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A Message from the OLA President

This page gives me the opportunity to greet each of you periodically and to share ideas and information with you, the members of O. L. A. This is a healthy situation. It would probably be even better if there were more exchange of ideas with some of you writing "letters to the editor" or some such thing. Would you like that?

Since there seemed to be no proper time during our meeting in Stillwater for me to introduce your Program Committee for that Conference, I should like to name them for you now and to acknowledge to them publicly my deep personal thanks. This program was, as you know, a departure from the usual, and the committee was therefore a departure also, being made up of the divisions' program chairmen.

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It might be well also to use this page for reporting to you the things that are done by the President in your names. The administrative year has produced two occasions already which seemed to call for an official action and it promises more. You should know, I think, what words have been put into your mouths.

Immediately following the vote for a two mill levy supporting libraries in Cleveland County, a telegram of congratulation was sent to William H. Lowry, Director of the Pioneer Multicounty operation, and another to Charles Pyle, Chairman of the Pioneer Multicounty Library Board.

Then after the May 22 election we sent a telegram of commendation to Frank E. Apel, Chairman of the Board of the Chickasaw Multicounty Library for the successful vote in both Love and Johnston Counties. Also in the name of all us I wrote letters to Ralph Hudson and Esther Mae Henke assuring them of our support in whatever further efforts seem wise in furthering extension of library service in this state.

The people of Cleveland, McClain, Love, Johnston, and Tulsa Counties have our sincere congratulations in their support of multicounty library operations, in their willingness to see and take for themselves a good thing when it is offered, and their basic American affirmation that local support is the best way to sponsor local services. May an early opportunity present itself for us to congratulate other counties upon the same kind of vision.

A good summer to each of you!

Hold yourselves in readiness for service to the Association!
The Library Image:
Consequences More Important Than Truth?

By Juanita Means

The theme for the 55th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Library Association was "The Library Image: Consequences More Important Than Truth?" Headquarters for the meeting were in the Library of Oklahoma State University.

Thursday, April 26, 1962, 7:00 p.m.

First General Session:
The First General Session was held following a buffet dinner in the Student Union Parlor, with Gerald M. Coble, President, presiding. Greetings from Mrs. Florine F. Morton, President of ALA were read. Dr. Robert W. MacVicar Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Graduate School, brought the official address of welcome from the University to the Association.

Mr. Edmond Low introduced members of his OSU Library staff who had helped with the local arrangements and with the many plans for the convention.

Miss Frances Kennedy, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, announced the following as officers elected for the 1962-63 year.

First Vice-President and President Elect:
Miss Trean Maddox, Librarian, Bell Junior High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma

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The speaker for this meeting was Miss Sarah L. Wallace, Public Relations Officer for the Minneapolis Public Library. Her subject was, "The Importance of the Image," and she stressed the need for librarians to keep the point of view of outsiders in their dealings with the public.

She said that the cornerstone of the Library Image is the policy set by the Library Board. The Staff function is to implement the policy and to present it to the public. The Librarian must inspire both the Board and the Staff.

The image must be tailored to fit finances, staff, facilities, etc., and good communication is essential all along the line.

"Public relations is good performance, properly appreciated because it is adequately communicated."

Friday, April 27, 1962, 9:30 a.m.

Second General Session:
The Second General Session was called to order by the President, Gerald M. Coble. The
program took the form of a two panel discussion of the subject The Image We Want,—How to Create It. Mr. Edmon Low was moderator for the panels. One panel was composed of the following librarians:

- Gene Hodges representing Academic Libraries
- Mrs. Della Thomas, School Libraries
- Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, Public Libraries
- Virginia Owens, McInticounty Libraries

The other panel was composed of four people outside the library profession. They were:

- Welden Barnes, Director, Public Information, OSU
- Dr. Elizabeth K. Starkweather Associate Professor, Family Relations and Child Development, OSU
- Mrs. William F. Lagrone, Representative Patron and Judy Adams, OSU freshman

This meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to attend the eight various buzz sessions with the purpose of bringing to the next general session ideas and specific suggestions to follow through toward image projection.

Friday, April 27, 1962, 3:00 p.m.

Third General Session:

Mr. Edmon Low presided over this meeting. The assigned subject for this session was This We Can Do. Reports of eight morning buzz sessions were made as follows:

Group No. 1

Library Publicity by Jean Harrington, Librarian, Enid Public Library

KEEP STAFF INFORMED

Tell staff immediately of any policy change, all publicity material the library issues or uses should be brought to the attention of the staff.

ADVERSE PUBLICITY

Put adverse publicity to good use—in many cases it is a stepping stone to good publicity.

KEEP THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

Use all forms of news media, make friends of your newspaper editors, reporters and photographers. Flood the newspaper with accurate information concerning the library. If a story comes out in the morning paper that is inaccurate call paper immediately and correct for the evening publication. Use your local radio and TV stations, not just once a year or for special occasions such as National Library Week, Children's Book Week, etc. but every day.

BE A STRANGER IN YOUR LIBRARY

Walk into your library as a stranger—notice the physical arrangements—are there signs where there should be—is the card catalog easily accessible—how does the staff meet the public—listen to your staff as they answer the telephone—check all outgoing mail—it might be a revelation—we need to walk in as a patron—be alert—look for anything that might cause adverse publicity and correct it before it is put in the form of a complaint by a patron.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

This committee should be composed of staff and library board members to review any valid complaints concerning library practice such as censorship of magazines and books.

Group No. 2

Organizing Publicity, or Public Relations Programs, by Elizabeth Price, Oklahoma State Library

1. Check on services already given.
   a. For how long are books checked out.
   b. Whom do you serve.
   c. Etc.
2. Make a check of new persons in town.
   a. Welcome wagon take cards.
3. Book lists and reviews in the paper.
4. Newspaper publicity and picture of Reading Family of the month. (Family who reads most books)
6. Feature story on library and librarian in paper.
8. Show window displays of interesting collections of books.
9. Story hour.
10. Summer reading program.
11. Volunteer service for local communities.
12. Discussion groups.

School Publicity of Library

1. Bulletin boards
2. Posters
3. Tour for new students
4. High school education as to services provided by public and school libraries and how they differ.
5. Use of school and city paper.
   Book lists for each grade, on book marks.

