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OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN
A Message from the O. L. A. President

Your elected officers for 1958-59 met at Oklahoma City University on April 26 with the Executive Board of 1957-58. After listening to such fine reports on work accomplished during the past year, it became more and more apparent to me that just as soon as these reports were over, we would "take office" and would have to do some "tall stepping" to merely keep up with the progress made during our Golden Anniversary.

After having had a month to think about some of our common problems, I am of the firm opinion that through such a wonderful spirit of cooperation that exists in our association we can move forward, perhaps not with great rapidity, but with concrete ideas that will go far in alleviating a situation of too few books for too few people in Oklahoma. Evidences that we are beginning to observe in Pawhuska and Norman indicate that much of our planning in the past has not been in vain. It is hoped that many more evidences of progress can soon be seen and felt over the State.

At the present writing your Planning and Policy Committee does not have any specific legislation to propose to the 1959 Legislature in the way of new laws or changes to existing ones. This does not mean, however, that we shall not have a Legislative Committee, nor would we not attempt legislation if the needs for such might be important enough.

There is great concern that the State Legislative Council has not apparently entered into a study of Oklahoma libraries, for it was through this state agency that many of us had great hopes of being able to see library problems more realistically. We had also hoped for constructive recommendations. Perhaps another request should be made for a Council study in 1959. Ideas, observations and serious thoughts on the matter will be most welcome.

The detailed plans of the Planning and Policy Committee were discussed most enthusiastically in May, and serious work done to get the Fourteen Districts of the State organized, so that each candidate for the next Legislature would be contacted either before the primary or definitely before the general election in November. We need to know what each candidate proposes to do about the request of the State Library for a total annual budget of $287,802, of which $140,000 is desperately needed by the Extension Division to carry on its fine service. You can also put in some good plugs for the entire work of the State Library. Every member of O.L.A. can be of valuable service by contacting the candidates in his area. An attractive folder, "Where Your Dollars Make Sense in Library Service," has been prepared by O.L.A. These folders can be obtained from Frances Kennedy at the O.C.U. Library.
Thurman White

Libraries, Learning and Leadership

(Address to the Oklahoma Library Association at the annual dinner meeting, April 11, 1958.)

It is quite common for the members of this Association to have someone come to their annual meeting and talk about libraries from the point of view of people not in library work. It is my purpose tonight to talk from the point of view of people who are engaged in adult education but who are associated with agencies other than libraries.

What I shall try to do is describe one outsider’s concept of the role of the librarian as a leader in adult education. The model which I set before you is subject to many revisions and, indeed, were I a librarian, I would doubtless be able to detect many aspects which I would want to change immediately. It is in the spirit of complete willingness for you to revise the model in any way which seems best to you that I offer it to you.

My model has four features. The first feature is really an assumption upon which all the other features depend. It is that adult education leaders are people-minded. This is not to say that librarians who are interested in adult education are no longer book-minded, because, indeed, without the materials there is no library. It is simply to say that librarians who are people-minded are the best source of adult education leaders. People-minded librarians tend to do some things which are not done by others who are primarily and exclusively materials-minded.

For one thing, librarians who are people-minded accent that part of their reports which have to do with use rather than with the number of their holdings. In the past few months, I have seen five evidences of people-minded librarians. One of the most striking has been the alacrity with which our State Library has responded to the extension of library services into rural areas. These shiny red bookmobiles hold within them the promise of great service and hence, are an accent on use rather than holdings.

My second illustration is one which most of us saw today in the library facilities on this campus. Everything has been done to make the user comfortable and the furnishings, including the provision of smoking any place in the building, are an open invitation to use.

My third illustration is from the town of Carnegie, where the General Federated Women’s Club undertook to establish a library for that community. It was my privilege to serve as one of the contest judges for the General Federation in this year’s Community Achievement Contest. One of the entries came from Carnegie. It described the establishment of the library there. The report dwelled at great length on the subject of who needed the library. It emphasized in forceful terms the notion that there were people who wanted, who needed, and who would use the materials if they were collected and space provided and a librarian employed. It was a ringing note of triumph that their report closed the record of the first two months’ use.

My fourth bit of evidence that there are people-minded librarians comes from Oklahoma City Community Workshop. Here, under the able guidance of Clarence Paine and direction of Walter Gray, there have been formed more than one hundred book-based discussion groups. More people are now participating in these than in any place of similar size in America. Indeed, there are only seven towns in America with more people participating in such groups.

My final illustration is from the Information Service in Panama. Recently, I was in the Canal Zone as a member of a Department of Defense mission. While there, I took it upon myself to visit Jerry James, an Oklahoman who is a career librarian in the U.S. Information Service. To give you some notion of the size of his operation, he has 12,000 volumes with 7,000 adults, 3,000 children, and 500 mail card holders. Last year he had 39,000 circulation and 80,000 visitors. This large number of visitors might lead one to wonder why he didn’t have more than 30,000 circulation. It is necessary, therefore, that I point out the very modern approach which the Information Service has in its library work.

Twice a month they move out all of their reading tables and put chairs in their places for an audience who will come to enjoy chamber music or some other type of American musical presentation. In addition, there is a small theater in which motion pictures are run for various Panamanian groups. This library also has a radio studio for the remote origin of the Voice of America and other overseas broadcasts. The high regard with which all of this activity is held can be illustrated by the story which Jerry told...
me of a recent contribution. One of the distinguished citizens in Panama called to ask Jerry if he would receive the bound volumes of Time magazine since its early days of publication. Jerry asked if it wouldn't be better to place them in the University. He said no, he wanted to put them where they would be used.

