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A Message from the O. L. A. President

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President, and I want to say a warm and sincere “thank you” to all members of the Association who have given so willingly of their time and energies to serve in many capacities. Your cooperation and enthusiasm have meant a great deal to me, and to the Association. This cooperative spirit promises success and accomplishment for the work of OLA in the important years ahead.

Mr. Gourley and the members of the Program Committee have planned an outstanding and stimulating program for our 51st annual meeting here in Norman. I hope the dates, April 10 to 12th, have long been set aside on your calendar so that you will be here to meet our guest speakers, to enjoy good talk with other librarians, and to learn more of the work of the Association's committees. Frances Duvall will have exciting news for you about the work of her committee members in making the Children’s Book Award a reality. Plans are almost completed for the establishment of an award to be given to the author whose book is selected by the children as the “best” book of the year. We will also have reports from a panel of Association leaders on the real progress which has been made under the Oklahoma Plan, and the tasks of the immediate future, in which all of us must share.

The first National Library Week is just past, and I think we all agree that its value and accomplishments will be long-lasting. Citizens' groups and librarians have worked closely together to achieve the common goal of focusing attention on the tremendously important role which books and libraries play in the life of our nation. More than ever before, our libraries and librarians are being called upon to supply the leadership and the materials which will help our people meet the challenging needs of our space-age. I think we all recognize the responsibilities which we have, and even more we know, that if we are to discharge these responsibilities effectively, we must have more libraries, more books, more money, and more trained librarians. Let's make every week of the year library week and continue to take advantage of every opportunity to make new friends and supporters for our library program.

It is still not too late to urge your representatives in Congress to support an increase in the Library Services appropriation. So much has been accomplished in a short time, but so much more remains to be done. I know all of you are as thrilled as I am to see three bright new bookmobiles traveling Oklahoma's highways, but these three must grow into a whole fleet if our dream of library service for all our people is to become a reality.
TO READ A BOOK

(Excerpts from transcription of the sound recording of Mrs. Stevenson’s speech made March 23, 1937 at the OLA Conference.)

I am very proud to be able to be here today and to bring you greetings from the American Library Association on this auspicious occasion of your Golden Anniversary and to have enjoyed last night your magnificent, historical occasion. It is a wonderful thing to live in a state so young that the people who made the state are still making the state, and to have them present on these occasions. We hope that your next 50 years will be as vigorous and as pleasant and mean as much to the library world in the United States as the last 50 years have meant.

Now, if ever, there is really a bright golden haze on the library world. . . . The most important elements of this golden haze are the Library Services Act and the revised Public Library standards which were approved by the ALA Council last year. If they are used together to supplement each other, we can make a great advance in library development in this country in the next few years, and that is where the hard work begins. . . . This country has hundreds of libraries whose support is so inadequate and their services so poor that they are a liability to the profession. Unable to offer any real service to the community, they command no community respect and consequently no fair share of community support. This is a vicious circle. The answer is not fewer libraries. We don’t have enough. The answer is in groups of libraries joining forces to provide through common effort the kind of library service that small and rural communities can never afford to provide for themselves.

We saw this illustrated yesterday in Florene Jordan’s talk when she showed how the small libraries of Arkansas got together, or are getting together, to provide adequate service to their state. Florene said that in the Arkansas Library Association we say, “If Arkansas can do it, anybody can do it.” We say something else. Sometimes . . . we say, “Thank God for Arkansas.” Because really what the people in Arkansas have done, they have done with their bare hands. They have proved that you don’t have to have the perfect building and the perfect book collection and the completely adequate staff to do things. If we waited for those things we would never get libraries.

This is acting in the oldest American tradition, this business of getting together. We have always joined forces to do things we could not accomplish alone, to clear the land, to drive the cattle to market, to raise the roof, and I mean literally, not figuratively. My pleasantest childhood recollection goes back to the times when at the farm on which I lived we had thrashing days, hog killing time, and the neighborhood farmers and their wives and their troops of children came and spent the day to help my father do a job that he couldn’t manage by himself. He, of course, gave his labor to other farmers in return. The development of library service in this country calls for a different kind of resources, but in order to do the job we’ve got to share the resources which we have in common, and we are going to need all the resources we have in this country. There isn’t a library in this state which can’t make some contribution to this development if the right sort of planning is done. There is not a librarian in the state who shouldn’t be drawn into it. When plans are made for library development in this country, all the people in the state should have part in it, because it is their future that is being settled, and it is their money that is being spent.

Sallie also spoke yesterday and mentioned that we need something beyond dedication. Dedication we have. We need intelligence, devotion. We need people who are dedicated but who also have the knowledge and the skill to carry out the job in the best possible way, and the planning and execution of this work is the job for all of us.

If we are going to have good individual libraries, then all the libraries must come along together. When we talk about pooling our resources, remember that one of the greatest resources we have is you and the common body of knowledge and experience that you represent seated here in this room. By putting that experience together you can come up with a greater sum than its parts, and you must see to it that you get together. Not only you professional librarians—there isn’t a library em-
ployee who shouldn’t be interested and aware. They can contribute too, your nonprofessional staff, and as Oklahomans they have a right and a responsibility to contribute. We all know what an indispensable part of a staff the nonprofessional members are, and how many times the job to be done depends on their willingness and the extra effort and hours that they are willing to put into a job to get the show on the road. They have a part to play. Make them feel a part of it. It will make it easier.

It was really a very heartwarming occasion to sit here last night and see revealed that tradition of intelligent devotion to library development you have known in Oklahoma for the last 50 years. Tradition can do two things. If you spend time looking back at it, it can lay a dead hand on your development. If you spend time looking forward, it can be a spur to you to carry on the work which these people who were your predecessors have begun. It is up to you to develop the work that they have started.

Important to the development of a successful program during the next five years are our trustees, the men and women whose role it is to represent the library to the community and the community to the library. Every trustee in the United States should read Public Library Service. I am assuming that every librarian has. It will not ask you to hold up your hands. It should be discussed at library board meetings, and I would see to it that the City and County officials know what the standards for good roads are, don’t they? ... Do they know what the standards are for library service? Have they ever looked at the library service for which they spend the taxpayer’s money to see if the standards of those libraries are what they should be?

Get hold of this book (Public Library Service) and read it and discuss it. ... Remember that a great deal of time and intelligent effort and money went into producing these standards. If we just file this nice looking little volume on the library shelf, we have wasted that time, effort, and money. It is no good unless the people of the United States know about it and put it into action. ... And remember when we read it that we must not be discouraged at the ideal held up to us. We can do this. We can’t do it all at once. Some of it is difficult to attain, but there is some place where everyone of us can begin. With your library board, pick out the thing that you can do now, and do that, and then pick out the thing you can do next, and do that. Not only with your library board, but with the libraries in the adjoining counties and with your State Extension Agency. Move ahead on it gradually. The Library Services Act with its Federal funds will last for only five years, and what we do in that time must be soundly based so that we can continue to build on the work which we have begun. It must be compelling to attract the attention and support of the people so that they will be willing to tax themselves to pay for it thereafter.

One of the greatest difficulties we have to overcome is that millions of people don’t know what good library service is because they have never seen it, and what it can mean to them. If we are going to have citizen support, these citizens must be knowledgeable about and interested in the library program. One of the best ways to get them interested is to get them involved. Make library development the big thing for all Oklahomans. Get all of your organizations interested in pushing this for you and get them all working on it. Let us be careful how we approach the interpretation of library service. I am constantly disturbed as I get around the country at the frequent reference to library service for children. That is an important part of library service, but if we continue in our public libraries to serve only children and provide recreational reading for women, we’re never going to be able to sell this service deserving of public support. We’ve got to establish in the minds of the people the important role that the library can play in the life of the adult before we are going to be able to get adequate tax money.

