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A Message from the O. L. A. President

As I was reading a good book last night I paused and reflected about Oklahoma Library Association affairs on which I had been working earlier in the evening. With particular force the thought struck me that all our efforts are to make it possible for an individual to read a book. It will be in the new year before planning moves over to action so that ultimately anywhere in Oklahoma a man, a woman, a boy or a girl may read good books.

The willingness of librarians in Oklahoma to accept the duties and responsibilities of committee association work has been a constant delight. With such a spirit, when the extended library program goes into action, much can be done by the present librarians of Oklahoma, though we all know that our ranks must be increased by newly trained librarians.

Many individual librarians have contributed to the program of the association but it seems to me that the Oklahoma Librarian has contributed more than any other one thing to a vital association. Under the editorship of Frances Kennedy, Allie Beth Martin before her, and others, with William Lowry as business manager, it has served as a means of communication important for the association. Not only has it presented good articles and news but it carries our membership list, our officers and committee members, and in this issue our constitution and by-laws as amended so that all the membership may have this information. With this issue Frances Kennedy relinquishes the editorship of the Oklahoma Librarian. She has the thanks and appreciation of everyone in the association for her fine contribution. Taking over as editor is Virginia Owens, trained in publication work, interested and well qualified to continue the publication of which the association is proud. The July issue will carry reports of our meeting in March. The October issue will be the Golden Anniversary issue.

The Golden Anniversary meeting of the association, with Irma Tomberlin as Program Chairman, promises to be another outstanding meeting. Information about the program is in this issue. Elizabeth Cooper, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, and her committee members are at work with details of the meeting. We are mindful of our history of fifty years but many of us have been looking more towards the next five years of library development in the state. These years hold the promise of a historic turning point for complete library service in Oklahoma. To accomplish this goal, appropriations for library service in Oklahoma in this legislature are extremely important. By the time this is published we hope the emergency appropriation for state funds to match the basic federal allotment will have passed. This initial allotment will be used for strengthening the State Library Agency. Under the direction of Ralph Hudson and with the assistance of the whole OLA membership, guided by the Legislative Committee, Allie Beth Martin, Chairman, we will seek the larger biennial appropriation. With these funds the Oklahoma Library Plan will go into action so that eventually any Oklahoman may read a good book.

January, 1957
"OPERATION LIBRARY"

In late summer, 1955, Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, President of the Oklahoma Library Association, wrote to the President of the Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce "... regarding the library situation in Oklahoma and the possibility that the Junior Chamber of Commerce might help to alert the citizens of the state to the needs in this area. The interest and help of such groups as yours will be vital in solving our problems. Any help which you may be able to give will be of importance." This was written by Mrs. Martin in an effort to obtain support in advancing the cause of libraries in Oklahoma. At the time her letter was written circumstances were not favorable, and the desired support was not forthcoming. This is merely to point out that had the time been ripe for action, "Operation Library" might well have originated in Oklahoma. However, such was not the case and the honor for developing what may become the most important contribution to public libraries in our history will have to rest with our neighboring state of Arkansas.

"Operation Library" had its beginnings in West Memphis, Arkansas, a little more than a year ago, when the librarian called upon the local Jaycees to help iron out some local problems. The Jaycees of West Memphis not only helped solve the problems, but they found an area where their services were effective and much needed. In due time the West Memphis Jaycees reported the results of their local project to the Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the cause of public libraries in Arkansas became the cause of the Arkansas Jaycees. In short order, about nine months to be exact, one hundred Jaycee Clubs in Arkansas were competing with each other to see which club could do the most for the libraries in their respective communities. In still shorter order, the news spread in library circles across the nation. The Arkansas Jaycees were swamped with requests for information on their project. They soon learned that they had a lion by the tail. And to make the tale shorter, the Arkansas Jaycees called upon their national organization for help. The project was considered and adopted as a national program of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in July, 1955, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It is difficult for anyone not familiar with the Junior Chamber of Commerce fully to appreciate, at this time, just what this means and will mean to the public libraries of America. One purpose of this article is to acquaint librarians with the Jaycee organization, and to point out the good that can result from such a program.

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce is an organization of almost 300,000 "young men of action" between the ages of 21 and 35. There are more than 2,750 local Jaycee clubs in the United States. Their only purpose for being is to "make a better community in which to live and to provide leadership training" for its members. The Jaycees maintain their national headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This headquarters is responsible for the continuity of the organization by providing information and service to the local chapters. The Headquarters staff consists of 50 full time paid employees, all automatically retured (as are all members) upon reaching their 36th birthday. More than half a million dollars are dispersed each year in the operation of this office. Eventually this office and local Jaycees will apply through the local Jaycee clubs on behalf of "Operation Library" more than 500 man hours per month, 800,000 printed impressions per month, and about 65,000 pieces of mail per month. We hope that you now have some idea of what will soon become an active effort on behalf of one public library.

In the Junior Chamber of Commerce any program begins with the general membership. A given project, tried and proven, expands from the local chapter to the state level, and from the state level, with the blessings of a National Board of Directors, a project becomes National. "Operation Library" passed all of these hurdles during the past year. On a national level the program is less than six
months old. Until Jaycees nation-wide know about a project, it can’t become great. To know about a project requires having the right information. The Jaycees will get that information and follow it up with action if and where action is needed to get results.

At this writing, Mr. Cecil Edmonds, National Jaycee Chairman for “Operation Library,” is busy organizing a State Committee in every state. Latest reports reveal that already some twelve states have set up committees, and another ten to twelve states are in the process of doing so. The Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce was the first state-wide organization to set up an “Operation Library” Committee. At this time seven Jaycee clubs in Oklahoma have set up local committees. Before too much longer, we can expect to find about fifty local Jaycee Committees active with “Operation Library” projects within the cities and towns of Oklahoma.

The program is a simple one. Jaycee committees will be asked to confer with local librarians and library boards to find areas wherein their group can be of assistance. These Jaycees, as they always are, will be free to apply their own imagination to evolve programs suitable for their own communities. The local librarian must be ready to show them where they can go to work and what needs to be done. With the Jaycees there are not apt to be any limitations. They may be willing to do anything from scrubbing the floor, painting the walls, or building a new library. Fantastic! Look at some of their other work in your community for evidence of their ability to get a job done and done well.

Librarians who have heard of “Operation Library” are elated at the prospects of what it can mean. Cooperation will be the keynote.

It is our feeling, and we believe that most librarians will agree, that never before has such an organized group offered its services to the public libraries of America. True, there have been isolated instances of national groups interesting themselves for a while in library problems, and little has come from most of the effort. Jaycees like nothing better than to get hold of an impossible project, and it is entirely within the realm of possibility that once started, they will not relax their efforts until a good library is available in every community that can afford one.