As I have recited these illustrations, I trust that many of the implications have not escaped you. As we consider the role of librarians as leaders in learning, it is difficult to over-emphasize the essential and paramount importance of being people-minded. The concern for people is basic to the successful operation of any educational program.

The second feature of my model is that librarians who are leaders in learning look upon their clients as learners. In most of my contacts with librarians, I have heard them refer to their clients as borrowers, or visitors, as patrons, as participants, but only rarely do I hear them refer to their clients as learners. Here again it seems essential that we think about the participant in a library-sponsored learning enterprise as a learner. One such notion is seen here on this chart. I present it to you not as gospel, but rather as an illustration of what I mean by the feature of looking at our clients as learners.

The chart comes from three rather basic notions. The first is that people will make some effort to learn if they are concerned about something. Sometimes we are told that our learning programs need to be based on interest and felt needs. Ever so many times it has been my observation, however, that people may be interested in something without being interested enough to do anything about it. Likewise, I have people say that they need to know something, but, obviously, they do not need to know it very badly because they will make no effort to find out about it. It is only when people are genuinely concerned with their ignorance in some area that they will proceed to make a learning effort. This chart illustrates the concerns of adults as the basic tie between learners and librarians.

The second basic notion expressed in the chart is that of a variety of concerns. If you can imagine all 100 of concerns of the individual, you can catalog them into a few major areas. This chart classifies the concerns into five major areas.

Third, the chart is based on the notion that people are concerned about things all of their life. Life is an endless procession of concerns. The chart illustrates the development of these concerns through adulthood.

The implications of the chart have probably occurred to you in greater profusion than they have to me. However, it does strike me that you might very well ask yourself about each person who comes through your library doors, "What is he concerned about?" If you can locate his concern, you may very well expect to check him a book which he can read and from which he can receive some help. Furthermore, you may expect him to respond favorably to an invitation to participate in a study group of a dozen or so people who have the same concern.

The third feature of my model is that librarians who lead in learning activities are community-minded. If we take the central distinguishing characteristic of community life, we may find (Continued on Page 73)
"New Orbits of Service for Oklahoma Libraries" was the theme of the 31st annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association. The meeting was held in Norman on the University of Oklahoma campus April 10-12, with headquarters in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. A meeting of the Executive Board was held at 5 p.m. on April 10, followed by a buffet dinner.

The general session officially opening the Oklahoma Library Association conference convened at 9:30 a.m. in Meacham Auditorium with President Irma Tomberlin presiding. The group was welcomed by Dr. Peter Kyle McCarter, Vice President of the University; and Mrs. June Benson, Mayor of Norman.

Mrs. Tomberlin presented a summary of the year's accomplishments and the theme of this year's conference. She then officially opened the annual business meeting. The membership approved dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting since they had been printed in the Oklahoma Librarian.

Children's Book Award Committee
Miss Frances DuVall, Chairman of the Children's Book Award Committee, reported that the following organizations are working with the Oklahoma Library Association in sponsoring the award: Oklahoma Education Association, Parent-Teacher Association, Council of Teachers of English, State Department of Education, Oklahoma State Library, and University of Oklahoma School of Library Science. Representatives of these organizations met to work out the details of the award, such as selecting the name, Sequoyah; partially designing the medal; working out the calendar for preparation of the book lists, distribution, and voting by school children. Miss DuVall announced that the master list will be ready by fall and Oklahoma's school children will have an opportunity to vote on Oklahoma's first book award next spring.

Treasurer's Report
Mrs. Ida Self, Treasurer, reported a balance of $1,096.66.

Nominations Committee Report
Miss Eugenia Maddox, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, thanked the members of her committee and the State Library for mailing the ballots and members of the Tulsa Public Library staff for help in counting the ballots. There were 315 ballots mailed and a 66% return, electing the following officers: William H. Lowry, First Vice-President and President-Elect; Edith Gorman, Second Vice-President; Virginia Collier, Secretary; and Alton P. Juhlin, Treasurer.

Recruiting Committee
Miss Mabel A. Murphy, Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, reported that this committee was primarily a corresponding committee. She emphasized the importance of personal recruiting, pointing out that each librarian should be a recruiting agent in the committee.

The business meeting was closed with the announcement that all new officers would be seated at the head table for Saturday's luncheon. Mrs. Tomberlin turned the meeting over to Mrs. Leta Dover, Chairman of the Planning and Policy Committee.

Mrs. Dover reported that the Planning and Policy Committee met in May to make a study of library problems in Oklahoma. Members of the Committee assumed the responsibility of taking the different types of libraries to study. The study is not completed but there will be information to give the Legislative Council when it begins the Interim Study. Mrs. Dover then introduced Esther Mae Henke, Extension Librarian, and Virginia Owens, Field Librarian, who gave a progress report on the activities of the two new multi-county libraries. Mrs. Dover read a report of the Legislative Committee sent in by Frances Kennedy, Chairman. In order to find out what OLA could do to keep the library program progressing, Robert Bailey, Representative from Cleveland County, was invited to participate in this part of the program. Mr. Bailey said that he was favorably impressed with what had been done with the small amount of money that was available for library development. He suggested that OLA members inform legislators about the program, acquaint people with the possibilities, talk to the candidates running for offices. He urged that this be done before the Legislature convenes. Mr. Bailey also suggested that there would be little help financially from cities in Oklahoma but there would be county funds available. After urging the group to talk to their legislators, candidates and others interested in library development, Mrs. Dover turned the meeting back to Mrs. Tomberlin.

National Library Week
Mrs. Tomberlin reported on the success of National Library Week in Oklahoma. She an-
ounced that a complete report will appear in
the July Oklahoma Librarian.