Group No. 3

Censorship and Public Relations, by Mabel Murphy, Oklahoma State Library

This is not a new subject but has been a problem from the beginning of printing. There are as

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Acceptance Address

Sequoyah Children’s Book Award

By Catherine Owens Peare

Thank you. Thank you very much indeed. It is with a deep thrill that I accept the Sequoyah Award. Particularly when I realize that the children themselves have bestowed it, and that to arrive at their decision they experienced weeks of diligent reading, reflecting, and discussions. There really ought to be another award for the creators of this reading stimulation program.

Not only does your program encourage children to read, but it gives authors a specific lift, too. You are holding up high standards to us, and you stimulate us with your enthusiasm. The possibility of winning one’s way through to a master list such as yours inspires a writer to give his work more zest, an extra polish, more research. Of course, when the telegram came in telling me that I had won, I went straight into orbit. I’m still up there and a way will have to be found to bring me down.

I see something else in your program that is splendid. That is the close cooperation between school and library services. I hope these two related agencies, both so essential to any community, both so interwoven in purpose, will continue to grow closer together in understanding and planning, not only here in Oklahoma but all over the country. The librarian who has been advised well in advance by teachers what books the children will come swarming into demand is in a much better position to provide for their needs. The teacher who is assured that the library will in its book buying plan along with her can do a more effective teaching job. And when all of these agencies, seven of them here, unite in a single effort to bring more children and books together, something very fine indeed is being accomplished by the two protectors of individualism and free thought — the free public library and the free public school.

Your project is child centered. So is my work. This makes us kin. This is what brought us together today.

From the very beginning of a book, the children themselves are my chief concern and resource. When I meet with them in their classrooms and assemblies and try to answer their questions, it is they who counsel me on their own needs. They don’t always realize that they are giving me wise counsel, but they are. And this age bracket from 4th to 9th grades is to me one of the most delightful age levels to work with. Their marvelous innocence, their boundless enthusiasm, the candid thrill they get out of having a real live author pay them a visit, are as heady as champagne.

And there’s their bluntness and directness in asking questions. Do you ever copy? they will ask me. Can we believe what we read in your books? Do you always tell the truth? And if they find a mistake in one of my books I hear from them. I opened a letter one day from a fifth grade class in a local school which said approximately: In your book on Washington Irving, Miss Peare, you said he was the youngest of eight children, but World Book says he was the youngest of ten. Can you clarify this? That sent me into a temporary panic. Oh, I thought, what have I done to myself!

But it was all right. I had counted surviving children, and so I wrote back and explained the high infant mortality rate 150 years ago, and how people in those days had a way of counting surviving children. The encyclopedia had included two that had not survived their birth.

They often ask me questions that many of you have asked me yesterday and today. They want to know who decides on the subject of a book.
particularly a non-fiction book; and where my material comes from.

On choice of subject, sometimes the idea is mine, sometimes my editor's. It may come from a teacher or librarian, a parent, and often from the children themselves. It was my editor who suggested the Helen Keller idea to me. Its subsequent companion volume, The FDR Story, was my idea. In any event, author and editor must agree on the wisdom of a subject for a biography, and their joint decision is made after consulting published lists, teachers and librarians as to the need for the book.

Collecting the material is never the same job twice. That is why my work never grows dull. I never know where I am going to be traveling, what the approach to the task will have to be, what extraordinary people I shall be meeting. Sometimes the sources are published diaries and letters, sometimes manuscripts, often personal interviews. There is no substitute for travel, for on-the-spot knowledge.

The research on Helen Keller led me into a whole new world. Until I began that book I had known nothing about handicapped persons or of those who work with them. Of all the people working with children I think those working with the handicapped are the most dedicated and the most unselfconscious about their dedication. If you were to compliment one of those workers, he would stare at you in frank confusion. This is his life, his happiness. His only concern is that there are not enough specially trained teachers, not enough therapists, not enough knowledge.

The new philosophy in this field, as you know, is to help the handicapped to help themselves and achieve as nearly normal lives as possible, to integrate them into society.

This whole project was a deep personal experience for me—to watch the teaching of deaf blind children in Watertown, Massachusetts; to sit down with Robert Smith who is stone deaf and completely blind, and interview him without having even the slightest briefing for the task. He has been trained for the world of the normal. He can speak, and he heard me by placing his thumb on my lips and fingertips on the side of my neck. He lives alone, does his own housekeeping, is a member of the public relations staff of the Industrial Home for the Blind on Long Island. He has a master's degree. His is a functioning education. His education prepared him for life as education always should.

I became so interested in this field of handicaps that I decided I wanted to do another book in the same area. And the handicap that is of great concern to children is polio. This led to my choice of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as a subject, certainly a dramatic triumph over a physical handicap. Again the surprises. A visit to the Warm Springs Foundation in Georgia, which President Roosevelt created, to watch their therapy and absorb their philosophy: learning of the progress in prevention.

I hope I have succeeded in conveying to youngsters some of the spiritual enrichment that I gained in writing these two books.

Biography to me has more influence on a youngster than any other form of writing. The type of person you choose, his trials and tribulations, his mistakes, and his triumph over vicissitude reach deep into a young reader's soul. They love triumph over handicaps particularly. A biography is convincing because it is real. It happened.

For this reason, the subject of a juvenile biography must be hero material, a person who has grown from whatever level to great heights in his lifetime, and a person who has left a contribution behind.

You can present any field of endeavor and any historic age to children, using the story of one person as your framework. Juvenile biography is an avenue of both vocational guidance and moral training. Biography can build character by implication, by just straight reporting of the facts. The type of person who gets to the top in the long run becomes increasingly obvious to the young reader.

Reader identification with the hero is tremendous in biography. Albert Einstein flunked his college entrance exams the first time he took them. This places a lot of youngsters in his camp. Gandhi went to prison for truth and human liberty. William Penn sacrificed his entire personal fortune founding Pennsylvania. The deaf, the blind, and the deaf-blind are now educated, because Helen Keller called attention to the need and the hope. Thousands and thousands of children will never be crippled by polio because FDR made the research possible that created the Salk and Sabin vaccines.

These were all people of great singleness of purpose, true to themselves and their convictions no matter what the cost. And yet, during their lifetimes, they were all human beings with daily difficulties, disagreements with their parents when young, maladjustments in school, handicaps, frustrations—just like the reader.