It is axiomatic that your interest in anything is in direct ratio to your involvement in it and this is proving true in the project areas. The people in Oklahoma will want library service and support it if they help to build it. To get them involved in building it will take the combined efforts of every librarian and every trustee. Thrashing this golden harvest will take every hand in the state.

I have two theories about this business of recruiting. ... There is first of all, the personal approach. More librarians are won by librarians than by any other effort. If you can convince young people that this is an attractive, profitable profession ... this is one way to get them. Another way is to make the profession more attractive. Why should any young

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2:00 REGISTRATION, Union Building
3:30 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
6:30 BUFFET DINNER, Union Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
9:00 REGISTRATION, Union Building
9:30 FIRST GENERAL SESSION, Meacham Auditorium
WELCOME—Dr. Peter K. McCarter, Vice-President of the University
BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS
"PROGRESS REPORT"—Esther M. Henke, Virginiae Owens, Allie Beth Martin,
Frances Kennedy, Leta Dover
12:00 LUNCHEON
"POTENTIALS OF LIBRARY COOPERATION"—Miss Alberta Brown, President
of Special Libraries Association
1:30 JOINT MEETING of the Oklahoma Chapter, Special Libraries Association, and
Special Libraries Division of OLA
1:30 CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION
"BLACK GOLD"—Mrs. Marguerite Henry, distinguished author
1:30 CATALOGING DIVISION
"COOPERATIVE CATALOGING IN MISSOURI"—Mr. Willard Dennis and Miss
Peggy McCully, Southwest Missouri Library Service, Inc.
3:00 DEDICATION OF THE ADDITION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARY
4:00 TOUR OF LIBRARY ADDITION
6:30 DINNER, Union Ballroom
"LIBRARIES, LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP"—Dean Thurman White, Dean of
the Extension Division, University of Oklahoma
9:00 PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION, Faculty Club, Union Building

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
7:45 PAST PRESIDENTS' BREAKFAST
9:00 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES DIVISION
"THE ART OF SUPERVISION"—Dr. Robert Downs, Director of Libraries, University
of Illinois
10:30 PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION
"GREAT BOOKS DEMONSTRATION"—Mr. Raymond Johnson, Regional Director,
Great Books Program
10:30 SCHOOL LIBRARIES DIVISION
"BOOK CHARACTERS, ANIMAL FRIENDS AND CHILDREN"—Mrs. Marguerite
Henry, distinguished author
"PLANNING THE SCHOOL LIBRARY QUARTERS"—Film
12:30 LUNCHEON
"THE ALA AND LIBRARY SERVICE TODAY"—Mr. David Clift, Executive Secre-
tary, American Library Association
3:30 AUTOGRAPHING PARTY for Mrs. Marguerite Henry and "Black Gold" at the
Red Plains Trading Post, near the Thunderbird Inn Motel, Oklahoma City
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Recruiting: Mabel Murphy, Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Chairman; Sister Mary Joachim, Benedictine Heights College, Tulsa; Mrs. Sarah Jane Bell, Douglas Senior High School, Oklahoma City; Virginia LaGrave, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Leah Law, Oklahoma State Library; Mary Jeanne Hansen, Oklahoma City Libraries; Ed Hill, Oklahoma State University Library.

Resolutions: Mrs. Thelma Gunning, Eastern Oklahoma A&M College, Wilburton, Chairman; Mrs. Mary H. Marable, University of Oklahoma; Gladys Tingle, East Central State College, Ada.
PROCLAMATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Executive Department

WHEREAS, persons of wisdom and knowledge are those who make reading a regular habit; and

WHEREAS, the librarians of our State and Nation are making one of the most important contributions to our culture, by providing reading material to suit every taste and pleasant surroundings in which to enjoy this worthwhile avocation; and

WHEREAS, it is especially important for us to encourage our young people to adopt the reading habit, in order that our citizenry may remain well informed on all subjects:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAYMOND GARY, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 1958 LIBRARY WEEK in Oklahoma, and urge our citizens to lend their full support to efforts being made toward creating greater interest in and use of each community's libraries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 20th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, and of the State of Oklahoma the fifty-first year.

(Signed) Andy Anderson  (Signed) Raymond Gary
Secretary of State  Governor

Oklahoma's Governor Raymond Gary (center) holds the Proclamation he has just signed designating March 16 as Oklahoma Bookmobile Day. With him are Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, and Esther Henke, Extension Librarian.
PROCLAMATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Executive Department

WHEREAS, this date marks the dedication of the first State-owned Bookmobiles, purchased under the terms of the U. S. Library Services Act; and

WHEREAS, these mobile units make it possible for the Library Extension Division of The Oklahoma State Library to initiate library services in cooperation with multi-county library districts, to our citizens in rural areas who do not have access to public libraries; and

WHEREAS, these bookmobiles are a tangible result of the many efforts made by our citizens, librarians, The State Library and the Oklahoma Library Association to provide adequate services to all of our people; and

WHEREAS, the advance and well being of our traditions and beliefs are greatly dependent upon an informed citizenry and much of the success of our enterprises in all fields is determined by the quality and number of our library resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAYMOND GARY, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 16, 1958 as

OKLAHOMA BOOKMOBILE DAY

and call upon all our people to mark this day in the annals of our State and to regard these bookmobiles as a symbol of the advance of knowledge in Oklahoma; and further, I do urge all Oklahomans to intensify their efforts to make good library service available in the entire State to the end that Oklahoma may be as well noted for its intellectual prowess as for its eminence in other fields.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

"(Signed) Andy Anderson
Secretary of State

(Signed) Raymond Gary
Governor

April 1, 1958"
Adult Books for Young People Named

The Young Adult Services Division of the American Library Association has issued its list, "Interesting Adult Books of 1957 for Young People." The annual list was presented at the Membership Meeting of YASD on Thursday (Jan. 30) afternoon during the ALA Midwinter Meeting (Jan. 26-Feb. 1) in Chicago.

Jane S. McClure, Coordinator of Work with Young Adults, Free Library of Philadelphia, President of YASD, stated that the Book Selection Committee makes the choice from the entire output of adult books published during the year. The YASD list has come to be watched for by librarians, high school teachers, parents and youth leaders as a guide to reading for young people.

Jane Manthorne, Young Adults Librarian, Boston Public Library, Chairman of the Committee, said that first, 60 titles were nominated by the Committee. Then, librarians throughout the country who specialize in work with young adults were asked to report their experience with the use of these books with young readers; the final selection of 20 was based on these replies. She added:

"The choices reveal a wide-eyed appraisal of the atomic age, a continuing interest in war literature, and a sense of humor. No fewer than six books on the last war are included, with an additional title on the Civil War and on World War I. Young people showed decisively a preference for the facts, since only seven novels are included, and most of these are strongly derived from fact, legend, or the author's own experiences. But laughter is not absent, and young people who fight handicaps is a theme which continues to be popular with high school readers."

The list follows:

Chute, B. J., The Blue Cup and Other Stories. Dutton.

The author of Greenwillow presents twelve short stories which vary in mood and tone but which prove again her skill and compassion.


A group of Union soldiers, accused of cowardice, redeem themselves on the western frontier.

Randall, Ruth Painter, The Courtship of Mr. Lincoln. Little.