High School Library Day
Mrs. Tomberlin reported that six hundred
junior and senior high school students partici-
pated in the High School Library Day at the
University of Oklahoma.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. in
order that the group might visit the exhibits
before the luncheon.

Luncheon Meeting
Mrs. Maq Daugherty, President of the Okla-
ahoma Chapter of the Special Libraries Asso-
ciation, presided at the April 11 luncheon meeting,
held in the Union Ballroom. Miss Alberta Brown,
President of the Special Libraries Association,
spoke on the subject "Potentials of Library
Cooperation."

Library Dedication
As part of the Oklahoma Library Association
annual conference, the new addition to the Uni-
v ersity of Oklahoma Library was dedicated on
Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Many distinguished
people were on hand to assist in the dedication,
including the Honorable Raymond Gary, Gov-
ernor of Oklahoma, and George L. Cross, Presi-
dent of the University. Robert B. Downs, Direc-
tor, University of Illinois Library and Library
School, gave the dedication address, "The Fu-
ture of University Libraries." Everyone was in-
vited to tour the library and refreshments were
served in the First Floor Lounge by the Library
Staff Association.

Dinner
William H. Lowry presided at the dinner,
which was held Friday evening, April 1, in the
Union Ballroom. Mrs. Ida Self's student assis-
tants were responsible for the "bookmobiles in
orbit" and the other attractive space-age deco-
rations. Elizabeth Cooper presented OLA's Dis-
tinguished Service Award to Edmon Low, Lib-
brarian of the Oklahoma State University, for
his outstanding activities as a librarian in Okla-
ahoma. Thurman White, Dean of the Extension
Division, University of Oklahoma, was the guest
speaker. Dean White spoke to the group on the
subject of "Libraries, Learning and Leadership."
Following the dinner the President's Recep-
tion was held.

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DIVISION REPORTS

Cataloging Division

The Cataloging Division of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Third Floor Lounge of the Student Union Building of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, on April 11, 1958, at 1:30 p.m., with about fifty members of the Division and of the Association present. The meeting was called to order by Miss Jean Harrington, who was elected Secretary of the Division at the 1957 meeting, as Miss Ruth Cox, the Chairman, has left the state. Miss Clarice France was appointed to act as Secretary.

Mr. Charles Hill, chairman of the Nomination Committee, presented the following state officers for 1958-59: Chairman, Mrs. Alice Pattee, Oklahoma State University Library; Secretary, Miss Clarice France, Oklahoma City Libraries. They were elected by acclamation.

Following the business meeting, the program was presented on “Cooperative Cataloging in Missouri.” Papers by Mr. Willard Dennis and Miss Peggy McCully, of Southwest Missouri Library Services, Inc., were read by Miss McCully. The paper of Mr. Dennis was entitled, “We Get Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart.” Miss McCully’s paper was entitled, “Processing Procedures at the Southwest Missouri Library Service.” A question and answer period followed, which was very timely and stimulating, in view of Oklahoma’s present activities in organizing multicounty libraries.

Meeting adjourned.

Clarice France, Acting Secretary

Children’s and Young People’s Division

The Children’s and Young People’s Division of OLA met in room 265 of the Student Union Building on the campus of the University of Oklahoma April 11, 1958.

Miss Beth Welch, Chairman, opened the business meeting by passing out forms for each person to sign giving, name, position and library. Beth brought to the attention of the group the three new books for children written by Oklahomans, Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith, winner of the Newbery Award; Black Gold by Marguerite Henry; and The Black Stone Knife by Alice Marriott.

The nominating committee, consisting of Marilyn Curle, Chairman, and Mrs. Robert Horton, submitted the following names for the offices of chairman and secretary for the coming year: Chairman, Mrs. Rama Nolan of the Oklahoma City Library, and Secretary, Mrs. Robert S. Oliver of the Norman Public Library. These officers were duly elected by the membership.

The Chairman mentioned the meeting of the Sequoyah Book Award Committee and announced the list of books selected by the committee would be in the hands of librarians soon. The Committee was asked to write an article about the Sequoyah Book Award for the top of the News.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Marguerite Henry presented a very interesting and informative talk on the background of the research which she did for her book Black Gold.

Doris L. Park, Secretary

College and University Libraries Division

The College and University Libraries Division held its meeting at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 1958, in room 165 of the University of Oklahoma Student Union.

Miss Jeanne Aber, Librarian of the Northern Oklahoma Junior College, Tonkawa, presided. By vote of the members, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.

A report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following officers elected for the coming year: Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Gunning, Librarian at Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton; Secretary, Miss Eileen Austin, Oklahoma State University Library.

At the close of the business session, Mr. Robert Downs, Librarian, University of Illinois, addressed the division on “The Art of Supervision.”

Frances Kennedy, Acting Secretary

Public Libraries Division

The Public Libraries Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 1958, in the Blue Room of the Student Union Building, Norman. Mrs. W. S. Corbin, Chairman, presided.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved.

The following officers for the year 1958-59 were elected: Chairman, William Morse, Secretary, Carni Harrald.

The Chairman introduced the following, who served on a panel in a demonstration Great Books discussion: Raymond Johnson, Great Books Foundation, Co-leader; Dr. H. H. Ma-
Above are new OLA Division Chairmen: (left to right, top row) Barbara Bailey, School Libraries; Roma Nolan, Children’s and Young People’s Services; Alice Pattee, Cataloging; Mrs. Donald Menzie, Trustees; William Morse, Public Libraries; Thelma Gunning, College and University Libraries.

cumber, Co-leader; Edwin Humphrey, Chickasha; William Magid, Chickasha; Mabel Harson, Oklahoma City; Peggy Loeffer, Oklahoma City; Goldie Barnett, Norman; Oscar Anderson, Cushing; W. L. Steiner, Cyril; Mrs. W. L. Steiner, Cyril.

