President’s Message

January brought not only a new year, but also a new format change to our Oklahoma Librarian. The new Oklahoma Librarian will bring you more current information in the fields of library and information sciences; scholarly articles; association happenings; and much more. It also promises more frequent publication with six issues per year instead of the quarterly issues previously published.

Some of you will be selected randomly to complete a simple one-page survey about the new Oklahoma Librarian. If you are one of the lucky members selected, please return your response sheet immediately. Your comments will be useful to the continued improvement of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Remember, it is the intention of the newsletter to meet the needs of our membership. Our editor, Andy Peters, is willing to try new ideas, so please feel free to share any suggestions with him.

More on the Convention

Governor George Nigh will cut the ribbon to officially open the exhibits and speak at the first general session on Thursday morning along with Eileen D. Cooke, Director of ALA’s Washington office. So, plan to get to the convention by 9:30 a.m.!

Thursday evening will be a western night in the hotel, complete with band and western storytelling by Shagasty and Fritz.

Friday evening will be our awards banquet and speaker Mary McBride another Erma Bombeck type who will keep us laughing the entire evening. She is head writer for Phyllis Diller and Joan Rivers and has one published book Everybody Wants to Build a Better Spouse Trap and is in the process of publishing another.

ALA Councilor’s Corner

Alfreda H. Hanna
Oklahoma Representative to the Council of the American Library Association

Pat Woodrum, Executive Board Candidate

The Council Committee on Committees has announced its slate of candidates for two vacancies on the Executive Board for the term 1981-85. Included in the four nominees is the name of our own Pat Woodrum, Director of the Tulsa City-County Library. Good luck, Pat, when the Council votes in its Midwinter session. Oklahoma would be proud to be represented on the Executive Board!

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ALA’s Krug and the Cause of Intellectual Freedom in the Headlines

Some members of the OLA Executive Board expressed concern over the possible negative image which ALA might be creating with the new administration in a highly publicized interview with ALA’s Judy Krug shortly after Reagan’s victory sweep in the November election. Krug, Director of ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, was quoted by a LOS ANGELES TIMES reporter in the account of an interview which made front-page headlines here in Oklahoma, as well as across the nation.

In these articles Krug, who has been monitoring censorship incidents in libraries for the last 13 years, was quoted as predicting that the election of the new administration was also creating the threat of a major assault on the First Amendment with an explosion of book-banning activities nationwide.

In a news item in the most recent issue of AMERICAN LIBRARIES (January, 1981, p. 7, “In the News”) Krug explains the increase of censorship reports to the

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“Minutes in Minutia”

Members of OLA will find a summarization of the actions taken by the executive board in this column. Anyone wishing more complete minutes may request a copy from the OLA Executive Secretary; 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74074.

OCTOBER

Ray Woodson of Enid and Ray Burns of Broken Arrow were awarded OASLMS Certificates of Merit and Honorable Mention respectively... Approved a $50.00 contribution to the Jeanne Layton Legal Defense Fund... Directed the president to request an additional $2,500 from the ALA/E.R.A... Task force for support of the OK-ERA office... Budgeted $145.00 to the National Library Week Committee... Endorsed a LDC proposal for an Oklahoma Library Week celebration.

NOVEMBER

Treasurer was authorized to invest $10,000 in money market certificates and that money be taken from the general checking account and added to the savings account to make up to $10,000... Heard reports from ODL & SDE... FOLIO endorsed Oklahoma Library Week idea... Approved exhibitors fee of $150.00... Requested a budget from the Program Committee and urged it to break even... Began a study of membership participation across the state... Discussed new format of Oklahoma Librarian and decided to conduct random survey of membership after first issue... Approved a proclamation from LDC regarding Oklahoma Library Week December 1-7, 1980... Informally discussed methods for choosing SWLA Executive Board Representative... Directed Chuck McClure and Wilma Tipps to apply for two ALA awards.

DECEMBER

Treasurer reported a balance of $10,627.09... Money was invested in money market certificate... Approved $175.00 donations to ALA Washington office to be presented at midwinter... Approved same conference fees for members, students, friends, trustees, and one-event. Increased non-member registrations to $30 if pre-registered and $35 at the conference... Chuck McClure reported on status of survey tool for Oklahoma Librarian and is in the process of gathering statistics about rural librarian participation in OLA... OLA will charge professional organizations a fee for exhibiting based on the previous year’s cost per booth... Approved a $20.00 advertising fee for the pre-conference newsletter... Membership total is 636.