Family opposition, a broken engagement and a challenge to a duel complicated the course of this "all-American" love story!


Moving, hour-by-hour narrative of the final day, from the Last Supper to the drama at the cross.

Lord, Walter, Day of Infamy. Holt.

The people of Pearl Harbor and the enemy overhead play out the dark hours of December 7, 1941.

Mowat, Farley, The Dog Who Wouldn't Be Little.

Unmatched on the hunt or in the rumble seat, an eccentric pooch named Mutt comes alive as the author chuckles over his Canadian boyhood.


A British destroyer and a German U-boat pursue a deadly game in this taut World War II novel.

Mehta, Ved, Face to Face. Atlantic-Little.

A sensitive and talented young Hindu, blind since childhood, describes his lonely youth in India and his wondrous education in America.


Compelling novel about five British commandos who silenced the guns of a German garrison.


How the Madison Avenue ad-men use psychology to tantalize, even hypnotize, American consumers and voters.

Housepian, Marjorie, A Houseful of Love. Random.

Life abounds in shishkebab, yogurt, and relatives in this entertaining story of an Armenian-American family during the thirties.


Deeply appealing account of a boyhood spent on crutches in the bush country of Australia.

Sutcliffe, Rosemary, Lady in Waiting. Coward-McCann.

The stormy and tragic career of Sir Walter Raleigh is skillfully interwoven with the poignant story of his wife Bess.

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Governor Gary Dedications Bookmobiles

Oklahoma's first three state owned bookmobiles were dedicated Sunday, March 16, on the Capitol grounds, with Governor Gary officiating. In spite of the cold, blustery weather which cut out-of-town attendance, an enthusiastic group of library supporters stood through brief dedicatory ceremonies and later sought refuge from the cold in the heated bookmobiles while examining them.

Mrs. Ira Tomberlin, OLA president, emceed the program, introducing Ralph Hudson, State Librarian, who spoke briefly. The principal address was made by the Rev. William H. "Bill" Alexander of the Oklahoma City First Christian Church, who spoke of the importance of reading in today's world and the need for improved libraries in Oklahoma.

Tommy MacDonald, O. U. All-American football player, presented three autographed copies of Bud Wilkinson's book Oklahoma Split T. Football, one for each bookmobile. The books were appropriately inscribed, "to the boys and girls of Osage and Pawnee Counties;" "to the boys (Continued on Page 54)"
Children's Book Award Planned

Plans for the Sequoyah Children's Book Award were perfected in a committee meeting held March 1 at the Oklahoma State Library with Frances Duvall, Alva, as chairman. Members present were Miss Duvall; Miss Edith Gorman, representing the Oklahoma Education Association; Miss Esther Mae Henke, Oklahoma State Library Extension Division; Mrs. Clay Gates, Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English; Mrs. Charles Leopold, Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Irma Tomberlin, Oklahoma Library Association; Mrs. Mary Hays Marable, O. U. Library School; Mrs. Ida Self; and Mrs. Bess Keith.

Two new members were appointed to the committee: Miss Beth Welch, Children's Division of OLA, and Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Tulsa Public Library.

Purpose of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award is to encourage the school children of Oklahoma to read more widely and selectively from the most distinguished books published. It is administered by the Children's Book Award Committee and the President of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Children from the 4th grade through the 9th may read all or any number of the titles on the master list of books which is to be compiled by a Book Selection Committee. Each child may cast one vote for the book of his choice. Only authors in the United States will be considered, only children's books (not texts), and no picture books will be included. Only books for children from the 4th to the 9th grades will be considered.

The winning author will be awarded a medal at the annual meeting of one of the sponsoring organizations.

The committee agreed that books chosen would be limited to those published within the two years previous to the award. Miss Gorman distributed a list of award-winning and prize books. From this list, a master list of 25 titles will be chosen by the Book Selection Committee, adding such titles as they wish.

It is expected that the master list of 25 books will be ready for distribution by June 15, 1958. Children will vote on the book of their choice in February and March of next year, with the winner announced in April, 1959.

The list of award-winning and prize books is published below so that books may be included in spring orders and made available for children to read during the summer and fall. Note that the master list of 25 titles upon which children will vote will not be distributed until June 1958 and may include titles which are not listed.


Effert, Virginia S. The Buffalo Trace. Dodd, Mead.


Erickson, Phoebe. Daniel Cunn. Knopf.


Gallant, Roy A. Exploring the Universe. Doubleday.


Holmstrand, Marie. Trouble at Turtle Bay. Dodd, Mead.

Judson, Clara Ingram. Mr. Justice Holmes. Follett.

Lane, Frederick A. Westward the Eagle. Holt.


Lipscomb, Marie L. The Lost Treasure. Zondervan.


Manton, Jo. The Story of Albert Schweitzer. Abelard-Schuman.

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OU Library Addition Is Student-Centered

The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents at their January 9 meeting formally accepted the new $2,700,000 addition to the Bizzell Memorial Library building.

Public dedication of the building was set for April 11, during the Oklahoma Library Association annual meeting, but use by students and faculty began in March.

Modern in every way, and more than double the size of the original building, the addition will accommodate 2,400 readers and 600,000 volumes, according to Dr. Arthur McAnally, director of O. U. Libraries.

"This raises the total capacity of the University libraries to 3,500 readers and 1,200,000 volumes, providing library facilities as large as any between the Mississippi River and the West coast, and better than most. These facilities will be adequate for an enrollment up to 10,000," McAnally said.

Begun a year and a half ago, the six-story functionally-designed building incorporates the latest improvements in construction, and reflects changes in the maturity of students and in educational thought since the first library unit was built in 1928.

The new unit conforms to the older building. The heights are the same and brick from the same kiln was used for harmony. The two are joined together with interconnecting doors at various levels.

The exterior of the addition is more conservative than the older building and its interior is modern, with soft autumn colors off set with a dark turquoise and yellows and greens. It is completely airconditioned. Architects were the Oklahoma City firm of Coston, Frankfurt and Short, and the general contractor was Builders Construction Company, also of Oklahoma City.

Colors and furniture were selected by Robert D. Harrell, Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas. The building cost including furnishings amounts to between $16 and $17 per square foot.

Dr. McAnally described the new library addition as "student-centered," because it is characterized by informality, convenience and comfort. He said that numerous small reading areas will surround the bookstack areas, and seating will be of different arrangements to suit student inclinations and needs. It is estimated that twice as many students will use the library with the new open stack policy.

There will be 562 individual study tables and more than 400 lounge chairs. Furniture is cigarette-proof, and smoking will be permitted in

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Great Books Groups Meet Need

The Great Books Discussion program is a prepackaged, “read and discuss” program especially well adapted for library sponsorship. Groups made up of participants and two co-leaders meet every two weeks for 18 sessions during a year to discuss the ideas raised in the great books of our civilization.

Leaders, who are trained not to lecture but to keep discussion on the track, are not experts brought in to teach, but persons in the community who have attended a leader training course conducted by representatives of the Great Books Foundation.

Participants follow a prescribed reading outline, and the selections to be read are available in inexpensive paperback sets. Reading for each discussion runs to about fifty or sixty pages.

First year readings include such writings as Shakespeare's Macbeth; Machiavelli, The Prince; Plato, Apology and Crito; and Sophocles, Antigone.

Help in organizing groups and training leaders is available through the Southwest Area office of the Great Books Foundation, with offices in the Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas. Raymond Johnson is Southwest Area Director. Mr. Johnson will meet regularly in your town with beginning groups as his schedule permits. For more information, write Mr. Johnson or the Oklahoma State Library Extension Division.