Biography is an old, old art. It goes back to the first epitaph on the first tombstone, and it developed through such outstanding efforts as Plutarch's Lives of the Greeks and the Romans.
Leta Dover
Given OLA
Distinguished
Service Award

By Allie Beth Martin

According to the Constitution of the Oklahoma Library Association, the Distinguished Service Award is given "to the individual professional librarian who has effectively demonstrated for a period of ten years or more a valid, thorough and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service, and has expressed that concept in actual practice." Only one such award may be given each year. The award is not presented every year.

This librarian not only meets the requirements of the award but far exceeds them. She has served with distinction in three types of library service: school, public and college, and at every level, from page to librarian. She has been a teacher and a trustee.

In her own work she has combined theory and practice, a good measure of common sense, an engaging sense of humor and unfailing enthusiasm as she has pioneered the extension of library service in two states. More than one of us, when confronted with what appeared to be an insurmountable problem has turned to her for advice which has never failed to save the day. She is that rare mixture—an able administrator with an eager zest for books who serves her fellowman without stint.

In conferring this award with the approval of the Executive Board, we can only express a heartfelt "Thank you" to a truly distinguished librarian, Leta Dover.
NEWS NOTES

By Elizabeth Y. Price

Run-off primary time was a sad one for library development in Oklahoma. Only Johnston and Love counties of the seven counties voting on library levies said they were willing to accept the financial responsibility for continuation of the Chickasaw Multi-County bookmobile, while Carter, Marshall and Murray voters turned thumbs down.

Neither Caddo nor Grady counties approved the two-mill levy that would have been necessary to continue the bookmobile in those two counties; in addition Garvin county voters refused to vote the necessary funds that would have kept them in the Pioneer Multi-County system.

The Pioneer system can keep going on the Cleveland and McClain county support. However the demonstration library systems in both the Chickasaw and Caddo-Grady areas will be withdrawn in October and the bookmobiles moved to other areas for new demonstration library purposes. Citizens of Caddo, Grady, Carter, Marshall, and Murray may still vote to finance a bookmobile program at a later date.

Ralph Hudson, state librarian, issued a statement the day following the election calling on Oklahoma citizens interested in libraries to continue their efforts for library development. "It is inconceivable that Oklahoma, progressive as it is in other areas, should lag so far behind in the quantity and quality of its library services. Eighteen counties still remain without library service at all."

Mabel Murphy, administrative librarian with the Caddo-Grady Multi-County library, was one of seven Oklahoma women honored at the annual Oklahoma City Theta Sigma Phi Byliners' banquet May 24, for outstanding service to the state. Her achievements in both the fields of music education and library service were cited. Speaker at the banquet was Colonel Elizabeth Ray, formerly of Anadarko, now head of the Women's Air Force.

Lilah B. Heck, formerly librarian at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center in Oklahoma City, is now CARI (Civil Aeromedical Research Institute) librarian with the Federal Aviation Agency, under Henry James, FAA center librarian. The CARI facilities will move from the Norman North Campus base to a new building near Will Rogers Field early in the Fall. James, a newcomer to Oklahoma, formerly was librarian at White Sands missile base, New Mexico.

E. H. Dahlke, Morrilton, Arkansas, came to Okmulgee May 15 as head librarian of the City Library there. He replaces Mrs. Virginia Collier, who resigned to join the staff at the Tulsa public library, and Mrs. Emily Warriner, who served as acting librarian since Mrs. Collier left. Mr. Dahlke is a graduate of Peabody College in library science, was assistant librarian at Henderson State Teachers' College, and has been in regional and public library work at Morrilton since 1961. He is a World War II veteran.

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Sequoyah Book Award
June 1961 Balance 262.89
Receipts 110.64

Total 373.53
Disbursements 53.89
Balance 319.64

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June 1961 Balance 401.00
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The Sequoyah Children's Book Award

April 2, 1965, the School Librarians and Children's and Young People's sections of OLA held a joint breakfast-meeting at which Mrs. Ruth Gagliardo, then Director of the Children's Traveling Exhibit of Kansas, was guest speaker. Her subject: The Children Choose. In this she told of the dreams and plans that went into bringing the William Allen White Children's Book Award program into reality. The unique part of the Kansas program is that the children themselves vote on the books they consider the best—from their reading list. Such a program caught the imagination of Oklahoma teachers and librarians. Why not a reading program for the children of Oklahoma comparable to that of Kansas?... "Anything you can do, we can do..."

So, for the next two years, we talked and thought and schemed. After much woolgathering, we wrote to Mrs. Gagliardo, who sent us the plan of the William Allen White program, and explained many points which were not clear to us. We based our plan upon that of Kansas. Ours was not to be a memorial program, for some certain person, so of course, we would need a name. Name the program for someone living? Who? This did not seem to be quite the thing we wanted to do. It should be someone who uniquely reflected something of the pioneering, forging-ahead spirit that has made Oklahoma, Sequoyah, the lame one, whose whole energies had been bent toward making a system of communication for his people was suggested. The story is told that Sequoyah had joined the American forces in 1812 to fight against the hated Creeks. He was away from home for two years and in that time no one had come from his home village to bring news. The white soldiers had news on sheets of paper that looked like dried, strange leaves. One would think that the leaves could talk, they told the white men so much. It was the marks on the leaves that talked. It was as simple as that. After Sequoyah built the Cherokee alphabet, he became interested in making an alphabet which would not be bound by tribe, nor region...and the last known of him, he set out for the land of the Mayas, which he considered the fountainhead of much of our Indian culture. A "good" book knows no age nor state bounds, it speaks to everyone...so we called our program the Sequoyah Children's Book Award. This name was given us by Mrs. Ida Self.

PURPOSE: The Sequoyah Book award program is designed to encourage the school children of Oklahoma to read more widely and more selectively from the most distinguished books that were published during the last two years. We defined a distinguished book as: one of literary merit, having an evenly developed plot, rapid action, adequate characterization, motivation, keenly defined sense of humor, a unique, interesting technique, and one that is written in a style that is challenging and provocative.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE: All children from the fourth grade through the ninth grade may read all, or any number, of the titles on the masterlist. This may mean that one grade may participate and another may not, for participation is entirely voluntary. The masterlist from which they read is compiled by the Book Selection Committee, which is made up of representatives from the various sponsoring organizations. On a date between February 15 and March 10, each child, who wishes, may vote on the "best" book. There is a ballot prepared so that each child may vote his choice without any teacher-librarian influence. In fact, one librarian said she had to be careful not to express enthusiasm for any title, for fear of coloring a choice. All children in a class may not want to participate; and too, since reading ability varies greatly, a child may read only one or two books from the list. The "read aloud" books, which the teacher has read to the entire class may be considered in the voting. Each child may vote for one book. The votes are then tabulated and recorded on a form which is sent to the teacher. There should be one form for each grade. This form should be returned to the chairman of the Selection Committee any time between March 10 and 15. The ballots are then counted and tabulated by the Book Award Committee or by some member of the committee appointed by the Chairman and the winning book is announced not later than April 15.