ALA Councilor’s Corner

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ALA office from an average of 3-5 a week to 3-5 each working day, and she cites several specific cases as evidence of increasing censorship pressure.

In spite of the seeming implications of some newspaper reports that the ALA office is hostile to the conservative elements of the recent political change, OLA Board members hope and expect that ALA will establish a smooth, effective liaison with the White House and the new legislature as it has in the past.

Preliminary Report on Recommended ALA Priorities for the 1980’s

The ALA Planning Committee, working from a 1979 survey of membership priorities and from open hearings at the 1980 Annual Conference, as well as from several formal sources of data, has presented a tentative set of priorities for ALA’s consideration for the 1980’s.

First, the Committee identified the following major trends as emerging in the 1980’s as a framework to which ALA must respond:

(a) the unfavorable economic climate which dictates cutbacks in financial support at local, state, and national levels.
(b) the declining public perception of the value of libraries and free access to information.
(c) the increasing pressures being mounted against library materials and principles of intellectual freedom.
(d) the profound changes created by the information explosion and computer and telecommunications technology.

To meet these changes, the Planning Committee recommended the following priorities:

1. Legislation/Funding
2. Access to information for all
3. Intellectual freedom
4. Public relations
5. Professional and staff development

At its December meeting the OLA Executive Board recommended a 6th priority: association and conference cooperation. ALA should consider methods of cooperating with other conferences or of changing to semi-annual conferences to help membership stretch the over-tightening travel dollar.

The “unfavorable economic climate” (‘a’ of trends for the ‘80’s) justifies the increasing selectivity librarians will exercise in attendance at ALA division conferences (e.g., AASL, ACRL), regional conferences (e.g., SWLA), network meetings (e.g., AMIGOS), or meetings of associations directed towards specific expertise (ASIS, AECT).

“it may become evident in the 1980’s that librarians will be less interested in huge ALA or regional conferences with supermarket offerings, while preferring specific conferences tailored to particular areas of librarianship,” the OLA Councilor reported to the ALA Committee on Planning.
Library Legislative Day—February 25
by Anne Masters
Chair-elect, Library Development Committee

Plans have been made by the Library Development Committee for the 1981 Library Legislative Day. The goal for this year is to have at least one constituent present for each legislator. This means we will need to double our previous record of participation so plan now to be a part of this important OLA activity.

Legislative Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, and begins later than in the past with registration and coffee at 10:30 a.m. in the rotunda. An orientation for participants will be held in the House Chambers at 11:00 featuring updates on school and public library legislation.

Between 11:30 and 1:00 participants will have lunch with legislators and discuss library issues. This year luncheons will be taken to the legislators’ offices rather than all having lunch in one of the conference rooms. At 1:00 participants will be recognized in the House and at 1:30 in the Senate.

If you have not yet registered for Legislative Day call or write Peggy Augustine, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103/ (918) 581-5233. Registration, which supports all costs for Legislative Day, is $8.00.


Charles Benton, Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) and Chairman of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS), today announced the publication of the Conference’s final report. The report, titled Information for the 1980’s, has been transmitted to the President, and copies are available through the U.S. Government Printing Office.

This First WHCLIS, held in Washington, D.C., November 15-19, 1979, was a major milestone in the more than 20 years of effort by the Nation’s library and information communities to develop a national information policy and address the changing role of libraries. The 826 delegates who met in Washington developed 64 recommendations, which were presented to the President on March 21, 1980. A White House Interagency Task Force reviewed the recommendations, and on September 26 the President sent his recommendations for action to Congress.

In transmitting the Conference’s 840-page report to President Carter, Mr. Benton stated that it “documents the ideas and hopes of those who want to meet the future library and information services needs of millions of Americans.” He also said that NCLIS is deeply committed to the goals set by the delegates and is striving “to transform the recommendations of the Conference into reality.”

Information for the 1980’s contains the text of the delegates’ recommendations, transcripts of all Conference sessions, testimony delivered at three open hearings, and testimony presented before a Joint Congressional Hearing held on the Conference site. The report presents a complete history of the development and conduct of the White House Conference, as well as the lively discussions which took place among a diversified group of Americans who felt a common concern for the future of library and information services.

The report may be obtained for $14.00 per copy from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. All requests should refer to Order No. 52-003-00764-9.

Write Your Congressman!