Oklahomans Like “Read And Discuss” Program

All over Oklahoma, in big cities, small towns, in libraries, churches, schools, or just homes, Great Books Discussion groups are meeting every two weeks to read and discuss the works of such writers as Plato, Homer, and Shakespeare, and the issues they raise. Some groups are in their fifth and sixth years of the reading outline. In Oklahoma City, where the first Great Books Discussion group was organized over 10 years ago, today there are 17 library-sponsored groups meeting regularly in addition to other library group discussion programs.

Public libraries sponsoring groups include Cushing Public Library, now in its fifth year; Norman Public Library, fourth year; Tulsa Public Library, with two first year groups meeting; Ponca City Public Library, a sixth year group; Muskogee Public Library, third year; and the Chickasha Public Library which has a second year group and a first year group meeting this season.

Great Books groups are also organized in Duncan, third year; Bartlesville, ninth year; Ada, fourth year; Sentinel, fifth year; Weatherford, first year; and Miami, first year.

It is possible that the above list of Great Books Discussion groups in Oklahoma is not complete, and libraries sponsoring groups not listed above are invited to step forward and make themselves known.

Friendship Leads To Great Books Career

Raymond Johnson, Southwest Area Director for the Great Books Foundation, blames a persistent friend for the fact that today he is not teaching in some college or university. Instead, Johnson has become a sort of super salesman for lifelong learning—particularly that obtained through Great Books Discussion groups.

It seems Raymond’s friend saw him walking in the rain one day in Wichita, Kansas, and recognized him as a professional Scandinavian, and just the right fellow to substitute as co-
leader of a Great Books group. But he couldn’t remember Johnson’s name. Hailing him with shouts of hey, Olson, Swenson, the friend finally caught up with Johnson and introduced him to the delights of GB.

Johnson was so good as a Great Books Discussion leader, that one thing led to another and when offered the position of Southwest Area representative, he accepted.

The Southwest Area includes the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. Working out of area offices in the Dallas Public Library Johnson spends his time traveling usually by air, because his schedules are frightening from one town to another explaining the Great Books program, organizing groups, and training leaders.

Johnson, a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, has the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Chicago. He has made his home in Kansas, Chicago, Dallas, New York, London, and Stockholm, among other places. He has tried his hand at acting (in Chicago radio and television), at being a private tutor and translator, at writing advertising copy, and teaching English at the University of Kansas.

Johnson will co-lead a demonstration Great Books Discussion group during the OLA annual meeting. This will be part of the Public Libraries Division meeting to be held Saturday morning, April 12. Dr. H. H. Macumber of Chickasha will be co-leader. It is planned that ten or twelve discussants familiar with the program will take part in the discussion, with members of the Public Libraries Division as an audience of observers.

How Your Library Can Start Great Books Program

How does a library go about starting Great Books Discussion program? Mrs. W. S. Corbin, librarian of the Chickasha Public Library, tells below how one busy librarian got started.

The Chickasha Library
Great Books Groups

“For two or three years I had read occasionally here and there about something called the ‘Great Books Discussion Groups,’ and though I wanted to know more, like so many other, thought I was too busy to try to find out. Then in the spring of 1955 Mr. Orace Johnson of the Great Books Foundation came to the library.

“After listening to what he had to say, I read the literature he left, then set up some of the cards saying, ‘Join the Great Conversation Group Discussion of the Great Books.’

“During the summer as patrons came into the library I called their attention to the cards and showed those who appeared interested the literature about the Great Books Discussion Groups. As a result, one afternoon in August Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Macumber came into the library to talk about the possibility of organizing such a group to begin meeting in the fall. While they talked to many people, I talked to and called many more. Mr. Raymond Johnson was contacted and a date was set to meet with us in September.

“There was much concern as the date approached whether four or twenty-four would appear. When the night arrived we were gratified to have twelve present. The number grew to twenty-four at some of the meetings. Both Dr. H. H. Macumber and Mrs. J. P. Thiriot developed into excellent leaders and the group became acquainted and less restrained in their discussions. By the end of the first year approximately twelve definitely were ready to sign for the second year course.

“During the summer we tried to interest others and by September not only did the first year group progress to the second year, but a new group of sixteen members was formed.

“Since then there have been enough inquiries concerning the work to cause us to believe that a third group will be ready to organize in September 1958.”

What kind of people join Great Books groups? Mrs. Corbin says, “It might be of added interest to note that the following businesses and professions are represented in our two groups: Retired professor; Homemakers; Jeweler; Feed and seed dealer; Retired doctor; Doctors; Librarian; Airconditioning; Green-house owner; Teachers; Oil Lease broker; Clerk for oil company.

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First Two Multi-County Librarians Hired

Librarians for Oklahoma's first two multi-county libraries have been hired, marking further progress toward bringing library service to all Oklahomans. The shortage of trained librarians has been a major handicap to library extension agencies in implementing the Library Services Act. In some states, funds have gone unspent because the right person for a job could not be found.

Oklahomans will be delighted to welcome to their ranks the new librarian of the Osage-Pawnee Multi-County Library. She is Miss Martha Heller, formerly Bookmobile Librarian and Assistant Branch Librarian of the New York Public Library's Staten Island Branch.

Miss Heller is the subject of an article entitled "The Bookmobile Lady" which appears in the March, 1958, issue of Co-ed, published by Scholastic Magazines. It describes her as twenty-six years old, vivacious, blonde, and glamorous.

A native of New Hampshire, Miss Heller took a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and education from the University of Michigan in 1953, and completed her work for the Master in Library Science degree from Simmons College in 1956. At Simmons she held a fellowship and spent two years as a graduate assistant on the faculty.

While with the New York Public Library system, Miss Heller was in charge of all children's library service on the Staten Island Bookmobile, besides her other duties as Assistant Branch Librarian. She says (to quote Co-ed), "I get great satisfaction from the work. I know I'm giving something to children that they will have with them for the rest of their lives. An interest in good literature opens up whole new worlds of adventure and knowledge." And, "It's gratifying when you drive up to a stop . . . to see a long line of eager children waiting for you in rain, or snow and cold."

Miss Heller is interested in Oklahoma and the West and in the challenge of regional library work (she did a paper on "Regional Library Development" while at Simmons). She comes to us with enthusiasm to "arrive and meet you all and to start work" and Oklahoma librarians can assure her of their interest in her and the success of her work here. Plans
are for Miss Heller to arrive in April in time for the OLA annual meeting.

William H. "Bill" Lowry leaves his position as Processing Librarian for the Oklahoma City Libraries to assume the position of head librarian for the new Cleveland-Garvin, McClain Multi-County Library effective April 16. Lowry came to Oklahoma City Libraries in 1953 from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, where he was a cataloger. He leaves the Oklahoma City Libraries with the cordial good wishes of the staff and director. During his five years in Oklahoma City, Lowry helped reorganize the library’s procedures for cataloging and processing books and other library materials, and supervised personnel engaged in shelving, duplication of materials, preparation of exhibits and art work, and mending and book repair. He served as chairman of the Job Analysis Committee and organized the inventory of the collection which was completed after the move to the new library building. He is Business Manager of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Lowry, his wife, their twin sons six years old and daughter aged eight, will move to Norman where the headquarters of the library will be located. In discussing his new position, Lowry said, “This is the kind of job every librarian dreams of—to bring library service to areas that have none. It’s a real challenge.”

