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President's Message

Elizabeth Geis

The difficult we do immediately; The impossible takes a little longer.

This seems to be the philosophy that is making our younger members so effective. It is gratifying to see more and more young people taking responsible roles in OLA committees and divisions.

The Library Development Committee's information network is devoted to promoting adequate library service for the people of Oklahoma. Mrs. Nancy Amis is the hard working Legislative Coordinator of the Library Development Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association. She was formerly head of the Library Education Department of Oklahoma State University. She is frequently seen at Kansas State University where basketball is the big thing for her.

Frances Kennedy and I were excited to see the "ALA Nominating Committee Report, 1974," in American Libraries, December 1973. There we saw our own Allie Beth Martin a nominee for First Vice-president and President-elect of ALA. Allie Beth is Director, Tulsa City-County Library System. We are delighted to have an Oklahoman as a nominee for the highest post in professional librarianship.

Nominated for Council from Oklahoma were Lee B. Brawner, executive director, Oklahoma County Libraries; Dee Ann Ray, librarian-director, Western Plains Library System; Marian G. Patmon, associate director for library resources, Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Two former residents of Oklahoma were also nominated for Council, John B. Corbin, formerly a staff member of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Norma Barnes, formerly school library supervisor, Tulsa.

Frances Kennedy is director of libraries, Oklahoma City University, chairman of the Awards Committee of OLA and generously responsible for securing meeting places for many OLA functions.

May I suggest that each association member get a copy of the Oklahoma Library Association's Planning and Goals Committee Report. Please read and evaluate it to see how far we have gone now that the fiscal year is past the half way mark. You and I may have a long way to go—let's go together.
As a small child, Lu Celia Roberts shrunk in fright at her first glimpse of Indians stomp-dancing when her family took her to Gallup, N.M.

"Why, honey," her mother said, "they won't hurt you. You're part Indian too."

It was probably small consolation that hectic day. But today she says proudly, "I'm part of the melting pot of Oklahoma. I'm Irish, English, Scotch and 1/64th Cherokee. And Oklahoma is the melting pot of the United States which is the melting pot of the world."

To her, this meshing of racial strains — and the unity Oklahoma has achieved in spite of it — is part of the fascination of the state's history.

She felt this first as she researched state museums and libraries for a series of five illustrated texts she brought out in 1971. Included in what she calls her Pride in Heritage series are Fourteen Flags Over Oklahoma, Indians of Oklahoma, West of Yesterday, Settling of the West, and Oklahoma's Indian Heritage.

All were purchased originally in large runs for Oklahoma museums to give tourists a taste of Oklahoma history. The books are recommended by state education officials for state curricula.

As a former social studies teacher (she taught art and social studies at the unique Putnam City school in Oklahoma City), she became more interested as she traveled the state with her husband, George Wise, now a technological engineer with Mapco in Tulsa. In working on the PIH series, she realized how fascinat-

100,000 miles of travel to 50 Oklahoma museums went into "Oklahoma's Blending of Many Cultures." On the wall: her painting of "The Trail of Tears."

ing the state's history is, and how much has never been made readily accessible. As her reservoir of facts overflowed and she discussed them with state educators, she was encouraged to embark on a definitive book that would tell the state's history through text and through Oklahoma-owned and/or produced art and photographs.

While she was still at work, the country was swept by news that the U.S. would fittingly celebrate the Bicentennial of the American Revolution in 1976.

By that time, Mrs. Gladys Warren, chairman-director of the Bicentennial Commission for Oklahoma, knew that part
of the nationwide bicentennial plans included state history books. Seeing what Lu Celia had accomplished, the Commission set a historical date—July 4, 1974—for its publication and designated it the state's official history. Its title: Oklahoma's Blending of Many Cultures.

After its Bicentennial distribution, the material will then be expanded into educational form to be used in Oklahoma schools.

So what happened to that little girl who was afraid of Indians? What fired her writing ambition and gave her the ability and experience to vie with 50 other writers who will be doing state history books?

Well, she moved out of teaching when her husband left Oklahoma City for Tulsa. She then went to work for an oil company and became the first woman employed in the drafting department of a major Tulsa oil company.

"Soon I was asked to do visual interpretations for executive conference use in New York and Tulsa," she says. And then adds, almost casually, "The company president asked me to design and supervise construction of the company's exhibit for the 'Frontier of Science' and other shows." She also designed for the International Petroleum Exposition a nine-by-thirty foot mural commemorating 100 years of oil.

That oil got into her blood. She took engineering courses at Tulsa University and furthered her art talent with painting lessons at Philbrook Art Center with such masters as Raymond Eastwood, Oklahoma's Doel Reed and with Frederic Taubes.

Leaving the security of the oil company, she launched her own highly successful (sales of a quarter-million in 12 years) enterprise, "Oil Originals by Lu Celia," designing custom-made gifts for oil company executives. These included such animated miniature masterpieces as working scale models of a battery-operated oil pumping unit. One sat on the desk of then Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, from whom she received a special letter of appreciation.

She imprisoned oil in a clear, three-inch glass drop for oil executives' desks. Next she designed and custom-made color mosaics of oil producing sands, mounted in brass, with the look of abstract art. Some were ordered to reproduce a specific oil sand that had been a phenomenal producer.

Perhaps her most imaginative creation technically was what she calls "textured brass etchings." She etches out the design and applies color in a process she evolved herself. So faithful is her reproduction that Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art in Tulsa has honored her discovery by permitting her to reproduce by this technique several of its most renowned paintings—"The Bell Mare" and "Jerked Down" by Charles M. Russell; and "Bell Mare" by Frederic Remington. She was the "Artist of the Month" for the Oklahoma Historical Society in July, 1972.

While researching Oklahoma's oil industry and treasures of Western art, she became more and more intrigued by other facets of the state's history and heritage. Its fantastic influx of more than 67 Indian tribes of 11 linguistic families fascinated her. Oklahoma, she discovered, has a larger Indian population than any other state, according to the 1970 census.

As a former social studies teacher, she believes that we "tend to overlook the good parts of our heritage," and that "in the struggle for human progress, we discover that we need not start from scratch. Generations before ours developed sound and workable systems within which we can make further orderly advances."

"Because it's a latecomer—46th in the nation—we sometimes think of Oklahoma as 'too new' to be historically interesting. Not so," she says.

To get her material, she has traveled
Far East Meets Southwest

Librarians from the People's Republic of China Visit Tulsa Libraries

Sue Fontaine

Question: "Does acupuncture hurt?"
Answer: "Almost all the members of our delegation have experienced acupuncture. We think that you would have to try it and see for yourself."

The question came from a student in the Chinese language class at Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The smiling respondent was the interpreter and member of a delegation of librarians from major libraries of the People's Republic of China. The occasion was their U.S. tour coordinated by the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the Peoples Republic of China — a committee of the National Academy of Sciences, the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State. This moment of free and friendly interaction between the Oklahoma students and the dignitaries is illustrative of the unexpected informality of their two day tour of Tulsa libraries, a tour which turned out to be not only an excellent professional exchange but a warm and rewarding cultural exchange.

High anticipation, much careful planning, and a certain amount of apprehension preceded the arrival of the high level Chinese. The word that they wished to include Tulsa City-County Library on their tour of American libraries "because of its reputation in the library field" came from Patricia Tsuchitani, a staff member of the Committee on Scholarly Communication. The fact that TCCL was the only public library of its size in the United States, and Tulsa the only city in the Southwest selected for the itinerary heightened the enthusiasm of TCCL staffers and the public school, university and college librarians whom Mrs. Martin contacted to share the event. "Inter-library" cooperation worked at its best as Dr. William Jernigan, Vice-President for Learning Resources and Instruction, Oral Roberts University; Kenneth McCharen, Director, Instructional Media, Tulsa Public Schools; Ms. Eva Roberts, Supervisor of Resource Centers, Tulsa Public Schools; William Best, Director of Gilcrease Institute and others met to develop a Tulsa tour. How quickly could the group move through the various library facilities, allowing time for "interpretation"? What program formats would aid the visitors in gaining maximum understanding of the resources that they were to view? With tour time in Tulsa limited to a day and a half, which library resources and facilities would prove most meaningful? Since the group would have already explored such impressive institutions as the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, the New York Public Library and the Harvard University Library, to name but a few — the Tulsa committee decided to concentrate on those facilities and services which might be unique to their Tulsa visit. A detailed plan was made for the group to tour Columbus Elementary School, which offers an excellent example of a "media center" in Tulsa's Pub-

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lic School System as well as the "open classroom" concept; TCCL (where they would see community meeting rooms, the new microfiche catalog, and learn of outreach programs); Washington High School, where they could observe the teaching of the Chinese language (believed the only U.S. high school to have such a class outside of New York City and San Francisco) and the Education Service Center, where they could participate in a two-way cable TV hookup to Washington High and Gilcrease Museum and where they might gain understanding of Oklahoma’s heritage and the American Indian culture. A visit to Oral Roberts University, originally included in the tour plan, had to be abandoned due to subsequent pressures of time and logistics.

Paralleling the "professional" aspect of the visit were many considerations of "hospitality." A tour bus was to be hired. Adequate time for "rest" should be allowed. Previous Chinese groups, it was reported, have been curious to try new foods. TCCL Staff Association President Rosemary Moran and TCCL's good cooks (who have published a staff "Ready Reference" Cookbook) were planning—and re-planning—a buffet lunch to follow the Columbus-TCCL Tuesday morning tour. Library Commission Chairman Joan Flint offered to host the group for dinner, so that they might have the opportunity to visit informally in a Tulsa home.

Administrative Secretary Jennifer Gifford was busy coordinating informational packets and audio-visual materials, with the background information that the manual declared would be helpful in promoting understanding. The Chamber of Commerce was asked to provide slides that would give an overview of Tulsa in its geographical, economic, social and cultural setting. The First National Bank, which had just produced an excellent historical film "A City and Its Bank" for the opening of its new First Place Tower (now the tallest building in Oklahoma), was contacted for the loan of the film. (A copy is subsequently being placed in TCCL’s circulating collection.) Each agency individually prepared informational kits which were to be placed in the visitors' rooms at the Hilton.

When plans were presented to the Library Commission, high interest was roused among Tulsa media. An official "procedures" manual from the national Committee indicated that the visit was to be one of "low visibility." The Chinese, it stated "are very reluctant to grant interviews," but photographing of the tours would be permissible. TCCL's Information Officer, (Sue Fontaine) was designated as "press secretary." A pre-arrival press briefing was held to schedule reporters and photographers for coverage of tour highlights. Appreciation must be expressed here not only for the courteous cooperation given by representatives of the Tulsa press, but for their sensitive and perceptive handling of news and features.

The delegation of Chinese librarians from the People's Republic of China arrived on schedule at 8:35 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22. The delegation, accompanied by Ms. Tsuchitani, and two officers from the U.S. State Department, consisted of Mr. Liu Chi-ping, Head of the Delegation and Director of the National Library of Peking; Mr. Pao Cheng-hu, Deputy Head of the Delegation and Deputy Director of the National Library of Peking; Professor Chen Hung-shun, Associate Professor, Department of Library Science, Peking University; Mr. Pan Hao-ping, Deputy Director of the Shanghai Library; Mr. Tung Tseng-kung, Director of the Administrative Department, Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; Mr. Huang Tsung-chung, Head of the Department of Library Science, Wuhan University; Mr. Chou Feng, Assistant Chief of the Photoduplication Division, National Library of Peking; Mr. Tu Ke, Staff Member, Library of the National Bureau of Cultural Relics; Mr. Chou Chi-jung, Interpreter and Staff Member of the National Library of Peking; and Mr. Fu Feng-Sheng, Interpreter and Instructor in the Peking Foreign Language Institute.
Tuesday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. —
Arrival at Columbus Elementary School.
Briefing by the principal, Ms. Mahana Harterfield, Mr. McCharen and Ms. Roberts. The school bright with Hallowe’en and Thanksgiving displays... the ceiling hung with creative mobiles, many of which seemed closely akin to the decorations that we think of as typical of the “Chinese New Years”... youngsters pouring into classrooms, giving only a glance and a smile to the dignitaries... no curious stares although the group surely must have seemed “foreign” in their almost identical dark jacketed suits with high collars. A walk through the open classrooms where children were using individual viewers, programmed reading machines, and videotapes that teach handwriting... observation of children working with dimensional structures in the High Challenge program for those with perceptual difficulties... obvious delight expressed in the freedom given the youngsters to pursue varied learning tasks. One delegate experimented with fingerpainting, guided by a first grader who had gotten more than his hands into the media. Another “painter”, whose artwork was predominantly red, exclaimed “Oh, my hand is all bloody!”. The remark, when translated, drew chuckles. At the conclusion of the tour, a student solemnly presented the head of the delegation with slides of Columbus Elementary and other Tulsa media centers. In turn, the school was presented with a set of scenic Chinese postcards and a children’s book in Chinese.