—Editor’s note: As a postscript to Mr. Winn’s article, he wrote the following in a letter to the editor: “One thing occurs to me: I have not answered the question, ‘What can I do to get the Jaycees busy?’ I feel sure that all librarians could write or contact their local Jaycees, let them know that you are aware of their project, and express appreciation to them for undertaking it. This project has had an enthusiastic reception in Arkansas, and it will be the same in Oklahoma and throughout the United States just as soon as we can get a project or two underway; then the clubs will be competing for awards in their various activities.”

Herbert Eugene Winn has been librarian of the Bartlesville Public Library since 1953, and as state chairman of the Jaycee “Operation Library” program will be an enthusiastic worker to insure its success in Oklahoma. Mr. Winn received his B.A. degree from the University of the South and his M.A. degree in Library Science from George Peabody College. During 1953-56 he served as chairman of the OLA Public Library Section.

Mark Your Calendars

A workshop for library trustees to be sponsored by the Oklahoma State Library is set tentatively for April 25-26, and will probably be held on the O.U. north campus. Plan to attend and bring your trustees. Much interest in a stronger program for library trustees was expressed by trustees attending the Southwestern Library Association meeting held last October in Oklahoma City. See that your trustees have this opportunity to participate. For more information, contact the State Library Extension Division.
"The Past 50—The Next 50"

OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MEETING

TIME: March 21-23, 1957
PLACE: Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Dr. Maurice F. Tauber—Guest Speaker for College and University Section
Consultant for Cataloging Section

Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson—Guest Speaker for luncheon on Saturday, March 23
Consultant for Trustees’ Section

Miss Sallie Farrell—Guest Speaker for Opening Session, Friday, March 22
Guest Speaker for Public Libraries’ Section

Miss Florene Jordan—Guest Speaker for Luncheon on Friday, March 22
Guest at Public Libraries’ Section Meeting

The gala “Golden Anniversary” dinner is planned for Friday night. Final plans are not yet complete but tentative plans call for talks from well-known Oklahomans and presentation of the Pioneer Librarian awards.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Cooper, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the O. L. A. annual meeting, has announced the following committee appointments:

Registration—Frances Beattie and Carmi Harrald.
Hospitality and Information—Esther McRuer.
Meals and Decoration—Juanita Means.
Publicity—Virginia Owens.
Exhibits—William H. Lowry.
Planning Committee—Sarah Jane Bell, Eva Chowning, Mildred Knight.
MAURICE F. TAUBER

Maurice F. Tauber will be the guest speaker for the College and University Section and consultant for the Cataloging Section. Dr. Tauber is currently Melvil Dewey Professor at the Columbia University School of Library Service. A native of Virginia, he has a number of degrees, including the B.S. degree (Columbia University) and Ph.D. degree (University of Chicago). Dr. Tauber is editor of College and Research Libraries (since 1946) and has served on the ALA Executive Board (1950-54). He has held various offices in the Division of Cataloging and Classification, including that of president (1948-49). In 1953 he received the Margaret Mann award.

GRACE T. STEVENSON

Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary of the American Library Association and Director of its Office of Adult Education, will be the guest speaker at the OLA luncheon on Saturday, March 23, and will attend meetings of the Trustees Section as consultant. A native of Kentucky, she served in libraries at Evansville and Linden, Indiana, and in the Alamitos Branch of the Long Beach, Calif., Public Library. She has pioneered in the use of films in libraries. Mrs. Stevenson is president-elect of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A. As the first director of the ALA American Heritage Project, she launched a nation-wide program of community discussion groups under library leadership in 1951-52.

SALLIE FARRELL

Miss Sallie Farrell, Field Representative for the Louisiana State Library (since 1946), will speak at the opening session on Friday, March 22, and again at the Public Libraries Section meeting. She is a native of Mississippi and has the B.A. degree from Mississippi State College for Women and the B.S. in L.S. from Illinois. Miss Farrell has served as president of the Louisiana-Library Association (1943-44) and is currently a member of the ALA Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act.

FLORENE JORDAN

Miss Florence Jordan, who is presently librarian of the Columbia-Lafayette Regional Library with headquarters in Magnolia, Arkansas, will be the guest speaker for the luncheon on Friday, March 22, and a special guest of the Public Libraries Section. Miss Jordan has been a school librarian and teacher and has taught library science courses at Southern State College in Magnolia and at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway. She served as Chairman of the Public Library Section of SWLA during 1955-56.
The Nomination Committee submits the following report to the members of OLA. Election will be by mail, and each member will receive a ballot on which to indicate his choice of officers. Miss Marian Dierdorf is Chairman of the Committee; other members are Mrs. Lula K. Pratt, and Mr. Herbert E. Winn.

President

IRMA R. TOMBERLIN, Assistant Reference Librarian, University of Oklahoma Libraries, will succeed to this office automatically through her election to the office of First Vice-President at the annual meeting in 1956.

First Vice-President, President Elect


WILLIAM H. LOWRY, Processing Librarian, Oklahoma City Libraries since 1953. B.A., University of Michigan; M.S. in L.S., Western Reserve University. Former position, Cataloger, University of New Mexico. President, Albuquerque Library Association; Chairman, Oklahoma Regional Group of Catalogers; Chairman, OLA Catalogers Section; Business Manager, Oklahoma Librarian, 1955 to date.

Second Vice-President


MABEL A. MURPHY, Librarian, Oklahoma College for Women since 1956 (Assistant Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Science since 1942). M.A., and B.S. in L.S., University of Southern California. Chairman, College and Reference Section, OLA, 1954-1955; Secretary, Oklahoma State College Librarians, 1955-1956.

Secretary


TREAN MADDOX, Librarian, Alexander Graham Bell Junior High School, Tulsa, since 1952. B.S., Oklahoma A & M College; B.S. in L.S., Western Reserve University; M.S. in L.S., "Columbia University. Librarian, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, Tulsa; Reference Assistant, Riverside Branch, New York Public Library; Visiting Professor, Texas State College for Women, summers of 1955, 1956. Secretary, Children's and Young People's Section, SWLA, 1954-1956; Secretary, OLA School Library Section, 1952, 1954; Secretary, OEA Library Section, 1950; State Chairman, Membership Committee, C.Y.P.L. (ALA), 1954, 1956.

Treasurer


IDA SELF, Librarian, Norman Junior High School since 1953. B.A., Baylor University; B.S. in L.S., University of Oklahoma. Treasurer, OLA, since 1955.
Implementing the Library Services Act

The National Outlook

Librarians and all citizens interested in extending library services to 27,000,000 Americans in rural areas now totally lacking libraries are urged by the American Library Association to seek Congressional action for a full appropriation to implement the Library Services Act which was passed by the last Congress.