THE AWARD: The winning author is contacted as soon as the votes are counted. And by the courtesy of his or her publisher, the author is

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brought to the state to receive the award. At first, it was thought that we would have a medal of Sequoyah with his talking leaves, and so, Mrs. Self contacted Mr. Richard Palmer, University of Oklahoma, who designed it for us. But the first year we ran into a time difficulty. The engravers in the state did not have the necessary dyes, and to have it done in New York would take so much time and would also be so much more expensive it was decided that we would use a plaque which could be incised in Norman and would cost only $35.00. We were well pleased with the plaque and especially so, after both Mr. Gipson and Mrs. Henry expressed a preference for the plaque over a medal. We have decided to use it as the award in the future. (This costs only about $20.00 a year, with no dyes to renew).

The winning author has come to the annual OLA conference and at the Sequoyah luncheon, on Saturday, received the award. Any one of the other sponsoring organizations may invite the winning author, he or she is not the sole property of OLA.

Speaking of the sponsoring organizations, brings us to the government of the program. To build a program of statewide significance involves many people and plans. The ways and means presented problems, which at first seemed insurmountable. We didn’t have a penny and we didn’t have a thought-out program to present to those who would be interested in helping support us. So we set about building a program-plan which had merit enough to justify our asking the cooperation of other persons and organizations.

An administrative or steering committee known as the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Committee and the president of OLA took the initiative in setting up the program. This committee was: Mrs. Ida Self, Norman, Mrs. B. Keith, Okmulgee, and Miss Gorman, Alva. Various educational organizations were contacted, and these are they who were interested in participating in the work and/or in furnishing part of the financial support: OLA, OEA, State Dept. of Education, State Library, OCTE, PTA, and the O.U. Library School.

The Book Selection Committee is composed of one representative from each sponsoring organization, the steering committee, and two members-at-large. This entire committee compiles the masterlist from the award winning books of the last two years. The chairmen of the Children’s Book Award Committee or some member thereof appointed by the chairman for this responsibility, sends to the members of the B.S.C. not later than March 1, a list of the honor books published in each two-year span. Additions may be made by each member, and from the composite list, some 25 titles are selected by vote of the entire Selection Committee. These rules are observed in making the selections:

Only authors in U.S. are considered.
Only children’s books, not texts, are considered.
Only books for children from fourth through ninth grades are considered.
No picture books are considered.
We are now in the third year of our program. In 1959, more than 12,000 children of Oklahoma voted for the “best” book, and the one title which received more than half of the entire vote was that of the lovable old mongrel, Old Yeller. Mr. Gipson was brought to the OLA state meeting which was held at Sequoyah Park, from Hollywood where he was working on a Walt Disney script. Harpers, his publisher, also sent more than 100 copies of Old Yeller and an autographing good time was had by all. Mr. Gipson told us the story behind Old Yeller, which is really an old family tale. In 1960, the little thoroughbred, Black Gold, who literally ran his heart out in his last race, won more than 6,000 of the 14,000 votes. No title receiving fewer than 100 votes.

Mrs. Henry was flown to us by Rand, McNally. She gave us the fascinating background story of her run-down of the true story behind the little Oklahoma horse who won the Kentucky derby in 1924. The question was: would children like a story about a horse, Black Gold, who had to be destroyed? Was it too sad? She went to thousands of school children and explained that her research indicated that the true story was one with a sad ending. The book couldn’t end any other way. And the almost unanimous reply was, that if that was the way it had to be, then, that was the way they wanted the story written. The interest with which they read the story proves that they can take it.

Dana and Doug Collier from Okmulgee Junior High School presented the plaque to Mrs. Henry. Since it is a children’s choice, it is fitting that children should make the award.

Both Mrs. Henry and Mr. Gipson expressed pleasure that it was the children who chose their book and for that reason they valued the award highly.

For 1960-61 the winning author: Robert Heinlein, Have Space Suit—Will Travel. Mr. Heinlein received the 3rd Sequoyah award from Pamela Dickey and Larry Burke, 6th Graders from Longfellow Elementary School, Alva. He said, in acceptance, that he wrote for the “bright kid” who is alert to the rapid scientific development of our complex times.
It is a matter of great pride to report that 22,000 children and young people voted in the Sequoyah program this year, an increase of about 7,000 votes. The Helen Keller Story won 3,406 votes; Jean and Johnny, 2,600; My Side of the Mountain, 1,556; Island of The Blue Dolphins, 1,183. No book was ignored: the voting ranged from 3,406 to 100.

The Sequoyah Book Award, Oklahoma's reading program for the children is our refutation to the often-hurled charge, "Johnny can't read" or "Johnny doesn't read." We who work with and for children know that children do read. What we as teachers and librarians need to do is to help them to select from the flood of titles published those which have lasting value. Those which are inspirational, or informational or recreational. Books are basic, and children do and will continue to read. The Sequoyah program is designed to stimulate, to enrich and to improve the reading standards. So, let's all help them select the "best" book!

**1962 Master List For The Sequoyah Children's Book Award**

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many ideas and convictions as there are people talking.

According to Webster, a censor is one who acts as an overseer of morals and conduct. Asked by some of the group of others. Another definition: trying to force your opinion on others.

One important consideration was drawn from the talk given by Miss Wallace on Thursday evening: the decision as to the role of the library, what is the purpose of the particular library and the kind of a community that it serves.

There should be a written policy for book selection and acquisition. A printed form on which people may write their objections makes the issue impersonal.

The policy and thinking of the administration and the type of community must be taken into consideration in establishing policy.

There are different responsibilities for different ages. Care should be taken not to dictate the thinking of the reader but the Librarian must always be alert to guide the reader in new directions and to open new horizons that he might never find if left to his own devices.