10:00 a.m. — Arrival at Tulsa City-County Central Library. General briefing in the auditorium by Mrs. Martin... the Tulsa area slides, the First National Bank Film, with key segments interpreted... Pat Woodrum, Assistant Director, illustrating TCCL’s relationship to the County and City government and the function of the Library Commission with simplified charts provided by staff artist Bob Bartholic. Try explaining the concept of participatory management... of community involve-
ment... in a few simple sentences, via an interpreter, to persons from a different culture... a sense of humor hurdled us over stumbling blocks, such as converting the mill levy income into Chinese money.

Touring... intense interest in the new microfiche catalog explained by Ruth Blake, head of Technical Processes, and the availability of microfiche readers throughout Central, 18 branches and 3 bookmobiles. On the Plaza level... interest in the framed circulating collection of art for children... the filmstrip stories... the travelling photographic exhibit from Israel... the circulating collection of framed and original artwork, the cassettes and recordings in Fine Arts... a few of the delegation wandering off to peruse certain items. Up to the second floor Reference Department to meet Fran White and her staff... a highlight of the tour is the bronze screen symbolizing the founding of Tulsa by the Creek Indians...
much peering and touching of its varied textures ... much conversation (in Chinese) as to the meaning of the turtle and the flame. On to third floor Business and Technology ... Linda Hill explaining special services to oil companies and other business. Back to the auditorium level for the buffet lunch ... lining up for ham and an array of other goodies. The guests attempted a variety of choices, with Miss Tsuchitani assuring us that their response transcended mere "politeness". Did it seem strange to them to be seated at card tables with women? A few of the delegation spoke — or seemed to understand a smattering of English. One had been educated at Columbia. He and Mrs. Martin found library school faculty and other friends in common. After lunch ... a tour of the plaza level ... much wonderment over the abstract metal sculpture "Amity", noting that its polished angles reflecting the buildings in the civic center ... amazement at its "price tag".

1:30 p.m. — Arrival at Washington High School. A welcome from Principal H. J. Green ... the Chinese class taught by Ronald Roberts (son of Dr. and Mrs. Oral Roberts) in session ... the visitors seated at student tables ... questions and answers relayed through the interpreter, but when one of the students asked what sports Chinese children enjoy, Mr. Liu Chi-ping quickly responds "ping pong". His reference to the original ice breaking contact between the people of the United States and the People's Republic draws appreciative reaction. One of the visitors steps to the blackboard to illustrate simplified characters now used in most books and in their newspaper "The People's Daily". "Wow" is the student reaction when their "visiting instructor" reduces a complicated character to only four lines. More than a thousand words have been simplified, the students were told. English and Russian are required subjects in Chinese schools, where students enroll at
the age of seven. They remain in the equivalent of our public schools, attending six days a week, eight hours a day, until they have "completed the work required". "Gifted" students are accepted for three years of college, with the selections of students made by "the local people" with the approval of "authorities". Students in new China, explained the interpreter, "are expected to help one another". Emphasis is on improving each student and on "sharing and helping" rather than on competition. An inquiry from a student with regard to "nationalism" seems puzzling. The student explains "Here we salute and pledge allegiance to the flag, and sing our national anthem." Smiles spread over the visitors' faces. "We think every people should be encouraged to love their country, but we do not use the term 'nationalism'. In our country, we call it 'patriotism'">

dinner at the C. W. Flints.

7 p.m., dinner: Mayor Robert J. LaFortune assisting in the hospitality, making an impressive "welcome" talk which included a commentary on local government. One of the delegates a former vice mayor of his city, stimulating more personal conversation ... the mayor presenting commemorative coins highlighting the Arkansas Navigation System and the City of Tulsa ... the Chinese polite over wine but thoroughly enjoying the soup course ... many informal expressions of pleasure in being with the Columbus and Washington students ... their first exposure to young people during their itinerary ... comments on their own families ... "I have a son who is a farmer and one who is a student ..." ... they are parents, librarians, teachers, individuals. They are much like us. Yet their "cultural revolution" remains a "puzzlement."

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. — In the Education Service Center ... the delegation seated in the cable TV studio before a monitor which pictures the Washington High Chinese class ... a second monitor shows the visitors themselves on the screen. Eight miles away, the class also watches on the dual monitors, viewing both themselves and the studio guests ... signs of recognition! Following yesterday's pleasant encounter, they are now "old friends".

"What kind of pets do Chinese families have?" inquires a student. "Birds", responds the interpreter, "and golden fish".
The Chinese seem interested, but not surprised, at the two-way technology... compare it to "phono-vision" viewed in another city. The procedure manual warns Americans not to "lecture" to the Chinese "as if they were students." American scientists "should assume that the Chinese scientists are as up to date as possible in their particular discipline." The Chinese are not hesitant about asking questions and can clear up a misunderstanding in this manner. We were assured that they would be able to play back our videotapes on their tours. We were glad that we had avoided the "lecture" approach in favor of more informal presentations... and proud of our grade school and high school students... their courtesy, their intelligent questions... the way in which they combined respect with friendly interest.

10:30 a.m. — Arrival at Gilcrease. A greeting from Mr. Best and other staffers... docents had made special preparations for this unique tour. All going smoothly until a group of elementary school children are unexpectedly encountered in one of the exhibit rooms... no problem... body language clearly demonstrates friendly intent of both parties... smallest child receives affectionate pat on the shoulder as dignitaries move on. Intense interest in the portraits of American Indian Chiefs... then to the quah, representing Chief W. W. Keeler in the presentation of two stunning bronze and cherry wood plaques by Cherokee artist, Willard Stone. Mr. Best and members of the Gilcrease staff approach each delegate to present a copy of the Gilcrease quarterly publication "The American Scene", plus reproductions of paintings in the museum collection. Finally... Allie Beth Martin presenting a copy of "The Art of the Old West", a gift to the National Library of Peking... TV cameras whirling... poses for "still" shots... official "thank yous" very formal yet very sincere... an exchange of small gifts among the individual participants... but the nicest gift of all... understanding... and hopefully, the promotion of a closer relationship with another country.

Reference Division of OLA Workshop

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Oklahoma City
Southgate Inn

Membership of OLA will receive registration forms in January.
The Japan Medical Library Association (Nihon Igaku Toshokan Kyōkai) has many aims similar to those of the Medical Library Association of the U.S. It also has one function quite different from any of the United States association. I learned these facts during meetings in Tokyo with some members of the Japan Medical Library Association.

This highly professional organization has seven directors, one of whom takes care of international liaison with medical librarians from other nations. My guide and interpreter was Mr. Yoshio Amano, assistant librarian, Keio University Medical Library, and also the director of the Japan Medical Library Association who meets with foreign librarians. He arranged for me to visit several medical libraries and information centers, and he transported me there and participated in the interviews. His assistance was invaluable.

One of the medical librarians I interviewed is Mr. Yoshinari Tsuda, one of Japan's most famous medical librarians. He is the former director of Keio University Medical Library, and the present managing director of the International Medical Information Center. (One of the functions of this organization is to index 96 Japanese journals for the National Library of Medicine.) Mr. Tsuda explained that the Japan Medical Library Association has 53 institutional members, and that it has limited its membership. This limitation occurs because one of the primary functions of the association has been the development and running of the medical interlibrary loan system. The JMLA has felt that the small medical library would be unable to perform its share of interlibrary loan and would be a burden to the larger medical libraries.

Mr. Tsuda felt that there was now a movement to make membership less restrictive. I understood both Mr. Amano and Mr. Tsuda to state that a medical library must have 40,000 books and bound journals to become members. However, I may have misunderstood their English because the printed article I was given states "To qualify as regular members of the association, libraries must possess a library of more than 15,000 volumes, 80% of which must consist of specialized medical literature; associate members must have more than 10,000 volumes."

The requirement for 15,000 volumes is a very high entrance requirement. The Medical Library Association in the U.S. has a minimum of 1,000 volumes as an institutional membership requirement. Thus, in the United States, many small medical libraries, particularly those in hospitals, may have an institutional membership in the Medical Library Association. This is not the case in Japan where the bulk of the institutional membership is composed of university libraries. In Japan, the cost of this membership is

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25,000 yen, or approximately $96; in the United States, it is $75.

This Japan Medical Library Association was established in 1927 with one of its major purposes being the promotion of lending among member libraries. Other activities which its bylaws mention are investigations and research relating to the administration of medical libraries; training of personnel; publication of professional bulletins; sponsorship of research meetings, etc.; representation of Japan with related overseas groups; cooperation; and other activities related to the association.3

I was told that through the interlibrary loan system, it was possible to obtain material from another library in Japan. This must always be accomplished through a library that is a member of the Japan Medical Library Association. Thirteen of these libraries now have TELEX communication with each other for interlibrary lending purposes. If the materials are not available in Japan, the central office of the Japan Medical Library Association collects these requests, which it relays to the National Library of Medicine or to the British Lending Library.

Like many others, the Japanese recognized that to have a successful interlibrary lending system, one must have control of the location of serials and of monographs. Therefore, beginning in 1931, it has published several editions of a union list of scientific journals available in Japanese medical colleges. It has also published a union catalog of foreign books present in Japanese medical colleges. However, the last volume of this eight-volume series was published in 1956. Since that time, the member libraries have been sending cards of their foreign monographs to Keio University Medical Library, which maintains the union catalog file there. Other medical libraries obtain locations from them.

The Japan Medical Library Association also gives an annual seminar for staff of its member libraries. It also maintains statistics on these libraries. Many of the questions I had relative to individual Japanese medical libraries were answered by Mr. Amano, who referred to the annual statistical compilation of the association. The Japan Medical Library Association has two serial publications of a professional library nature. One is Medical Library (Igaku Toshokan), and the other is JMLA News.

Several of the librarians I talked with felt that the Japan Medical Library Association had developed the national medical interlibrary lending system because there was no one Japanese national medical library such as our National Library of Medicine. They were very much interested in and knowledgeable about the regional development of medical libraries in the United States. Mr. Amano has plans for and hopes that a regional network with five or six regional centers will be developed in Japan.

The Japan Medical Library Association has many aims similar to those of the Medical Library Association in the United States. These include the setting of professional standards, training of personnel, the promotion of professional literature, and cooperation with professional groups domestically and internationally. Its goal seems to me to differ primarily in that its function is as an interlibrary lending system. Also, it is a much more closed association with extremely high entrance requirements aimed at keeping out small institutions liable to be a “drag” on the interlibrary lending system.

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Emergency—Damaged Books!

Virginia Collier and John Hinkle

“We have fourteen thousand volumes, ranging from damp to badly soaked, and what do we do?” came over the phone on an appointment-filled Thursday, September 27, 1973, from Mrs. G. H. Yeary, chairman of the Newkirk Public Library Board. This appeal for help from consultants of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries was met with sympathy and questioning that brought forth the information that the heavy rains had leaked through the make-shift roof of the city building which was in the process of being changed from a two-story to a one-story building. The books had been moved by city employees, who worked well beyond the ordinary call of duty during the rain, to the Community building.

