked with the committee in formulating this statement. It is reprinted here by special permission.)

GENERAL STATEMENT

The state library is the focal point of statewide library services. Its basic functions are: service to all branches, agencies, commissions, departments and officers of its government and service to the entire state. Its functions further include promoting library development in the state, improving library standards, securing legislation concerning libraries, and fostering a climate of acceptance and understanding of libraries and the value of library service.

The most effective state library is one that encompasses all library services of the state government, so integrated as to function with economy and efficiency.

It can best perform its functions as a separate agency of government.

It should have a governing board composed of interested citizens. This body is vested with the duty of employing as chief librarian a professional person well qualified by training and experience to administer and direct the agency. The board, acting always with the librarian, formulates broad general policies for the library, and plays a vital part in securing funds to carry out the library's program.

In order to fulfill its functions, the state library must have strong collections of all forms of educational and informational materials covering the various fields of knowledge; an efficient system of making materials available, and a sufficient number of competent professional and clerical personnel. Definite policies for developing the library's collections are formulated in cooperation with other libraries in the state or region after careful consideration of all the resources and needs.

The generally recognized components of an integrated state library agency are: General Library Services, Archives, Extension, Government Publications, Law, Legislative Reference, State History, and Special Library Services.

GENERAL LIBRARY SERVICES

The general services of the library include reference, research, and loan functions. No library, however large, can contain all materials that might be needed by library users, therefore, an efficient and reliable bibliographic service and inter-library loan system is essential. The state library is the hub of the state's inter-library loan system. Not only the materials in its own collections are available, but also those of other libraries.

The collection, compilation and publication of significant statistics from all the libraries in the state is another general service of the state library. This work is closely integrated with the collection of library statistics on a national scale.

The state library also publishes significant information for libraries in cooperation or coordination with the State Library Association, and is responsible for the dissemination of information regarding regulations and legislation affecting libraries.

The state library serves as a principal connecting link with state and national organizations, and with agencies interested in library development including, at the national level, the American Library Association, Library of Congress, the United States Office of Education, and the Council of State Governments.

ARCHIVES

An integrated state library includes the archives and archival program of a state government. Responsibility for establishing a records-management program and disposing of state records might be shared with other appropriate state authorities, but the preservation, administration and servicing of archives is a function of the state library. The library also advises local governments on the management of their records.

EXTENSION

Library extension is a major function of the state library. It includes the establishment of standards for library development; advisory and technical assistance to librarians, library authorities, interested citizens and state institutions; and the distribution of books and other library materials.

The state library must take the initiative in promoting state-wide library planning and the development of all types of library service in

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Lee Spencer

Common Wealth for a Commonwealth

The Library Career
Of Mrs. J. R. Dale

(One in a series of articles on Oklahoma librarians.)

The archives of the library movement in Oklahoma contain a large assortment of materials on the life and professional career of Mrs. J. R. Dale, for thirty-one years Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission. Such biographical dictionaries as American Women, Who's Who in Oklahoma, and World Biography, not to forget records of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, include articles on her. A visit to her home evokes a cordial welcome and a modest response to questions about her work. Mrs. Dale is regarded by many as perhaps the most dynamic and widely effective librarian in Oklahoma's early decades of statehood.

The careers of few, if any, librarians can match Mrs. Dale's span of work for variety yet professional stability. A graduate of Valparaiso University in 1891, she later (1895) took a degree in pharmacy at Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa, in order to manage her husband's chain of drug stores while he followed the gold rush to Alaska. Hoping to find a locality conducive to the improvement of her health, the Dales moved to Hobart, Oklahoma, shortly after the turn of the century. From 1912 to 1915 she was librarian of Hobart's new Carnegie Library. From 1915 to 1919 Mrs. Dale was a high school teacher and superintendent of schools in Hobart. In 1919, following Dr. Dale's death the previous year, Mrs. Dale was selected to give life to the newly established Oklahoma Library Commission. The ensuing thirty-one years saw her as an architect of the library movement in Oklahoma. So filled with important details has been Mrs. Dale's career that it is difficult to present a comprehensive account in a limited amount of space. However, there are certain phases of especial interest and importance to librarians of today.

Mrs. Dale's library work at various levels, school, public, and state, was marked by a clarity and abundance of vision and imagination; boundless energy; intelligent appraisal of people and situations; and a consistent devotion to high ideals in her professional and personal life.

From early experiences in Iowa as a volunteer librarian into later life, she had a close and intimate contact with books, and was convinced of their power to enrich the lives of people. At opportune junctures in her career Mrs. Dale was ready with a well-defined proposal for a course of action. This was demonstrated when she answered the call of the Library Board for ideas on how to liven a "dead" library program; and later when she submitted the best analysis for a program of activities for the proposed Oklahoma Library Commission. The first resulted in her becoming Hobart's librarian; because of the latter she became the first Secretary of the new Oklahoma Library Commission.

Mrs. Dale's broad conception of the rightful role of libraries has been exemplified by the stands she has taken for programs she advocated: joint library service for schools and the public library (Hobart); borrower's privileges with a minimum of red tape; emphasis on children's work; stress on quality in book selection; wide and aggressive use of women's organizations for library program support; maintenance of the non-political character of a state library agency; development of the county as a library administrative area; special attention to the reading needs of the blind; proper training and certification for librarians; library school for Oklahoma; indoctrination of trustees; use of traveling libraries; responsible attitudes toward the collection and preservation of state and local history materials; and finally the attitude that television is an asset to information programs but not to real education and culture.

Mrs. Dale's energy and versatility in her work were accompanied by a charming personality and a devotion to an ideal of service. She has been prominently identified with the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs, ser-

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Ruth Craig

Semco Color Press — Book Producer

The first in a series of articles on Oklahoma publishers.