"Righteous indignation, breast-beating and pious pronouncements about freedom to read will not save the book from the censor." James Thurber.

Group No. 4

Patrons are People, by Gladys Tingle, East Central State College Library

An image is made up of many little things. Since a patron's image of the library is lasting, we, as librarians, should strive to create a good one by forgetting our personal annoyances and remembering that each patron is an individual by showing an interest in him and his needs. Furthermore, it should be our desire to show that interest with warmth and sincerity.

We also feel there should be a collaborative effort on the part of the librarian and the patron, giving the patron the opportunity to help himself when he so desires.

Group No. 5

Physical Appearance of the Library, and of the Librarian, by Mrs. Rama Nolan, Capitol Hill Branch Library

The librarian of today, in addition to being neat and well-groomed, should be dressed in colorful attractive clothes which combine a consciousness of current fashion with an expression of personality. The quality of enthusiasm as evidenced by a smile, alert posture, and a pleasing voice was concluded to be the key factor in the librarian's appearance.

First impressions were considered to be most important to the library of today. On the outside, the potential library user should see a large, lighted sign marking the building as the LIBRARY. Inside the immaculate entry way, he should find a directory to the building. Once inside, the patron should enter well-lighted rooms with comfortable chairs in a quiet, informal atmosphere. There should be labels, markers, and signs (which do not look home-made) to guide him. And he should find books—from the outside, in the entry way, and inside the library—books in interesting displays, inviting arrangements, and convenient shelves.

Group No. 6

Staff Relations, by Ruby Ewing, Public School Librarians, Oklahoma City

Seventeen persons including the moderator, Wilna Tipps, composed Group 6 which attacked the problem by agreeing that the image of the library and of librarians is the responsibility of each member of the staff and that service is not effective unless each individual on the staff accepts this pattern of thinking. The following recommendations and suggestions were presented for the improvement of staff relations and for more effective service to the various publics.

1. Staff manuals detailing policies and procedures. Such instruments prevent uncertainty as to proper function and the feeling of insecurity to which new employees are often subject. Repeatedly, the necessity for keeping manuals up-to-date was mentioned. It was pointed out that the use of such manuals must complement the personal approach between supervisor and employee. Job description and job classification were suggested as supplementary to staff manuals in personnel guidance and in-service training.

2. Staff meetings to facilitate communication, education, and evaluation. Policies for holding such meetings and the type of staff meetings must depend upon the type of library and its purpose.

3. Inter-staff relations based upon the image that the library desires to present. It is imperative that each member of the staff be made aware of the goal and of the importance of his role in achieving that end.

In summary, the group concluded that the image of the library, the effectiveness of its services, its atmosphere and tone depend upon the acceptance of individual and group cooperation.
responsibility, wholesome and professional attitudes in inter-staff relations.

Group No. 7

Educational Goals, by Virginia LaGrave, Librarian Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City

The following recommendations were made:
1. In order for children from the lower grades to be orientated and learn to use libraries at an early age, the teachers should bring them in groups to the public library with regularity.
2. Parents might well instill love for books and use of libraries if they accompanied the children occasionally on their trips to the library.
3. Referring to the theme of The Image, administrators were asked to take a long hard look at the person at the circulation desk. Often, a young inexperienced clerk is assigned to this position which to the casual reader is the main function of the library and often this person becomes the Library Image.
4. That the OLA consider adding to their resolutions the thought of asking the School of Library Science, University of Oklahoma, to add methods of directing adult education and group discussions to their curriculum.

Group No. 8

The Budget, by Mrs. Christie Cathey, University of Oklahoma Library

The session on "How the Budget Effects the Image of the Library" was attended by approximately twenty people. Two trustees were present, one representative from a University library, and the remainder were either School or Public Librarians.

Because of the predominance of Public Librarians, the discussion naturally followed the thinking of this group.

It was, of course, generally agreed that in any library the image was dependent on the physical facilities, the book collection, the staff, and library services. All these things are, in turn, dependent on the budget.

The main point emphasized by this group was the need to inform and educate city commissioners as to the needs and significance of the library as probably the only cultural institution supported by the city. It was suggested that the Librarian and the Library Board make progress reports frequently to this commission. These reports being made at times when the library was not asking for something in particular. In short, they were to be informative so that when the library was in need, the commissioners would be well informed and would have an awareness of the library and what it was doing.

Librarians were urged to use initiative and imagination in doing things not dependent on the budget to attract attention to the library and its usefulness to the community.

It was pointed out that the public's conception of how the library uses its budget depended on the appearance of the building, condition of the books, and the services rendered by the staff. In this respect, the Librarian should be aware of the need to show to the best advantage that he is making the most of what budget he is given. At the same time, he is in a position to show what could be done with a more generous allocation.

The question of the budget and its effect on libraries is always with us and although well recognized by this Buzz Group there seemed to be no immediate answer to the problem.

The session ended with this advice to all Librarians:
"Plan program first—set goals—think big—and then set up budget."

This meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to allow the divisions of the association to hold business meetings and to elect officers for the coming year. The following were selected:

Children's and Young People's Services

Chairman, Mrs. Jane Cansler, Sheridan Village Branch Library, Tulsa
Secretary, Mrs. Sara MacAlpine, 1015 West 4th Street, Stillwater

College and University Libraries

Chairman, Casper Duffer, East Central State College Library, Ada
Secretary, Helen Donart, Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater

Public Libraries

Chairman, Mrs. Billee Ruth Day, Chickasaw Multicounty Library, Ardmore
First Vice-Chairman and Chairman - Elect, Betty Lou Neel, Pioneer Multicounty Library, Norman
Secretary, Mrs. Jewel Bowers, Ada Public Library

School Libraries

Chairman, Mrs. Mildred Patterson, U. S. Grant High School Library, Oklahoma City
First Vice-Chairman, Bethel Delay, Edison High School Library, Tulsa
Second Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Edith Holley, Stillwater High School Library
Secretary-Treasurer, Lucile Gibson, Chickasha High School Library

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Technical Services Division
Chairman, Mrs. Mary Jeanne Hansen, Oklahoma City Libraries
Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect, Mrs. Frances Penfold, Oklahoma City University Library
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Valtue Bailey, University of Oklahoma Library

Trustees Division
Chairman, Robert K. Lee, Woodward
Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect, Mrs. Wray Finney, Fort Cobb
Secretary, Mrs. Robert Edwards, Route 1, Ringling

Fourth General Session
Friday, April 27, 1962, 7:00 p.m.