Mrs. Yeary was told that the problem had been well covered in the library literature since the flooding in Florence, Italy, and in Pennsylvania, and that she should turn off the heat that she mentioned being turned on high and get all the fans going that she could acquire, as circulating air was the best drying agent and intense heat the worst — too rapid drying causes pages to stick together. In the meantime we would search the literature and come up with the necessary procedures.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries’ Professional Collection is one of the best resource libraries available to Oklahoma librarians when information concerning library problems arise. To get help on Newkirk’s problem there were several books and many periodical articles in this collection on the subject but the most useful was George Martin Cunha’s Conservation of Library Materials: a manual and bibliography on the care, repair and restoration of library materials, published by the Scarecrow Press, Inc. in 1971.

A call back to Mrs. Yeary told her that, after this search of the literature, Esther Mae Henke, Associate Director of the Library Services Branch of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, thought it would be best if two consultants in her branch, Virginia Collier and John Hinkle, came to Newkirk the next morning to assist in organizing volunteers in saving as much of this library as could be saved. She was asked to have the radio station announce this need for volunteers and to ask the school for any help from the students that could be free to help. She was asked to acquire all the white paper towels that the local stores had in stock to be used in interleaving the wet books.

Arriving early in Newkirk, John headed for the local pharmacy to acquire necessary chemicals to be used to prevent mildew getting started in the books. He had to settle for the second choice of materials for this as they did not have Thymol but did have 40% Formaldehyde which he mixed one (1) part to seven (7) parts of water. In this solution were soaked long strips of white paper toweling which were spread out to dry on balcony railings and on some framing that happened to be set up in the back of the community building. After drying, these sheets of paper toweling were placed between every five to ten pages of a book that had been dried. In the meantime, others were wiping off the shelving that was being brought in by city employees with a milder solution of the formaldehyde — all of this procedure was to retard the mildew fungus.

While John was doing his job with the aid of Mrs. Ralph Leedy, the assistant librarian, Virginia was working with Mrs.
Yeary and the librarian, Mrs. Bob Maupin, to organize the volunteers and library board members and staff into an organization to handle the worst of the damaged books. During the move Mrs. Yeary had been farsighted enough to have the city crew arrange the books on end (not just stacked anywhere) in rows where the books could be handled quickly and efficiently. Newkirk was very fortunate to have the community building available for this quick move. It was a combination of these factors along with the efficiency of the city crew that cut the damage to a minimum. Moving this many books in the pouring rain inside the building as well as outside, with the ceiling falling in, the floor collapsing, it is a miracle that more damage was not done.

Art books are interleaved with paper towels, fumes might make them ill and kept telling them to leave if they felt any effects (Mrs. Yeary told later that one of the ladies showed up to help again the next morning and said she had slept better than she had in years as the fumes had cleared her sinuses). School children came with Mrs. Jean Kennedy, the High School Librarian, to help during their library period. One lady who was visiting from Alva came in and volunteered her time.

Volunteers at work - more books waiting!

It is very hard to follow the rule of not wasting time on materials that are beyond saving and working only with those that can be saved when time is so important and manpower is at a premium. Time was spent trying to save some art books and bound periodicals that later proved to be unsavable, but none of us wanted to give up on them without trying. Valuable art books were interleaved with paper towels in the pages that had text and black and white pictures and with plastic film where there were colored pictures — some of these were saved but many were not. Unfortunately the worst damage was in the reference area and bound periodicals.

Volunteers from the whole area arrived to help during the day. A group of lovely Senior Citizen Club ladies adjourned their regular meeting and came to assist — John was afraid that the formaldehyde

Paper towels are applied to wet pages.

Books which were damp were fanned out so the leaves could be exposed to the effects of the air stirred by the fans. Books
which were not wet had a sheet of the formaldehyde soaked paper placed in them and then were placed on the treated shelves. Every book had to be handled individually to evaluate its condition. This process was still going on six weeks after the accident and damp books were still being discovered. No estimate can be made yet as to total damage — at least 1,000 of the books have been found to be a total loss and this figure may rise when all books have been evaluated. The spirit and hard work of the community’s volunteers and of the library staff and library board are to be commended highly and the credit for the saving of much of the collection goes to them.

Should your library have flood or fire damage, the following are things to be remembered.

First for water damage—Speed is Important:

Priority 1—Restore environment control by emergency repairs to the building or moving (as Newkirk did) the collection to safe quarters if the building is beyond the quick repair stage.

Priority 2—Dry all books by standing them on end and fanned open in the direct flow of air from a fan. Do not turn on intense heat and do not attempt to wipe off mud (except surplus) or mildew until they are dry as you would be rubbing the mildew and stain deeper into the book pages and covers.

Priority 3—Interleave wet soggy books with blank newprint or white paper toweling every 2-4 pages. Change interleaving frequently until the pages feel dry. Be careful not to crack the spine. For art work put wax or plastic paper next to colored reproductions.

Priority 4—Wash book shelves with soap, water and formaldehyde solution (i.e. one-half cup Formalin in ten quarts of water).

Priority 5—Remove mildew from rough dried books by brushing with clean paint brush. Interleave at five page intervals with newprint or paper towels impregnated with the thymol or formaldehyde solution.

Priority 6—Replace the impregnated sheets in each book until the mold growth stops. (Some libraries have been saved with dried out pages only to be ruined with mold—the dormant spores can stay in the books a year or more and then incubate and destroy the book.)

Priority 7—Select books for rebinding, pressing only on premises, or discard.

Now for some priorities in case of fire or smoke damage (John Hinkle had experience with smoke damage at the Wilburton Library some years ago.)—Move carefully:

FIRE DAMAGE:

Priority 1—Of prime importance is gentle handling of the crumbling material.

Priority 2—Remove books to a safe place away from the scene of the disaster and lingering smoke.

Priority 3—Hire a professional to handle the books you can afford to restore.

SMOKE DAMAGE:

Priority 1—Remove from scene of disaster, lingering association with the smoke impregnated walls will further heighten the damage.

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Myth of the Real: Fiction and Non-Fiction

Judith McPherson

For people who work in and use public libraries, there is a fuzzy but definite difference between works of fiction and non-fiction. I say fuzzy because not many seem to be able to articulate the differences, but definite because they clearly know what they want. Many think that fiction is simply frivolous, a way of passing time for housewives and escaping the "real" world, whereas non-fiction has a purpose, is useful, instructive, serious, meaningful. Even for those who like to read fiction, there is often a feeling of shame, as if they don't want the librarian, the world, to know that they secretly indulge in the vice of reading fiction. This attitude is nothing new, and can be dated back at least to the eighteenth century when writers of fiction often developed elaborate devices for convincing the reading public that their works were really "histories," left on their doorsteps in mysterious fashion and crying out to be published. But it seems to me that it is time for fiction to claim its legitimate position in the world of letters, and that a good look at the actual differences between the two forms may dispel much of the feeling surrounding both.

To a large extent, the difference between fiction and non-fiction is technical. When we say fiction, we mean prose narrative, that is, the creation of a narrator or voice who informs us as readers and who speaks directly to us. The narrator is in the oldest sense the story teller, and all fiction is shaped by his function. The voice who speaks to us (in Pound's term, persona) is a creation of the author but removed from the author; he stands between him and us, and speaks from a particular point of view with varying amounts of knowledge about the events and process of the tale. In this sense, the narrator is the author's projection, an imaginative way of pointing us towards the knowledge embodied in and created by the narrative. The novel or short story is also always personal and social at the same time; the narrator gives us his views, guides us along, but his views are always of something larger than himself — his family, town, country, ideas of future worlds, etc. Thus it is that fiction is not "pretty lies" or frivolous stories, but a vehicle for the embodiment of values derived from living in the world. And fiction in this sense is our most "fleshy" form of literature. It never tells us directly how to feel, how to act, what to believe, but shows us, by an imaginative world made to come alive, made to embody and demonstrate the truths the author wants us to understand. So at the very base of fiction is the belief that the important things can't be said directly, or they will seem foolish, trite, unimportant, but they must be shown to be true, to function, through shaping and molding of

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Middle East, on missions to Afghanistan and China, and served as U.S. Ambassador to China in 1944-45.

In his book Buhite makes use of the Hurley papers (housed in the Manuscripts Division of the OU Library) and other sources, fully examining Hurley’s attitudes toward Philippine independence, the Mexican oil controversy, and shaping of American policy toward the Middle East, the Soviet Union, and China.

Although it is a full-length biography, the book devotes the majority of its attention to the question of Chinese-American policy and diplomacy. Six of the 13 chapters deal with China. “Hurley was intimately involved in shaping our policy toward China,” Buhite said. “Because of this, he was a very controversial figure at the time and is quite important to the history of American foreign policy.”

A native of Reynoldsville, Pa., Buhite received his bachelor’s degree from Clarion State College, a master’s degree from Ohio University and his doctorate from Michigan State University. He came to OU in 1965, “So I’m a veteran Oklahoman,” he said.

Although he now is devoting most of his study to U.S.-Soviet Union relations, when Buhite came to OU he had done “quite a bit of work” on U.S.-Far Eastern diplomacy. “When I came here, I found out by chance that the Hurley papers were here, and decided that this would make a great second project. The manuscripts and papers are extremely valuable sources. They contain documents only recently opened up in state department archives,” Buhite said.

University of Oklahoma President Paul F. Sharp wrote Whoop-Up Country, first published in 1955, while Sharp was a professor of American history and chairman of the Department of American Institutions at the University of Wisconsin. The work has been reprinted by the University of Oklahoma Press.

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REGIONAL, NATIONAL NOTES

The Louisiana State University Graduate School of Library Science now has a B.S. in L.S. conversion program permitting graduates who hold the B.S. in L.S. degree from LSU to earn the Master of Library Science degree. The program begins with this spring’s semester. For further information, write Donald D. Foos, LSU Graduate School of Library Science, Baton Rouge 70803.

The proceedings of a seminar on “The changing role of Directors of University Libraries” are now available in 90-minute cassettes from the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. To buy a cassette, send a check for $6.50 made payable to the American Library Association to Dr. Beverly P. Lynch, executive secretary, ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Anyone interested in a Post-ALA German Library tour? The three and one-half-week sojourn will begin July 12. Tourists will view the “most interesting sights, both library and otherwise, in both East and West Germany.” It’s an all-inclusive package, priced at $998 plus air fare. Write German Library Tour, P.O. Box 187, Bellport, N.Y. 11713.

OCL GOES A-V

The old fourth floor auditorium at the Main Library of the Oklahoma County Libraries has been changed into an audio-visual center complete with listening stations, films, tape recordings, framed prints and other goodies. If you like different colors, you’ll like the new center. The walls are painted with orange, mustard and olive super graphics.

Pat Woodrum Appointed

Pat (Mrs. Clayton E. Woodrum) has been named Assistant Director of the Tulsa City County Library System. She has been serving as Chief of Public Services since (Continued on Page 37)
Sink or swim, we are going to really try something new for OLA this year! We begin the use of our theme by trying to induce you to come spend the whole time at the conference—"To CEL 'em, Tell 'em: Communicate, Educate, Legislate."

Thursday afternoon will mark the dedication of the new Oklahoma Department of Libraries building and Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association will be on deck, along with many other dignitaries. This will be a good beginning point for the 67th Annual Conference.

Friday and Saturday will be taken up with Division and General Sessions. Friday evening will be a planned "fun time". Saturday night will be the big banquet with awards, if any are given, and our main speaker.

This marks a change from previous formats. Because many people are unable to attend on Thursday and Friday since they are working days, we thought that by extending meetings and making the main banquet on Saturday that perhaps more people would and could attend. The program committee is considering awards for those brave souls who stay through the "whole thing." You may wish to compete — we hope so.