Every librarian is well aware of the need to record the colorful history of Oklahoma while many of its pioneers are still living. Local printers have aided this program by publishing books of local history—valuable to the state, but limited in appeal outside this region. One press which has embarked on such a venture is the Semco Color Press, Inc., of Oklahoma City, organized twenty-five years ago.

Mr. B. L. Semptner, founder and owner, is a native of Oklahoma. He was reared in the town of Sacred Heart, near Konawa. Coming to Oklahoma City in 1918, he was a salesman for Western Newspaper Union for several years. On October 10, 1921, Mr. Semptner organized his own business, then located on the second floor of a building where the First National Bank Building now stands. The first few years were spent in doing general job printing. In 1938 the organization began to specialize in the printing of high school and college annuals, laboratory manuals and house organs. In 1955, the firm printed yearbooks for schools located in twenty-three different states.

Recently, Semco has been making rapid advances in a field which is of special interest to librarians—book printing. Their first venture into this field was made in 1949. During the past year, only five books were chosen for publication. However, these compare favorably with the output of much larger publishing firms. Conservative in their selection of materials, painstakingly careful in their workmanship, the Semco Press is making available to the public some beautifully printed books at a moderate cost.

Paul Bennett, who joined Semco in 1938 and who is now vice-president in charge of the firm’s yearbook-textbook division, says that he frowns upon the so-called “vanity” publications. Primarily his love of good books and book binding led him to try his hand at book printing. First of all, the material offered must be worthy of publication. Second, the individual who brings his work to be published must be able to afford the cost of printing. Even then the work must have sufficient merit to make it likely to sell, before Semco will consent to undertake the job.

Mr. Bennett is particularly interested in having Oklahomans preserve their state history in printed form. He is also interested in early Americana and would like to see more of it in print. At a nominal cost, a chamber of commerce or other civic organization of a community.

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Books for Oklahoma Librarians: A Bibliography

The following bibliography is a selection of recent acquisitions of the Library School Library at the University of Oklahoma. The titles have been chosen for their potential value to the majority of librarians throughout the state, and therefore cover many subjects, varying from censorship and adult education to the technical problems of handling serials and government documents. All of the books are available at the Library School Library, and may be obtained through the regular interlibrary loan procedure. Increased summer school enrollment may cause some delay, as the books listed will be in greater demand during this period.

Adult Education Activities in Public Libraries.
By Helen Lyman Smith. Chicago, American Library Association, 1954. 128p. $4.50.

The American Library Association made a survey of adult education activities as they actually exist throughout the country with this report as its result. Over 4000 libraries were asked to describe their adult education programs, their techniques, problems and recommendations. The information gathered from this survey was tabulated and, as a result, twelve major service areas emerged; common problems and methods are discussed and valuable suggestions are given to other libraries that may be entering the field of adult education.

Chicago, Gregg-Moore Co., 1954. $1.25.

Officers, program committee chairmen, or anyone else concerned with planning a library conference will find this little booklet an invaluable guide and great timesaver. It gives tips on the many details of publicity, registration, exhibits, tours, hotel procedures, guest speakers, banquets, etc.

By Ellen Jackson Chicago, American Library Association, 1955. 180p. $3.00.

This book aims to present to the librarian a fund of information regarding the classifying, cataloging, and utilization of the vast and ever-growing field of federal documents. No easy solution to the problems of their handling can be offered but the experiences of many librarians may be helpful in suggesting a solution to a particular library's situation. The advantages and disadvantages of maintaining separate documents collections and of integrating them into the general collection are discussed. This is a useful and up-to-date discussion of a subject that represents an ever-present problem in many libraries.


This is a very readable collection of speeches and articles on librarianship by statesmen, educators and authors as well as by librarians. Humorous, inspirational, and informative essays are grouped under four divisions — Books and Reading, Libraries, Librarianship, and finally a very useful section containing Notable Statements of the Librarian's Profession, in which is found the Code of Ethics for librarians, the Library Bill of Rights and other well known statements.


Publicity methods that have been tried and found successful by libraries throughout the country are reported in this little handbook. It is geared to the small library and stresses the inexpensive, practical approach with particular emphasis on cooperative efforts with other community organizations. Methods of publicizing a bond campaign, publicity aimed at special, unserved groups of people, and many other common problems are discussed. This manual should prove valuable to all libraries, particularly the small and medium sized ones.


A useful comparison of seventeen charging systems in use in various libraries makes this

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Business Manager Speaks

More than $1,000 was spent during 1955 in printing the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN. If members had borne the full cost it would have amounted to $3.44 per member, or more than double individual membership dues for 1955. Fortunately, advertising paid a large proportion of the bill and actual cost to each member was only $.75. Below is an itemized account of the cost and amount of advertising sold for each issue:

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The inescapable fact is that without advertising there wouldn’t have been money available to print the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN, at least in the form and frequency that we know it.

Unfortunately advertising is becoming increasingly difficult to sell. The number of state publications is growing and many firms unable to advertise in all of them have discontinued regional advertising entirely. It is also difficult to sell some companies who look upon advertising as a courtesy rather than an investment that is financially justified. Finally it must be remembered that regardless of our own faith in the future of Oklahoma, it is necessary to sell advertisers on the fact that our state is a growing market.

All this should be kept in mind by the state librarians who are concerned with the continued success and growth of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN. Read the advertisements as carefully as you do other parts of an issue. Patronize our advertisers whenever it is possible, but whether you buy or not always thank them for their support. As purchasers of library supplies and equipment you can be of further help by suggesting to those that do not advertise that they should do so, and when you find a likely prospect write to the business manager. Remember that the advertising is not an adjunct to, but a vital part of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN.