The Fourth General Session was held following a dinner in the Student Union Ballroom. President Coble presided, and music was furnished by the Oklahoma State University Women’s Glee Club.

The Distinguished Service Award was given to Mrs. Leta Dover, Librarian, at Bacone College. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Allie Beth Martin of the Tulsa Public Library. The speaker for this meeting was Professor Morton Kroll, of the Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle. His subject was “The Library Image.” (Dr. Kroll’s speech will appear in the Oct. 1962 OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN.)

Saturday, April 28, 1962, 10:30 a.m.
Fifth General Session (Business Meeting)

The Fifth General Session was called to order by the President. Mr. Coble. The minutes of the last business meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Jack O’Bar, Treasurer, read the report of his office. A copy of same is included here.

Mr. Aaron Michaelson, Chairman of the Membership Committee reported a total of between 450 and 460 members for 1962. His committee recommended some changes in membership dues but no action was taken at this time.

Mrs. Della Thomas reported on the activities of the Recruiting Committee. She called attention to the display of the entries in the What is a Librarian contest her committee conducted among state high school students.

Mr. William Dwyer reported on the work of the Library Development Committee. A copy of his resume is included. He also announced that the State Chamber of Commerce would sponsor a community achievement contest to evaluate the 116 public libraries of the state.

Progress of Extension Library Service was reported by Esther Henke. She said the service was growing, and that two libraries in the state had won national awards during the last year. They were the Wilson Public Library which won the Book-Of-The-Month’s Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award, and the library at Carnegie which won an award from the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Price reported on National Library Week activities. She described them as successful, and said the Executive Secretary for the state in 1963 would be Mr. Gene Hodges, Librarian, Central State College.

Mr. Coble read the report and recommendations of the Awards Committee in the absence of that committee’s chairman, Mr. John Stratton. A copy of their report is included.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, Publications Committee Chairman, announced that the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN had recently been honored by being listed in LIBRARY TRENDS.

Miss Dee Ann Ray of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee announced that a new and revised copy of the organization’s constitution would be mailed to the membership in late June.

Frances Kennedy, Southwestern Library Association representative reported that headquarters for the SWLA convention in San Antonio, October 24-27 would be the Gunter Hotel. She said the 1964 convention would be in Little Rock, and the 1965 in Dallas.

Mrs. Mildred Donaldson read the Resolutions Committee’s report and recommendations. A copy of same is included. Aaron Michaelson moved the acceptance of the committee report, and Mariam Craddock seconded.

The meeting adjourned.

Sequoyah Award Luncheon
Saturday, April 28, 1962, 12:00 noon

For this meeting the incoming officers were seated at the head table. The new President of the association, Mary Ann Wentrath presided.

Awards in the What is a Librarian contest were given. The Sequoyah Children’s Book Award was presented by Mary MacAlpine and Nicky Dressen, Stillwater, to Catherine Owens Peare for her book, The Helen Keller Story. Miss Peare made a short address.

After the luncheon an autographing party was held in the French Lounge of the Student Union. This was the conclusion of the 55th annual convention of the Oklahoma Library Association.
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT—1962

The Library Development Committee held four meetings during the past year. The first November 17, 1961, was a joint meeting with the Legislative Committee. Two subsequent meetings were held with the Citizens Committee for Library Development January 19, 1962, and March 8, 1962, and a final meeting April 29.

The Library Development Committee assisted in the reorganization of the Citizen’s Committee for Library Development of which Mr. Charles Lane of Oklahoma City is Chairman. It also considered the feasibility of state grants-in-aid for libraries, library scholarships and a state library survey.

No action was taken on these projects since it was felt that more time was needed for study and evaluation. However, at the final meeting it was decided to work with a committee of the Public Libraries Division in the development of a public library evaluation guide to be used in the Oklahoma Community Achievement Contest sponsored by the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Industry. It was felt that this guide would be the first step in a proposed state library survey.

William H. Lowry, Chairman

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Oklahoma Library Association

Following the directive of the Oklahoma Library Association Executive Board this past Fall the Awards Committee at various times considered awards which the association might appropriately confer in addition to the Distinguished Service Award.

The committee, after consulting others, suggest the following for the consideration of the Executive Board and the membership:

Library Service Award

This award would be in recognition of outstanding service of a librarian to his own clientele—to one who has been an outstanding catalytic agent bringing books and people together.

Trustee’s Award

Library trustees throughout the state of Oklahoma have been increasingly active in promoting library service. One often hears the remark, “never underestimate the power of a library trustee.” The contribution and influence of trustees for the improvement of library service should be recognized by a Trustee’s Award.

Bookman’s Award

In Oklahoma there are a number of bookmen, men in and out of the library profession who know, love and collect books. They would honor us as we would honor them through the presentation of a Bookman’s Award at our annual meeting.

Special Awards

The Oklahoma Library Association through its Awards Committee should be free to grant special awards to meritorious individuals, libraries and organizations as would be appropriate.

At the present time the Distinguished Service Award is the only authorized award. The above awards need not be given every year but as the Awards Committee and Executive Board deem appropriate. Adoption of any of the above suggestions would require a change in the Association Constitution and By-laws.

Respectfully submitted for discussion.

Mrs. Mary E. Morris
Gene Hodges
John B. Stratton, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution Number 1

Whereas, We the Committee, during the 56th annual Convention of the Oklahoma Library Association, now in session at Oklahoma State University, April 26th-27th. and 28th of 1962, feel that the success of the Convention has been due to the unerring efforts of many individuals, therefore resolve that proper steps be taken to show the Convention’s appreciation to the following:

1. Dr. William and the University for their very warm reception.
2. Mr. Low and his able and congenial staff for the arrangements, publicity, decorations, etc.
3. Mr. Coble and members of the Executive Board for their guidance and stimulating programs.
4. The Student Union for the excellent accommodations and exquisite cuisine.
5. The speakers, Sarah L. Wallace, Dr. Morton Kroll, and Catherine Owens Peavey, for their inspiring and perceptive messages.
6. The Exhibitors for their timely and well organized exhibits.

Resolution Number 2

Whereas, Mr. Donald Kennedy of Oklahoma City has so graciously given of his time, energy, and money in directing the activities of the State National Library Week, April 8-14, 1962, therefore
resolve that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Kennedy.