The new facilities of the Lincoln Plaza Inn are slated to be complete for the Conference, so there will be plenty of meeting and eating room and room for exhibits, which we think will be bigger and better, as they have proven to be each year.

Main speakers for the Conference include: Sara Srygley, Professor of Library Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Sara, we are told, holds the title of "Go-Go Girl of the Library World" because of her great enthusiasm and many activities. We are sure she will bring a real spark to the Conference.

Rod Swartz, Associate Director, National Commission on Library and Information Science, Washington, D.C. will be on deck. Most of you will remember Rod as a former president of OLA, and a former staff member of Tulsa City County Library. Rod should be up-to-date on the Washington scene and his presence should allow us an opportunity to question him about the National Commission's plan for libraries. You may want to read up. We want to ask Rod if they intend to leave any books in libraries since the plan seems to put great emphasis on computers.

Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Director of American Library Association will be on deck for part of the conference and will bring us current information about ALA activities.

Saving the best till the last, Edmon Low will be conference consultant and will speak during the conference. Mr. Low, as you know, is currently the Director of New College Library, Sarasota, Florida. In the October issue of Oklahoma Librarian, there is a fine reprinted article about Mr. Low. He holds many distinctions and has done so much for libraries, not only in Oklahoma, but throughout the U.S.

Begin making your plans now — mark your calendar and watch your mailbox for further announcements and reservation forms.

See you at OLA!
Your Program Committee
Program

THURSDAY, April 18, 1974
1:30 p.m.          O.D.L. Building Dedication
4:00-7:00 p.m.     Registration
4:00 p.m.          Executive Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.          Buffet Meal—Reception for Speakers

FRIDAY, April 19, 1974
8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Registration
9:00-10:30 a.m.    First General Session (Business Meeting)
                   Greetings from Mayor Latting
                   Esther Henke—Show and Tell
                   Combined Meeting: Library Education Division
                   and Technical Services Division.
                   Édmon Low—Speaker
                   Second General Session
                   Keynote Speaker—Robert Wedgeworth
                   Special Libraries Division Meeting
                   Reference Division Meeting
                   Third General Session (Business Meeting)
                   Report from Rod Swartz
                   An Evening Out (Cowboy Hall of Fame)
                   Western Wear—Chuck Wagon Meal

SATURDAY, April 20, 1974
7:30 a.m.          Past Presidents’ Breakfast
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration
8:30-9:30 a.m.     Trustees Division Meeting
                   Automation Roundtable Meeting
                   Division Business Meeting
                   Combined Meeting: O.A.S.L. Division and
                   Children & Young Peoples Division.
                   Sara Srygley—Speaker
                   College & University Division Meeting
                   Sequoyah Luncheon
                   Fourth General Session
                   Sara Srygley—Speaker
                   Public Libraries Division Meeting
                   Social Responsibilities Roundtable Meeting
                   Fifth General Session
                   Conference Roundup—Edmon Low
                   Awards Presentation
                   Doorprizes
Academic Library Administrators Workshop

Margaret Korn
Northern Oklahoma Junior College

Friday, December 7th, 1973, the Academic Subcommittee of the Library Development Committee held an Academic Library Administrator's Workshop at O.C.U. in Bishop Angie Smith Chapel. Among the fifty people in attendance, in addition to the library administrators from across the state, were members of the OLA Executive Committee, Library Development Committee and the Interlibrary Loan librarians from academic institutions in the state.

The workshop addressed itself to matters of mutual interest to all academic librarians. Ron Curtis, CSU, chaired a session in the morning on the current status of the Oklahoma Union List of Serials. Dr. Roscoe Rouse and Mrs. Alice Pattee, chief editor of the Union List, gave the history of the project and suggested proposals for printing out the present list, and outlined updating problems and financial needs. Dr. James K. Zink, Director, OU Libraries, discussed the automation procedures concerning the list and the services OU could provide given current funding limitations. Questions and suggestions came from participants.

Mr. Carter Bradley, executive secretary of the Higher Education Alumni Council, addressed the workshop in the latter part of the morning. As chief representative for the major lobbying force in Oklahoma higher education, Mr. Bradley shared the following thoughts on the role of academic librarians:

Librarians have not received their fair share in state budgeting for higher education but academic librarians should realize that library needs can be sold to legislators more easily than faculty salary increases. Books are tangible, visible factors to which legislators are receptive. Academic librarians should see that questions concerning library needs and resources are directed continually to legislators. Institutional accreditation requirements often are dependent on library resources. Departmental faculties need to be reminded that the university or college library serves the entire academic community, and these faculties' support must be solicited for increased library funding.

Mr. Bradley announced that Candid Campus TV program will focus on library needs just before the Appropriations Committee meets in the early spring.

After a luncheon break, Ralph Funk, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries presided at a panel discussion on the Oklahoma Interlibrary Loan Code. Sheila Wilder Hoke, Director, Southwestern State College, and Teresa Linton, Interlibrary Loan Librarian at that school, represented the four year colleges. Heather Lloyd, Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian at OSU represented the universities. Father Eugene Marshall, Director of the library at St. Gregory's College, represented the junior colleges and privately funded institutions. Mary Hardin, ODL, spoke for ODL and the public libraries sector. (See related report which follows, ed.)

An animated and sometimes heated discussion generated from the panel's remarks. The problems rise over the questions of the cost of interlibrary loan, defining the uses (undergraduate, graduate student or faculty, public library patron), the heavy load as resource centers of research materials placed on the universities and the lack of funding both for resource materials (i.e. particularly multiple copies) and staff to do the searching. Members of the committee who are drafting a new interlibrary loan code promised to evaluate the arguments when composing the draft.

The committee feels that the meeting
was beneficial and that these should be continued as other problems of mutual concern also need to be addressed.

The Academic Subcommittee is composed of the following OLA members: Ron Curtis — Automation Librarian, Central State University; Margaret Korn — Director of Library, Northern Oklahoma Junior College; Don Lanier — Acquisitions Librarian, Oklahoma State University; Heather Lloyd, ex officio — Reference Librarian, OSU, Chairman, College and University Division, OLA; Mary Esther Saxon — Assistant Professor of Bibliography, History-Political Science-Documents Librarian, OU, Chairman, Academic Librarians Subcommittee.

Time is Money

Sheila Wilder Hoke
Southwestern State College

A Library Administrators Workshop convened at Oklahoma City University on December 7 to discuss problems relative to inter-library loans. Approximately fifty librarians were present and included directors of academic libraries — university, four-year colleges, junior colleges (both private and state) — academic interlibrary loan librarians, public librarians, the librarian from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, and the executive board of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Most four-year state college libraries do not have the resources for large-scale interlibrary loans. They do not have large periodical/book collections. Many do not have bibliographic tools, such as the NUC. In addition, photostat machines and packaging rooms are lacking. Also the interlibrary loan librarian has other duties often demanding her full-time attention in the library, thus personnel is lacking to support the program. Even so, four-year college libraries do lend an average of three items a year, but the bulk of interlibrary loan load must come from the university libraries.

University libraries traditionally serve the state-at-large with interlibrary loans; however, in Oklahoma, the universities are having difficulties because they do not have the money to fund a heavy interlibrary loan program. (It was learned that the OSU Library is operating their program with one librarian and one fifteen-hour student per week who picks up the material on campus. Much material ordered is not adequately verified and the number of requests awaiting the librarian’s time continues to accumulate faster than she can handle them. The OU Library reports similar difficulties.)

It was learned that a committee has been formed to write an interlibrary loan state code or guidelines and that this committee was headed by Miss Dee Ann Ray, Western Plains System Librarian.
(Public Library), and Mr. Ralph Funk, the Librarian of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. They were concerned whether or not interlibrary loan in the state should be liberalized to include undergraduate use.

The larger universities stated that they had difficulty enough with the present interlibrary loan load and that opening interlibrary loan to undergraduate use would create too much work for them to carry. Mr. Bill Martin, Library Director, Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, stated that his college library and Southwestern State College Library had been asked to permit undergraduates to use interlibrary loan and that the statistics showed that neither college had undergraduates request interlibrary loan materials in any number. Most materials borrowed had been for photostats for professors. Undergraduates were not eager to use the interlibrary loan system when told of the time they would have to wait for them especially when they were helped to use the resources of the library. Mrs. Alfreda Hanna, ILL at Bethany Nazarene, also concurred with the above statement and said that most undergraduate students were not adept at utilizing library resources — card catalog, indexes — and that a good reference librarian could find materials in the college library for undergraduates. She said that was why interlibrary loan should always be handled by a librarian competent in reference work.

From the survey of four-year college libraries compiled by Southwestern State College librarians, Mrs. Hoke and Mrs. Linton, it was determined that undergraduate use of interlibrary loan is divided between those libraries that permit undergraduates to send requests (1/3), those that do not permit undergraduates to send requests (1/3), and those that insist that the instructor order in his name the material for a student (1/3). Most interlibrary loan material for four-year colleges was found to be ordered for the faculty. Photostats of periodical items was most requested. Most four-year college libraries used the OTIS System and found it invaluable.

What seems to be needed is adequate funding for the university libraries for interlibrary loan work with additional money for them to belong to the Denver Bibliographic Center.

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CATV Workshop

Sue Fontaine
Information Officer
Tulsa City-County Library

Tulsa City-County Library and the Tulsa Professional Chapter of Women in Communications took the lead in introducing Tulsans to the exciting potential of cable television as a communications medium for the entire community. Joining them in the workshop venture on Oct. 30, 5 to 9:30 p.m. (supper included) were Tulsa Cable Television, which expects to begin broadcasting in December, and the Tulsa Media Ministry, which is offering “how to” workshops for church members and personnel. Co-chairmen were TCCL’s Information Officer Sue Fontaine and the Media Ministry Task Force member Phyllis Braunlich, both board members of WIC. Tom Leibetter of TCCL’s staff, coordinator for the city-county government channel (its studio will be housed in Central Library), supplied technical assistance along with Tulsa Cable to make “hands on equipment” and videotape demos a highlight of the event.

Guest speakers were Red Burns and Eileen Connell, two lively and communicative young women from the Alternate Media Center, New York University. They have been traveling across the country helping communities form “public access centers.” Brought to Tulsa by the cable company especially for the workshop, they stimulated interest in the media’s free ac-
cess channel, which will be available to individuals and groups.

Stress was laid on the public service opportunities provided by cable. Ongoing results are already seen: workshop participants have gotten together to begin filming and taping, cable TV is being encouraged via agency newsletters; and program ideas are coming to the library from such groups as the YWCA and the Tulsa County Historical Society.

Speakers on the “state of the art” prior to audience participation in a variety of small workshops included Mayor Robert J. LaFortune (“A City and Cable”); Bill Swanson, President, Tulsa Cable Television (“Our Local Picture”); Allie Beth Martin, Director of Tulsa City-County Library (“New Opportunities for Communication”); Ken McCharen, Supervisor of Instructional Media, Tulsa Public Schools (“Education and the Cable”); Tom Ledbetter (“The City, the County, the Community— and Cable”);

Mrs. Martin commented that in travel across the country, she had been warned “that libraries must fight for a place in cablecasting” but that in Tulsa, a cooperative city-county government, an excellent franchise and “a cable operator who came to us for ideas on the role of the library in cable” have combined to make Tulsa City-County Library a major participant.

Workshop topics included “Basic Facts About Cable” (Mr. Swanson, John Stelter, General Manager of Tulsa Cable Television and Prof. John Huffman, University of Tulsa); “Programming and Planning” (Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Fontaine, Hurst Swiggart and Bill McCright, Tulsa Cable Television); “Hands On” (Bob Schmitt, TCT engineer with equipment and representatives from SysteMatics Inc. and Teleman South West Inc.); “Church/Religion on CATV” (Ms. Braunlich and John Danner of the Community Video Workshop); “Educational TV” (Mr. McCharen, Nancy Leake and Thelma Gil-

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lett, supervisors of educational TV for the school system) and "Public Access" (Prof. Burns and Ms. Connell).