Libraries Receive Gifts

Seventeen Oklahoma libraries have received sets of the Great Books of the Western World given by the Old Dominion Foundation and distributed by the American Library Association since January 1.

“The set contains whole works, not excerpts, and for 21 of the 74 authors, all their works. It represents the only publication in English, or the only edition aside from rare or expensive printings, of key works by Aristotle, Hippocrates, Galen, Euclid, Archimedes, Ptolemy, Copernicus, Galileo, Harvey, Descartes, Pascal, Newton, Montesquieu, Kant, Lavosier, Fourier, Faraday and Freud.”

Great Books of the Western World was made possible by the grant of the Old Dominion Foundation established by Paul Mellon in 1941. Grants of over $20,000,000 have been made by the foundation for “religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as shall be in the furtherance of the public welfare.”

Libraries receiving these valuable books are the public libraries of Bartlesville, Duncan, Konawa, Muskogee, Okfuskee County, Okmulgee, Stillwater, Wagoner and Wewoka; the Altus and El Reno Junior College Libraries; Phillips University, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Baptist University, the Tulsa University and Eastern Oklahoma A & M College Libraries.

New Members for the OLA

Ninety new members of the OLA testify to the effective activity of the Membership Committee, Mariam Craddock, Chairman. In addition to the membership renewals of old members, a total of 77 individual librarians and 13 institutional memberships have been paid since January 1, 1956. If you have not sent in your dues, DO IT TODAY. It will save you time and trouble at the annual convention in Pawhuska. Send $2.00 for an individual membership to Mrs. Ida Self, Treasurer, Norman Junior High School.
Rector's - A New Book Store in a New Location

Designed to cater to the book and magazine needs of people who work — executives and white collar workers, teachers and librarians, — in the business center of Oklahoma City, is the new Rector’s Book store, which moved recently from 119 West Main to 133 West Main.

From the gracefully curved check-out counter at the doors of the store, to the departmental signs visible from every section, an effort has been made to enable business people to find what they want with a minimum of delay. An air of tranquility has been created for those interested in leisurely browsing through careful selection of wall colors and floor coverings and utilization of subdued lighting.

The move to a new location was necessitated by the contemplated demolition of the building which had housed the store for many years. Francis Vater, manager, said that numerous sites were studied, but the decision to remain in the area in which the store was a familiar landmark was based on the belief that a downtown store could thrive despite competition from suburban shopping centers and parking problems plaguing Oklahoma City, provided the shop was engineered to care for the needs of its business people clientele. This, Mr. Vater emphasized, has keynoted the design of the new store, and the vastly increased traffic since its opening attests to the soundness of the plan.

To facilitate purchases by coffee break or on-the-way-to-work shoppers, the store has marked its subject areas clearly. Adequate stocks are maintained on the shelves, with reserve stocks concealed in specially designed slide-out racks directly below the sections. Adjustable shelves are used throughout, and for (Continued on Page 47)
Thursday, April 19

2:00 p.m. Registration begins — Hotel Duncan
2:30 p.m. Committee Meetings
   Executive Board
   Legislation Committee
   Planning Committee
   Resolutions Committee
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Friday, April 20

8:30 a.m. Registration — Hotel Duncan and Fair Grounds Building
9:30 a.m. First General Session, Fair Grounds Building
   Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, President, presiding
   “The Year’s Accomplishments,” Mrs. Allie Beth Martin
   “Long Range Plans and Policies,” Mr. James E. Gourley, Chairman,
   Planning and Policy Committee
   “Plans for the Coming Year,” Mrs. Leta Dover, Chairman Legislation
   Committee
12 Noon Luncheon, Fair Grounds Building
   “Inside Oklahoma,” Miss Patricia Paylore, Assistant Librarian, University
   of Arizona; President, Southwestern Library Association
2:00 p.m. Section Meetings
   Catalogers’ Section — Chairman: Miss Edith Scott, Assistant Director for
   Technical Services, University of Oklahoma Libraries
   CENTRALIZED CATALOGING IN REGIONAL LIBRARIES
   “A Preliminary Inquiry Into Regional Processing in Oklahoma,” Mr.
   Mortimer D. Schwartz, Associate Professor of Law, Univ. of Okla.
   “Developments and Problems in Other States,” Mrs. Orcena Mahoney,
   Executive Secretary, Division of Cataloging and Classification, ALA
   Children’s and Young People’s Work Section — Chairman: Miss Hollis
   Haney, Librarian, Pawhuska Public Library
   “The Road Less Traveled By: The Way of Young People With Books,”
   Miss Virginia Mathews, School and Library Consultant, Longmans,
   Green and Company
   Special Libraries Section — Chairman: Mr. Sam Smoot, Head, Technical
   Department, Tulsa Public Library
   “Special Loans ‘for Special Libraries,’” Mr. Kenneth Knight, Librarian,
   Boeing Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas
   Trustees Section — Chairman: Miss Violet Willis, Trustee, Pawhuska
   Public Library
   “Whose Business Is It?”
   Guests: Mr. John S. Richards, President of the American Library
   Association
   Mrs. Lora Currier, Director, Mississippi Library Commission
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Oklahoma Library Plan

4:00 p.m. Open House — Pawhuska Public Library
6:30 p.m. Pawhuska Barbecue, Fair Grounds Building
   The Reverend B. F. Williams, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Pawhuska
   Public Library, presiding
   Awards
   "Books and Libraries in Oklahoma," Mr. John Joseph Mathews, Author,
   Pawhuska, Oklahoma