Resolution Number 3

Whereas, the members of the Oklahoma School Librarians’ Division, Oklahoma Education Association, and those members of the School Library Division, Oklahoma Library Association feel that there is unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of officers resulting in much confusion; therefore resolve that the committee now in existence continue their study of this question.

Respectfully submitted
Mildred Donaldson, Chairman
Sara Mae Alpin
Mildred Patterson

DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES—MINUTES

The Division of Technical Services of the Oklahoma Library Association held its annual meeting in the Browsing Room of the Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 27, 1962, at 10:30 a.m. There were twelve members present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ada Ingram.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer’s report was read, stating the amount on hand to be $20.94.

Items of business brought before the members were as follows:

1. After discussion, Mary Evelyn Potts moved that we amend Article IV of the Constitution to read: “A report of each meeting shall be mailed to the necessary State, Regional, and National officers, within one month after the meeting.” Mary Jeanne Hansen seconded the motion and it was carried.

2. Mary Jeanne Hansen proposed that the Division of Technical Services hold an annual business meeting each year, but have a program only at planned intervals. This would free members to attend other meetings of their interest. It was thought we might then have a larger attendance when Technical Services arranged for an outstanding program or speaker. After discussion, it was decided that the recommendation be given further study and brought before the members next year.

3. Mrs. Louise Gibson, Chairman of the Nomination Committee with Mildred Fellows, secretary, presented the following slate of officers to assist Mary Jeanne Hansen, the incoming chairman.

Chairman-elect: Mrs. Frances Penfold, OCU Library
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. VaRue Bailey, OU Library

Betty Alcock moved that the report be accepted and the slate be elected by acclamation. This was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alma G. Doughty, Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION—MINUTES

The Public Libraries Division of the Oklahoma Library Association met on Friday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Browsing room of the OSU Library.

Hunter Miracle, chairman, called the meeting to order. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. The report of the nominating committee was accepted. (Listed in Conference Report.)

Mr. Miracle brought up for discussion the possibility of a check-list for libraries in Oklahoma. In the past few years the State Industrial Board has been sponsoring a Community Development Contest. Each of the Communities which has a library gets credit for having one. However, there is no check or study currently being

Colonial Book Service

Specialists in supplying the out-of-print books as listed in all Library Indices (Granger Poetry; Essay and General Literature; Shaw; Standard; Fiction; Biography; Lamont Catalogue; Speech, etc. . . .)

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“Catalogues on Request”

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conducted by the judges for the contest as to what kind of library the individual communities have. With a checklist for libraries, the judges could make their decisions on the quality of the library as well as just giving credit for its existence. The check-list would also serve as a set of concrete goals toward which libraries might work. The check-list would therefore serve several purposes—as a measuring stick for the contest and as a rating sheet to help librarians and trustees evaluate their libraries. Mississippi has used such a check-list very successfully and effectively and it was felt that their list could be adapted to fit Oklahoma's needs. Mr. Miracle called for discussion on this proposal. Dee Ann Hay moved that a Committee be formed to work in close cooperation with the Library Development Committee to form such a check-list for libraries in Oklahoma. William Lowry seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Miracle and Mrs. Day were to attend the Library Development Committee meeting and present the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Dee Ann Ray, acting secretary

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS' DIVISION—MINUTES

The Division of School Librarians met in the OSU Library at 9:00 o'clock, Saturday April 23. Miss Gladys Tingle, Ada, Chairman, presided and welcomed librarians and visitors.

Minutes of the meeting which was held in Alva were read and approved.

A very clever and entertaining program entitled Book Worm Revue was presented by Mrs. Mildred Patterson. Mrs. Mildred Donaldson was the Consultant and Moderator and OSU students were the models for the program. The books modeled were: The Good Earth, Arrowsmith, Late George Apley, Old Yeller, Of Human Bondage, Laughing Boy, All This And Heaven Too, Cimarron, Old Man And The Sea, Fairy Tales, Turn Of The Screw, Age Of Innocence.

I Was A Teen-Age Dwarf, Yearling, Lantern In Her Hand, Lost Horizon, Perfect Tribute, and The Edge Of Tomorrow.

Mary Guthrie, Tulsa, winner of the What Is A Librarian Contest and Mary Imbody, State President of the Student Librarians were introduced at the meeting.

Barbara Bailey, Oklahoma City, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the report of the committee for officers for the 1962-1963 year. The slate was accepted. (Listed in Conference Report.)

Mildred Donaldson made a report on the activities of the State Committee on National Library Week.

Mrs. Homer Barnes made a report on the meeting of the OEA and OLA Officers of School Librarians' Division which met in the OU Library, in June. The consolidation of the two groups was discussed. No decision was made.

Mrs. Bell made a report on the survey to determine what is being done toward consolidation of the two groups in other states.

Letters from Ferram Phillips, Executive Secretary of the OEA and Gerald Coble, President of OLA, were read discussing the problem of consolidating the two groups.

A motion was made that the new Chairman of the School Librarians' Division of OLA be a member of the committee to investigate the consolidation of the two groups and that she be allowed to enlarge the committee as she deems necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mildred Patterson suggested that the School Librarians' group of OLA meet on Friday instead of Saturday morning. Mrs. Donaldson made the motion that we meet on Friday instead of Saturday. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Edith Holley
Secretary-Treasurer

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Winner Named In “What Is A Librarian” Contest

Mary Imbody, state president of the Oklahoma Student Librarians Association looks over the contest winners.

Inset—Mary Guthrie, Tulsa, contest winner for the watercolor shown at the far right.

Individual winner: Mary Guthrie, grade 12, Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, for water color; sponsor: Miss Tommie Barnes, librarian, Mrs. Ethel Moore.
Alternate: Kay Ellis, Grade 11, Harding High School, Oklahoma City, for caricature; sponsor, Mrs. Audrey Gibson, librarian.
Second Alternate: Larry Taylor, Grade 11, Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, for play; sponsor, Mrs. Jane Cansler, Shawdah Branch Librarian.

Institutional winner (schools submitting the most entries) Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, librarian, Mrs. Sarah Jane Bell
Runners-up: Douglass High School, Ardmore; librarian, Mrs. M. E. Burrow, Midwest City High School, Midwest City; librarian, Mrs. Sylvia Coles

Best of Class Winners: (Individual winners chosen from these)

ART ILLUSTRATION: Miss Guthrie; Runner-up: Max Evans, Douglass High School, Oklahoma City; sponsor, Miss Dabney.