Over 200 persons from major agencies and organizations in the community as well as persons from business firms and clubs participated. The project benefitted the Educational Fund of WIC. Videotapes are now being edited and will be made available to schools, colleges, universities, libraries and other organizations through TCCL and WIC. Inquiries may be addressed to Sue Fontaine, Tulsa City County Library, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, Ok. 74103.

**ODL Building Progresses**

*Carole Ellis*
Public Communications
Oklahoma Department of Libraries

The new state library building is still rising. But mark your calendar, the official dedication is set for 2:00 p.m. April 18, 1974, which precedes the evening opening of the OLA Conference. Governor David Hall and Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Director of the American Library Association, are scheduled to highlight the dedication program.

**Judith Krug Addresses OU Audience**

*Pamela Henderson*
Oklahoma County Libraries

The Associated Library Students of the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science in conjunction with the University's Speakers Bureau invited Judith Krug, Executive Director of the Freedom to Read Foundation and Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association, to speak on campus December 6th. Mrs. Krug spoke on the theory of intellectual freedom, telling how the June 21, 1973, Supreme Court decision poses a threat to the concept that any person should have total and complete access to all information and ideas regardless of the form of the material: books, films, paintings, or recordings.

Mrs. Krug pointed out that intellectual freedom is the basis of librarianship as practiced in the United States, where collecting all kinds of information and making it available to all is the function of a library. The American Library Association's official statement on intellectual freedom is
the Library Bill of Rights. This statement has no legal significance but serves as a guide for librarians to follow. However, the First Amendment to the Constitution says, in part, that Congress should make no law abridging the freedom of speech and of the press. The Freedom of Information Act, now seven years old, that has had little success and is difficult to use.

Mrs. Krug believes this decade’s greatest challenge to the dissemination of information and to intellectual freedom is the June 21 decision of the Supreme Court. The ruling was on five cases of material containing sexual content, collectively known as the Miller Decisions. From these five decisions four provisions evolved causing immediate effects on libraries:

1. If the dominating theme of the material, taken as a whole, appeals to a prurient interest in sex it is considered obscene. Adult fiction today is often spiced with references to sex. This could mean excluding most adult fiction from the library.

2. If the material is patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standards relating to the description and representation of sexual matter it is considered obscene. This is no longer to be interpreted as national standards; local communities may enact their own standards. This aspect of the decisions means there could be 78,217 different government standards on obscenity and pornography. The possibility of such variety could certainly affect the publishing world and cause great confusion for library systems that cover several communities.

3. If the work taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or social value it is considered censorable material. The word “serious” could be a contradiction of one of the roles of the public library; the provision of recreational reading. If so, the word “serious” could damage part of the social responsibility of the library.

4. Persons may not purchase, acquire, or import any material considered obscene. It is now legal to have the material in the privacy of one’s own home as long as it is created there. This ruling will probably hit the academic library the hardest. Any academic library collecting foreign avant-garde literature may have a hard time continuing to build this collection because the material may be confiscated at customs when it enters the United States.

If a work falls into any of these four categories it is considered illegal and may be brought to court. If a jury decides the “average” person would find this material offensive it could be censored. Mrs. Krug believes no jury is in the position to say what kinds of material a person has the right to read. Defining of obscenity to the jury is now an issue of fact. This means that the material on trial is the evidence and the jury makes their decision by reviewing the evidence. No longer must a prosecutor present opinions from the writer, publisher, or other “expert” witnesses.

According to Mrs. Krug the average jury member is not going to stick his neck out or alienate the community in order to save a book and promote intellectual freedom. Is it also the same for the librarian? It is easier for her to remove the book from circulation than to oppose the censor. The librarian stands a chance of alienating the community from the library and perhaps losing her job. If a librarian should lose her job in the fight for intellectual freedom, the Office of Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation will give financial support up to $500.

The American Library Association and the American Civil Liberties Union work together from time to time to provide a means to combat the censor in an ethical and legal fashion. These cases can only
be fought if the librarian reports such incidents of censorship and works with her professional organization to keep freedom of the press, of access, to inquire, to read, to think, and express one’s opinion orally or graphically as one believes.

Mrs. Krug believes education is the first step in making people aware of the threat to the right to information posed by the Supreme Court ruling. J. Michael Bruno, Assistant Professor, at the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science offers one of the few courses taught in library schools concerning Intellectual Freedom. It is through the process of educating future librarians on what to do when the censor comes that the fight for intellectual freedom will gain momentum. One program of education would be for each state to hold an Intellectual Freedom Workshop to enlighten librarians, educators, and the public. Materials on intellectual freedom for a workshop can be obtained from the Office of Intellectual Freedom.

The CELS Project

Marion Mitchell
Executive Secretary, SWLA

The Executive Board of the Southwestern Library Association has voted $1,000 to fund the implementation of the Continuing Education for Library Staffs in the Southwest (CELS) Project. The Project, based on a survey done by Mrs. Allie Beth Martin, assessed continuing education of library staffs in the six Southwestern states: Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. The Report, written by Mrs. Martin, Project Director, and Miss Maryann Duggan, SLICE Office Director, proposes a plan of action in continuing education designed to meet the needs of the region as revealed by the survey and follow-up study.

The principal recommendation of the study is that the Southwestern Library Association assume responsibility for developing a meaningful and viable continuing education program for the library community in the region cooperatively with state, regional and national groups, library schools, employing institutions and individuals.

A CELS Advisory Group is being established consisting of the SLICE Council (Southwestern Library Interstate Cooperative Endeavor, the project arm of The Southwestern Library Association) which consists of the state librarians of the six states in the region, the presidents-elect of the six state library associations, the Southwest Library president and president-elect and selected advisors. To this group the CELS Advisory Group will add library educators in the region. A Coordinator of Continuing Education will be hired early in 1974. A Continuing Education Interest Group open to any member of the Southwestern Library Association is being formed to keep the Advisory Group
in touch with the needs and interests of the membership.

Anyone interested in securing an excerpt of the CELS Report should contact Mrs. Marion Mitchell, SWLA Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 36206, Airlawn Station, Dallas, Texas 75235.

Nineteenth SALALM
News Release

The University of Texas at Austin will be the site of the Nineteenth Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, April 23-26, 1974. The Acquisition of Central American Materials will be the special topic for discussion. In addition there will be reports of progress made in the past year on matters concerning Latin American acquisitions and bibliography in general and a series of workshops which will include: Instruction in the Use of Latin American Library Materials including Formal Courses in Latin American Bibliography,""Publications of Inter-American and International Organizations,""Book Dealers and Their Problems,"" and the "Commercial Reprinting and Reproducing of Latin American Materials."

The Seminars on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials have been sponsored since 1956 by the Organization of American States as an activity of its Inter-American Program of Library and Bibliographic Development and carried on informally by libraries and institutions interested in the procurement of Latin American materials. To give the program of SALALM a firmer basis for carrying out its desired activities, SALALM was incorporated as a professional association in January 1968. The Secretariat is now located in the University of Massachusetts Library, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Recent conferences were held in San Juan, Puerto Rico (1969); Toronto, Canada (1970); Puebla, Mexico (1971); Amherst, Massachusetts (1972); and Port of Spain, Trinidad (1973). An increasing number of librarians, bibliographers, and bookmen from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe as well as from the United States and Canada have participated in the SALALM meetings and have contributed working papers and information, especially on publishing in Latin America and Latin American bibliography.

Registration in the Nineteenth Seminar is $15.00 for members of SALALM and $25.00 for non members. Preprint working papers are included in the registration fee and are available only by registering in advance. Librarians and scholars from Latin America and the Caribbean may attend the Seminar without paying the registration fee and will receive a set of the working papers. All students will be admitted to the conference without charge but must register and pay a fee of $7.50 if

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they wish sets of the working papers. Complete details and registration forms for the Nineteenth SALALM will be distributed soon. The conference coordinator is Nettie Lee Benson, Librarian, Latin American Collection, University of Texas Library, Austin, Texas 78712. Information on the content of the program and working papers may be procured from Rosa Mesa, Documents Department, University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, Florida 32601. For other information refer to the Executive Secretary, Pauline P. Collins, SALALM Secretariat, University of Massachusetts Library, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002 U.S.A.

The Final Report and Working Papers will subsequently be published by the SALALM Secretariat and distributed without charge to those registered for the Seminar and to members of SALALM. Others who wish copies may buy them. Reports of Seminars 5 and 9 through 16 are available in limited supply from the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, Sales and Circulation Unit, Washington, D.C. 20006. Reports for the 17th and 18th are in preparation and will be available from the SALALM Secretariat. A microfiche edition of the 1st through the 6th may be purchased from Microcard Editions, Inc., 901 26th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037. This publisher is also preparing to issue Reports 7 through 16 on microfiche.

Basic Documents of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, Inc. (Washington, D.C., Pan American Union 1968. Cuadernos bibliotecologicos, no. 45. 18p.) contains the constitution, bylaws, and articles of incorporation of SALALM. Annual membership dues, payable on September of each year, are as follows: 1) Institutional Members located in Latin America and the Caribbean, $10.00 per year, for all others $20.00 per year; 2) Personal Members, $5.00 per year outside of Latin America; $3.00 for those from Latin America, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; 3) Special Members, $100.00 per year; and 4) Honorary Members, no dues. Checks for dues should be made out to the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, Inc. and sent to the Executive Secretary at the address given above.

Officers of SALALM

Officers of SALALM are: President, Mrs. Rosa Mesa; Vice President and President-Elect, Mrs. Emma Simonson; Executive Secretary, Mrs. Pauline P. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Albert Diaz. Members-at-large to serve on the Executive Board until 1976 are: Mr. Earl Pariseau and Miss Jane Garner; those to serve until 1975 are: Miss Marjorie LeDoux and Mrs. Barbara Stein; those to serve until 1974 are: Mr. David S. Zubatsky and Mrs. Margarita Anderson-Imbert.

PRECONFERENCE AND POSTCONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

I. Library Personnel and Training and SALALM Contributions to Latin America

Plans are being made for a UNESCO supported preconference to take place immediately prior to the 19th SALALM which will bring together Latin American and North American librarians to discuss topics of mutual interest related to library organization, personnel and research as related to Latin American materials in libraries throughout the world and to the past and potential contribution of SALALM to library, bibliographic, and booktrade development in the Americas. For information write after December 1 to: Mr. Gilberto Fort, 1829 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Fla. 33166.

II. Workshop on Selection and Acquisition of Spanish Language Materials for Children and Adolescents
A two-day postconference workshop is being planned for librarians, educators, publishers and distributors concerned with the Spanish-speaking in the United States to discuss selection and acquisition of Spanish language materials for children and adolescents. Topics will include: publishing in Spain and Latin America and the problems of the publisher; acquisition and marketing problems of U.S. and Latin American distributors in providing the U.S. market with printed and audiovisual materials from Spain and Latin America (history and survey of current production); and criteria for selecting and selection sources for materials for the Spanish-speaking. There will be book exhibits and showings of audiovisual materials. The workshop, which will be held in the Downtowner Hotel in Austin, is sponsored by SALALM's Joint Committee on Library Materials for the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking in the United States and by the Institute of Latin American Studies of the University of Texas at Austin. Additional registration fees will not be required for those registered for SALALM. Separate workshop registration will be available to those wishing to attend the workshop only. For registration information write: Mrs. Susan Shattuck Benson, Library Development Program, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C. 20006, U.S.A.