Great interest was shown in this very interesting and informative discussion.

Raymond Johnson, Great Books Foundation representative, offered his assistance to any librarians who may be interested in starting a Great Books program in their libraries.

The meeting adjourned.

Etel Smyth, Secretary

School Libraries Division

The school Libraries Division of the OLA was held in Meacham Auditorium, Saturday, April 12, 1958, at Norman, Oklahoma. Mrs. Wanda McCallum presiding.

A film on library quarters and organization was shown.

Harold Keith, winner of the Newbery Award for his book Rifles for Watie, was introduced. Marguerite Henry, author of Black Gold and other children’s books, gave a very interesting talk on her book characters.

Officers for 1958-59:
Chairman, Miss Barbara Bailey, Elementary

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(Following is Miss Cooper’s report as Chairman of the OLA Awards Committee, delivered during the OLA annual dinner meeting April 11. A biographical sketch of Mr. Law will appear in a later issue.)

Service on any committee in OLA carries along with the duty, a certain glow: a warmth generated by the cooperation and companionship of those with whom you work. Service on the Awards Committee carried a rather special feeling, maybe because of the special ingredient of reflected glory or the special amount of brain work that went with it.

Certainly this award is a special thing. It is not lightly given nor carelessly bestowed.

As you know, by the OLA Constitution, a Distinguished Service Award may be given to “...the individual professional librarian who has effectively demonstrated, for a period of 10 years — or more — a valid, thorough and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service and has expressed that concept in actual practice.”

Only one award may be given each year.

Not every year is an award presented. This year’s will be the first in four years. And this year several names were suggested; from these one came up for the unanimous approval of the Committee and the Executive Board.

The Committee, consisting of Marian Craddock, Marian Dierdorff, and Elizabeth Cooper, with the endorsement of the Board, decided to dispense for this presentation with biographical data and details of accomplishment or anything that would give away our secret.

Our subject was born (we can admit that fact), grew (as children do) and was educated

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S.E. OKLAHOMA LIBRARY SECTION

Members of the Southeastern Oklahoma Education Association organized a Library Section in a meeting held at Durant last March. Officers elected by the group are: Chairman, Mrs. Margie Belle Bramlett, Poteau High School; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. H. J. Harris, Assistant Librarian, Southeastern State College, Durant; Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Pass, Wilson High School; Program Chairman, Mrs. Bernice Addy, McAlester High School.
Notes From Executive Board Minutes

February 15, 1958

The OLA Executive Board met February 15, 156, at 10:30 a.m. in the O.C.U. Library. Members present were: Irma Tomberlin, James Gourley, John Stratton, Ida Self, and Esther Mae Henke. Guests were: Virginia Owens, Leta Dover, and Frances Kennedy.

Tentative program for the OLA annual meeting was outlined, and the president asked for suggestions for a conference theme. It is anticipated that expenses of the meeting will not be too great, as most of the speakers are coming at no expense to the association and the Student Union does not ask for a percentage of the Exhibitor's fees. The O. U. Extension Division will handle mailing, registration, printing, and sale of tickets.

Frances Kennedy, ALA Councilor, reported that the Council considered limiting the membership attendance at Mid-Winter but no decision was made. It was recommended that each ALA chapter have an Alternate Council or, who should be the Association President.

As Legislative Committee Chairman, Miss Kennedy reported that the Legislative Council subcommittee for the library interim study had not been appointed and there is little which can be done at this time.

Mr. Lowry presented a report concerning request of the Transcript Company of Norman for a rate increase in publishing the Oklahoma Librarian. Mr. Lowry recommended a corresponding increase in advertising rates. Esther Mae Henke moved that the increased charges proposed by the Transcript Company be accepted and that the advertising rates be increased in accordance with the scale suggested by Mr. Lowry, and the committee so voted. Mr. Lowry and Miss Owens were instructed to investigate ways of reducing publication costs, and were given an expression of thanks for their work.

Esther Mae Henke reported on the program and progress of the two new multi-county library systems.

A report of National Library Week activities was made. Mr. Lee Erhard, State Chairman, is preparing an editorial to be sent to the Oklahoma Press Association for distribution with the Governor's Proclamation to all newspapers in Oklahoma. The OEA High School Library Section is mailing material to all elementary school principals and to high school libraries.

Mrs. Tomberlin reported that High School Library Day would be observed by O. U. on March 21. The program planned by this enthusiastic group includes Alice Marriott, Oklahoma author, as the main speaker. The group has been invited to visit the Naval Air Technical Training Center Base Library.

A progress report was presented about the Children's Book Award. The organization of the committee has been completed and letters sent to all participants. OLA has been asked to suggest names for the award. The committee was commended for its good job.

The meeting adjourned.

April 10, 1958

The OLA Executive Board met April 10, 1958. Members present were: Irma Tomberlin, James Gourley, John Stratton, Ida Self, and Esther Mae Henke. Guests were: Virginia Owens and Bill Lowry.

The treasurer reported a balance of $1,196.66 on hand.

Report of the Legislative Committee was read. The Chairman announced that the subcommittee of the Legislative Council for the interim study on libraries had been appointed.

William Lowry, Exhibits Chairman and Business Manager for the Oklahoma Librarian, requested that an Assistant Business Manager be appointed. Mr. Gourley moved that Tom Baker be appointed as Assistant Business Manager and that Mr. Lowry be commended for the excellent work he has done during his three years of service as OLA Exhibits Chairman and Business Manager.