Oklahoma Trustees Attend Mid-Winter

Library trustees from three Oklahoma libraries attended the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, January 28-February 1. Mrs. Laurie Bowman, Seminole; Mrs. Walter L. Gray, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. D. C. Howard, Pawhuska, represented their libraries at meetings of the American Association of Library Trustees, a section of ALA.

Mrs. Gray and Esther M. Henke, Extension Librarian of the Oklahoma State Library, took part in the work of the committee planning a trustee workshop to be held at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco this coming July.

Mrs. Bowman is the Oklahoma State Membership Chairman for the AALT.

Tulsans Hear Report After Library Survey

Nearly six hundred interested Tulsans heard an advance report from a survey of Tulsa Public Library building problems at a Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon held March 13. In his preliminary report, Frederick Wezeman of the University of Minnesota made some definite recommendations about the controversial questions of building and sites for the central Tulsa library. He rejected the proposed remodeling of the old courthouse building on the basis that this would provide an uneconomical and inadequate central library, with only 50,000 square feet of floor space instead of the 125,000 square feet needed, expensive to maintain and supervise.

Mr. Wezeman stated, however, that the courthouse site was ideally located for a central building. He listed two other available sites in the downtown area meeting the criteria of heavy pedestrian traffic and location near transportation arteries. He threw out the proposal that the library be located in the Civic Center area, pointing out that while the library would be a fine thing for Civic Center, it would be disastrous for the library.

The luncheon, sponsored by Tulsa Friends of the Library, opened National Library Week celebrations in Tulsa. Lee Erhardt, State Chairman for National Library Week and a member of the Tulsa Public Library Board, presided.

Mr. Wezeman was hired to conduct the library survey after various groups in the city found themselves convinced of the need for an improved central library but unable to agree on questions of site and building. Size of the crowd, large in comparison to other forum luncheons, indicated lively citizen interest in finding the right solution to Tulsa’s library building problems. It is hoped that the survey will pave the way for prompt action and the inclusion of the library in a bond issue at an early date.

THE LIBRARIAN, 16mm black and white film produced by the Canadian Library Association as a recruiting aid has been added to the collection of the Oklahoma State Library and is available for loan to libraries over the state. Running time is 15 minutes.
The 1958 Midwinter meeting attracted more librarians than in several recent years. A total of 1,491 librarians registered to attend 267 scheduled meetings. Oklahoma was well represented by college, university, public, and school librarians.

Council Meetings
At the first meeting of Council, John Hall Jacobs, librarian of the New Orleans Public Library, and Roger H. McDonough, Director of the New Jersey State Library, were elected to the ALA Executive Board.

The Committee on Membership Participation in Midwinter Meetings made a preliminary report, and led the discussion on whether these meetings should be restricted to the business of the association, or enlarged to include program meetings. Final recommendations will be presented at the summer conference.

A preliminary report was also made by the Committee on Chapter Alternates, with a final report to be made at the next Midwinter meeting.

During the second Council meeting brief reports were made by the Committee on Council Deliberations, Committee on Organization, and the Committee on ALA Headquarters Location.

National Library Week
Progress of planning for the first National Library Week was outlined during the conference by John Robling, Director, and Virginia Matthews. Special mention was made of the large number of popular magazines which will feature articles on reading, books, and libraries this spring. Your attention is called to three pamphlets just published by ALA for use during the observance of this week, and later. All three present the present status, needs, and future plans of college, school, and public libraries. Flora B. Ludington, former ALA president, presents the college library point of view in Books and Libraries: Tools of the Academic World; Mary Virginia Gaver is responsible for Every Child Needs a School Library; and Fountains, Not Reservoirs: The Public Library, was authored by Arthur Parsons. (Available in quantity from ALA: 5 copies, $1.25, etc.)

Library Services Act
A resolution was adopted urging Congress to appropriate the full seven and one-half million dollars to support programs already under way with federal funds under the Library Services Act. A total of $1,000 was contributed by several library associations for the ALA Washington office. The Southwestern Library Association contributed $300 of this amount.

Of special interest is a statement adopted by Council calling for recognition and support of libraries, and their potential contribution to the needs of the country. The statement appears in full in the ALA Bulletin for March, 1958.

Committee To Make Library Study Named
Members of the Committee for the Library Interim Study, a subcommittee of the State Legislative Council's Committee on Education, have been appointed and are as follows: James A. Nevin, Okmulgee; Beanie F. Hill, Oklahoma; Basil R. Wilson, Mangum; Brice L. Frazier, Sulphur; H. A. Lance, "Alex; Jim Cook, Wilburton; Tom Traw, Arkoma.

Less than a year now remains before the beginning of the next legislative session in which to complete this study of Oklahoma libraries at all levels, which it is hoped will result in recommendations for desirable legislation in the 1959 session. The Committee will study the organizational structure of libraries, their operations and needed improvement, and methods of financing, with particular reference as to whether there is a need for state participation in such financing. The Oklahoma Library Association requested this interim study because of the alarming legal and financial barriers which discourage or prevent adequate library service in many parts of the state. The potential value of such a study in terms of library improvement cannot be over-estimated.

Frances Kennedy, OLA Legislative Committee chairman, suggests that OLA members who know the above legislators get in touch with them, urging that the study be begun promptly and offering any help OLA can give.
Teenagers Flock to OU Library Day

Five hundred and eighty-one teenage library helpers flocked to the O. U. campus for High School Library day, held Friday, March 21, during National Library Week under the auspices of the O. U. Library School. All are members of the Oklahoma Student Library Association.

Don Black, a senior from Lindsay High School and president of the group, presided at the annual business meeting and announced acceptance of the OSLA as a chapter of the National Association of Student Library Assistants. The Constitution presented for ratification by the delegates was accepted with only one dissenting vote.

A slate of two nominees for each office was presented, with a mail vote by the membership to follow. Nominees are:

President, Rayner Taylor, Edmond, and Sandra Gatlin, Capitol Hill HS, Oklahoma City.
Vice-President, Bonita Davis, Douglass HS, Oklahoma City, and Wesley Ritchie, Putnam City.
Secretary, Doris Watlington, Monroney Jr. HS, Midwest City, and Shirley Hutchinson, Ponca City.
Treasurer, Paula Myers, Shawnee, and Sue Oliphant, Seminole.
Parliamentarian, Janelle Campbell, Southeast HS, Oklahoma City, and Karen Van Hooser, McAlester.
Reporter, Nan Pruit, Chickasha, and Ronnie Jones, Lindsay.

Tours of the expanded O. U. Library opened the morning session. The 581 students also visited the bookmobile exhibited by the Oklahoma State Library Extension Division.

Dr. Glenn Couch, Dean of the University College, Dr. Arthur McNally, Director of the O. U. Libraries, and Mrs. Irma Tomberlin, Assistant Professor of Library Science, spoke at the morning session. Delegates then gathered in 12 group meetings to discuss library problems.

James Wallis, O. U. student entertainer and ventriloquist, was the featured performer at the luncheon, and rocked the audience with his impersonations of Elvis Presley and other notables. A stampede for his autograph followed the luncheon.

In response to requests for a “real, live author,” Miss Alice Marriott spoke at the afternoon session. She described the work of the writer, and the part librarians can play in bringing together the writer and his “ideal reader.”

Elizabeth Cooper, librarian of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, had arranged for the group to tour the naval facilities at Norman following the afternoon session. Navy buses met students at the entrance to the naval center and conducted tours were given through the Technical Library, the rating exhibits area, and the NATTC Library. Students saw not only library facilities, but the work of the various navy ratings, including electronics, missiles, aerial photography, weather forecasting, and jet aircraft maintenance and operation.