Financial Assistance for Library Education

Curtis E. Swanson
ALA Public Relations

Information about more than 1,000 grants of $500 or more is now available in Financial Assistance for Library Education: Academic Year 1974-1975, prepared by a committee of the Library Education Division of the American Library Association, chaired by Cosette N. Kies of the Ferguson Library, Stamford, Connecticut. The publication is made possible by a grant from the H. W. Wilson Foundation, Inc. Information about scholarships, fellowships, and other grants was received from national, state, regional, and provincial library associations, library agencies, educational institutions, foundations, and other donors. The 54-page booklet, covering the United States and Canada, lists the granting body and/or name of the award, type of assistance, number available, amount of the award, academic and other requirements, deadline for application, and address to which application should be sent.

Compilation of the booklet is one of many committee activities of the Library Education Division undertaken as a service to librarianship and education. Members of the Committee for Revision of Financial Assistance for Library Education, in addition to Miss Kies as chairman,
are: Sister M. Luella Powers, Michael Rothaker, and Irma Tomberlin. LED President Peter Hiatt has named Mrs. Tomberlin chairman of the committee for 1973-74.

Intended primarily for potential recruits to librarianship and for librarians and others who accept the responsibility of assisting them in their search for financial assistance, the publication is free on request from the Library Education Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

Questionnaires soliciting details about bibliographies and other source materials are being distributed to libraries, information centers, library schools, and library associations. Organizations which have not yet received questionnaires are invited to request copies from Mrs. E. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Bibliographies Project, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

Subject Guide to Bibliographies

News Release

A project to produce a subject guide to bibliographies, indexes and other source material available from libraries, information centers, library schools, ERIC centers and library associations in the United States and Canada has begun. Many such organizations have prepared internal source materials which have utility beyond the local organization and its clientele. The purpose of the project is to develop a comprehensive list of such resources which would serve as a subject finding guide for hitherto inaccessible bibliographic and index data. The volume which results will be issued by Gale Research Company.

The Library Bibliographies Project is being carried out in coordination with the library of the College of Library and Information Services. Institutions are also being invited to provide copies of their materials for inclusion in the collection of bibliographies, indexes and other source materials now being developed in the College library as a national center for such resources.

OLA and SWLA Membership

OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

All dues are annual and payable by January 1 of each year. Dues include membership in one division. Delinquent members shall be notified in writing not later than January 15, and if dues are not paid within sixty days of the notification date they shall be dropped from the roster of active members.

Dues of the librarian members are based on the present annual salary:

Salary not in excess of $4,000 ......$ 4.00
Salary of $4,000 to $5,999.99 .......7.00
Salary of $6,000 to $8,999.99 ..........10.00
Salary of $9,000 or more .............15.00
Additional division memberships and/or round tables ...............each 1.00
Dues of full time students ..........2.00
Dues of trustees and lay members ...4.00

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Dues of library institutions are based on the total annual income of the previous fiscal period:

Income not in excess of $50,000 ........ 10.00
Income of $50,000 to $500,000 .......... 25.00
Income of $500,000 or more ........ 50.00
Dues of non-library association, institution and organization members shall be $10.00

OLA was founded in 1907 for all individuals interested in improving library services throughout the state.

OLA’s annual convention is held in the spring of each year. In 1974, it will be in Oklahoma City’s Lincoln Plaza Inn on April 18-20.

OLA divisions and round tables sponsor activities, projects, and workshops of interest to the membership throughout the year.

OLA membership includes a subscription to the Oklahoma Librarian, a quarterly journal. The membership directory, which appears in the April issue, lists members as of January 31; prompt action will assure you of receiving this issue.

OLA dues must be paid by February 15 in order to receive a ballot for annual elections. Consult the dues schedule and send your check for both OLA and SWLA dues with your membership forms to:

OLA Treasurer
Mr. James Bym
Cameron College Library
P.O. Box 6397
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

Remember! OLA dues must be paid by February 15th in order to receive a ballot for the annual election of officers!!

SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Individual memberships .......... $ 5.00
Life members ..................... 100.00

SWLA promotes all library interests in the Southwest—Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Arizona, Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico.

SWLA deals with problems on a regional basis, through the development of appropriate task forces and interest groups. SWLA promotes interstate-interlibrary cooperation and information exchange.

SWLA sponsors continuing education programs, SLICE and other cooperative projects. The conference in Galveston in October 1974 is already taking shape as both worthwhile and exciting.

The SWLA Newsletter, a bimonthly publication, includes material of regional interest and keeps members aware of the activities and projects of the Association. Institutional members also receive the Proceedings of the biennial convention.

SWLA dues may be paid with your OLA dues, or mailed direct to: Marlon Mitchell, SWLA Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 36206, Airlawn Station, Dallas, Texas 75235.

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100,000 miles and studied in 80 museums—50 in Oklahoma—and in many historical society and other libraries.

She has said: “Sometimes when I’m stymied by not being able to excite enough interest in someone to find material for me, I’ve been turned over to a librarian who has helped save my book’s life.”

The 67 tribes that were relocated in Oklahoma brought with them their ancient and diverse cultures from home regions to cross-pollinate others in Oklahoma. Outlaws, industry, cattle, agriculture, oil, have left their mark. Men and women who hewed out places for themselves after statehood ranked in stature with those of states admitted long before Oklahoma.

She felt this story had to be told graphically.

She’s telling it in 176 pages of text and color illustrations in a handsome leather, gold-tooled, limited edition of 1,000 copies. It will sell for $100 and will be autographed by the Governor, Mrs. Warren and Lu Celia. It is expected to rank high among similar state publications.

In addition, hardcover copies with color cover illustration depicting Oklahoma’s blending of many cultures, will be available at approximately $7.50.

Orders may be placed for the books through the office of the Bicentennial Commission of Oklahoma, 4040 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, 73105. Money will be held in escrow until publication date. Many museums will have these order blanks.

The fact that a monumental 20 million visitors are expected to pour into the U.S. during the Bicentennial celebration makes it a tourist lure Oklahoma cannot overlook. That means that all the state’s six tourist divisions — Fun Country, Green Country, Red Carpet Country, Great Plains, Frontier and Kiamicchi Countries — will benefit. All are threaded through the book as it unfolds the educational, religious and industrial development and the many nationalities that molded the state.

In the light of world interest in American Indian art and culture, Oklahoma can expect a full share of Bicentennial visitors.

The bi-partisan backers want this Bicentennial to be truly national. They feel it must go directly to the people and derive its strength from the people, as Mrs. Warren points out.

More than half the book is complete. But if any librarian looks up to see a charming woman toting a camera, tape recorder and reproduction machine at her desk, it could just be Lu Celia — researching just one more fact.

The Lambda chapter of Beta Phi Mu Honorary Library Science Society will hold its annual initiation banquet on April 26. Members of other chapters who have recently moved to Oklahoma are cordially invited to join. Contact Karen Lehr, Librarian, Norman Municipal Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.
Emergency

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Priority 2—Vacuum—using a vacuum cleaner with a charcoal throw-away filter bag—the pores of a cloth bag will quickly clog.

Priority 3—Use cleanser, water and cloth to wipe away remaining smoke traces on top of book, spine and covers.

Priority 4—Make sure all traces of smoke are removed before moving back into the remodeled library. At Wilburton, (a) the stone walls were scrubbed with sulfuric acid down to new stone, (b) the air leaks around the suspended ceiling were sealed with tub putty, (c) the ceiling and panels were given a coating of tough paint, (d) all furniture was scoured, (e) the carpet was shampooed, (f) the carpet was lifted every 3 feet with a crochet hook and a spray disinfectant was shot under the rug with a hyperdermic needle to kill the smoke odor under the rug.

Prevention before the fact:

Demand FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS every 2 or 3 months from your fire chief, do what he says.

Request a study from your nearest Corps of Engineers to outline preventive steps for flooding and to give you predictive estimations of possible water damage potentials.

Aid after the fact:

You may qualify for disaster assistance under Public Law 92-385—get your city's legal representative to check it out.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Library Services Branch, has consultants that are available for advice and help. Call collect (405) 521-3673 in emergencies.

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Literary Notes

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It is the story of the Canadian-American West (along the Montana and Idaho borders with the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan) from 1865-1885, a time when that region more than adequately fit all the connotations of the book's title.

Since its first appearance, Whooop-Up Country has received many honors, among them the Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History, and the Silver Spur Award from the Western Writers of America as the best western non-fiction of 1955. It has been described as "a classic, a prototype for regional histories that have broad implications for a true understanding of the pioneer West."

The author describes Whooop-Up Country as "an effort to write a comprehensive regional history to give a sense of the realities of western life. It's a record of real people in a frontier area attempting to replicate the society with which they were familiar." The book draws comparisons between American and Canadian efforts in this regard, and thus becomes a regional history which is international and comparative.
human interaction. This seems more obvious when we pick any great novel and try to sum up its “theme” — it can usually be done in a few sentences, but doesn’t mean much, doesn’t tell us much about what the novel does and is.

Non-fiction, on the other hand, usually speaks to us directly through the voice of the author. He has something to say, to prove, to show and so he tells us so. All non-fiction is not simply the relating of facts but includes argument, interpretation, process, observation, etc. History, which we may think of as the prototype non-fiction, is not totally or even centrally the relating of facts and events. The modern British historian Edward Carr makes this point clear when describing the job of the historian: “It used to be said that facts speak for themselves. This is, of course, untrue. The facts speak only when the historian calls on them: It is he who decides to which facts to give the floor, and in what order or context.” (What is History, Alfred A. Knopf, 1961.) The same point is made in another way by modern physics. What Einstein’s theory of relativity tells us in the simplest sense is that “facts,” events, are not discrete, but occur and can be observed only in relation to other events in the universe. Everything is seen from a particular point of view, from a particular spot in time and space, no matter how “objective” the observer, how “factual” the argument may seem.

Thus the salient difference between fiction and non-fiction comes not to be the difference between the “false” and the “true,” but the ways in which information, ideas, points of view are presented to us. To pick another non-fiction category, philosophy is no more tied down to the “facts” than is fiction, but the system of thought is something which tries to convince us by direct argument. It is, in the rhetorical sense, building one acceptance upon another. What the philosopher says does not have to be transformed, created by paradigm, by character, by plot, but exists as a system of thought before and after, outside of the particular instance of his writing. That is, one can have an idea of Aristotelian logic without ever reading Aristotle, but there is no Moby Dick without Moby Dick.

And this is even more true of the most direct areas of non-fiction — say car mechanics or crafts books. We are told, simply (hopefully) what to do, and could get the same knowledge from any number of other books, and although one may be clearer than another, one better illustrated, this is simply a matter of proficiency. So non-fiction may indeed prove more “useful” when we have a limited purpose in mind, but not at all necessarily more useful, serious or important when what we want is to understand the world of our experiences.

I should also like to say that fiction and non-fiction are not as separate as they may seem. In works like Let Us Now Praise Famous Men, the originality of perception and style approaches fiction (it was not by chance that Agee was a fine novelist), and that work cannot simply be replaced by other descriptions of poor southern whites. Likewise, novels such as Giants in the Earth and Angle of Repose present us with an accuracy of observation about pioneer life and a sense of what it was like to live then that cannot easily be surpassed by folk-histories. This goes to show us that the stock ideas about fiction and non-fiction are not merely simplistic but distorted; they tend to earmark one for “serious study” and practical information and relegate the other to the second class status of escapism and entertainment. I would like to propose that all forms of writing present us with these, in varying amounts, and that they are not mutually exclusive, but complementary.
1970.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a Master of Library Science, Mrs. Woodrum joined TCCL in 1964 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas State College in Pittsburg, where she served in the college library and also in the Parsons, Kans., public library.

She has been librarian of the Woodland View Branch Library, Asst. to Chief of Branches, Head of the Reference Dept., Central Library and Chief of Extension for the Tulsa system.

Mrs. Woodrum is active in library activities on the national, state and regional level. She presently serves as chairman of the Oklahoma Library Association's "Right to Read" Committee; and is a member of the OLA Library Development Committee and the Public Library Association Interlibrary Cooperation Committee.