Because the meeting of the Texas Library Association is scheduled for the same dates as OLA next year, the Board agreed that the OLA meeting dates should be changed to a week earlier if the Western Hills Lodge can accommodate OLA at that time.

Letter from Marvin Miller was read asking that $500 be raised to send prospective library school students to the SWLA meeting at Galveston, cost to be divided among the states on the basis of distance to Galveston. Mrs. Tomberlin referred the matter to the incoming president.

The meeting adjourned.
Trustees Rate Libraries at Norman Institute

Forty-five librarians and trustees from all parts of Oklahoma evaluated their libraries in relation to the new ALA standards for public library service in an all-day institute held Thursday, April 10, preceding the OLA conference. After noting the strengths and weaknesses of their own libraries, trustees tallied the results to get a picture of the library situation in the state as a whole.

Three areas were assigned top priority by the group as needing attention to bring Oklahoma's libraries up to standards. These were: Developing a stronger state library agency; improving the quality of personnel and personnel practices in Oklahoma libraries; and improving the quality and variety of services given by the libraries in Oklahoma.

Trustees called for more help from the Library Extension Division of the Oklahoma State Library through workshops, regional and state meetings, and field trips. Trustees suggested that Friends of the Library and other interested persons might be invited to attend future trustee institutes. Further, they wanted workshops for their librarians too, where help might be obtained in all phases of library operation.

Only 7 persons at the workshop felt that their libraries had achieved desirable standards for personnel. Libraries were rated low on number and qualifications of staff and on adequate provisions for vacations, sick leave, and other features of a good personnel policy. Recruitment of qualified persons for library work was mentioned as an outstanding problem.

An area needing concentrated effort was the services given by the library. Some trustees felt that here the underlying problem was adequate financing for libraries. Only 5 libraries represented at the workshop were cooperating with other libraries to serve their patrons by such means as reciprocal borrower's privileges, exchange of materials, interlibrary loans, or cooperative materials selection. Only two libraries represented did not give some of the services considered essential to a good library, but 17 said that they provided only part of these services.

Other areas where Oklahoma libraries fell short were selection of materials and library housing, according to the trustees.

Libraries represented at the workshop were: Carnegie, Clinton, Cleveland-Garvin-McClain, Cushing, Duncan, El Reno, Hennessey, Henryetta, Lindsay, McAlester, Moore, Muskogee, Norman, Okemah, Oklahoma State Library, Osage-Pawnee, Pawhuska, Pawnee, Purcell, Waynoka, and Wilson.

The institute was sponsored by the Oklahoma State Library, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Library Association, the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science, and the O. U. Extension Division.

Oklahoma State University will hold the third annual Adult Education Workshop in the air-conditioned Student Union July 14 through 18. Participants may enroll without credit or for one hour of credit. Those registering for credit will be required to attend all five days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration with credit is $7 and should be made in advance to Dr. J. C. Fitzgerald, Division of Continuing Education, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.
ourselves thinking about dependability. There are some who phrase it in terms of inter-dependent relationships, but dependency is meaningless without the further concept of dependability. You must be able to depend upon people and they in turn must be able to depend upon you. This is in essence the concept of community service. There are ever so many groups in your community which are service motivated. You belong to some of them. These groups think of themselves as at least in part educational. They pride themselves upon their educational programs, their educational activities. How can you help them? One way is by example.

At times you may have to be an innovator. I am told that when a new drug comes onto the market, physicians will begin its use in about the following order: First, there will be a few daring, courageous doctors who will begin the use. These are the innovators. Then, the leaders will begin the use. These are usually officers in the county medical society or are otherwise active in various professional organizations.

If you ask them why they aren't first to use the drugs, they will sometimes very candidly tell you that they cannot afford to. Their reputation would be ruined if the new drugs didn't work out. They watch the innovators and if the new drugs do work, then they begin to use them quite extensively. The rest of the physicians then follow their leadership. Of course, there will always be some who will resist the use of new drugs and never get around to them in their practice, but they are the exceptions.

In a similar fashion, I would imagine that community groups who pretend to be educational in nature will accept better educational approaches after their value has been demonstrated. In this case, I see the library in its relationship with other agencies as that of the innovator—the pace setter—the teacher by example. And this, I think, is happening with regard to book-based discussion groups in Oklahoma. The rest of us are learning a lot from you in the area of informal discussion groups.

There is another and quite different function of the librarian in the community setting. I refer to his role in leadership development. Modern sociology is teaching us that the local community is the basic social unit. The county, state, national, and international communities are really networks of local communities. The excellence of our relations in the large global community is directly traceable to the excellence of our relations in local communities. In a very real sense, civilization derives its power to survive and flourish from the strength of local communities.

It is in local communities that we produce, distribute and consume. It is in local communities that we organize police and fire protection, water and sewage departments, gas and electric companies. It is in local communities that we build, support, and operate schools, hospitals, churches, recreational facilities, libraries, and museums. It is in a community setting that we establish our homes and rear our children. Local communities are the carriers of civilization. Destroy these communities and democracy disappears just as completely as if enemy bombs had obliterated us.

Deal with the social forces which tend to upset our community applecarts and we nourish man's best hope for happiness. All of us are familiar with the pains of industrialization and urbanization. All of us are painfully aware of the fresh ignorance felt daily because of incredibly swift developments in science and technology. All of us are keenly aware of boredom born of nothing to do in a leisure-marked economy. All of us are increasingly knowledgeable about the distressing and tragic dislocation of a rising population of old folks.