Under the Act, $7,500,000 of federal funds were authorized each year for five years to be matched by state funds for bringing library services to rural populations. However, only $2,050,000 was actually appropriated for the first fiscal year, July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian of Michigan, and Chairman of the ALA Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act, said:

"It has been decided to seek the full appropriation for the second year of operation of the Act—fiscal 1958 rather than press for the balance of the full appropriation for 1956-57. We will later seek the additional amount which can be spent to greater advantage when the program gets under way in the various states. The appropriation came so late in the fiscal year of the states that in most instances state funds were already expended in other extension work, and were not available for matching the federal moneys.

"Therefore, we urge all citizens—particularly librarians, trustees, and friends of libraries—to ask their Senators and Representatives to vote for the full appropriation under the Library Services Act."

Four regional conferences for the heads of state library extension agencies have been held in Washington, D.C., Nashville, Tenn., Sacramento, Calif., and Kansas City, Mo. The conferences were called by the U.S. Commissioner of Education and presided over by Ralph M. Dunbar, Chief, Services to Libraries Branch, Office of Education, who is Director of the Library Services Act program.

At the regional conferences, the librarians were given an opportunity to discuss fully the tentative documents prepared by the U. S. Office of Education and to offer suggestions before these documents became effective. The documents were: "Regulations," "Guide for Submitting State Plan," and "Forms for Use in Submitting State Plan."

Among questions raised by the state library extension agency people were whether for matching purposes the law could be interpreted that the state could be considered as a whole rather than as part of a series of separate geographical areas. Dunbar announced that the Office of the General Counsel determined the state could be considered as a whole.

Other problems concerned what constitutes supervision of local agencies by the state library agency. The law specifically requires that the state agency administer the plan itself or else supervise the administration of it by the local agency. In many sections, local autonomy is quite strong. As the regulation now stands, supervision is defined as "guidance with authority necessary to assure the observance of policies and methods of administration adopted by the state agency."

Under the Act, a basic grant of $40,000 is made to each state; the remainder of the appropriation is divided on the basis of the rural population. The federal funds must be matched with state and/or local funds on a ratio based on the per capita income of the state compared to the national per capita income. In other words, the states with high per capita incomes must pay more for the federal money than those with low per capita incomes.

The Oklahoma Outlook

The $2,050,000 already appropriated for the first fiscal year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957 provides only for the basic allotment of $40,000 for each state. To secure this amount, the matching funds for Oklahoma amount to $27,579 of state and/or local funds. If this is secured through the emergency appropriation act early in the session of the Oklahoma State Legislature, a total of $67,579 will be available for use by June 30, 1957. During this initial period the money will be used to strengthen the state library agency by employing additional field workers and supervisors, buying bookmobiles to promote library service in rural areas and to buy books. The time also will permit additional planning and laying the groundwork for library service through multi-county libraries.

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January, 1957
SWLA Conference Report

The Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City was the headquarters for the sixteenth biennial conference of the Southwestern Library Association, October 10-12, 1956. "The Education of a Librarian" was the conference theme. The programs for three of the general sections were built around this theme with a symposium on "Education for Librarianship — Perspective" and two panels on "Current Library Education, with Emphasis on the Southwest" and "Education for Librarianship — Prospects and Possibilities." Mr. Rudolph H. Gjelsness, Director, Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, was a special guest and was available for consultation during the discussion period of each session. American Library Association President Ralph R. Shaw spoke at the last general session on "Scientific Management in the Library."

Further carrying out the convention theme twenty-eight library school recruits coming from all of the six states represented in the Southwestern Library Association were official guests. At a breakfast seminar in their honor, these students were given an opportunity to question the librarians present on subjects of their own choosing.

Convention-goers did not lack for libraries to visit. In addition to the Oklahoma City Libraries, the Oklahoma State Library, and the Oklahoma City University Library, there were twelve special libraries in Oklahoma City. Also many college and university librarians found time to visit the University of Oklahoma Library at Norman and the Oklahoma A & M College Library at Stillwater.

Miss Dorothy Amann, one of the founders of the Southwestern Library Association was a special guest at the conference. Also present was Dra. Maria Teresa Chavez of Mexico City, president of the newly formed Association Mexicana de Bibliotecarios.

The next biennial conference will be held in Galveston, Texas, October 23-25, 1958. Officers elected to serve for 1957-58 are as follows:

President—Mrs. Elsa S. Thompson, Librarian, Albuquerque Public Library, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

First Vice-President and President Elect—Dr. Arthur McAnally, Librarian, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Second Vice-President—Miss Gertrude James, Supervisor Elementary School Libraries, Phoenix, Arizona.

Secretary—Miss Esther Stalman, University of Texas Library School, Austin, Texas.

Treasurer—Miss Lucille Slater, Union County Library, El Dorado, Arkansas.

Anna Davis, Secretary.

Virginia Owens Named As Librarian Editor

Miss Virginia Owens becomes editor of the Oklahoma Librarian with the April 1957 issue. Miss Owens has been a member of the staff of the Oklahoma City Libraries since 1947, with the exception of the year 1955-1956 when she attended the University of Illinois. Prior to 1955 she was Assistant to the Director, and since her return to Oklahoma City Libraries, she has been appointed Library Services Coordinator. Miss Owens received her B.A. degree at Oklahoma City University, and M.S. in L.S. at the University of Illinois. Part of her library courses were taken at the University of Oklahoma.

A "nose for news" and a flair for writing characterize the new editor. Her responsibilities as assistant to the Director of the Oklahoma City Libraries included both personnel work and public relations. This experience, together with a term as editorial assistant of the Oklahoma State Medical Journal, make her appointment as editor of the Oklahoma Librarian an especially fortunate one. Good luck, Virginia. It’s time consuming, but fun!
OLA Committee Appointments for 1956 - 1957

Advisory Committee to the State Library:
John Stratton, Oklahoma A & M College Library, Chairman; Virginia Collier, Okmulgee Public Library; Leta Dover, Bacone College Library, Muskogee; James Gourley, Tulsa Public Library; Allie Beth Martin, Tulsa Public Library; William Morse, Ardmore Public Library; Irma Tomberlin, University of Oklahoma Libraries.

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

Awards: Mrs. Andy Gravitt, McAlester Public Library, Chairman; Lucy Ann Babcock, Oklahoma State Library; Gertrude K. Sterba, Ponce City Public Library; Mildred L. Williams, Southeastern State College.

By-Laws and Constitution: Ralph Hudson, Oklahoma State Library, Chairman; Joyce Clark, University of Tulsa Library; Mortimer Schwartz, University of Oklahoma Libraries.

Children's Book Award: Mary Ann Wentworth, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman; Barbara Bailey, Edgemere School Library, Oklahoma City; Jacqueylyne George, Tulsa Public Library; Mary Hays Marable, University of Oklahoma Library School.

Exhibits: William Lowry, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman.