Senate
Honorable David Boren
U.S. Senate
440 Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20570

Honorable Don Nickles
U.S. Senate
1412 Meadowbrook
Ponca City, OK 74601

House of Representatives
Honorable Mickey Edwards
U.S. House of Representatives
15 E. 1st Street
Edmond, OK 73034

Honorable James R. Jones
U.S. House of Representatives
4536 Federal Building
Box 767
Tulsa, OK 74101

Honorable Dave McCurdy
U.S. House of Representatives
2500 S. Berry Road
Norman, OK 73069

Honorable Mike Synar
U.S. House of Representatives
2822 Federal Building
Muskogee, OK 74401

Honorable Wes Watkins
U.S. House of Representatives
Box 1607
232 Post Office Building
Ada, OK 74820

From the Department of Education

Secretary of Education Shirley M. Hufstedler today announced the formation of a Departmental Task Force on Learning and Electronic Technology.

The task force will develop a comprehensive plan to encourage a stronger relationship between education and technology. It will focus on the preparation of school children and adults for the increasingly technological world in which they live and the expanded use of electronic technology for improving the quality of American education.

More specifically, the task force will examine:

- various technologies and their current use in education, particularly to improve educational instruction;
- future uses of electronic technology in education;
- current Federal support of education technology, such as the television programs Sesame Street and the Electric Company, closed captioning for the hearing impaired, the Kurzweil Reader for use by the blind, and video discs for educational programs; and
- the need for future Federal support of educational technology.

Task force efforts will also concentrate on cooperative relationships between the private sector, the Nation’s learning institutions, and the Federal government. Cooperation will be solicited from the private sector and educational institutions in developing the task force recommendations and proposals.

Dr. F. James Rutherford, Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, will serve as chairman of the task force. Nathan W. Garner has been named task force director. Garner is on a one-year leave of absence from his post as marketing director of Time Distribution Services, a division of Time, Inc.

Additional information about the Task Force on Learning and Electronic Technology may be obtained from Mr. Garner, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3073, Washington, D.C. 20202.
WHAT'S A MEDICAL LIBRARIAN?

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School of Library Science

ABSTRACT

Career choices in special libraries serving the health sciences are described with attention focused on clinical, hospital, and medical school librarianship. Emphasis is placed on duties and services performed by librarians in each specialty. Sometimes overlooked by those entering the university at the Master's level, this challenging profession is pictured as a truly rewarding field of study.

At some point in your life did you want to become a doctor? A nurse? Perhaps you had visions of working in a medical research laboratory making fabulous discoveries that would save countless lives; but then you got into freshman biology and could not get past cat dissection. So, you majored in history or English.

Now, years later, you are finding to your sorrow that English and history majors — even those with the M.L.S.— are not on employers' "most wanted" lists. There still remains the need to do something more satisfying and profitable with your life. Have you considered librarianship related to the health sciences? Medical librarianship in particular?

Today's medical librarians are vital, creative, outgoing, interesting individuals who have worked hard to create a niche for themselves in the world of science and medicine. It is a satisfying career for those who would like somehow to be involved with medicine but have neither the time nor the resources to invest in a full-blown medical education.

In medical librarianship there are many career paths one may choose just as there are in academic or school librarianship. Careers are available in medical school, hospital, nursing, or research libraries. There are libraries serving large chemical and drug firms as well as those that support veterinary medicine and the allied health fields. Additionally, there is the new and challenging field of clinical medical librarianship (CML). A clinical medical librarian accompanies the health team on hospital rounds as part of her job.

The Department of Surgery at the Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City provides a small surgery library for those making up the health team: physicians (primarily surgeons), medical students, nurses, and physical therapists. It is managed by a clinical medical librarian.

In her role, the CML attends patient conferences instructed by resident physicians and grand rounds (one hour presentations on prevalent disease conditions). Her most important function is to listen carefully and observe in order to identify information needs regarding each patient's problems. Information needs may revolve around, but are not limited to, the etiology of disease, current therapy, and complications of such therapy.

It is up to the CML to search out pertinent materials, both print and nonprint, to be passed on to members of the health team. As soon as requests are received either as a result of questions raised during patient conferences, physician inquiry regarding individual patient care, or post operative complications — the literature is searched for information tailored to the request. Usually, information requested is retrievable through automated literature search services such as MEDLINE (Medical Literature on Line) or Excerpta Medica, a medical abstracting service.

MEDLINE services are provided by the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C. which has several other data bases available to the librarian working with health sciences literature, e.g., the CANCERLINE files. The ability to access a distant computer and retrieve information by means of a terminal in the librarian's office is a must for someone in a clinical position where communication of information is essential to the diagnosis, therapy, and in general the total care of the patient.