8:30 p.m. Entertainment

Saturday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Past Presidents' Breakfast — Chairman, Miss Virginia LaGrave
8:30 a.m. Registration — Hotel Duncan and Fair Grounds Building
9:00 a.m. Section Meetings

College and University Libraries Section — Chairman: Mr. Casper Duffer,
   Librarian, East Central State College, Ada
   "An Oklahoma Historian Looks at Our Libraries," Dr. Angie Debo,
   Author, Marshall, Oklahoma
   "With All My Worldly Goods," Miss Patricia Paylore, Assistant Libra-
   rian, University of Arizona; President, Southwestern Library Asso-
   ciation

Public Libraries Section — Chairman: Mr. Herbert Winn, Librarian,
   Bartlesville Public Library
   Conference: "The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul," Mr. Herbert
   Winn, Leader
   Guest: Mr. John S. Richards, Librarian, Seattle Public Library, Wash-
   ington; President, American Library Association

School Libraries Section — Chairman: Miss Mary Leach, Librarian, Holdenville
   High School Library
   "Laying the carpet," Mrs. Alice Brooks McGuire, Librarian, Cass
   Elementary School, Austin, Texas; Editor, School and Children's

11:00 a.m. Second General Session, Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, President, presiding
   Business
   Resolutions

12:30 p.m. O L A Luncheon, Fair Grounds Building, Mr. John B. Stratton, First Vice-
   President, presiding
   "Challenges to Modern Librarianship," Mr. John S. Richards, Librarian,
   Seattle Public Library, Washington, President American Library
   Association

2:00 p.m. Tours
   Osage Indian Museum
   Price Tower, Bartlesville (Frank Lloyd Wright, Architect)
   Woodaroc Museum

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ALTUS, High School and Junior College Library — Each month students vote on new books they would like to have added to the book collection. “Once a month,” Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Librarian, explains, “a group of students, chosen from a study hall section, are given a ballot listing the Teen-Age Readers Guild.” The new books are then ordered from these ballots. This voting system results in many requests for technical and academic books of a completely different reading level.

William A. Appleby, jr., local architect, is currently drawing up plans to convert a part of the gymnasium into library quarters. Construction is to begin on May 1, with the project to be finished by the fall term.

BARTLESVILLE, Public Library — The Library expects to have a contestant eligible for the $64,000 question soon. A gentleman has read all of the Rivers of America series, and is now midway through Chronicles of America, a total of more than one hundred volumes in less than a year.

The month of February will probably break all records for circulation statistics. The library expects to pass 10,000 volumes for this month. The top day in circulation during the month reached 606 volumes.

GOODWELL, Panhandle A & M College Library — The Library is the recipient of more than 400 volumes of poetry, a gift of Judge R. L. Howsley, prominent Guymon resident. Through his gift the Howsley Poetry Collection has been established. Because of their interest in poetry, Judge Howsley and the late Mrs. Howsley have made an extensive search for books of poetry in bookstores in this country and in England. Many of the volumes are ornately bound and in limited editions. The collection includes works of famous writers as well as of the lesser known poets in English and American literature. More than twenty-five volumes are the writings of Oklahoma poets.

HENRYETTA, Public Library — A new budget increase will permit the purchase of additional library equipment.

In anticipation of the summer program a new reading table has been added to the Children’s Department, and all chairs in the department have been refinished.

HOOKER, Public Library — From the proceeds of a silver tea, the Hooker Mothers’ Club is donating all of the Frank Bowie books and five titles by Mary Alice Jones.

Mr. Mike Grey, Hooker druggist, has donated a double faced display rack to the library, to relieve a current shelving problem. Two birch display counters, also gifts of Mr. Grey, will be converted into a charging desk.

NORMAN, Public Library — A film program, begun last year, can now be continued with the addition of a new RCA projector and screen.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Libraries — The staff members of the Circulation and Reference Departments sponsored a “Polio” coffee on January 23. By the end of the day a total of $28.56 had been collected for the March of Dimes campaign.

A valuable collection of 405 early American children’s books has been given to the University by Mrs. Virginia Carter Stumbo of Evanston, Illinois. They will be used in the School of Library Science to illustrate the history of children’s literature in America.

OKMULGEE, Public Library — During the months of January and February the Library had on display a first edition of an Audubon book, an 1883 button collection, and a March 30, 1876 newspaper printed on cloth.

Each Sunday afternoon the Library has a radio-book over Station KHBG. The program is tape-recorded during the week by the Librarian for the Sunday presentation.
The second year course of the Great Books Discussion Group was organized in January with twenty-five members. The group meets twice monthly in the Library auditorium.

PONCA CITY, Public Library — A drive-in book depository has been installed for the convenience of patrons. Borrowers will enjoy visiting the library this spring and summer since the entire building was air-conditioned last year.

PRYOR, Public Library — Preparations for the 1956 summer Vacation Reading Club began in February when teachers of the surrounding rural schools were given books and membership applications for their students. Individual contests in these schools will close with the ending of the current school year.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M College Library — Bernice Schein, President of Gamma Delta, international organization of Lutheran students, presented the first volume of Luther’s Works to Edmon Low, Librarian, on February 10. The gift, which will include 55 volumes when the set is completed in about fifteen years, was made in appreciation of services rendered to religious groups on the campus by the college library.

TONKAWA, Northern Oklahoma Junior College Library — Library records show an increase in the use of facilities by students and residents of Tonkawa. This increase may be attributed in part to a newspaper and word-of-mouth campaign.

WILBURTON, Eastern Oklahoma A & M College Library — Construction has begun on the new library-classroom building. The library will be on the second floor of the building, and will have floor space of more than 5,500 square feet.