Golden Anniversary: Jesse Lee Rader, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Chairman; Mariam Craddock, Oklahoma City Libraries; Ralph Hudson, Oklahoma State Library; Lee Spencer, Oklahoma Baptist University Library.

Legislative: Allie Beth Martin, Tulsa Public Library, Chairman; Ruth Cox, Oklahoma City University; Leta Dover, Bacone College Library; James Gourley, Tulsa Public Library; Edmon Low, Oklahoma A & M College Library; Margaret Stewart, Guthrie High School Library.

School Libraries Subcommittee: Margaret Stewart, Guthrie High School Library, Chairman; Elva Curtis, Ponce City High School Library; Edna M. Kelly, El Reno High School Library.

Local Arrangements: Elizabeth Cooper, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Chairman.

Membership: Mrs. Richard Horton, Carnegie Library, El Reno, Chairman; Sarah Jane Bell, Douglass High School Library, Oklahoma City; Elizabeth Crouche, Cushing High School Library; Thelma Gunning, Eastern Oklahoma A & M College Library; Edwin Hill, Oklahoma A & M College Library; Bonnie Hough, Tulsa Public Library.

Nominations: Marian Dierdoff, John Marshall High School Library, Oklahoma City, Chairman; Lula Pratt, Connors College Library; Herbert E. Winn, Bartlesville Public Library.

Program, Planning and Policy Committee: Irma Tomberlin, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Chairman; Virginia Collier, Okmulgee Public Library; Casper Duffer, East Central State College Library; Ruth Helen Kiser, Crooked Oak High School, Oklahoma City; William Lowry, Oklahoma City Libraries; Wanda McCollum, Emerson School Library, Tulsa; Ida Sel, Norman High School Library; Sam Smoot, Tulsa Public Library; Violet Willis, Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Publications and Publicity: Virginia Owens, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman; Frances Kennedy, Oklahoma City University Library; William Lowry, Oklahoma City Libraries; Allie Beth Martin, Tulsa Public Library.

Recruiting: Arthur McAnally, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Chairman; Frances Bruiner, Seminole Public Library; Teresa Roberts, Pauls Valley High School Library; Sue Thornton, Northeastern State College Library.

Relations with State Organizations: Mariam Craddock, Oklahoma City Libraries, Chairman; Herbert E. Winn, Bartlesville Public Library.

Resolutions Committee: Jean Harrington, Enid Public Library, Chairman; Maureen Flynn, Interstate Oil Compact Commission Library; O. Willard Holloway, Artillery School Library, Fort Sill.

School Book Selection: Ruth Helen Kiser, Crooked Oak High School, Oklahoma City, Chairman.
Constitution of the OLA

ADOPTED MAY 2, 1950
(As Amended April 2, 1955 and April 21, 1956)

ARTICLE I—NAME
The name of this association shall be the Oklahoma Library Association.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE
The purpose of the Oklahoma Library Association shall be to promote all library interests and services in the State of Oklahoma; to encourage the establishment and maintenance of libraries and increase their usefulness; and to advance the interests of the profession of librarianship, by discussion, planning and cooperative action. In the discharge of this purpose the Association shall maintain an active membership in the Southwestern Library Association, or its successor, and shall do all possible to further the objectives of that Association. The Association shall also assist, insofar as it is able, the American Library Association in the attainment of its aims and the discharge of its duties.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. The membership of the Oklahoma Library Association shall consist of two classes, active and honorary.

Section 2. (a) Active members shall be associations, libraries, individuals, institutions or organizations interested or participating in library work in this State, and who comply with the requirements for dues as stated in the By-Laws.

(b) Honorary members shall be individuals and shall be elected by unanimous vote of the active membership at any general meeting of the Association. Recommendations for nominations to this class of membership shall be made by an active member to the Executive Board, and upon approval by the Board the President shall make the nomination. Honorary members shall have no vote in the affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS
Section 1. The officers of the Oklahoma Library Association shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. All officers, except the president, shall be elected by mail ballot from the active individual members of the Association in good standing prior to each general meeting and all officers, including the president, shall serve for a term of one year beginning the first day of the month following a general meeting, or until their successors are elected and assume office. The officers shall perform the duties customarily incumbent upon such officers unless otherwise ordered by the Association through its By-Laws.

Section 2. The first vice-president shall become president for the term of office immediately following the expiration of his term as first vice-president; provided that a ranking vice-president appointed by the Executive Board shall not succeed to the presidency and that the Association shall in such instances, elect a president for the next term of office as provided for in Section 1 of this Article. The ranking vice-president who succeeds to the presidency upon the death or resignation of the president shall not become president for the next term following his succession to this office as provided in Section 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE V—EXECUTIVE BOARD
Section 1. The administration of the affairs of the Oklahoma Library Association shall be vested in and exercised by the President and the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, the retiring president and the retiring secretary. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Board. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of five members including the President.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the power to fill all vacancies in office and the person so elected shall serve only until the end of the term in which he was elected; except on the death or resignation of the president, or his inability to serve, when the ranking vice-president shall become president.

Section 3. The President or Executive Board only may authorize expenditures from the funds of the Association between general meetings, or in the course of general meetings, in accordance with any provisions in the By-Laws, or unless otherwise ordered by the By-Laws or by the membership in the course of a general meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Board may accept, create or establish any activities, functions or services within the Association that it deems necessary; provided that such ac-
tion is either confirmed or rejected by the membership at the first general meeting after such action is taken by the Board.

ARTICLE VI—COMMITTEES
Section 1. The committees of the Oklahoma Library Association shall be of two types, including their subcommittees, select and standing committees. Select committees shall be created by the Executive Board for a definite and specific purpose not within the purview of any standing committee, and for a stated period of time. Standing committees shall consist of all other committees that may be required for either the administrative or functional work of the Association.

Section 2. (a) Except as may otherwise be provided in Articles V, VI, and IX of this Constitution all committees shall be created, and their duties defined, by the active membership of the Association at a general meeting in the form of a By-law; but the President may, with the advice of the Executive Board, add any pertinent and relevant duties to any committee in addition to those defined in the committee By-law, that may be needed to carry on the work of the Association.

(b) The Executive Board or the Association membership may appropriate sums to a committee from the funds of the Association for the purpose of discharging a duty imposed upon the committee by the membership of the Association.

(c) All reports of committees shall be made to the President and Executive Board.

Section 3. The President shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, all chairmen of committees. He shall also appoint, in consultation with committee chairmen, all committee members.

Section 4. The President shall be member, ex-officio, of all committees.

Section 5. The President and Executive Board shall refer all Association affairs or business requiring committee action to the proper standing committee, or if it is a matter outside the duty and scope of any standing committee, the matter shall be referred to a select committee created for that purpose in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Section 6. The chairman of any committee may, with the advice and consent of the President, create a temporary subcommittee (for a stated period of time) within his committee for the purpose of acting upon an immediate, specific and temporary problem, and he shall also be the chairman of the subcommittee. Sub-committees shall report to their parent committees only.