Three annual High School Library Days have now been held at O. U., with an increase in attendance each year. Faculty sponsors and librarians attending expressed pleasure and pride in the way the highschool students conducted their meetings and discussion groups and the poise and skill demonstrated by the nominees in their qualification speeches.

Law Librarians Will Meet in Washington

The 51st annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries has been scheduled for June 30—July 3, 1958, at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D. C., President Helen Hargrave, law librarian at the University of Texas, has announced.

Approximately 300 law librarians, publishers and lawbook sellers from several states, Hawaii, Canada and Great Britain are expected to attend.

Among the speakers will be Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, Charles S. Rhyne, President of the American Bar Association; and Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State.

Advance registration will start at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 29, and will be followed by a meeting of the AALL executive board. The opening luncheon on Monday will include a message from President Eisenhower.

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SIDNEY J. BRAGG, formerly librarian of the Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, has been appointed librarian of the Vanadium Corporation of America at Cambridge, Ohio.

T. GENE HODGES is now the head librarian for Central State College, Edmond. Hodges was formerly acquisitions librarian at the University of Oklahoma. A native of Clinton, he has a B.S. in business administration and a master's in library science from the University of Oklahoma. He also has the B.D. in theology from McCormick Seminary, Chicago.

MICHAEL PALIJ is now Foreign Languages Cataloger, Slavics, at the University of Oklahoma Libraries. He studied in Göttingen and at the University of Minnesota, and has the Master's degree in library science from the University of Denver. His recent library experience has been at the University of Denver library.

 VIRGINIA LaGRAVE, Librarian, Tinker Air Force Base Library, was recently appointed to the membership committee for the Armed Forces Section of the American Library Association.

THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA LIBRARIES, association of librarians in the area surrounding Oklahoma City, elected officers at its recent fall meeting. Virginia LaGrave was elected president, and Mary Jeanne Hansen of the Oklahoma City Libraries was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

TOM BAKER has joined the staff of the Oklahoma City Libraries. He has the M.S. in L.S. degree from O.U., and formerly worked as Catalog Librarian at the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Burbank. He is presently working in various departments of the Oklahoma City Libraries on a rotating basis preliminary to permanent assignment.

JIM BABCOCK, formerly activist at O.U. libraries, is now curator of the Burton History Collection at the Detroit Public Library, working with local history materials.

ELIZABETH A. WILLIS, formerly librarian at Bethany Peniel College, Bethany, is now married to Bailey M. Hall. They are living in Pasadena, California, where Elizabeth is librarian of Pasadena College and Mr. Hall is in the insurance business.

ELIZABETH SMITH is the new librarian at Bethany Nazarene College (formerly Bethany Peniel College). She was for six years cataloger at Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, and before that worked with children in the Warder Public Library in Springfield. She has the M.A. in L.S. degree from the University of Denver and a year's training in work with children at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. She has been active in the Ohio Library Association and as a member of the Ohio Valley Regional Catalogers and Classifiers Group.

MRS. ESTHER CIERZESZKO has been appointed bookmobile librarian for the Cleveland-Garvin-McClain Multi-County library. She is a graduate of the OU library school and the wife of Dr. Leon Ciereszko, professor of chemistry at OU.

OBU Library Receives $400 Grant From ACRL

The OBU library has received a grant of $400 from the Association of College and Research Libraries for the purpose of augmenting the physical science phase of the university's honors study program. Lee B. Spencer is librarian.

The award was made from funds provided by the United States Steel Foundation. Altogether, eighty-seven college libraries this year were awarded grants from funds administered by ACRL and contributed by the United States Steel Foundation, the New York Times, and the Remington Rand Division of Sperry-Rand.

This is the third year of the grants program conducted by ACRL, a division of the American Library Association, for college and university libraries. Grants to the association totalling more than $125,000 have been distributed in subgrants to approximately 300 libraries.
OU Library School Sets Summer Schedule

The University of Oklahoma School of Library Science has announced the following schedule for the 1958 summer term. Registration begins June 13; classes begin on June 17.

Courses Offered

Library Science 220 Lowry
Library Science in the Social Order Martz
Organization of Materials Kennedy
Library Science 222 Reference Materials Kennedy
Library Science 223 Book Selection and Acquisition Richards
Library Science 226 Directed Reading Richards
Library Science 301 Literature of the Sciences Richards
Library Science 302 Cataloging and Classification I Richards
Library Science 303 Books and Materials for Children Richards
Library Science 309 Books and Materials for Young People Richards
Library Science 314 Academic and Research Libraries Richards
Library Science 316 School Libraries Richards
Library Science 317 County and Regional Libraries Richards
Library Science 401 Elements of Research Anderson
Library Science 402 Directed Research Anderson
Library Science 499 Research for Master's Thesis Anderson

Faculty

Mrs. Evelyn J. Anderson is Elementary School Librarian at the University of Chicago. This is her second summer of teaching in the O. U. Library School. Mrs. Anderson has her Master's degree from the University of Chicago, and has served as Librarian of the Canal Zone Schools, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone.

Miss Frances Kennedy is the director of Oklahoma City University Library, and has also served as Reference Librarian of the Oklahoma City Libraries. She has her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois.

William H. Lowry is the librarian of the Cleveland-Garvin-McClain Multi-County Library, and has recently been Processing Librarian of the Oklahoma City Libraries. Mr. Lowry has the Master's degree in Library Science from Western Reserve University.

Mrs. Allie Beth Martin is the Head of the Children's and Extension Division of the Tulsa Public Library, and has also served as Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Library Commission. She has the Master's degree in Library Science from Columbia University.

Miss Ruby Martz is Assistant Professor of Library Science at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, and has also taught at the Illinois State Normal University, and in the summer at T.S.C.W. in Denton, Texas. She has the Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois.

Benjamin B. Richards is the director of the Knox College Library at Galesburg, Illinois, and has also served as Assistant Cataloger and Reference Librarian of the Iowa State Traveling Libraries at Des Moines. He has the Master of Arts degree from Claremont Graduate School in California, and has completed his course for his doctorate at the University of Chicago.
ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards

By mid-January, 123 titles had been submitted by 47 publishers for judging in the second ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards of the American Library Association. The awards total $15,000 to $5,000 to the winning author in each of three categories. All books must be published in the U.S.A. in 1957.

There were about 50 books each in the categories of contemporary problems and affairs, and history and biography; and the remainder in imaginative literature—which covers fiction, poetry and published drama.

Tabulation of the eligible books was made by Robert B. Downs, Director of the University of Illinois Library and Library School (Urbana, Ill.) who is chairman of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee which is administering the two-year awards program made possible by a grant from the Fund for the Republic.

A large number of suggestions for books to be considered by the judges are being sent to Downs by readers. Some of these were forwarded by libraries who sought the suggestions from their patrons. Downs said most of the suggestions concerned books which publishers have submitted.

The awards will be presented to the winners at the July 17 General Session of the American Library Association Annual Conference to be held in San Francisco, July 13 to 19. Publishers of winning books will receive citations.

The prominent judges who will select winners are:


2) History and biography (non-fiction): Merle Curti, historian, Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, University of Wisconsin, Pulitzer Prize winner in history; Quincy Howe, journalist, news analyst, American Broadcasting Company, author of “A World History of Our Own Times,” etc.; Louis B. Wright, historian and librarian, director, Folger Shakespeare Library, author of “The Cultural Life of the American Colonies,” etc.