She and her husband, Clayton E. Woodrum, reside at 214 East 24th Place. The couple has one son, Clay, age six.

In announcing her appointment, Allie Beth Martin, Director, commented that Mrs. Woodrum's contributions have been outstanding. "We are fortunate to have a person of her administrative ability with our system," the director said.

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February 15, 1974
March 15, 1974
April - Annual Conference

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE STAFF ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AT 10:00 a.m.

Date: September 21, 1973
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Oklahoma City University Library


Guests present: Ralph Funk, Nancy Amis, and Verma Meaders.

Meeting: The President called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. As there were none the President asked for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Irma Tomberlin noted that her name had been omitted from the listing of members present. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

James Byrn presented the Treasurer's Report. He first asked for instruction from the Board concerning the handling of the Past President's Fund. He recommended that the funds be placed in a general savings account and also asked for the Board's approval of action taken to reimburse the General Fund for expenditures charged to the Past President's Fund. Dee Ann Ray moved that the Board approve the Treasurer's action concerning reimbursement of the General Fund and further moved that the Past President's Fund be invested at the Treasurer's discretion. Leonard Eddy seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Continuing with the Treasurer's Report Mr. Byrn informed the Board that as there is seldom less than seven to eight thousand dollars in the General Fund checking account he would recommend placing $5,000.00 in a general savings account. Leonard Eddy moved that the Treasurer be authorized to invest at his discretion up to $5,000.00 from the General Fund checking account. James Zink suggested that it might be better to maintain the checking account at a specific level. Mr. Eddy then changed his motion to say that the General Fund checking account be maintained at a level of $3,000.00 and the Treasurer be authorized to invest at his discretion funds in excess of that amount. The motion was seconded by Irma Tomberlin and approved by the Board.

The Treasurer also requested that he be allowed to carry the Sequoyah Committee account on the general books rather than continue to keep a separate account. Leonard Eddy moved that the Treasurer be allowed to do away with the separate set of books for the Sequoyah Committee and that he begin to carry the Sequoyah account on the General Fund books. The motion was seconded by James Wilkerson and approved by the Board.

Mrs. Geis asked Mr. Byrn if any new members had been added and he reported that twenty-five new members had been added since June. He asked if a person who is not an OLA member could join only an OLA Division or Roundtable. Dee Ann Ray responded that the Constitution states that to join a Division or Roundtable one must pay one dollar in addition to his OLA dues.

Mr. Byrn also asked if a deadline for paying membership dues in order to receive a ballot might be set. James Wilkerson added that Mary Beth Ozmun, Membership Committee Chairman, would like to put a firm date in her advertising. Dee Ann Ray moved that the Board place the final date for membership dues payment in order to receive a ballot at February 15 for the 1974 year. The motion was seconded by Leonard Eddy and approved by the Board. James Zink said a statement concerning the voting membership deadline would be placed in the October issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Leonard Eddy gave each of the members of the Board a copy of a tentative schedule for the 1974 OLA Conference which will be held April 18-20. The program schedule shows a change from previous conferences in that the Division meetings begin on Friday rather than Thursday and the Conference extends through Saturday evening. Mr. Eddy asked for the Board's reaction to such a change and said that he needed to set a definite schedule for the October Executive Board Meeting. The Board suggested that changes might be made which would allow the Conference to close by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The members of the Board agreed to check with other OLA members in their areas and report their findings at the next Executive Board Meeting.

The theme for the Conference will be "To CEL 'em, Tell 'em: Communicate, Educate, Legislature". Mayor Latting has been asked to present a welcome at the Thursday evening meeting. Edmon Low has been invited to serve as consultant for the Conference. Possible speakers are Sara Shrigley of Florida, Clara Jones of the Detroit Public Library, and Carl Albert.

Thursday afternoon, April 18, has been chosen as the time for the dedication of the new Oklahoma Department of Libraries building. Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Secretary of ALA, has been invited to attend the dedication and stay for Friday's OLA meeting, if possible. Ralph Funk pointed out that the entire Oklahoma Congressional Delegation will be invited to the ODL dedication and suggested that members of the delegation might be available for some portion of the OLA Conference.
Dee Ann Ray suggested that Eileen Earth might be considered as a speaker, also.

Imla Tomberlin, ALA Councilor, reported on items which have been called to the attention of the Council. The Council may consider at the Mid-Winter Meeting the formulation of guidelines for the presentation of resolutions. In the past resolutions have not always been well worded.

It has been recommended that ALA play a more responsible role in formulation of public relations programs which libraries across the country could utilize.

ALA filed a petition Monday, July 16 requesting that the U.S. Supreme Court reconsider its recent decision which affects the First Amendment.

Mrs. Geis called to the attention of the Board the Carnegie Commission Resolution and asked that it be considered for action at a later time.

Dr. Zink, Editor of the Oklahoma Librarian, noted that the October issue will be somewhat thin as that issue follows vacations and has fewer items submitted for publication. He asked that committee chairmen be reminded to submit reports of committee activities and also reported that he will be publishing certain worthwhile articles from other library publications. He pointed out, also, that the 1974 membership list will be published as a part of the July issue.

James Wilkerson reported that he has received the new mailing permit and that the President’s Newsletter will be mailed soon.

Ralph Funk, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, called to the attention of the Board Bill HR-699, now in committee, which proposes consolidation of ESEA Title II with other Federal programs to schools. Letters should be written to the Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee opposing such consolidation. Dee Ann Ray moved that the Board go on record as opposing HR-699 because it could jeopardize the support of school libraries as Federal funds might be used for other purposes, and further moved that the President write a letter to Carl Perkins, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee expressing OLA’s concern. Copies should be sent to all members of the Oklahoma Delegation and to the ALA Washington office. The motion was seconded by Fern Ward and approved by the Board.

Ralph Funk reported that ODL has submitted its budget request for Fiscal Year 1975. The request totals $2,248,240.00. Funds to make up for zero funding from the Federal level are included in this amount to return funding to the Fiscal Year 1972 level.

Mr. Funk will be attending the Association of State Libraries Legislative Liaison Meeting in Chicago. Topics to be discussed are the present impoundment suit, new patterns for Federal funding when LSEA ends in 1976, and the possibility of moving library funding from the Office of Education to some other agency.

Mrs. Geis informed the Board that Federal funding for school libraries has been released in the amount of $20,000.00 for all states. Previous funding was $90,000,000.00. The State Department of Education will soon be employing a new Coordinator for the Library Resources Division. School Library workshops will be continued this year.

Ralph Funk reported that LSEA Title I funding in the amount of $230,326.00 will be received by ODL and allocated as follows: approximately $26,000.00 for programs for the blind and handicapped, $22,000.00 for institutional library services, $79,000.00 for the Southern Plains Library System, and the remainder for the book budget and any other special needs which might arise.

Nancy Ams, Library Development Coordinator, reported that she has sent letters to members of the Library Development committees but has received little response. The Board recommended that she follow up with telephone calls.

Under Division Reports Mrs. Geis noted that the Children’s and Young People’s Division has scheduled a workshop in Edmond for October 17.

Under Committee Reports Mrs. Geis informed the Board that Neysa Eberhard has resigned her position as Sequoyah Committee Chairman. Chairman-elect, Jean Thompson, has taken over as chair and Donna Denniston is the new Chairman-elect.

Thelma Jones has asked to be relieved of her duties on the National Library Week Committee. Sara Jane Bell was recommended as a replacement for Mrs. Jones.

Under old business Mrs. Geis recommended that the Elementary Library Media Center Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded with the thanks of the Board as their work has been completed, and that any further elementary library activities be transferred to the school library sub-committee of the Library Development Committee.

Mrs. Geis asked for comments concerning the request for the Board’s endorsement of the “Joint Statement on Faculty Status of College and University Libraries”. Leonard Eddy said he would contact Heather Lloyd, Chairman of the College and University Libraries Division for her comments. The Board decided to postpone action until they had heard from the College and University Libraries Division.

Under new business Mrs. Geis reported that she has received a letter from ALA requesting recommendations from the Board for ALA 1974-75 Committee appointments.

A letter was received, also, from Sheila Hoke recommending a workshop on management concepts for librarians. It was noted that a workshop on this topic was held in the past and that one would be held in Texas in the near future.

Dee Ann Ray noted that the Interlibrary Loan Code Committee has been meeting and that the Publicity Committee has divided its responsibilities among the members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The October Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the OCU Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Rounds, Secretary

Date: October 19, 1974
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Oklahoma City University Library
Members Present: Elizabeth Geis, Leonard Eddy, Fern Ward, Imla Tomberlin, James Byrn, Anne Rounds, James Zink, Dee Ann Ray, and James Wilkerson

Guests Present: Ralph Funk, Nancy Ams

Meeting: The President called the meeting to order and asked for additions to the agenda. As there were
none the President moved on to the minutes of the previous meeting and requested that one portion of the minutes be deleted. Ralph Funk asked that the wording of one sentence be corrected. With these corrections noted the minutes were approved by the Board.

Mrs. Geis asked for the Treasurer’s Report. James Bym reported that he has established two passbook savings accounts. One is for the Past Presidents Fund and the other for OLA General Fund surplus money. Mr. Bym noted that he has received a request from the Freedom to Read Foundation to continue OLA’s 25.00 annual donation. Leonard Eddy pointed out that no action is required by the Board. The donation should be taken from the Membership and Contributions category of the budget.

Leonard Eddy reported that the Program Committee is firmly committed to the Saturday evening session for the OLA Conference. Special emphasis will be placed on this session through door prizes and an awards ceremony. Mr. Eddy presented a third draft of the conference schedule noting a further change. The First General Session is now scheduled for Friday morning April 19 at 9:00. At that meeting it is hoped that Mayor Latting will present a welcomed certificate of appreciation for having served as National Library Week Honorary Chairman last year. Speakers for the Conference will be Edmon Low, Sara Shrigley, of the Florida State Library School, and Robert Wedgeworth or his assistant. These speakers might be available for division meetings as well. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries building dedication is planned for Thursday, April 18.

James Zink reported that the Oklahoma Librarian is at the printers. The Transcript has installed computerized typesetting methods and this change has caused a delay in the printing of this issue. The October issue runs a full 40 pages. The articles are good but there are not many committee reports. One article is a reprint from “Information Science Association International” on Edmon Low by Harold Blidak.

Dr. Zink reported also that SWLA is attempting to initiate an interregional exchange of publications. A copy of each publication within SWLA will go to the President and President-elect of the various state associations. If OLA were to participate it would be necessary to send 20 copies of each issue of the Oklahoma Librarian to the Executive Secretary of SWLA for distribution. An increase in the printing from 950 copies to a full 1000 would be needed.

Irma Tomberlin moved that the Oklahoma Librarian printing be increased from 950 copies to 1000 copies and that Dr. Zink be authorized to participate in the SWLA publications exchange. Leonard Eddy seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

James Wilkerson, Circulation Manager, pointed out that more copies of some issues are needed than of others. There seems to be a greater demand for the July and October issues than for other issues. Dr. Zink said the number to be printed could be changed for each issue depending upon need.

Anne Rounds asked if it would be possible to print the speech given by Dr. William Hug at the OASL Division meeting of OEA. Dr. Zink said that it would be possible, and Mrs. Rounds agreed to contact Dr. Hug to ask his permission and to obtain a copy of the presentation.

Irma Tomberlin, ALA Councilor, reported that she received a letter from Edward G. Holley, Vice-President and President-elect of ALA concerning the Supreme Court obscenity decisions of June 21, 1973. The statement points out that the major thrust of activities will be at the state and local level but that the ALA Intellectual Freedom Office stands ready to offer assistance. Mrs. Tomberlin has sent a copy of the statement to the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Chairman.