Section 7. The chairman and members of committees shall hold office for a period conterminous with that of the President making the appointment, or until their successors have been appointed and have qualified.

ARTICLE VII—DIVISIONS
Section 1. Divisions by categories of library functions may be created and their duties defined by the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association in the By-laws, or in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of this Constitution.

Section 2. (a) All divisions shall be an integral part of the Association and shall exist for the purpose of discussion, planning and cooperative action in connection with the mutual problems of the individual active members performing similar work; provided that all efforts of the divisions shall be related to the policies and work of the Association and shall not be discharged independently of the Association and its officers.

(b) The Executive Board, or the Association membership, may appropriate reasonable sums to a division from the funds of the Association for the purpose of discharging a duty imposed upon the division by the Executive Board, or the Association membership, or with the approval of either, or for the purpose of paying an assessment or fee incurred by a division affiliating with a national or regional library association or a division of such association.

(c) A division may, upon approval of the Executive Board, affiliate with the appropriate division of the American Library Association or the Southwestern Library Association.

(d) All reports of divisions shall be made to the President and Executive Board.

Section 3. Any individual active member of the Association may have membership in one or more divisions.

Section 4. Each organized division shall elect a chairman and secretary in the course of each general meeting for a term of office conterminous with the officers of the Association and under such conditions as the Executive Board may impose.

Section 5. The chairman of any division may, with the advice and consent of the President, create a temporary committee (for a stated period of time) within his division for
the purpose of acting upon an immediate, specific and temporary problem and he shall also be the chairman of the committee. Division committees shall report to their parent divisions only.

Section 6. Any two or more divisions may combine for joint sessions in the course of a general meeting.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

Section 1. The President and Executive Board shall arrange for a general meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association, either annually or biennially as the Association membership shall direct by the enactment of a By-law, and for such other, or special, meeting as they consider advisable. Notice for all meetings shall be sent to each active member of the Association by the Secretary at least thirty days prior to the beginning date of any meeting.

Section 2. The administrative officers of active members who are associations, libraries, institutions or organizations shall each appoint a staff member to represent the body at all meetings of the Association. Such representatives shall notify the Secretary of their appointments at least ten days prior to the beginning date of any Association meeting.

Section 3. A majority of the active membership present, both individual and representatives of associations, libraries, institutions and organizations, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association.

ARTICLE IX—AWARDS

Section 1. (a) At each general meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association the active membership may grant, under the conditions established in this Article, an annual Distinguished Service Award to the individual professional librarian who has effectively demonstrated for a period of ten years or more a valid, thorough and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service, and has expressed that concept in actual practice.

(b) One Distinguished Service Award only shall be awarded by the Association in any one calendar year; provided that one may be awarded for each year of a biennium if the Association meets biennially in general session.

(c) The active membership of the Association shall enact a By-law creating a standing committee, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of this Constitution, for the purpose of recommending these awards to the Executive Board. The Board shall establish rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this Article, for the operation of the committee.

(d) Recommendations for nominations to receive this award shall be made by the committee to the Executive Board and upon the approval of one recommendation by the Board the President shall make the nomination to the active membership.

Section 2. Under the conditions and terms of Section 1 of this Article the active membership of the Oklahoma Library Association may grant an annual Distinguished Service Award to the individual, not a professional librarian, who has completely demonstrated a sound and special interest in libraries and library services, and has given effective and important service to the advancement of libraries or librarianship.

ARTICLE X—BY-LAWS

The membership of the Oklahoma Library Association may adopt By-laws or may amend or repeal existing By-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, at any regular general meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the active members present; provided that any proposed addition or change has been filed in writing with the Secretary at least ten days prior to the beginning date of said general meeting. The Secretary shall immediately transmit copies of all proposed alterations or additions to the By-laws to the President.

ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS

The membership of the Oklahoma Library Association may adopt amendments to, or repeal any and all portions of this Constitution at any regular general meeting of the Association if three-fourths of the active members present vote in favor of such changes; provided that any proposed constitutional amendment, or repeal, has been filed in writing with the Secretary at least sixty days prior to the beginning date of said general meeting. The Secretary shall immediately send copies of all proposed constitutional amendments or repeals to each of the other members of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall notify each active member of the Association of any such proposed amendments or repeals at least thirty days prior to the be-
ginning date of any regular general meeting in which they will be acted upon or considered.

BY-LAWS
of the
OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ADOPTED MAY 2, 1950
(As Amended April 2, 1955 and April 21, 1956)

No. 1—MEETINGS
There shall be an annual regular meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association in the course of the first five months of the calendar year.

No. 2—FISCAL PERIOD
The fiscal period of the Oklahoma Library Association shall be June 1 to May 31 of each year.

No. 3—DUES AND FEES
(a) All dues are annual and are payable in January of each year. Delinquent members shall be notified once in writing, not later than the first day of March, of their delinquency and if said dues are not paid within thirty days after such notice they shall be dropped from the roster of active members.
(b) Library membership dues shall be the amount stated hereafter based on the total annual income of the library for its last fiscal period.
   An income not exceeding $20,000 . . . $2.00
   An income of $20,000 to $40,000 . . . $3.00
   On income larger than $40,000 . . . $5.00
(c) Non-library, association, institution and organization dues shall be $4.00.
(d) Life membership dues (limited to individuals) shall be $50.00.
(e) Sustaining membership dues (limited to individuals) shall be $7.50.
(f) Honorary membership shall be assessed no dues, and shall not vote in the affairs of the Association.
(g) Individual membership dues shall be $2.00.
(h) The memberships listed in sections (b) and (c) of this By-law shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Association which shall be cast by the duly appointed representative of the body.
(i) The registration fee for each person, not a guest, attending the regular general meeting of the Association shall be not less than $1.00.

No. 4—AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
The Association shall elect at suitable times an Oklahoma Library Association representative to the American Library Association Council as provided in the By-laws of that Association. In the event the elected representative cannot attend a meeting of the American Library Association Council the President shall appoint an alternate to represent the Association and certify this selection to the Executive Secretary of the American Library Association.

No. 5—SPECIAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS
(a) The President shall sign all contracts authorized by the Association or the Executive Board, and all orders to the Treasurer for expenditures from the funds of the Association.
(b) The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the Association and shall prepare a report on each meeting within ten days after its close and shall transmit copies of this report to the incoming President, the American Library Association Bulletin, the Library Journal and to the editor of the official publication of this Association. To the extent required by the President he shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and he shall issue notices of Association and Executive Board meetings. He shall report on the membership record, and on other matters as directed by the President or Executive Board, at each meeting of the Association or Executive Board.
(c) The Treasurer shall maintain a permanent roster of the Association membership and shall transmit a copy to the Secretary and shall notify the Secretary of all changes in the roster as made. He shall receive and have custody of all funds of the Association, pay all bills approved by the Association membership, the President or the Executive Board, maintain accurate records of the Association’s financial affairs and make a written report to the Association membership at the business meeting of each regular general meeting. He shall notify all members that Association dues are payable in January of each year and shall also notify delinquent members on or before first day of March of each year.
(d) The officers whose terms are about to expire shall transmit to the Secretary within one month after the close of each regular general meeting any records or important correspondence in their possession and these items shall become a part of the archives and files of the Secretary.
No. 6—COMMITTEES

The Committees listed hereafter shall compose the standing committees of the Oklahoma Library Association.