3) Imaginative literature (fiction, poetry or published drama): Paul Green, playwright, Professor of Dramatic Art, University of North Carolina, Pulitzer Prize winner in drama; Archibald MacLeish, poet, Boylston Professor, Harvard University, Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry; Mark Van Doren, author, Professor of English, Columbia University, Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry.

Winners of the $5,000 prizes in the first ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards, presented last April, were: William H. Whyte, Jr., “The Organization Man” (Simon and Schuster); Alpheus Thomas Mason, “Harlan Fiske Stone: Pillar of the Law” (Viking Press); James Thurber, “Further Fables of Our Time” (Simon and Schuster).

Adult Books

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Durrell, Gerald M., My Family and Other Animals. Viking. The antics of an engaging English family are told by the youngest son who puts in a “plug” for his hobby of insect collecting.

Shute, Nevil, On the Beach. Morrow. As deadly radiation seeps into the Southern Hemisphere, an American submarine commander spells out his last days of life with friends in Australia.

Howarth, David Armine, The Sledge Patrol. Macmillan. A handful of courageous Danes outwit the Germans as the war reaches the icy wilderness of Greenland.

Burgess, Alan, The Small Woman. Dutton. The remarkable, true story of Gladys Aylward, the London parlormaid who served as missionary among the mountain people of northern China and did espionage work during the Japanese invasion.

Reynolds, Quentin James, They Fought for the Sky. Rinehart. An exciting chronicle of the gallant and heroic air aces of all nations who fought for the sky in World War I.

Caidin, Martin, Vanguard! Dutton. A readable account of rocket engineering from the beginnings to the construction of America’s much-publicized satellite.
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many areas. Electronic filters have been installed to remove the smoke.

The lighting by aluminum fixtures with fluorescent tubes provides 60 foot candles of illumination on the reading surface, and the ceiling of white acoustic material is suspended from the light fixtures.

Floors are of flecked brown asphalt tile, with the center aisles of black, brown and tan vinyl tile cut in diagonal patterns. Drinking fountains and wash room facilities are provided on each floor.

Two public elevators and one for library personnel will facilitate traffic in the new addition.

Donors of the Bass Business History and the De Golyer collections have provided special furnishings in their sections which will be carpeted and the walls are panelled in walnut. The furniture will be upholstered luxuriously in leather. The areas for the DeGolyer and Frank Phillips collections will have special ornamental fronts of iron and bronze, designed by Professor Joseph R. Taylor and James W. Henkle of the O. U. art faculty.

With the new arrangement, the first floor, or basement, will house the present lower division library. The second, or main floor, will include a general reading room, the card catalog, general bibliography and workrooms, offices, and a committee room.

The third floor will contain certain social sciences: education, psychology, sociology, social work, journalism, and library science. The fourth floor will be devoted to the humanities, English, modern languages, classics and philosophy, and to sciences.

The fifth floor will contain history, government, geography, the map collection, government documents and microfilm; and the sixth and next floor will house heating and air-conditioning facilities.

The Business Administration library will occupy the main reading room in the old building and part of the adjoining bookstacks in the new addition.

Librarians who will head each division are Miss Burnette Shanklin, lower division; Mrs. Christie B. Cathey, circulation department; Mrs. Vinita Davis, information desk; Mrs. Esther G. Witcher, social sciences; Arthur Long, humanities; Miss Opal Carr, history-government; and Mrs. Eardeen Rector, business.

Children’s Book Award
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Mowat, Farley. Lost in the Barrens. Little.

Niehuis, Charles C. Trapping the Silver Beaver. Dodd, Mead.

Osborne, Rutherford C. The First Lake Dwellers. Follett.

Phillips, Eula Mark. Churcho, the Boy With the Good Name. Wilcox and Follett.


Talmadge, Marian. Pony Express Boy. Dodd, Mead.


Wilson, Hazel. His Indian Brother. Abingdon.

Wirt, Mildred A. Dangerous Deadline. Dodd, Mead.

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person want to go into the library profession when he looks at the library in the town in which he lives, in many cases an old rundown, crowded, unattractive building with no prestige in the community? Nobody thinks a library is very important in lots of places... We have to improve the profession first...

Have you ever really thought what it will be like in this country when the population reaches that three hundred million which is forecast for the year two thousand? I mentioned this to one of your Oklahoma City bankers coming down on the plane the other day and he said, "What a parking problem!"... What will be the demands of such a population on the library? Indications are that they will be better educated. Forecasts indicate one hundred million college-educated persons by the year two thousand as compared with the five to seven and one-half million college-educated persons whom we have now. In the past, the more education a man had the more he read, and it is probably safe to assume that this will continue. There will also continue the individual's need for lifelong education if he is to be a competent, useful, cultured citizen in this world. It will take long range planning of vision and courage to make our libraries ready to meet the demands that will be made upon them in the next generation... .

Our libraries must put major stress on the life-long education of adults and not just cater to children and recreational reading. We have these golden opportunities balanced with responsibility. The fate of our western civilization will hang in the balance in the next 25 to 50 years. Aside from that traditional pair of death and taxes, there is probably nothing surer than the prospect of continual change in our society, swift changes, possibly violent changes, brought about by technological advances, by social and political pressures both from within and without our boundaries. As librarians, we have in our charge one of the important resources that can help people adjust to these changes. It is our responsibility to constantly re-evaluate the nature of these resources and their use... . There is hardly a community in the United States which has not drastically altered in the past 15 years, yet how many libraries are still jogging along buying the same kinds of books, offering the same services, confident that they know their communities because they have been there a long time and know everybody, everybody that counts, that is. The face of Oklahoma has changed radically in the last 15 years. Do you know it as well as you think you do? Some librarians who have taken a good hard look at their towns lately have found some startling surprises... . We could all look at our communities again with some profit. The Library-Community Project is developing some material that will help librarians take that long, hard look...

We have two responsibilities in this critical world situation which will probably endure through the lifetime of all of us present. One is to keep ourselves and the public institutions entrusted to our administration alert and pliable. We must, ourselves, be capable of mental adjustment and development as our institutions are changed to fit the changing times. When Ben Lacy talked about lifelong education, he meant us too, not just the people we are serving but us. If education is good for them, it is good for us. We need constant education, the broad, general kind that will help us keep our library collections what they should be, and we need professional development...

The second responsibility is to find ways to bring these institutions closer to the life of the people to whom they belong... . We must not only assemble the best collection of materials the library system can afford suited to the community which it serves, but we must also stimulate the use of that collection... . It is only by so doing that we make our libraries educational institutions and that is the only real justification for their existence.

I am going to close with a quotation from the foreword to Public Library Service by Gerald Johnson, that great believer in libraries, and as I always say when I am quoting from Public Library Service, this applies to all of us because only as all libraries advance will the individual library advance. Mr. Johnson says, "Within a shorter period than the one normal lifetime, the United States has come from the position of the seventh or eighth to that of the first great power and the leader of all the nations that cherish political freedom. For that reason, far more than its own destiny hangs upon its ability to act with wisdom and skill in its international relations. But it is a
democracy, which means that the final decision in matters of the greatest importance lies in the hands of the people; and the experience of the people of the United States has not prepared them for the position into which they have been thrust.....

"There is a most urgent need for our people to broaden their intellectual horizon with all possible speed, for the moment of crisis is already upon us. It is not enough to train the rising generation to meet their new responsibilities, for irreversible decisions must be made before they come to maturity. It is the quality of American men and women of voting age that will tell the tale.