Computer searching ability is also becoming an integral part of another type of librarianship involved with health care and that is hospital librarianship. There are probably more hospi-

A CML visits with members of the health team.

Hospital librarian and the Wednesday noon CME group.
tall libraries in the United States than any other variety serving the health professional. Like the surgery library, many of these are small, one-person operations located in hospitals where they serve the hospital staff.

The diversity of services provided by hospital librarians almost defies description. William Van Gieson, administrator at Bethesda Hospital, Zanesville, Ohio, writing in the June 1978 issue of Hospital Progress, dedicated nearly an entire page to the description of hospital librarians and their duties.

According to Van Gieson, a hospital librarian must be independent, full of motivation and drive, resourceful, creative, and innovative. She must be completely familiar with administrative, medical and hospital matters and needs, hospital organization and structure, and a competent, skilled librarian as well. Additionally, qualities such as good planner, listener, a bit of a psychic, and polite "pusher" were mentioned.

A hospital librarian must be a special and unique type of person because at one time or another he/she will serve as teacher, researcher, clinician, strategist, clerk, secretary, director, political writer and sage.1

In the past, many hospital libraries were small dusty rooms tucked away in corners. The staff depended almost entirely upon the local medical school library for information. Today, large medical school libraries are still used by hospital staffs but, primarily, as resource centers.

Hospital librarians are involved in the health team approach to patient care not unlike the CML. However, hospital rounds are usually not included among their duties. They provide continuing education programs for physicians as well as other members of the health care team, orientation for new hospital employees, and selective dissemination of information (SDI) services.

At this point you may well be asking what one has to do to join this distinguished group of professionals. First, it is assumed that you have already achieved an undergraduate degree as it is a prerequisite to a Master's degree in library science. Having majored in any of the sciences is not a requirement, but it helps. Preparation for medical librarianship may be taken as part of your Master's work, or in one of the educational programs now being developed across the country for this specialty. Either the Medical Library Association located in Chicago, Illinois, or your local medical school library should be able to provide you with information on available programs.

When you are ready to become a Certified Medical Librarian, certification may be attained by a combination of two years' experience in a medical library and an examination administered by the Medical Library Association's Department of Education. The same approach should be taken if your particular bent is veterinary medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or nursing libraries. Whatever your interest, or reasons for considering this profession, once you have been exposed, everything else pales in comparison. It is truly a rewarding career choice.

Cited Literature

Library Administrators Development Program

Educational, social, economic and technological advances in recent years have tended to bring about profound variations in the objectives and the resources of library and information activity. Changing service activities are sharply influencing organizational patterns, and library administrators are faced with rapidly accelerating demands for greater and more sophisticated information services. burgeoning growth has transformed library and information organizations into complex agencies controlling greatly increased worker forces and dramatically larger financial resources. To an unprecedented degree the library administrator has had to assume administrative burdens far more demanding than those of his antecedents of only a decade or two ago. It is to aid in the reorientation of the outlook of the senior library administrator from the technical problems of librarianship to the central issues of organizational management to which the Library Administrators Development Program is dedicated.

The Library Administrators Development Program is built upon the assumption that the basic concepts of administration developed in business, public administration, and their supportive social science disciplines, are equally relevant to library administration. Therefore, the program is designed to further the managerial sophistication of library administrators by placing them in an environment conducive to learning and introspection where they are able to examine theories, concepts, and issues central to organization and management and relate them to library administration.

Admission and Fees

To provide for maximum participation in the program, enrollment will be limited. Selections will be made from the applications as they are received and applicants notified within a very short time after receipt of applications. Applications should be submitted no later than April 1, 1981. A fee of $1,275 payable upon notification of admission covers tuition, room, board and program materials.

For further information, write or call:
Library Administrators Development Program
College of Library and Information Services
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742
Telephone: 301-454-6800
"LITERARY NOTES"
By Judith Walden

The fourth volume in the Oklahoma Horizons Series is the Oklahoma Petroleum Industry by Kenny A. Franks, Univ. of Okla. Press, 1980 ($17.50). This book tells the story of the Oklahoma oil industry from the early oil exploration in Indian Territory to the present. The book includes 153 black and white photographs, a chapter on oil boomtowns and a chapter on outstanding Oklahoma oilmen.