(a) Auditing Committee. This committee shall audit the accounts and books of the Treasurer and shall report thereon within one month after the end of each regular general meeting.

(b) Awards Committee. This committee shall recommend names of individuals, after an objective, rigid and thorough examination of their qualifications, to the Executive Board for consideration for nomination to receive the Distinguished Service Awards.

(c) By-Laws and Constitution Committee. This committee shall prepare any revisions of the By-Laws and Constitution as the Executive Board and President may direct, and shall recommend such amendments or changes it deems necessary to the President and Executive Board.

(d) Exhibits Committee. This committee shall be in charge of all exhibits for each regular general meeting, allocate space to exhibitors, determine fees for exhibit space and establish such rules and regulations for exhibits as it considers advisable and subject to such conditions as the Executive Board may impose.

(e) Local Arrangements Committee. This committee shall have charge of arranging facilities, transportation and registration and all other kindred duties for the meetings of the Association as directed by the President.

(f) Nomination Committee. This committee shall select nominees for all elective offices of the Association. The committee shall report at the last business session of each regular general meeting, shall not be restricted by any plan of rotation in office and shall choose individuals able to carry on the work of the Association in the best possible manner.

The committee shall present a slate of two candidates for each elective office, consent having been secured from the nominees beforehand, but opportunity shall be given by the presiding officer for nominations from the floor. In the event there are nominations from the floor the presiding officer shall determine the method of ballot and a majority vote of the active individual members present shall constitute election.

(g) Program Committee. This committee shall plan and have charge of the program for each regular general meeting of the Association in accordance with the policies of the President and Executive Board.

(h) Publications Committee. This committee shall edit and publish the official publications of the Association in accordance with the conditions and policies established by the President and Executive Board. The committee shall, in consultation with the President and the Executive Board, determine the cost of the publications and advertising fees for space therein. The committee may also carry on the publicity activities of the Association.

(i) Resolutions Committee. This committee shall write and present all resolutions that the President and Executive Board may direct, or any active individual member of the Association may suggest, for consideration by the Association membership, and may recommend subjects for resolutions to the President and Executive Board for consideration.

No. 7—DIVISIONS

The divisions listed hereafter shall compose the divisions by categories of library functions of the Oklahoma Library Association:

(a) Cataloging.

(b) Children’s and Young People’s Services.

(c) College and University Libraries.

(d) Public Libraries (including county and district libraries).

(e) Reference.

(f) School Libraries.

(g) Special Libraries.

(h) Trustees.

These divisions shall discuss, plan and study the activities, problems, service and co-ordination of effort of libraries within their respective categories, and shall make recommendations thereon to the President and Executive Board. The division shall aid in executing action decisions of the Association membership and the Executive Board that are within their respective spheres of activity.

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This Constitution and set of By-Laws, adopted May 2, 1950 and amended April 2, 1955 and April 21, 1956, replaces the 1927 Constitution and By-Laws, as amended in October 1938.
The annual Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association is expected to bring 1,400 librarians from all sections of the country to the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, January 29 to February 2 for the first meeting to be held under ALA reorganization—officially effective January 1, 1957.

At this meeting, the ALA Council will be operating for the first time with the broader powers and responsibilities brought about by the reorganization. ALA officers planned the two Council meetings—Wednesday (Jan. 30) afternoon and Thursday (Jan. 31) evening—to reflect the changes under which Council now serves to a greater degree than heretofore as the ALA policy-making body. Therefore, its agenda is wholly composed of reports and recommendations involving policy considerations which Council will decide, such as issues involved in a placement service; Council-Executive Board relationships, responsibilities and procedures; and the proposed ALA-Canadian Library Association Joint Conference. ALA President Ralph R. Shaw will preside at Council meetings and will report on matters of consequence. A Membership Meeting on Thursday (Jan. 31) morning will serve to bring informational reports—including one on the Association's finances—to the meeting.

There will be business meetings of all thirteen ALA Divisions—including both existing Divisions and those which will come into existence on January 1. At these meetings, further steps will be taken in perfecting divisional organization and refining statements of fields of interest, some of which may be brought to Council for decision.

ALA Executive Secretary David H. Clift points out that 1957 membership notices have been mailed from Headquarters together with information generally describing the divisions—six by type of library and seven by type of activity. Members have a choice of two divisions—one of each type—as a prerequisite of basic dues and may join additional divisions by adding $2 for each. Since membership lists for the new divisions will be compiled from the membership renewals which are returned, Clift urged that members make returns as early as possible.

During Midwinter Meeting, and just prior to it, there will be meetings of the Executive Board, the Program Evaluation and Budget Committee, and the Committee on Organization.

The Federal Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday (Jan. 29) afternoon for discussion of the Library Services Act and other Federal legislation. The Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career will meet on Wednesday evening. Cooperation with "Operation Library," project of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be discussed at a meeting of the Public Libraries Division on Wednesday evening. At an open meeting Tuesday morning, sponsored by the Public Documents Committee, there will be discussion of the question of depository libraries. The Committee will be working closely with a Congressional Committee in a study of the depository library situation.

Three affiliated organizations will hold meetings: the Association of American Library Schools and the Association of Research Libraries will meet on Monday (Jan. 28) at the University of Chicago; the American Theological Library Association's Executive Committee will meet Friday and Saturday (Feb 1 and 2) at McCormick Theological Seminary.

India Librarian Visits

The University of Oklahoma has been chosen as one of eleven university libraries in the country to have a library visitor from India for three months, beginning November 1, 1956. The selection was made by the International Relations Committee of ALA, and was approved by the U.S. Department of State. These librarians are guests of the United States.

Mr. Masood Yazdani, Librarian of Osmania University in Hyderabad, is the visitor at the O.U. Library. He has a Certificate of Training from the London School of Librarianship, a B.A. degree from Aligarh University, and a diploma from the Madras Library School. Mr. Yazdani is interested especially in library buildings, as architects are already preparing preliminary drawings for a proposed new library building for Osmania University.
1957 OLA Membership Dues Now Payable

Oklahoma Library Association dues of $2.00 for the 1957 membership year are now payable to Mrs. Ida Self, Treasurer, Oklahoma Library Association, Norman Junior High School Library, Norman, Oklahoma. Joining or renewing membership in the association is easy—all that is necessary is the payment of dues to the treasurer who keeps the membership rolls.