CARTOON AND CARICATURE: Miss Ellis; Runners-up: Bob Swaffer, Will Rogers High School, sponsor, Miss Barnes; Janice Rudrow, same school and sponsor.

DRAMA: Mr. Taylor; Runners-up: Hazel Rosamund, Broken Arrow High School, sponsor, Mrs. Earl Lynn, Librarian; Milton Wardell Stewart, Douglass High School, Ardmore; sponsor, Mrs. M. E. Burrow.

ESSAY: Rayna Sue Marshall, Classen High School, Oklahoma City; sponsor, Etalea Undefth, Librarian; Runners-up: Stella Robertson, Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, sponsor, G. D. Waterford; Patrick Joe Gill, Douglass High School, Ardmore; sponsor, Mrs. Burrow; Esther Ruth Treymeyer, Classen Jr. High, Oklahoma City, sponsor: Miss Undefth; Paulette Tolliver, Douglass High School, Ardmore; sponsor, Mrs. Burrow.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 24, 1962
9:30 AM
Oklahoma City University Library

Members Present:  
Gerald Coble;  
Mary Ann Wentroth;  
Jack O'Bar;  
Elizabeth Cooper;  
Elizabeth Oliver;  
Esther Henke; and  
Juanita Means;

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Coble, and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. O'Bar reported a total of $3242.53 in the association treasury, and a total of 365 paid memberships for 1962.

Mr. Coble stated that notice of the two constitution amendments (tenure of officers of the

POEM: Lequetta Richardson, Douglass High School, Oklahoma City; sponsor, Mrs. A. B. Dillard, Runner-up; Anita Poage, Will Rogers High School, Tulsa, sponsor, Miss Barnes.

POSTER: Roseanne Aubrey, Midwest City High School, Mrs. Colles, Librarian; Runner-up; Shirley Tuma, West Jr. High School, Norman, Mrs. Ida Self, Librarian.

MOST ORIGINAL ENTRY: Kathy Campbell, DeWitt Jr. High School, Enid, Librarian, Mrs. Elizabeth Geis, for shadow box; Runner-up; James Thomas Reed, Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, sponsor, Mrs. M. A. Sloss, for statistical survey.

OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN: and changes in membership dues should have been sent to the membership at least 60 days before the annual meeting. Since too much time had elapsed, nothing could be done about these at the coming convention.

The names of Calvin Brewer and Mrs. Mary Jeanne Hansen as nominees for OLA treasurer, instead of the incumbent, Jack O'Bar, were announced. Mr. O'Bar plans to leave Oklahoma in August to become librarian at Mankato State College in Mankato, Minnesota.

The membership committee sent two recommendations. First, that all Distinguished Service Award winners be given Life Memberships in OLA. This action was approved by the Board with the understanding that such gifts be retroactive. Second, the membership committee recommended that no non-members of OLA be allowed to register at the convention. The Board decided that a survey of how many persons would be involved by such a move be made before giving approval to this.

Announcement was made that the Oklahoma Genealogy Society Institute had invited OLA to membership in their organization. The Board approved joining this group.

Mr. Coble said that Emerson Greenaway had written him soliciting OLA financial support for the ALA Washington Office Discretionary Fund. The Board was in agreement that a donation to this fund was good policy. The secretary
was directed to answer that the association planned to contribute, but that the amount would be determined and sent later.

New dues category for library associations ($25.00) in ALA were announced, and payment of same approved by the Board.

Mr. Coble read a request from Virginia Owens that some provision be made for financial help from the association toward National Library Week expenses in 1963. Mr. Coble recommended that allotment of $150.00 for that year be made with the understanding that this amount might be increased if funds were available. The Board approved.

The many problems in publishing and mailing out the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN, and the problems and responsibilities of the treasurer’s office were discussed. Mr. Coble recommended that those concerned in these difficulties continue to work together to simplify and make more efficient all the procedures that were necessary.

Mr. King and Miss Wentroth reported that plans for the state meeting were going forward well.

The next meeting was scheduled for 4:00 PM, Thursday, April 26, in one of the Conference Rooms at the OSU Library in Stillwater. The meeting adjourned.

April 26, 1962, 4:00 PM
Oklahoma State University Library, Conference Room

Members Present:  Guests:
Gerald Coble  Richard King
Mary Ann Wentroth  Bill Stewart
Jack O’Bar  John Stratton
Elizabeth Cooper
Elizabeth Oliver
Mabel Murphy
Juanita Means

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Coble. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. O’Bar reported a total of $3,319.33 in the association’s treasury, with bills outstanding of $341.00. He also reported a total of 411 memberships in OLA for 1962.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of the exhibits com-

Election Assures Future of Pioneer Multi-County Library

The Pioneer Multi-County Library gained a victory and suffered a defeat in the May elections. Cleveland County approved a 2 mill library levy May 1 but Garvin County rejected a 1 mill levy three weeks later. Financially the election results were favorable. The two levies would have produced $100,000 in 1962-63 and two-thirds of this amount was approved. An additional satisfaction was the fact that Cleveland County became the first county in the state to approve the maximum levy. Cleveland and McClain counties will now comprise the multi-county unit.

The committee reported that thirty-two (32) exhibitors had paid $920.00 for exhibit space, with another $70.00 yet due, making a total income of $990.00 from this source.

Mr. Stratton, chairman of the awards committee, presented their report regarding other recognitions by the association, in addition to the Distinguished Service Award. These suggestions would be announced at the business meeting in the last general session, for discussion by the membership. He said the adoption of any one would require a change in the constitution.

Mr. King, chairman of the local arrangements committee, announced that the OSU Ladies Glee Club had been asked to sing at the dinner on Friday evening, and the donation of $35.00 to their organization would be appropriate for this service. He reported that Mr. Low had made arrangements for use of the French Lounge for the autographing party Saturday afternoon. The rental of the room, plus the refreshments, would likely be $40.00 to $50.00, and his committee planned to ask the Sequoyah Book Award committee to split this expense with the association.

Announcement was made that the 1963 OL conference would be held in Norman at the Center for Continuing Education. The 1964 meeting would be in Oklahoma City, and the 1965, possibly in Tulsa.

The meeting adjourned.
Juanita Means
Secretary

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