Also from the University of Okla. Press is America's Energy Famine: Its Cause and Cure by Ruth Sheldon Knowles, 1930 ($14.95). Mrs. Knowles is the granddaughter and daughter of independent Oklahoma oilmen and is an internationally recognized petroleum specialist. This book discusses domestic and foreign issues underlying the current energy crisis. The author stresses the need for further oil discovery to maintain an adequate supply of oil and gas until the end of the century when alternative sources of energy have been developed.

William Robinson Leigh: Western Artist by D. Duane Cummins, Univ. of Okla. Press, 1980 ($19.95) is the second volume in the Gilcrease-Oklahoma Series on Western Art and Artists. The question of whether Leigh was an artist or an illustrator stirred a controversy that raged around him throughout his life. Leigh had a habit of composing essays in response to the social and political trends of his day. As a Darwinist, Leigh believed all men were born unequal. His essays divulged his deepest convictions, which found more limited expression on canvas. The book is illustrated with both black and white and color plates.

OLAWARDS

The OLA Awards Committee is now accepting suggestions for Certificates of Appreciation, Citizens Award, and the Distinguished Service Award. Criteria for these awards are:

Distinguished Service Award. Granted to a librarian in recognition of inspired leadership, devoted service, and unusual contributions to Oklahoma libraries and to the profession of librarianship. The recipient of this award shall have effectively demonstrated for a period of five years or more a valid, thorough, and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service in Oklahoma, having expressed that concept in actual practice. This award is not necessarily presented every year.

Citizens Recognition Award. Granted to the individual, not a librarian, who has demonstrated a sound and special interest in libraries and library service and has given effective and important service to the advancement of libraries.

Certificates of Appreciation. Granted to the individual who has made a contribution of an outstanding nature on one particular project for OLA or a particular type of contribution to the field of librarianship. Persons deserving the certificate might be non-librarians offering a one-time, valuable contribution to the field or librarians whose effort on one project appears notable.

Suggestions for award recipients must be submitted by February 1, 1981, to be considered.

Suggestions should be marked "Confidential" to:

Claudette Hagle
Assistant Reference Librarian
Oklahoma State University Library
Stillwater, OK 74078

Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists conducted its annual fall meeting October 17, 1980, at Putnam City West High School. Featured speaker of the morning was Dr. James L. Thomas, who presented a lecture and slide-tape program, "Using Periodicals in the School Library Media Center: Resources and Activities" to an audience of 95 OASLMS members.

Two Oklahoma educators were honored by the Oklahoma Library Association on October 16 for their outstanding contributions in support of public school library services. The second annual OASLMS Award of Merit was received by Mr. Ray Woodson, director of elementary education, Enid Public Schools. The most significant improvement in his system this past year was the addition of three and one-half time media specialists, bringing the staff to a total of seven for the fourteen elementary schools.

Awarded honorable mention was Mr. Ray S. Burns, principal of Southside Elementary School, Broken Arrow Public Schools, for his efforts in establishing a centralized library media program in order to facilitate the individualized learning approach for all students in his school.

The OASLMS program at the OLA Annual Conference will feature Mr. Arthur S. Alford, recipient of the 1980 American Association of School Librarians Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators. He will address the OASLMS on "Techniques for Obtaining Administrative Support for the Media Program" on Friday, March 20, 1981, at 16:30 a.m. The film, "A Winning Combination," will be viewed during the session. Produced at Mr. Alford's school system, Pitt County Schools, the film depicts the role of the chief school administrators as one of support for a quality media program. Mr. Ray Woodson and Mr. Ray Burns will also share their ideas with us on the role of the administrator in a quality media program.

We encourage every school librarian to attend and BRING YOUR ADMINISTRATORS!

From the Kansas State Reading Circle

By decision of the Kansas-NEA Board of Directors on December 6, 1980, the book jobbing service of the Kansas State Reading Circle will be discontinued, thus diverting that part of the 55-year-old non-profit program to commercial book jobbers.

The most-valued features of the Reading Circle service, certainly in recent years, will be retained. Those features are the intensive screening by selected Kansas teachers and librarians of each year's several thousand new enrichment books and the recommendation in catalog form of about 500 of those books for purchase by school districts.

Book orders from the 1980-81 catalog already received in this office will be filled if current inventory permits; but orders received after January 1 will have to be returned so the books may be obtained through a commercial jobber.