Members for 1956 and new members for 1957 will receive ballots by mail to vote for the new officers and will have all the privileges of membership, including the Oklahoma Librarian until the new membership list is published in the July Oklahoma Librarian.

Renewing membership by mail is desirable from the association's standpoint. The officers have a better picture of the financial situation of the association earlier and can budget accordingly. Support for the Oklahoma Librarian over and above advertising revenue is in hand sooner. Many librarians plan to renew their membership at the annual meeting and an opportunity to do so will be given at the Oklahoma City meeting, but experience has shown that some can not attend the meeting at the time it is held and others do not find it convenient to make payment of dues during a busy meeting. As a result each year some who have been OLA members for years are members in spirit only and not in fact.

Membership for 1956 was the highest in association history. Membership for the 1957 anniversary year promises to be higher still. Mrs. Richard Horton, El Reno Public Library, is the new Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Midwest City Librarian Is Honored by B&PW

In observing National Business Women's week, September 23-29, the Midwest City Business and Professional Women's Club named Mrs. John Crumpler, local librarian, as the "Business Woman of the Year."

At the club's September dinner meeting, Mrs. Crumpler was presented as the business woman who had contributed more to the community in the way of community service than any other woman in the area. The citation read: "She has organized and administered the library for the benefit of the community, serving not only as the custodian of books but as a reading counselor in a carefully planned guidance program."

The library, less than two years old, has nearly 4000 patrons. Some of the outstanding activities are: Travel programs for air force families; story hours for primary and elementary groups; weekly column in Midwest City Leader; letters to newcomers inviting them to visit the library; reference service by telephone and speakers' directory. Three hundred children were enrolled in the summer reading program.

Laverne Citizens Build New Public Library

Public-spirited citizens of Laverne, prodded by the Delphian Study Club, worked together to make possible the new library building which opened its doors last August. The building, 24 by 24 feet in size, is of ultramodern design and constructed of expanded shale with brick and redwood front. It was designed by Bob Wilson, then a Laverne High School graduate attending building and construction school at Oklahoma A & M College. Other citizens of Laverne contributed donations for materials and helped provide the labor needed in the construction and in moving the collection of books to the new quarters.

The Laverne Library has been operated by members of the Delphian Study Club since 1937, hitherto in makeshift rooms. It began as a collection of 40 books, and now numbers 2,600 volumes. There are some 1800 registered borrowers. A moratorium on long past due books was a feature of the opening celebrations, which also included a library openhouse.
ALVA, Northeastern State College Library—Associate professor of library science and librarian Frances Du Vall was elected vice-president and president-elect of the Librarians’ Section of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Edith Gorman, assistant professor of library science and reference librarian, received the Master of Science in Library Science degree, the 6th year professional degree, at George Peabody Library School, Nashville, Tennessee, in August 1956. Her thesis was “A Teaching Guide for School Library Administration,” and is to be expanded into a textbook to be used in the teaching of the administration course.

CHICKASHA, Carnegie Public Library—New Board member, Dr. Edith Hammond, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Anna Lewis. Both have been members of the Oklahoma College for Women Faculty until their retirement this year.

NORMAN, University of Oklahoma Library—Assistant archivist replacing James Babcock is Jackson Saunders, who is studying for a degree in library science at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Saunders received his B.A. degree from O. U. and attended the Institute of Records Management and Archives Administration in Washington, D.C. He was formerly Archivist at Radcliffe College.

New library assistants are Mrs. Sandra Stewart, Phillips Collection; Mrs. June Williamson, Geology Library; Mrs. Joan Saulsbury, Lower Division Library; Mrs. Marie Balden, Catalog Department; David Frost, Journalism Library.

Jesse L. Rader, Librarian Emeritus, was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, November 16, 1956. Mr. Rader served as O. U. Librarian from 1907 until his retirement in 1952.

OKLAHOMA CITY, City Libraries—After some years’ absence, Dorothea Harlow Ice (Illinois ’36) has returned to the staff as Capitol Hill Branch Boys’ and Girls’ Librarian. Mrs. Dorothy Burrow, formerly of Capitol Hill Branch, has gone to the Main Library as Assistant Boys’ and Girls’ Librarian.

Rama Mathis Nolan (O. U. ’53) has joined the staff of the Main Library General Reference Unit. Mrs. Nolan was on the staff of the O. U. Library in 1953 and 1954 and previously was librarian of the Seminole Public Library.

PAWHUSKA, Public Library—Hollis Haney, librarian, has been appointed Co-Chairman of the Library Division of the Oklahoma State Federation of Women’s Clubs. Mrs. J. R. Dale, former Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Commission, is Chairman.

PONCA CITY, Public Library—Mrs. John Marshall has been appointed to the Library Board replacing Mrs. Harold Osborn, who served on the Board for 19 years, but now makes her home in Houston, Texas.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M College Library—John B. Stratton, Assistant Librarian, was elected Chairman of the College and University Librarians Section of Southwestern Library Association at the recent biennial convention in Oklahoma City.

Alton P. Juhlin, Head, Special Services Department, is serving this academic year as President of the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (honorary history fraternity).

Edmon Low, Librarian, spoke at the November dedication of the new library at Tarleton College, Stephenville, Texas. Mr. Low has served as consultant during the planning of this modular, open-stack building.

TULSA, Public Library—New Staff member in the Technical Department, Jeanne Donnelly comes to Tulsa from New York City where she was a reference librarian for Anaconda Wire and Cable Company.
BROKEN ARROW, City Library—Enlargement and redecorating have been completed, featuring new book shelves, lights, and air conditioning. In addition, walls and ceilings have been painted and floors tiled. All this, and new books, too!

CHICKASHA, Carnegie Public Library—An enthusiastic Great Books Group of 29 people has been organized through the leadership of Mrs. W. S. Corbin.

HENRYETTA, Public Library—Seventy-seven children participated in the library’s “Books I Have Read” summer reading program.

HUGO, Public Library—The library was renovated this summer, including installation of an air conditioner. Mrs. Claude Hanley is Hugo’s new librarian.

McALESTER, Public Library—Service to two hospitals, St. Mary’s and the McAlester General Hospital, has been begun by the public library.

OKMULGEE, Public Library—The Okmulgee Public Library celebrated Book Week early this year to fit in with the busy schedules of elementary teachers, and every elementary grade was brought to the library for a visit. Window displays in downtown business establishments carried out the Book Week theme, and the local city and county papers cooperated with daily stories.

PERRY, Carnegie Public Library—The library board received editorial commendation for the progressive role of the library in the community, particularly for recent improvements to the library grounds.

RUSH SPRINGS, Public Library—A hobby show and open house were held to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Rush Springs Library. Nearly 100 persons were present.