Esther Mae Henke Is Named Extension Librarian

The appointment of Esther Mae Henke as Extension Librarian of the Oklahoma State Library has been announced by Ralph Hudson, State Librarian. Miss Henke assumed the responsibilities of her position on March 1, 1956. She will have immediate supervision of the Library Extension Division and of the extension activities of the Oklahoma State Library. Miss Henke’s library experience during the years following her graduation from the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science have especially fitted her for this position. She was one of the organizers of the Ray County Library, Richmond, Missouri, where she served first as bookmobile librarian, and later as County Librarian for three years. She returned to the University of Oklahoma and received her master’s degree in history in 1954; the history of public libraries in Oklahoma was her thesis subject.

Since 1953 Miss Henke has been the Field Librarian of the Oklahoma State Library, and has covered every section of the state confering with librarians on their professional problems. She is a strong advocate of multi-county libraries, and her enthusiasm for larger units of service is contagious. Congratulations, Esther Mae!
ALVA, Northwestern State College Library—Edith Gorman, Reference Librarian, returned to Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, on March 15 to complete her work on a master's degree in library science.

BARTLESVILLE, Public Library — Mrs. Jean Lane has joined the staff as a full-time assistant.

DUNCAN, Public Library — Mr. Eugene Edward Graziano has been appointed librarian effective March 5, 1956. Mr. Graziano attended the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, and the University of Oklahoma where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Libraries — Mary Evelyn Potts, Chief Cataloger, has been granted a leave of absence this semester to complete work for a master's degree in library science at the University of Michigan.

PONCA CITY, Public Library — Myrtle Clements, Assistant Librarian, completed thirty years of library service on February 1.

PRYOR, Public Library — Judy Rahorn, assistant, will graduate from Pryor High School in May. Miss Rahorn, who has been a staff member for three years, plans to enter college in the fall.

RUSH SPRINGS, Public Library — Mrs. Wirt Stone has been appointed librarian to succeed Mrs. George Gauger who resigned recently.

SAND SPRINGS, Page Memorial Library — Mrs. Margaret Stricklen, Assistant Librarian, was recently elected president of the Sand Springs Pilot Club for the current year.

TULSA, Public Library — Jacquelyne N. George, formerly in the Boys and Girls Department of the Oklahoma City Libraries, is now first assistant to the Director of Children's and Extension Division. Mrs. George is a 1950 graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

TULSA, University of Tulsa Library — Dorothy Jane Schiwetz, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, has been appointed head of the Circulation Department. Mrs. Marguerite Emerson Abel, who received her B.S. degree in library science at the University of Illinois, is a new staff member in the Technical Department.
1956 High School Library Day at OU

The second annual High School Library Day was held on the OU campus at Norman on Friday, March 2. More than 400 high school students and their librarians attended the meeting, which was sponsored by the School of Library Science.

The program was opened at a morning session by the Director of the School, Arthur McAnally, who introduced Glenn Couch, Dean of the University College. Dean Couch extended greetings of the University, stressing the vital role of the library in education today. The program was then turned over to Ray Held, Assistant Director of the School of Library Science, who announced the program for the rest of the conference.

Since the boys and girls who attended last year's meeting had enthusiastically endorsed the idea of forming a state association of high school library student assistants, the activities of the day were concerned primarily with that subject. After the opening session, the students met in groups, to get better acquainted with one another and to discuss such subjects as purpose and name of the proposed organization, dues, officers, requirements for membership, and adult sponsorship.

At an afternoon meeting the various groups reported on their discussions. Because of the limited time, detailed arrangements for the new organization had to be left for future consideration, but a temporary organization was created and pre-temp officers were elected as follows: Lynn McGuire, Midwest City, president; Richard Fields, Shawnee, vice-president; and Laura Pipkin, Classen High School, Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer.

It is expected that during the coming year a constitution will be drawn up for presentation at next year's High School Day and that this organization—of, by, and for high school students interested in library work—can be officially launched.

In addition to the general and group sessions, the day's program included tours of the University library, arranged by Miss Virginia Ervin, Instructor in Library Science, and conducted by students of the library school. There was also a well-attended luncheon session.

It is the hope of the OU School of Library Science that the interest now shown in libraries by these young people will carry over into the future, and that the new student assistant organization will prove a stimulus to the library profession.

High School Library Day is planned as an annual event at OU, in recognition of the librarians and their student assistants. If the student association wishes, it may hold its annual meeting in connection with this event. At present it is an independent association. Many interesting suggestions were made by the students in regard to its permanent organization and status.

Oklahoma - A Great State

Requests continue to come in for copies of the OLA's leaflet, outlining the need for better support of the state's libraries. Librarians in the states of California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, Texas, and Wisconsin, have asked for sample copies. The folder was recently mentioned in the Library Journal and the Wilson Library Bulletin.
School librarians have followed with interest and concern the operation of the new school library law, enacted during the last session of the Oklahoma State Legislature. On January 6, 1956 twenty librarians met with representatives of the State Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Library to compile the book lists required by the law. Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, President of the Oklahoma Library Association, worked with this group, and had opportunity to observe some of the difficulties encountered. Her letter to Dr. Oliver Hodge, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is reprinted here with her permission:

Dr. Oliver Hodge  
State Board of Education  
State Capitol  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  

Dear Dr. Hodge:

It was a pleasure to work with you and with the other librarians on the library lists. I do want to say again how interested we are in working for better school libraries in Oklahoma and we welcome any opportunity to work with school people to this end. Please feel free to call on us at any time that we can be of assistance.

Since you indicated that you were thinking of problems involved in planning next year’s list the following suggestions might be considered to make the list more current and better balanced in the event another is made.