All of these community stresses we know and worry about. I mention them here in order to highlight your place in them. Perhaps the best way for me to put it is that today the good life depends on good social relations. Good social relations in turn depend on good leadership. Good leadership in turn depends on excellence of learning and the excellence of learning depends on the excellence of libraries. Through excellent libraries, manned by community-minded librarians, our civilization has an unprecedented dynamic for leadership development.

Now, finally, I want to talk about the feature of method. My model librarian is not only learning-minded and community-minded, he is also method-minded. Very quickly, the method I refer to is conversation. Samuel Johnson once wrote:

A ready man is made by conversation. He that buries himself among his manuscripts, and wears out his days and nights in perpetual research and solitary meditation, is too apt to lose in his elevation what he adds to his wisdom, and when he comes into the world, to appear over-loaded.
with his own notions, like a man armed with weapons which he cannot wield. He has no faculty of inculcating his speculations, of adapting himself to the various degrees of intellect which the accidents of conversation will present; but will talk to most unintelligibly, and to all unpleasantly.

It seems to me that excellent libraries will encourage conversation as a powerful means of developing excellent leadership. While it is true that a great deal of conversation is held over the coffee cups, there may be some validity in the notion that a great deal of it is aimless, senseless prattle.

This is no reflection on coffee as a boon to conversation. As a matter of fact, coffee has historically been associated with conversation. In 1652 a merchant by the name of Edwards introduced coffee to London and his friends so enjoyed it that soon he had to sit upon the idea of opening a separate house where the coffee lovers could gather freely and leave him to some privacy in his own home.

The first coffee house of London was opened in St. Michael's Alley. And soon the number multiplied and they were so congenial to the English character that they quickly made a place for themselves. The views advanced at the coffee houses turned out to be a political and moral force to be reckoned with. In 25 years, Charles II issued proclamation for the suppression of coffee houses, but within eleven days the fury of the populace forced him to countermand his order.

The coffee house was the place from which the new science emerged. It produced the first prose literature and was the birthplace of modern newspapers. Because of the intellectual forces that gathered in them, the coffee houses were nicknamed "penny universities." By 1698 there were over 2,000 coffee houses in London. But then they declined. What happened? We are told in the Spring and Summer issue of Autonomous Groups that there are several reasons:

One of these was a certain deterioration of the democratic character of the coffee house. An increasing tendency toward exclusiveness upset the informal pattern. First the admission fee of the customary penny was raised to bar entry of the undesirable. When this did not prove sufficient, subscriptions were introduced. Selected groups tried to keep their coffee houses to themselves. Eventually, some coffee houses took on the character of exclusive clubs. Politics entered the coffee house scene and the tables became more and more a forum for Whig or Tory partisanship. Heavy gambling and drinking, often leading to quarrels, frequently resulted in duels according to the code of the higher class. Commercialism invaded the coffee house. Newsletter and advertisement spoiled their purely intellectual character. The lure of English beef-steak converted some of the coffee houses into restaurants and caused the habits of others to move into steakhouses and taverns where conversation continued in a more exclusive setting.

Finally these taverns developed into a new institution: the English Club. Ayton Ellis in The Penny Universities names Dr. Johnson as the first 'clubbable' man, who erected in King's Head Beefsteak House the first club. Soon clubs such as the Turk's Head, Saturday Club and Brothers Club replaced the coffee houses as the recognized literary centers of England. Although the clubs made certain contributions to intellectual conversation, they did not match the creative importance of the salon and the coffee houses until the time of Thackeray, Dickens, and Trollope, all members of the Garrick Club. While I am inclined to agree with all of the excellent reasons advanced by the writer in Autonomous Groups, it seems to me that he may overlooked a very major consideration, namely, that coffee, though a boon to conversation, is not a sufficient basis. It takes some great ideas. Books are a ready source of ideas. People can talk about what they read. It is with this thought I commend to you the notion that libraries can become successful centers of conversations where the coffee houses could not be. You have books and you can have coffee.

Libraries can be instrumental in the development of all sorts of informal discussion groups. It is not necessarily true that libraries should be the only sponsoring agencies, but it is true that libraries everywhere can be responsible agents in starting conversation groups, either by doing it themselves or by getting someone else to do it. In addition to the Great Books and World Politics programs, there are other somewhat less known but quite excellent discussion programs. Most of them have been developed by grants from The Fund for Adult Education. They include such discussion topics as the following:

- Aging in the Modern World
- Discovering Modern Poetry
- Economic Reasoning
- Great Issues in American Politics
- Introduction to the Humanities

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Transition and Tension in Southeast Asia
Ways of Mankind
Ways of Justice
World Affairs Are Your Affairs
You and the Mass Media
You and Your Community

I close this section on method with a remark made some years ago by Dr. Griswold of Yale:

Conversation in this country has fallen upon evil days—it is drowned out in singing commercials by the world’s most productive economy that has so little to say for itself it has to hum it. It is hurried and hurried in dimly lighted parlors by television audiences who used to read, argue, and even play bridge, an old fashioned card game requiring speech. It is shouted down by devil’s advocates, thrown into disorder by points of order and subdued by soft-voiced censors. After warning that this may lead to ugly consequences, he concluded with this reminder:

Conversation . . . laid the foundation of the civilization we are dedicated to defend. It was a conversation of which the New Testament, the greatest teaching ever recorded, was composed . . . Great books, scientific discoveries, works of art, great perceptions of truth and beauty in any form, all require great conversation to complete their meaning; without it they are abracadabra, color to the blind or music to the deaf. Conversation is the handmaid of learning, true religion and free government.

In conclusion, as I reflect on what I have said, it occurs to me that the feature of my model librarian might very well be the feature for a model adult educator. Perhaps those of us outside the library field would be ever so much more useful if we were also inclined to be people-minded, learning-minded, community-minded, and method-minded. These characteristics are not uniquely yours. What is uniquely yours is the opportunity to develop them from the strategic position of libraries.