Any suggestions you may have as to ways the Reading Circle can heighten its value to children and school districts will, as always, be most appreciated. Please explain to concerned persons that the discontinuance of book jobbing by Kansas-NEA in no way diminishes the Association's dedication to this unique professional service.
The Carnegie Reading List Fund

What it is

The Fund was created in 1902 when Andrew Carnegie responded favorably to a letter addressed to him by John S. Billings, then President of the American Library Association, in which Mr. Billings requested that Carnegie endow the Fund with $100,000 to be held as a special fund; the income was to be applied to the preparation and publication of such reading lists, indexes and other bibliographical and library aids as will be especially useful in the circulating libraries of this country.

Mr. Billings said further that the Fund would be administered by the "Publication Committee of the Association," that the main part of the income would be expended in employing competent persons to prepare the lists, indexes, etc., and to read proofs," and that the cost of paper and printing would be met by sales to the libraries.

The ALA Publishing Committee makes the fund available each year; financial limits are set according to available income, and individual grants originally do not exceed $5,000.

Projects Eligible for Grants

Any ALA unit may submit for consideration projects that are eligible under the general terms of the original grant. Projects that provide a significant contribution or that enhance the library profession's capacity to improve services are preferred.

Production costs should ordinarily be recovered by sales income.

Application Procedures and Timetable

All units of ALA are invited each fall by the Publishing Committee to submit written proposals to the Chair of the Publishing Committee, no later than the end of February of the following year. They may be sent to the Chair of the Committee in care of Secretary, ALA Publishing Committee, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

The written proposals should include an accurate description of the project, telling how it meets grant criteria and providing a budget for the project.

Decisions on proposals to be recommended to the ALA Executive Board and amounts recommended for award are made at the Publishing Committee's Spring Meeting, usually in late April.

All products resulting from support given by cash grants will acknowledge the contribution of the Carnegie Fund.

Other Grants

Of interest to State and Regional Chapters are the following grants and awards. Information about these awards can be found in the ALA handbook of procedures.

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From the SWLA/NEH Oral History Program

Altus, Oklahoma

The Southern Prairie Library System is asking their respondents to recall the Great Depression. The project is placing special emphasis on economic as well as personal adaptation to the depression. Historian Alvin Turner will be doing approximately one-half of the interviewing while the rest of the interviews will be shared by four volunteers. The project's transcription is being performed by a member of the library staff. For the public programming, Kathy Hale is planning a slide-tape show and an exhibit of photos and artifacts captioned with quotes.

From the SLA

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Special Libraries Association has published a Directory of Special Libraries in Oklahoma, 1980. The eighty-eight libraries that are listed are affiliated with the following types of organizations:

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Personnel, hours of operation, types of services to outside users, and type of collection are included in each description. Indexes are provided by subject and personnel.

Copies may be obtained from Pat Hoskins, Head Librarian, R&D Department, Conoco, Inc., Box 1267, Ponca City, OK 74601. The cost is $5 a copy. We would prefer prepayment, with checks payable to the Oklahoma Chapter of SLA.

On Children's Programming

The Children's, Young People's, and School Librarians' Division of the Pennsylvania Library Association announces the publication of an Idea Exchange Handbook for youth librarians. A compendium of programming tips, the 243-page Handbook includes program ideas for contests and quizzes; puppets; holiday programs; sports, hobbies, and crafts; story hours for all ages; summer reading clubs; special events; young adult programs; and more.

Copies may be obtained from Pennsylvania Library Association Headquarters, 100 Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 for $6.00. Please endorse an addressed mailing label for each order.

For further information contact co-editor, Cindy Woodruff, Meadville Public Library, 648 North Main St., Meadville, PA 16335.

From: SCOLE

Aaron Corwin has a copy of the new edition of the Financial Assistance for Library Education directory for anyone to borrow. If you would like your own copy, write To: SCOLE/ALA

50 EAST HURON STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

FROM: NAME 

INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION 

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ZIP CODE 

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FOLIO
Tulsa City-County Library System
400 Civic Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

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Calendar of Events

February
Jan. 31-Feb. 5—ALA Midwinter-Washington, D.C.
6—Membership/Recruitment Committee, Belle Isle Library—OKC, 1:30
6 & 7—National Library Week Committee, Norman Public Library
10—OLA Awards Committee, OSU
13—LDA, ODL, 10:00
15—Ballots due to Executive Secretary’s office, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa 74103
20—OLA Executive Board, ODL, 10:00 a.m.
   Ballots counted, 12:00
25—OLA Legislative Day, OKC

March
13—LDC, ODL, 10:00 a.m.
19-20—OLA Annual Conference, Sheraton Century—OKC

April
5-11—National Library Week
7—National Legislative Day
10—LDC, ODL, 10:00 a.m.
17—OLA Executive Board, Tulsa