1. Broaden the basic book selection tools from which titles will be accepted. Such current reviewing journals as Booklist, Horn Book, Library Journal, English Journal, Elementary English, Bulletin of the Children’s Book Center of the University of Chicago and the New York Public Library Book News list titles which will appear in forthcoming editions of the Wilson Catalogs. This is particularly important in selecting books in the fields of pure and applied science.

2. In order to obtain any substantial bids on pre-bound books (which are so important in building up school libraries) it will be necessary to deal with jobbers. Almost no publisher provides books in library binding and some of these are inferior to the binding provided by a professional library binder.

3. To provide a really representative, well-balanced list it will be necessary to obtain bids from more publishers. A number of the major publishers whose books are essential for any school library were not in the group bidding books for our consideration.

From talking with others who worked on the lists Friday, I think all were agreed that while they did the best job possible within the limitations placed on the group, all of them were dissatisfied with the final list due to the relatively small collection of books which could be considered, and the fact that current titles could not be included. I feel sure that these limitations will be presented when the lists are adopted by the State Board of Education.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Allie Beth Martin, President  
Oklahoma Library Association
MRS. RUTH CRAIG is Curator of Local History in the Oklahoma City Libraries. She received her library training at the University of Oklahoma, and has held positions of Assistant Librarian of the Blackwell Public Library, and Librarian of the Tonkawa Public Library. During 1950 she was Librarian of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and has been on the staff of the Oklahoma City Libraries since 1950.

MISS VIRGINIA ERVIN has been associated with the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science since 1954. She is Librarian of the Library School Library and instructor in library science. Miss Ervin is a graduate of the University of Kansas City, and received her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois. She was formerly branch librarian of the West Allis Public Library (Wisconsin) and Young People's Librarian at the Kansas City (Missouri) Public Library.

RAY E. HELD is Assistant Director of the School of Library Science, and Assistant Professor of Library Science at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Held received the B.S. degree from Florida Southern College, and his B.A. and M.A. degrees in library science from Emory University of Georgia. He was formerly on the faculty of the Emory University Library School.

WILLIAM LOWRY has been on the publications staff of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN since 1954, first as Assistant Business Manager, and since July 1955 he has been Business Manager. Since September 1953 Mr. Lowry has been Processing Librarian of the Oklahoma City Libraries. He received his master's degree in library science from Western Reserve University. Before coming to Oklahoma Mr. Lowry was cataloger at the University of New Mexico, and was president of the Albuquerque Library Association.

LEE SPENCER is librarian of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and has been a frequent contributor to the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN. His series of articles on prominent librarians in the state has been appearing over a period of years. He is a former president of OLA.

Pawhuska Trustee Nominated

Mrs. Richard W. Loy, member of the Library Board of the Pawhuska Public Library, has been nominated as Secretary of the American Association of Library Trustees of the Public Libraries Division of the ALA. Mrs. Loy received her degree in library science at the University of Oklahoma, and was later a graduate student at Northwestern University. Prior to her marriage she was assistant reference librarian at the Carnegie Library, Oklahoma City, and reference librarian of Oklahoma City University Library. As a trustee Mrs. Loy has maintained her interest in her former profession, and recently attended the midwinter meeting of ALA in Chicago.

Tulsa and OCU Receive Grants

The University of Tulsa and Oklahoma City University received grants of $300 each in the recent distribution of a United States Steel Foundation grant. Some months ago the Foundation presented a grant of $30,000 to the Association of College and Reference Libraries "for strengthening or modernizing library, teaching or learning tools." A portion of the grant was retained by ACRL to finance research, and the balance given to 89 privately supported liberal arts college libraries in grants averaging $300 each. Over 400 applications were received, each outlining the library's need and plans to use funds available. Both Tulsa University and OCU will purchase books in the field of literature.
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cooperaion with library associations and other interested groups. The state library stimulates cooperative and coordinated library systems that result in improved facilities and services for all citizens of the state.

The state library assists all other authorities, state and local, in assuming their full responsibility for library services. However, the state must recognize its responsibility to provide financial assistance, as well as supplemental library services. Grants-in-aid for public libraries should be administered by the state library; for school libraries by the department of education.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

The collection and servicing of state, federal, and local government publications is an established responsibility of the state library.

State Publications—The library maintains a complete collection of its own state publications, publishes a list of the publications of all state agencies, is responsible for their distribution to other libraries within the state and outside, and for their exchange with other libraries.

Federal Publications—It maintains a comprehensive collection of publications available from the Government Printing Office and from other federal agencies.

Local Government Publications—It maintains a collection of the more important of such publications and systematically encourages the development of complete depositories in each local jurisdiction.

A selective collection of publications from other states, from international organizations, and foreign governments is maintained by the state library.

Cooperative relations with the Library of Congress is essential. The state library will see that copies of all state publications are supplied to the Library of Congress for the use of the state's delegation in the Congress, for the use of federal government agencies and for national bibliographical purposes, including listing in the Monthly Checklist of State Publications.

LAW

The state law library, as a center for legal reference and research, is a part of the state library.

The functions of the law library include furnishing information on laws and govern-

ment to state agencies, interested citizens, and local agencies within the state; and to similar agencies in other states; exchanging legal materials with similar libraries in other states; preparing bibliographies on subjects of current legal interest; providing advisory service to other law libraries; and consulting with statutory editing and revising committees.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

Legislative reference service, as a state library function, embraces reference and research assistance to individual legislators, legislative committees and councils, other agencies of the government, and to citizen groups. Other services include compiling bibliographies and book lists on subjects of governmental interest, maintaining a full file and history of all legislative measures, and the summarizing of legislation of other states on specific subjects.

Without exception, this service must be rendered on a confidential and non-partisan basis.