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Hazel Fleming, Secretary

Trustees Division

The Trustees Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met on Thursday, April 10, 1953, at Norman in the O. U. Student Union Building following the second Library Trustees Institute. Violet Willis, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
The following officers and delegates were elected by acclamation: Chairman, Mrs. Donald Menzie, Norman; Secretary, D. Joe Ferguson, Pawnee; Delegate, O. J. Resler, Purcell; Alternate, Mrs. Walter L. Gray, Oklahoma City.
The Chairman announced that the American Assembly of Library Trustees will meet in San Francisco on July 14, 1953. A preconference workshop for library trustees will be held on Sunday, July 13.

Trustees present were urged to join OLA.
The meeting adjourned.

Fredda Gilliam, Acting Secretary

Special Libraries Association
Oklahoma Chapter

A joint meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Special Libraries Association and the Special Library Division of Oklahoma Library Association was held Friday, April 11, 1953 in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building, Norman Oklahoma. Members and guests enjoyed two talks by Miss Alberta Brown, President of the Special Libraries Association and Head Librarian of the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

At the O.L.A. noon luncheon Mrs. Mae Daughtry, President of the Oklahoma Chapter S.L.A., introduced Miss Brown. She spoke on "Potentials of Library Cooperation."

After the luncheon the joint meeting was presided over by Mrs. Daughtry. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter S.L.A. were read by the Secretary and approved as read.
The Treasurer, Mrs. Fowler Martin, reported that after paying expenses there was a balance of $105.87 as of April 1, 1953.

Mrs. Eardean Rector, Membership Chairman, reported 24 active members; there being 3 new members and 3 discontinued. She also announced Participating Membership in the Chapter was available for $2.00.
The Chairman for consultation service, Mrs. Carrie Eagon, reported she assisted the National Tank Co., which desired to set up a library in the Patent Section.

President Daugherty appointed a nominating committee to report at the next meeting: Mr. Smoot, Chairman, assisted by Mr. Dickey and Mrs. Eagon.

Mrs. Daugherty next introduced Miss Alberta Brown for her second talk. Miss Brown prefaced her topic, "Heritage and Professional Future of Special Libraries Association," by calling attention to the emphasis the Association is placing on professional standards. She said the members would be voting by mail ballot this year on whether or not to accept the standards of qualifications for membership which are based on the individual's education and experience. There will be eight classes of membership: Active, Associate, Affiliate, Student, Sustaining, Honorary, Life and Retired. The present Active members will remain active, but new members if not qualified to Active membership will have opportunity to advance to the Active status as their education and experience increases. At the conclusion of her talk Miss Brown invited questions. Following this, Mrs. Daugherty expressed the Chapter's thanks to her and also to the Oklahoma Library Association on the success of the first joint meeting. The session then adjourned.

Virginia Weaver, Secretary

NEWBERY - CALDECOTT A W A R D S BANQUET

The 1958 Newbery-Caldecott Awards Banquet will be held during the ALA Conference at San Francisco, California, on Tuesday, July 15, in the Garden Court and Rose Room of the Sheraton Palace Hotel. The banquet ticket is $8.00 including tax and gratuity. Send check or money order to Mrs. Jean C. Bishop, Richmond Public Library, Civic Center, Richmond, California.

Oklahoma's Harold Keith is the Newbery Award winner, with his Rifles for Walie, published by Thomas Y. Crowell; Robert McCloskey, the only artist to win the Caldecott Medal twice, received it this year for Time of Wonder, published by Viking Press.
San Francisco Hosts
77th ALA Conference

The 77th Annual Conference of the American Library Association will be held in San Francisco July 13 to 19 with more than 3,500 librarians and library trustees participating. The conference theme is "International Responsibilities of the ALA."

Luther Evans, Director General of UNESCO, will address the First General Session on Monday evening July 14; Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, President, University of Oregon, will discuss "Libraries in Education" at the Second General Session, Wednesday evening July 16; and Quincy Howe, news analyst and historian, will be the speaker at the Third General Session on Thursday evening July 17 when the $15,000 ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards will be announced and presented.

ALA President Lucile M. Morsch, Deputy Chief Assistant Librarian, Library of Congress, will preside at the First General Session and at the Fourth General Session on Friday evening July 18 when new officers will be introduced and President-Elect Emerson Greenway, Director, Free Library, Philadelphia, will make his inaugural address. Second Vice-President Margaret I. Rutsvoold, Director, Library Science Division, Indiana University, will preside at the Second General Session.

General Sessions, Council Meetings and many other gatherings will be held in the San Francisco Auditorium where the ALA offices and the Conference Contact Placement Clearing House will also be located. More than 200 exhibits of publishers and suppliers of services and equipment will fill the Plaza Exhibit Hall of the Auditorium.

Among the preconference meetings will be an Institute on "Using TV in Library Adult Education," July 12 and 13. A Trustees Workshop with the theme "U.S. Focus on Education—a Challenge to Libraries" will be held on Sunday, July 13.

An Institute on Catalog Code Revision will be held July 9-12 at Stanford University, and a Poetry Festival July 10-12 at San Mateo. A Junior College and Small College Library Buildings Institute will take place July 11-12 at the University of San Francisco.

Conference reservations should be made by addressing the ALA Housing Bureau, Room 300, 61 Grove Street, San Francisco 2, Calif.
Children's Division Plans Workshop

An all-day workshop on selection of children's books will be held August 22, Friday, in the Oklahoma City Main Library, Rama Nolan, Chairman of OLA's Children's and Young People's Division, has announced.