Mrs. Tomberlin also noted that the OU Student Library Association requested that the OU Speakers Bureau schedule Judith Krug as one of their speakers for this year. The request was approved, but the date has not yet been set.

Ralph Funk, Director of ODL, reported that letters should be written to thank Senator Bartlett for his attempt to promote the cause of libraries in the Senate. The Senate version of the LSC bill says that regardless of the amount of funding two million should go to the Welfare Department for services to the blind and handicapped.

Paul Duncan, state attorney, attended the Association of State Libraries Legislative Liaison Meeting with Mr. Funk and spoke on Oklahoma’s handling of the impoundment suit. A class action suit on impoundment of funds will be filed in Washington D.C. for all states. States not wishing to be included must ask to be omitted. Georgia filed a suit asking the Supreme Court to take jurisdiction. Oklahoma, among other states, did not want the Supreme Court to do so and was pleased that the Supreme Court turned it down.

A hearing on the State Library appropriation was held. The meeting was helpful as those attending were knowledgeable and seemed to come to a clear understanding of the budget request.

Dee Ann Ray pointed out that ODL is short on funds to equip the new building and asked if OLA might form a committee to study ways for obtaining donations. Ralph Funk agreed that donations would be welcome. Dee Ann Ray moved that a committee be appointed and authorized to solicit donations through OLA members for the equipping of the new ODL Library Science Collection area. The motion was seconded by Irma Tomberlin and approved by the Board.

Nancy Amis reported that telegrams were sent and calls made to Carl Perkins, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, concerning the Title II, ESEA bill.

The Library Development network is almost complete. However, laymen are needed for the Chickasha and Guthrie areas. Mrs. Geis recommended F.B. Turley, Chickasha Superintendent of Schools. Dee Ann Ray recommended Carlotta Fruin, a banker at Coyle, for the Guthrie area.

A meeting of the Library Development Committee and members of the Network will be scheduled for November 14.

Elizabeth Geis informed the Board that Nancy Amis has not received her stipend from OLA for serving as Library Development Coordinator for several months. Irma Tomberlin moved that Nancy Amis automatically receive the monthly 50.00 stipend and that she receive retroactively those monthly payments due her. Leonard Eddy seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Ralph Funk reported that a narrative will accompany the Department of Libraries budget request stat-
ing that they are not requesting additional funds for an expanded public library program; however, if some outside group should present a proposal for a program for state libraries ODL would support it. An example of such a proposal might be one presented by OLA's Library Development Committee.

Mrs. Geis called to the attention of the Board a letter to Peggy Barber, ALA Executive Staff Assistant, from Carole Greer Ellis, Public Communications Librarian of ODL. The letter concerned an evaluation of the National Library Week program. Ms. Ellis recommended that ALA consider the establishment of a headquarters office which would produce quality prepackaged promotional materials for distribution to librarians at the local level.

Mrs. Geis informed the Board that Ray Lau, Southwestern State College, has been appointed to the Sequoyah Committee to fill the vacancy created when Nyesa Eberhard resigned her position as Chairman. Jean Thompson is now Chairman and Donna Denniston is Vice-Chairman and Chairman-elect.

Leonard Eddy reported that he has written to the directors of all Oklahoma College and University libraries and to the officers of the College and University Libraries Division of OLA asking their opinions of the "Joint Statomotional Faculty Status of College and University Libraries." He has received responses but will postpone discussion until the next Executive Board meeting.

Mrs. Geis announced that with the Board's approval the December meeting will be moved up one week to December 14. There were no objections.

Mrs. Geis called to the Board's attention correspondence between Virginia Owens, Associate Director for Planning and Research for ODL, and Michael D. Hess, Counsel to the Committee of Corporate Telephone Users. AT&T is trying to eliminate WATS service and the Committee has been established to try to fight the proposed changes. Oklahoma librarians are involved due to the effect changes would have on OTIS. Copies of the correspondence and of the By-laws of the Committee of Corporate Telephone Users will be sent to members of the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The Executive Board will meet again on November 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Rounds, Secretary

Date: November 16, 1973
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Oklahoma City University Library

Members Present: Elizabeth Geis, Leonard Eddy, Irma Tomberlin, Fern Ward, Anne Rounds, James Wilkerson, Dee Ann Ray

Guests Present: Carole Ellis, Esther Mae Henke, Amis

The meeting was called to order by the President. Mrs. Geis made a change in the usual agenda by calling first for a report from Carole Ellis on the National Library Week Committee. Ms. Ellis, representing Marilyn Shackleford, Chairman of the NLW Committee, presented the Committee's budget request for 500.00. This money would be used, in part, for the production of television spots as the Committee feels TV coverage is vital to the promotion of National Library Week.

This year the publicity for National Library Week will center around a theme which will present libraries as being places for people. With the opening of the new ODL building it will also be an excellent opportunity for the promotion of ODL services. Ms. Ellis reported that Marilyn Shackleford would like to request that two members of the Publicity Committee serve also on the NLW Committee. The names of Sue Fontaine and Ann Adams were recommended. The appointments will be made by Dee Ann Ray, Publicity Committee Chairman.

Elizabeth Geis asked if ALA has considered making the NLW Committee a subcommittee of a publicity committee. Carole Ellis reported that such a change is being considered.

Ms. Ellis also noted that three names are being considered for NLW Honorary Chairman for Oklahoma. They are Mrs. David Hall, Representative Hannah Adkins and Mayor Robert LaFortune of Tulsa.

Irma Tomberlin asked if there was a set budget for the NLW Committee. Leonard Eddy replied that there is no line item in the budget for the NLW Committee but that a total of 6,000 was budgeted for all committees. Mrs. Geis asked for a motion on the NLW Committee budget request. Leonard Eddy moved that 500.00 be approved by the Board.

Leonard Eddy said that he is presently working on the schedule for the 1975 OLA Conference and asked Ms. Ellis if she felt that scheduling the OLA Conference during National Library Week would cause conflicts. She replied that if librarians were aware in advance that the two coincided they would not schedule conflicting events. She also noted that the dates might be tied together so that both events would benefit.

Having completed the National Library Week business Mrs. Geis returned to the agenda and asked for approval of the minutes of the previous meetings. The minutes were approved as mailed.

Leonard Eddy presented the Program Committee report. A commitment has been received from four speakers. Robert Wedgeworth will speak at the noon meeting on Friday. Also attending will be Sara Spygley, Rod Schwartz and Edmon Low. Mr. Eddy has written to the chairman of the Division and Roundtables asking them to begin planning their conference meetings. Mayor Letting will attend but it is still uncertain whether she will come at 9 a.m. or 12 noon on Friday.

Mr. Eddy also reported on the Joint Statement on Faculty Status. He has surveyed the Oklahoma college and university librarians on their opinions of the statement. Thirty replies favored endorsement of the statement. Only three responses were negative and those criticisms concerned aspects of faculty status which would differ from institution to institution. The statement must be general enough to cover all institutions. Dee Ann Ray moved that the Executive Board endorse the statement. Fern Ward seconded the motion and it was approved.

Irma Tomberlin asked if anyone questioned the sanctions provided for in the ACRL statement. ACRL has established standards for professional responsibilities, library governance, college and university governance, compensation, tenure, promotion, leaves, research funds and academic freedom. ACRL states that to implement these standards the Association of College and Research Libraries and
the American Library Association will investigate violations of the standards and invoke sanctions against institutions of high education which are found to be in violation of the standards. Mr. Eddy said no one questioned the sanctions.

Leonard Eddy reported that when he was Treasurer of OLA he was bonded for $10,000.00. He has received notification that it is time to renew the bond and he asked the Board to consider renewing the bond at the cost of $50.00 per year for James Byrn. Dee Ann Ray noted that bonding of the Treasurer was originally recommended by the auditing committee and moved the Board approve payment of $50.00 to continue the bond. James Wilkerson seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Ima Tomberlin, ALA Councilor, has received no Council information. She has, however, received a letter from Stephen Whitney, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Charles Robinson, Chairman of the ALA Chapter Relations Committee. The ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee has found in reviewing the files of Chapter constitutions that these files are incomplete. They ask that a copy of the current constitution and bylaws be sent to Mr. Whitney. In the interest of keeping the file accurate in the future they ask that OLA initiate action to amend the duties ascribed to your state chapter’s ALA Council representative in your present constitution and bylaws to include the following:

"Will transmit all proposed amendments and changes of the chapter constitution and bylaws to the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review of compatibility with the ALA Constitution and bylaws."

Mrs. Tomberlin has a copy of the 1973 revision of the OLA Constitution and Bylaws and will send it. She asked the Board to consider the necessary procedure for amending the constitution and bylaws as requested. The information will be passed on to the OLA Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Esther Mae Henke reported that an additional $60,000.00 has been requested for furniture and equipment for the new ODL building. She also recommended that librarians communicate with House and Senate members concerning HR 8677. They should be urged to get the bill out of Committee and also to be present when the time comes to override the President’s veto.

Ms. Henke called the attention of the Board to a statement by John Brademus which appeared in the November 8, 1973 Washington Newsletter. His statement (Congressional Record, vol. 119, Oct. 11, 1973) is an excellent presentation of the needs of libraries.

Dee Ann Ray noted that the meeting of the Library Development Committee and Network members which was discussed at the October meeting and tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14 was not held. Elizabeth Geis agreed to check with Jane Northcutt, Chairman of the Library Development Committee, on the possibility of rescheduling the meeting for sometime shortly after Thanksgiving. A possible time and place might be 10:00-12:30, November 30 at ODL.

Ima Tomberlin informed the Board that Judith Krug will speak at the University of Oklahoma December 6 in Dale Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Geis has received from the Washington Library Association copies of two resolutions which their Executive Board authorized recently. The first resolution supported ALA’s stand regarding the Supreme Court obscenity decisions of June 21, 1973.

RESOLVED: Washington Library Association Executive Board meeting October 23, 1973, at Pierce County Library, Tacoma, Washington, go on record as supporting the American Library Association stand in regard to the Supreme Court obscenity decisions.

RESOLVED:
WHEREAS, the U.S. Office of Education has not exercised the leadership expected of it, in regard to Libraries and Information Resources in the U.S., and
WHEREAS, the U.S. Office of Education is resisting the implementation and spending of funds for libraries of all types, and has acquiesced in the requirement of $1.00 per student for funds as appropriated by Congress, and
WHEREAS, on-going library programs in the United States have been hampered and curtailed,
NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby demanded that the U.S. Office of Education
1. Detail what plans, if any, the office has for libraries of all types for fiscal ’74, ’75, and ’76,
2. Detail what is being done to insure that libraries, one of our richest national resources, will be maintained and enhanced for the benefit of the citizens of the U.S.

The Board discussed the possibility of endorsing the Washington statement but decided upon writing its own statement. Mrs. Geis asked Ima Tomberlin and Anne Rounds to begin work on a resolution. A request was received from Harriet Barbour, Chairman of the Reference Division, for 100.00. The funds would be used to finance a workshop to be held in Oklahoma City. The workshop will be conducted by Frances Kennedy. Ima Tomberlin moved that the Board approve the request for 100.00 for the Reference Division. Leonard Eddy seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

A request was received also from Mary Esther Saxon, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Academic Libraries of the Library Development Committee. The request was for 25.00 to fund the Library Administration Workshop planned by the Committee. Dee Ann Ray asked if that amount should come from the Library Development Committee budget. Leonard Eddy said it should. Dee Ann Ray moved that the Board approve the request for 25.00 from the Subcommittee on Academic Libraries. The motion was seconded by Ima Tomberlin and approved by the Board.

Ima Tomberlin said she would try to obtain a copy of the Carnegie Commission Report on Higher Education before the next meeting.

Jim Wilkerson, circulation Manager reported that he had not been able to complete the Oklahoma Librarian mailing because he ran out of copies. James Zink has agreed to send him additional copies.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The December meeting of the Executive Board will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the OCU Library on Friday, December 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Rounds, Secretary

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