The state library may appropriately have the primary responsibility for issuing a legislative manual, handbook or directory, but in any case it should have full cooperation or joint status in the preparation and publication of such materials.

STATE HISTORY

A basic responsibility of the state library is the collecting, preserving and servicing of materials relating to the state, its people, and its history; and working with other libraries and historical societies in the collection and preservation of local and state historical materials. This sphere of activity does not include a responsibility for the historical museum.

Historians and research workers are best served when these materials are professionally administered by a staff with specialized training and a background for the service.

A publication program in the historical field is desirable. If that program is carried on by another agency, there should be an organic connection between that agency and the state library.

SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Many special library services geared to particularized aims of an individual state are performed by the state library or, in some instances, are shared with other state agencies. Examples of such services are recruitment, placement, certification of library personnel, library services to state institutions, and services to the blind.
OU Announces Courses For '56 Summer Session

The School of Library Science, University of Oklahoma, has announced plans for the 1956 summer session. The term begins with registration on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5 and 6, and concludes with examinations on Wednesday and Thursday, August 1 and 2.

Courses will be available for students who wish to begin the degree program as well as for those continuing their work from previous terms. Teacher-librarians who need work in library science for certification or accreditation purposes will also find suitable offerings.

The following courses are scheduled for the eight-week session:

Library Science 221—Organization of library materials. (Introducing cataloging and classification)

Library Science 222—Reference materials

Library Science 223—Book selection and acquisition

Library Science 300—Literature of the humanities and social sciences

Library Science 302—Cataloging and classification

Library Science 304—Development of library resources

Library Science 307—History of books and printing

Library Science 308—Books and materials for children

Library Science 314—Academic and research libraries

Library Science 401—Elements of research

All carry three hours credit except 307 and 308, which are two-hour courses.

Three visiting instructors will join the faculty for the summer term: Mr. H. Richard Archer, Miss Marian Dierdorff, and Mrs. Ethel Moore.

Dr. Archer is librarian of the R. R. Donnelley and Sons Company in Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and received his first library degree at the same school. His Ph.D. is from the University of Chicago. He will bring to his teaching a rich and varied experience as bookseller and librarian, including several years as bibliographer of the Clark Memorial Library, University of California at Los Angeles.

Miss Dierdorff and Mrs. Moore will need little introduction to members of the O.L.A.

Miss Dierdorff is librarian of the John Marshall High School in Oklahoma City and has taught previously at the library school. She is a graduate of Oklahoma City University and has a master's degree in education from Oklahoma University. Her library science degree is from the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Moore is librarian of Will Rogers High School in Tulsa. She is a graduate of Oklahoma University and has a master's degree in history from OU. Her library science degree is from the University of Michigan.

Two members of the regular school faculty, Assistant Professor Ray E. Held and Miss Virginia Ervin, will teach during the summer term. In addition, Miss Ruth Elder, OU Associate Professor of Education, will teach the course in children's books and materials.

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book valuable to any library considering a change in charging system. The systems discussed include the traditional two card system, the photographic system, the audio system, the IBM and the Gaylord systems. Under each of the seventeen plans the following information is given — 1. Equipment required. 2. Charging routines. 3. Discharging routines. 4. Renewals. 5. Overdues. 6. Reserves. 7. Special charges. 8. Circulation Statistics. 9. Advantages. 10. Disadvantages. This book gives, in clear and concise form, objective information on most of the major charging systems that a library administrator may be considering.


This is a valuable and useful guide to the duties and functions of library trustees and board members. It has been compiled by twenty five trustees from all over the country under the sponsorship of the Trustees Section of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association. It discusses in detail the qualifications and various duties of trustees in the areas of staffing, policy making, budgeting and finance, book selection, and community relationships. This should be "required reading" for all trustees and library administrators.


Censorship in all its various aspects was discussed at the Second Conference on Intellectual Freedom held at Whittier, California. This book reports seven of the papers given at the conference. The first half of the book takes up such areas of controversy as Morality and Obscenity, Politics and Subversion, and Science and Pseudo-science. In the latter half, a publisher, critic, librarian, and school administrator each present their particular points of view. This is a stimulating and thought-provoking presentation of a problem that faces all librarians today.


This is a practical guide to all aspects of work with periodicals and serials. Sound principles of selection, cataloging, housing, and circulation are presented, together with specific suggestions about meeting the problems that are peculiar to the care of serials. Many detailed charts, diagrams and other illustrations are given, making this an easy-to-follow and valuable guide for all librarians.


In November, 1954, a conference, made possible by a $7,500 grant from the Fund for Adult Education to the American Library Association, was held at Allerton Park near Monticello, Illinois. Thirty eight librarians from various sized libraries met to consider the changing demands being made upon librarians involved in adult education projects, and the type of education needed to prepare librarians for these demands. This report of the conference is a readable account of problems that have arisen in our libraries due to a changing concept of librarianship and the accompanying changes that will need to be made in our library education programs.


These charming essays by Dr. Powell, Librarian of U. C. L. A., are based on a year's study of the antiquarian book trade in Great Britain. Dr. Powell writes with his usual wit and enthusiasm on the subjects of the pleasures of bookishness, and makes a plea for a return to the traditional concept of the librarian as a bookman and collector.


Oklahoma librarians concerned with the new Multi-county Library Law and its effect on Oklahoma libraries will want to read this comprehensive treatment of the development of larger units of library service. Mrs. Schenk, well known in Oklahoma thru her several visits to the state, presents a carefully formulated account of experiences in setting up county and regional libraries throughout the United States. She discusses such problems as the legal basis for such libraries, their financial support, and their internal administration. This
is a valuable guide to a subject that is of particular interest to Oklahoma at the present time.