"Obviously, the task will strain all the resources of mind and character that the nation can muster. The tension is greatest upon the agencies of information—the schools, the press, radio and television, the pulpit, the stage, the screen. But nowhere is the pressure greater than upon the public library, for it is at once the most easily available and the most independent of all these agencies. It is not, like the church, committed to a particular point of view. It is not, like the press and radio, primarily concerned with events of the moment, nor, like the stage and screen, hampered by the physical restrictions of its medium. Its influence is not, like that of the schools, largely confined to those who will be, but are not yet, wielders of power and who will probably come to positions of responsibility too late to affect the destinies of the world through the predictable future.....

"Our need is for a closer and keener perception of the nature and magnitude of the problems on which our men and women of voting age must pass judgment.....

"This implies the necessity of making access to the truth easy and rapid for anyone who seeks it. For the overwhelming majority, the quickest and easiest access to the world's best thought is through the public library. To maintain this source of information open to all and unpolluted by any self-seeking interest is the task important beyond all computation, not to ourselves alone but to the world."  

"Gerald W. Johnson, "The Role of the Public Library," in American Library Association, Public Library Service Division, Coordinating Committee on Revision of Public Library Standards, Public Library Service (Chicago, 1956), pp. 18-51.

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Write Now! Help Keep Full Funds

The American Library Association is appealing to all citizens to "rescue from disastrous curtailment" the nation's first federally-assisted public library expansion program "at the very time when America's basic educational needs are finally being recognized as vital to the national security."

The program, launched by Congress in 1955 with passage of the Library Services Act, assists states to provide library services for 27,000,000 Americans totally lacking them and to improve inadequate services for many other millions in rural areas. In the first year, library extension services under the Act were initiated in 45 states, Alaska, Guam and Hawaii.

While Congress authorized grants of $7,500,000 a year for five years to state library extension agencies, only $2,050,000 was appropriated for 1957, and $5,000,000 for 1958. This is cut to $3,000,000 in the President's budget request recently presented to Congress.

Arthur H. Parsons, Jr., Director of Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md., who is president of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, declared:

"Every citizen who perceives the important role the public library plays in American education, should write to his Senators and Representatives now and urge that the $7,500,000 which Congress authorized be appropriated to make possible effective continuation of the program in the coming fiscal year.

"If the state of the world makes it necessary for us to spend billions on missiles, it is even more necessary for us to spend a few millions to help give our people the means to evaluate properly the issues that make necessary the billions for missiles. The role of good public libraries in our democracy will always be vital; this is particularly evident at this time."

Parsons added: "Here is an excellent example of a federal-state partnership in an area of real need and present national concern. The President's budget request calls for $2,000,000 less than Congress voted for the current year. This means that state funds already promised or made available will have to be cut back with resulting discouragement to local efforts. Presumably the President's budget requests asked for a smaller sum than was granted last year because of national interest considerations

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Bookmobiles

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and girls of Cleveland, Garvin, and McClain Counties."

Representing the youth of Oklahoma and the Indian heritage, Lester Harragaar, three years old, dressed in full Kiowa costume, presented the keys of the bookmobiles to Mrs. Tomberlin. Accompanying him was his sister Dena, five, dressed in fringed and beaded buckskin.

Receiving the bookmobile keys for the Cleveland-Garvin-McClain Multi-County Library was Otto J. Resler of Purcell, chairman of the library board. Harvay Myers, bookmobile driver, received the keys to the Osage-Pawnee bookmobile. Bill Waller of Ralston, chairman of the Osage-Pawnee Multi-County Library Board, was unable to be present, because of weather conditions.

Esther Mae Henke, Extension Librarian, received the keys to the bookmobile which will be kept by the State Library Extension Division for exhibit purposes at group meetings throughout the state.

The Cry-Slurs, choral group from Northwest Classen High School, sang a number to open the program, directed by Frank Vitale. Troy L. McCoy, Music and Educational Director of the Agnes Avenue Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, delivered the invocation.

Dedication of the bookmobiles was scheduled to mark the opening of National Library Week in Oklahoma. Governor Gary issued official proclamations designating March 16-22 as Library Week in Oklahoma, and March 16 as Bookmobile Day.

The Osage-Pawnee bookmobile is already operating on a regular schedule in those counties, and the Cleveland-Garvin-McClain bookmobile should be in service early in April. The third bookmobile, to be used for exhibit purposes, visited the Johnston County Livestock Show at Tishomingo on March 3 and 4 and is now open for further engagements.
Here's The Score After LSA's First Full Year

What improvements in the Nation's library facilities have been made during the first year of operation under the Library Services Act? The Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education has released some statistics that show exciting changes have been accomplished with LSA funds.

As of February 1, 1958, approximately 90 bookmobiles and over 30 other vehicles had been purchased to bring books to rural residents.

Over $6,500,000 is being spent for books.

Over 300 rural counties with populations totalling more than 7,500,000 children and adults are receiving new or improved library services under the program.

Forty-one counties which had no public library services prior to the Act now have libraries.

Before the end of Fiscal Year 1958, over 123 regional library systems will have been established, involving cooperation between libraries and areas without libraries.

The States have increased appropriations of funds for the extension of public library service to rural areas by 38%.

All States and Territories but Delaware, Indiana, Wyoming, and Puerto Rico have submitted plans for participating in the Library Services Act program. Forty-five States and Territories are now administering approved plans.

By the end of the fiscal year, Oklahoma's score will be three new bookmobiles and two multi-county library systems organized, extending library services to 80,150 persons living in five counties.

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Medford Gets New Area

New library rooms are to be located in the Civic Center building now under construction in Medford. The library area will be approximately 58 feet long by 35 feet wide and will house the 10,000 volumes which the city and county now own. Service to children will be emphasized.
In This Issue . . .

After a year, Grace Stevenson's address "To Read a Book" delivered at last year's OLA meeting seems better than ever. Excerpts are printed herein. Her remarks on cooperation, the role of trustees, the new public library standards, recruiting, and lifelong education are especially pertinent today. Be sure to read this article if you missed last year's OLA conference. For those of you who were there, a review is well worth your while.

Mrs. Stevenson, as you know, is Associate Executive Director of ALA and Director of its Office of Adult Education. She is currently president of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A., the first time a librarian has held this position.

Three important booklists have just been released. You are familiar with the "Notable Books" list published annually by the Public Libraries Association (formerly the PLD) and the list of "Interesting Adult Books for Young People" issued by the Young Adult Services Division. For the first time, a selection of

"Notable Children's Books of 1957" has been made by the Children's Services Division of ALA.

Irma Tamberlin's final message as OLA president appears in this issue. Also herein are the names of the committee members who served so willingly and faithfully during 1957-58. With the July issue, your new president James E. Gourley and the other new officers will take over. The July issue will also contain an up-to-date directory of OLA members for 1958. Be sure to send your OLA dues in the amount of $2.00 to Mrs. Ida Self, Treasurer, Norman Jr. High School, without delay. Members not paid for 1958 will be dropped from the mailing list as of July and will not be included in the directory.

Write Now!

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thrust upon the country by Russia's Sputnik achievements. The cry is for improved educational facilities and programs. In no other educational area can so much be accomplished with so few dollars as in the field of public library service—an educational facility open to all, used by all, and needed by all, from childhood to old age.

"It is necessary for citizens everywhere to write to their Congressmen and rescue from disastrous curtailment this important program at the very time when America's basic educational needs are finally being recognized as vital to the national security."

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