The workshop, a project of the Children's and Young People's Division, will be co-sponsored by the O. U. Library School, the Oklahoma State Library Extension Division, and the Oklahoma Library Association. A planning committee met in the Capitol Hill Branch Library, Oklahoma City, on May 28 to discuss details. Those present were Mrs. Irma Tomberlin, O. U. Library School; Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Tulsa Public Library; Mary Ann Wentworth, Oklahoma City Libraries; Esther Mae Henke and Virginia Owens, Oklahoma State Library Extension Division, Mrs. Beth Oliver, Norman Public Library, Secretary of the division; and Mrs. Nolan.

"This is an opportunity for librarians interested in children's reading to get together in an informal setting and get better acquainted, while at the same time they pool their knowledge of children and children's books and discuss their common problems," said Mrs. Nolan.

The meeting will be geared to be helpful to the librarians in the smaller libraries, who wish to purchase the best books possible with their limited funds.

The morning session will feature a discussion of the basic principles of book selection, and a thorough review of the chief printed aids in the selection of children's books. In the afternoon, principles discussed at the morning session will be illustrated by actual reviews of a number of books by members of the Children's and Young People's Division.

An ample lunch period will be allowed to permit the group to lunch together at the Red Bud, one of the city's finest restaurants.

Mrs. Nolan urged that librarians mark their calendars now and plan to be at the Workshop. There will be something for everyone in the state who is responsible for selecting books for children, she said.

Tentative plans are for the meeting to open at 9:30 and close at 4 p.m., with a registration fee of $2.00 to cover all costs, including the luncheon. Pre-registration is desirable, and should be made to Mrs. Rama Nolan, Capitol Hill Branch Library, S. W. 26 and Hudson, Oklahoma City. As a further inducement, Mrs. Nolan pointed out that the workshop will be held in airconditioned meeting rooms in the Oklahoma City main library at N. W. Third and Robinson.

The Hospital Book Guide, published monthly by the Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, is an annotated list which makes specific recommendations concerning use of books in hospital libraries.

The Bookmark, monthly publication of the New York State Library, regularly includes a section called "Recent Books: A Selection." This annotated list designates books recommended as of first interest for young people, for prisons, for reformatories, and for mental hospitals.

Library Notes for November, 1957, published by the Alabama Public Library Service Division, quotes librarian John Settlemeyer as saying "popular fiction jacketed with mylar plastic jackets last at least four times as long as the regular publisher's binding."

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the feeling that they had solved their own prob-
lems. Work in the community brought different
responsibilities and added to the wealth of un-
derstanding, perception and interest that was
developing.
To those of us who have had the privilege of
knowing and working with this person (and there
are few here who have not), there has been
revealed a character of solid integrity, sound
judgment and complete dependability, a per-
sonality of amazing modesty, elfish wit and
singular diplomacy. Jobs of work are taken
without question, assignments of glory are care-
fully channeled toward others—and with no
apparent manipulation. Reports of accomplish-
ments, even those concerning the fulfillment of
dreams of long standing, are written without
the pronoun “I” once appearing. Influence car-
ries through the field of library service in the
U.S. and the awardee is as much loved abroad
as at home—as much sought after—as eagerly
followed.
Through friendly conversation, a masterly
handling of human relations and complexities,
and by helping people work together, this li-
brarian has raised the spirit of the people of
Oklahoma high, added zest to arduous and some-
times discouraging work, instilled and fostered
in others the very concepts and ideals that are
the basis of this award.
With cheerful good humor, a ready hand, and
consistent good sense, he has moved among us
and our work has become happier, our associ-
ation with one another warmer, our aims higher
and ideals brighter, and yet our feet have stayed
solidly on the earth.
If this were all, and it is far from it, it would
still be sufficient reason for presenting this OLA
Distinguished Service Award to EDMON LOW.
In This Issue . . .

Are you people-minded, learning-minded, method-minded, and community-minded? If so, you qualify for Thurman White's model of the librarian as a leader in adult education. In "Libraries, Learning, and Leadership," Mr. White, who is Dean of the O. U. Extension Division, points out the strategic position from which libraries operate in the field of adult education. There has seldom been a better statement of the unique opportunities for librarians to influence adult learning and assume community leadership. For many of us, this article may prove to be a much-needed mind-stretcher.

The Children's Division is busy with plans for a book selection workshop, to be held in August in air-conditioned quarters. There are rumors also of an all-day story telling institute to be sponsored by the same division and to be held the day preceding the annual conference next year, bringing in some big-name storytellers. What plans or projects are other divisions hatching?

The OLA membership directory herein lists 275 individual and 20 institutional members as of June 6, as compared with 242 individual and 9 institutional members at the same time last year. Totals are 295 so far this year compared with 251 last year. A supplemental list of those added after June 6 will be published in the next issue of the Oklahoma Librarian. Many interested but busy OLA members simply forget to renew their memberships from time to time.

Tom Baker Is Assistant Librarian Business Manager

With this issue Tom Baker becomes Assistant Business Manager of the Oklahoma Librarian and is taking over much of the responsibility of contacting advertisers and shuffling ad copy from Bill Lowry. Tom is on the staff of the Oklahoma City Libraries.

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Conference Report

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Luncheon Meeting, April 12

The OLA membership met for the final luncheon meeting on Saturday, April 12, at 12:30 with James E. Gourley, President-Elect, presiding. Distinguished guests and new officers were introduced. David C. Kitter, Executive Secretary, American Library Association, spoke to the group on "The A.L.A. and Library Service Today." Thelma Gunning, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented her committee's report, which was accepted by the membership.

This meeting closed the 31st annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association.

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