School librarians and administrators will welcome this second edition of Miss Gardiner's very helpful guide to school library service. Such problems as the physical set-up of the library, book selection and acquisition, internal administration of school libraries, librarian-faculty relationships, and finally, relationships between school libraries and public libraries are all discussed. Many photographs and drawings add to the value of this book.

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Rector’s New Book Store (Continued from Page 35)

the convenience of shoppers, the lowest shelf is thirty inches from the floor. Conforming to the section plan of merchandising, magazines are grouped with books in subject areas.

Rector’s has found that this arrangement increases interest in both types of publications. There is also a section devoted to general magazines, adjacent to a complete paperback department containing both popular and quality titles.

Store windows for display are large and modern in facade, and through their low construction, the entire store and its interior constitute an effective backdrop. Pegboard is used generously, and recessed ceiling lights were designed to present a bright picture to pedestrians and motorists at night.

Despite the fact that the primary purpose of the store’s layout is to assist the purchaser with limited time at his disposal, the necessity for a calm atmosphere was not overlooked. It was effectively achieved through the utilization of soft gray for the walls, natural wood tones for shelving, indirect lighting over the shelves, and recessed ceiling florescents. Large shadow boxes in modern geometric designs space the wall area over the bookshelves, and were designed to house publishers' display material. The store is air conditioned with new type movable air ducts to provide flexibility in cooling.

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Career of Mrs. J. R. Dale

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erving as Secretary and President of the Fifth District, as State Chairman of Conservation, and as Chairman of the State Library Extension Committee. Mrs. Dale has been a very popular public speaker.

Admittedly one to shun office holding, nevertheless Mrs. Dale has supported an impressive list of organizations by her membership; the Oklahoma Library Association since 1916, A.L.A. and O.E.A. since 1919, Southwestern Library Association since 1922 (President 1928), Oklahoma City Art League, Sorosis, Ruth Bryan Owen Club and many others.

Among her honors are inclusion in Who's Who in Oklahoma, designation as one of the "Leading Women of Oklahoma" in 1930, election to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1937, Oklahoma City's "Woman of the Year" in 1950, and one of the first Distinguished Service Awards of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Two very functional expressions of esteem for Mrs. Dale have been the establishment by Hobart civic clubs of the Dorothea Dale Collection of books for teen age girls at the Hobart Public Library, and the fine collection of books on arts and crafts given to the Library Extension Division by the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Dale finds much satisfaction since retirement in recalling several aspects of her library career: the realization that in women's organizations she had much motive power for library promotion; her success in keeping the Library Commission "out of politics" while she served under eight governors; and the thing she herself feels gave her greatest satisfaction — her work in getting a collection of Braille books for the blind established in the Library Commission. In doing this she worked with the late United States Senator T. P. Gore, himself blind, and the result was free transportation for this type of literature. One recalls, with gratitude, the technical and inspirational assistance she rendered Librarian J. L. Rader and President W. B. Bizzell of the University of Oklahoma in the establishment of the library school at Norman.

As library systems develop into more complex structures, the chances recede for one sive record on such a broad scale of service. But Mrs. Dale's record and influence will stand individual again to compile such an impression as a challenge for Oklahoma librarians for a long time to come.
Library Services Bill

In the February 24th Washington Newsletter, Julia Bennett, of the ALA Washington Office, asks us not to be discouraged by the present delay in getting the Library Services Bill under way in this session of Congress. All legislative measures in the educational field are being held up by the school construction bill which is still pending in the House Rules Committee. Since this bill is the major educational legislative measure in this session of Congress, other educational bills will receive no action till this legislation reaches House floor action.

This does not mean that we can forget about the Library Services Bill. We must keep our Representatives and Senators aware of our interest in the Bill. Keep writing to your Congressmen so that when action does come they will have evidence of your interest.

As soon as we hear that the Library Services Bill is scheduled for House and/or Senate floor action, we will notify you. Then it will be of utmost importance that you write, call or send telegrams to your Congressmen immediately, in order that their desks will be covered with mail requesting their approval of extending library service to rural areas. The Library Services Bill can be passed this year. Let's make sure that Oklahoma's delegation votes unanimously in favor of it!

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...community could sponsor the publication of the history of their town or county.

Such an undertaking would be less difficult than one might think. Newspaper anniversary editions contain quantities of saleable pioneer history. Institutional histories, such as those of churches, parochial schools and organizations are available. Oklahoma is particularly fortunate in that many pioneers, and children of pioneers, are still living and can give a first-hand account of the history as they lived it.

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In 1957 Oklahoma will have more visitors than ever before because of the centennial. Every librarian should be completely familiar with his town and state history in order to answer the many questions which will be asked. Librarians can do much in encouraging organizations and authors to get this material ready. We must start now if we are ready when our visitors arrive. NOW is the time to get those town and county histories written—while pioneers are living. These personal interviews will make wonderful source material in the years ahead.

There are many good printers in our state. As librarians we should be able to direct authors, who are willing to pay for their printing, to the best. Right now, our main objective should be to see that everything possible is put in print and to help in every way to preserve our local and regional history.

OLC Contributes to ALA

The Executive Board of OLA recently approved an expenditure of $100 to be sent to the ALA Washington Office for the support of the Library Services Bill. In contributing to this fund, the state association follows the lead of many other state and regional Library associations. The New Jersey Library Association was the first to contribute to this fund, and the response at the recent Midwinter Conference of ALA was spontaneous and heartwarming. The ALA Executive Board voted to contribute $1,500, and other associations have sent in their contributions. Miss Julia Bennett, director of the Washington office, thinks the Bill has the best chance of passing it has ever had, but urges energetic action on the part of the profession.

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