SEMINOLE, Junior College Library—Because of considerable interest in local history, Mrs. John B. Townes has begun to collect clippings, photographs, and documents telling the fascinating story of Seminole’s past.

SHAWNEE, O. B. U. Library—Dr. James W. Storer, who retired Nov. 1, 1956 as pastor of the Tulsa First Baptist Church, presented his entire personal library of 1,500 volumes to the O. B. U. Library. The gift collection is especially strong in history and biography, and includes Confederate military souvenirs and pictures.

The O. B. U. Library sponsored an all-time beauty queen contest in connection with the University’s 1956 Homecoming. The library run of college annuals provided a gallery of beauty queen portraits from the earliest days of the school. Mrs. Robert Sager, nee Becky Queen, class of 1933, now of Stillwater, was judged the all-time beauty queen.

STILLWATER, Oklahoma A & M College Library—The famed Leonardo da Vinci exhibit, which includes 44 models made from the scientific drawings of the Italian genius, was on display in the college library November 14-December 12. The exhibit was loaned by the fine arts department of International Business Machines Corporation.

TULSA, Public Library—KIM’s Club, Tulsa Public Library’s television show for boys and girls, can now be seen at 8 a.m. every Saturday morning over KOTV, channel 6.

WILBURTON, Eastern Oklahoma A & M College Library—The library float, depicting the entrance of Oklahoma into the Union, placed third in the homecoming parade. It was constructed and decorated by the student librarians.

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The Business Manager Reports

Again in 1956 the major cost of printing and mailing the Oklahoma Librarian was met through the sale of advertising space. Shown below is an itemized account of the cost of publishing each issue and the amount of advertising sold:

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Cost per member (350 members) $1.21

Advertising revenue decreased $108.44 from the 1955 total of $814.17 resulting in an increased drain on membership dues. During the year two firms doubled their purchase of advertising space, one new regular advertiser was added and several others continued to purchase the same space they have had in the past.

Looking ahead to 1957 it is hoped that advertising revenue can be increased. Association members can help by purchasing supplies and equipment from firms advertising in the Oklahoma Librarian, and by thanking them personally for their continued interest in the Oklahoma Library Association.
ALA Publishes Guide To Library Cooperation

The Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association announces publication of The PLD Reporter, No. 5, titled “Cooperative Practices Among Public Libraries.”

Available now from the ALA Publishing Department ($2.25; or $1.85 on series order) the 70-page publication was prepared with the cooperation of the PLD Library Extension Section under the chairmanship of Verna Nistendirk, Florida State Library, Tallahassee, Florida. The editor is Rezia Gaunt, formerly of the Gary (Ind.) Public Library.

Miss Nistendirk said: “This practical guide was inspired by the revised standards for public libraries, ‘Public Library Service’ which set forth as its ‘most important single recommendation’ the cooperative approach on the part of libraries. In this PLD Reporter are detailed descriptions of cooperation in action and we believe every public librarian should study them in the light of the new standards and his own library situation.”

Included are 27 narrative examples of 12 different kinds of library cooperation, giving details of actual library programs which cover reciprocal borrowers’ privileges, interlibrary loans, cooperative book evaluation and selection plans, centralized purchasing of books and supplies, cooperative purchase and use of books and supplies, union catalogs, centralized cataloging, rotation and exchange of materials, cooperative consultant service, planned referrals, cooperative publicity, and duplication of catalog cards.

In addition, there is a Directory of Cooperative Practices in Libraries; and a Bibliography with annotations prepared by Rose Vainstein, Head, Extension Department, Gary (Ind.) Public Library.

Introducing the narratives are special articles by Dr. Robert D. Leigh, Dean, School of Library Service, Columbia University; Gretchen Knief Schenk, Summerdale, Ala.; Carol Trimble, formerly Head Librarian, Yakima, Wash.; Florence E. Harsh, Chief of Advisory Service, New York State Regional Library Service Center, Watertown, N.Y.; and Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Director, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, Miss.

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If Congress appropriates the full amount for the second year of operation of the Library Services Act, federal funds available for Oklahoma would be $146,811 for the fiscal year. To secure this amount Oklahoma must have matching funds of $92,625. Since the Oklahoma legislature meets every two years and appropriations are for the biennium, the same amount of state and/or local funds must be sought for the third year of the act. Therefore the state agency, with the assistance of the Oklahoma Library Association members, the Legislative Committee and friends of libraries, will seek a biennial appropriation of $185,250 as a part of the General Revenue and Appropriation Bill which is passed late in the session of the legislature.

All of this will provide $546,451 for library service in rural areas for the next two and one-half years. In the second and third year of operation the money will be used in conjunction with local funds to provide library service through multi-county libraries. Regions able to establish multi-county libraries will operate under the supervision of the state agency. In some areas which have had little or no library service at all, the multi-county library may be administered by the state library agency direct.

New ACRL Secretary

Richard B. Harwell, head of the Publications Division of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va., has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, a Division of the American Library Association. He served as first director of the Southeastern Interlibrary Research Facility in 1955.

Announcement of the appointment was made by ALA Executive Secretary David H. Clift at ALA Headquarters in Chicago. Clift said Harwell will take over his new duties March 1, 1957 but will spend time at Headquarters just before and after the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

He received his A.B. at Emory in 1937 and completed the course in library science there the following year. He has held regular appointments at both Duke and Emory Universities and terms as bibliographical consultant at the Boston Athenaeum and the University of Virginia, in addition to a research fellowship at the Henry F. Huntington Library.

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It is especially appropriate that the Conference be devoted to problems facing the public library at this particular time. Special attention will be paid to implications of the new standards for public library service and the new Library Services Act.

For further information address the Dean of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Librarians Meet With Adult Education Group

Representatives of 45 different adult education agencies in Oklahoma met at the Oklahoma City Libraries on December 14 in a one-day conference which resulted in the formation of the Oklahoma Adult Education Association. A constitution was adopted for an experimental period of one year and officers elected, headed by Walter Gray, Jr., Chief of the Community Workshop Division of the Oklahoma City Libraries, who will serve as president.

The newly adopted constitution provides that the group will affiliate with the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A., whose president-elect is Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, also Director of the ALA Office for Adult Education. At the Oklahoma City meeting, assembled state educators expressed a desire to meet with Mrs. Stevenson during her visit next March for the OLA annual meeting.

Purpose of the Oklahoma Adult Education Association, according to the constitution of the new organization, is "to promote and encourage adults to continue their education through participation in formal and informal adult education activities, organizations and courses." Corollary purpose is "the advancement of coordinated and cooperative efforts by those organizations, institutions, and individuals, working directly or indirectly in the field of adult education."

Membership dues for one year are $1.00 and are payable to Wilson D. Steen, Treasurer, in care of the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma.

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