President's Message:

SCHOOL LIBRARIES FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Librarians, friends and trustees congregated at the State Capitol on Wednesday, February 25, 1981 for our annual Library Legislative Day activities. All were oriented to the present needs of libraries in the state by Robert Clark, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and by Leroy Iretton, Administrator of Title IV. The pictures that they painted were both good and bad.

SB 42, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries budget request appears to be getting the support of the legislature and the governor. We are especially pleased to see that the $1,161,000 being sought for state aid will bring our Oklahoma public libraries up to the regional average of 46c per capita. The picture being painted for public libraries is rosy.

The canvas is dark when we talk about school libraries. The beginning of the session looked promising. Dr. Leslie Fisher, Superintendent of Public Instruction, requested $2,581,000 for school library media improvements. After that, the picture has become steadily more clouded. Governor Nigh, in his budget, reduced the original amount requested to the amount currently being received for school library media improvements — $1,000,000. Then two legislative bills were created to change the school financing methods.

HB 1236, if passed by the legislature in its current form, will completely eliminate the line item for school library media improvements in the State Department of Education's budget.

SB 316 soon to introduced on the floor of the Senate by author Senator Herb Rozell, also changes school funding but does retain minimum funding for schools previously receiving grants for school library media improvements.

How can we help retain the line item for school library media programs?

A) Call or write your local legislators immediately about the need for central library media centers staffed by certified school librarians.
B) Seek support for the original amount of $2,581,000 requested by Dr. Leslie Fisher.
C) Request the retention of the line item for school library media improvements in the State Department of Education's budget.

If there definitely are to be no line items in the education budget then we must:
A) Seek a mandate from the legislature for a minimum 5% of the local school district's budget to be spent on school library media centers.
B) Ask for a revision of the State Department of Education's blue book regulations to make centralized school library media centers staffed by certified school library media specialists mandatory in schools at all grade levels.

We had over 100 librarians and friends in attendance at the capitol — our largest delegation ever! Thirty more people made contributions to help support our legislative efforts. I was extremely proud of all of you who took the time from your heavy schedules to plea the case for libraries. As you can see, our job is a long way from completed.

We need the continued combined efforts of all librarians, trustees, and friends to fight for school libraries in Oklahoma. If you would like clarification or additional information on any bill mentioned in this column, please call (405) 521-2956. Let's use our talents to cover that dark canvas with a brighter array of colors.

Special thanks to Anne Masters, Peggy Augustine, Richard Parker and the members of the Library Development Committee for the many hours spent planning and preparing for our day at the capitol.

MINUTES IN MINUTIA

JANUARY 16, 1981

Treasurer reported balance in checking account at $7,667.34. Authorized reprinting of 200 copies of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN Vol. 30 number 4. Retained name of OLA symbol on new masthead. 690 personal and 31 institutional members. Approved abstract of proposal prepared by Chuck McClure for J. Bailey Howard Award to study effects that increased state local chapters of other organizations have on OLA. Factors contributing to a member's decision to drop or join OLA versus other professional organizations, etc. Rural librarianship study discussed — librarians from across the state were to be invited to next meeting for input. Library Legislative Day fees set at $8.00 for lunch for librarian and legislator or $5.00 for a donation. Alfreda Hanna appointed as OLA's SWLA representative for the next two years. Bob Clark to represent OLA at Library Legislative Day on April 7 in Washington, D.C. $50 to be contributed to Library Legislative Day. Began discussion of need for job-salary survey of library employees in state.

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SOUNDINGS FROM THE SWLA BOARD
Alfreda H. Hanna

During the Executive Board meeting of the Southwestern Library Association which convened during ALA Midwinter, the frequently voiced concerns of the officers pertained to the unique activities which SWLA can and should provide the membership. How can the association be useful to all types of librarians within its ranks? Does Louisiana more naturally belong to the Southeastern Library Association than SWLA since most of its network libraries are in SOUTHEAST? How will the proliferation of annual conferences for ALA divisions (e.g., ACRL, AASL), affect the planning of the regional conference for 1982 and of a mini-conference in 1981. The success of the mini-conference in Dallas held in conjunction with the fall meeting of AMIGOS was noted, whereas in TULSA, 5 of 6 seminars were cancelled due to lack of registration. In San Antonio, the last fall reduced travel budgets caused many librarians to return after the AMIGOS meetings and before SWLA, resulting in the lowest attended and least financially profitable conference in years in spite of excellent facilities.

Recommendations that resulted from the discussions included:
Sending a sampling survey to determine how librarians from different kinds and sizes of libraries wish to have SWLA serve them; await determination of SWLA’s conference site for 1982; until AASL determines its location for 1982, which possibly may be in the locality originally planned for SWLA; request the ALA Executive Board to require its divisions to more carefully coordinate divisional plans for large conferences with the regions, which may already have established dates and sites for their traditional regional conferences.

CELS ADVISORY COUNCIL SESSIONS

The Council discussed the feasibility of a mini-conference in the fall in terms of interest and of personnel available to carry the work. The production of video tapes which could be loaned or purchased for training has been discussed, but is too expensive. It was determined that an isolated mini-conference with guest speakers from outside would not be economically sound at this time.

Possibly CELS could co-sponsor a program with the ALA regional workshop in Dallas in 1982 and use regional expertise as resource personnel to avoid large outlays of money for travel and lecturer fees. Subjects that were suggested included: Public Relations and AACR2, developing a literacy program, methods of taking oral history, building, or remodeling your library, ethnic literature, collection development.

THE ALA COUNCILOR’S CORNER

Alfreda H. Hanna
SUNDAY COUNCIL, MIdWINTER

Orientation to the work of the ALA Council included brief discussions by experienced Council members who administered all Council members to: represent all membership, provide leadership to upgrade the profession, consider the effects of new technology, safeguard the hope that our professionalism transcends our provincialism, promote the effectiveness of the Council so that it can indeed become the voice, the will, and the conscience of the library profession, assist the Council in its duty to set policy both for the library and the legislature.

The Councilors were reminded that to change policy, a resolution must be drafted and sent to the Resolutions Committee 24 hours before it is to come up in Council. Here the proposal is checked for proper wording and compatibility with the Constitution and By-laws.

In addition to getting acquainted with the work of the Council, Councilors were introduced to the person and work of the ALA Chapter Relations Officer, Patricia Scarry.

On its Centennial Conference in June ALA is featuring a train trip from Chicago west. Approximately $160 buys the ticket. Libraries can also go through the ALA travel service (TV Travel) for round-trip ticket. Their charge is slightly higher than direct ticket price; i.e., until February 26, $554 round trip out of Oklahoma City on coach, or, if staying over Friday, the super-saver ticket is $277.

The treasurer’s report indicated that ALA receivables are increasing, that some divisions, such as ACRL, are very healthy, in part because of their publications (e.g., CHOOSE), in some publications, however, such as BOOKLIST, there is a substantial loss of income. The Freedom to Read Committee reported that, because of the national support for the legal battle of Jean Layton, her legal fees have now been covered to less than $1,000. OLA contributed to this fund, which was matched 2 to 1 by Freedom to Read funding. Layton has been reinstated in her position; one of her chief opponents was defeated in a recent election and is now fulfilling his civic participation on the Mosquito Abatement Committee.

Chapter Relations Committee

Concerns of the Chapter Relations Committee related to: (1) charge of duties for the ALA Chapter Relations Officer, Patricia Scarry; (2) changing the by-laws to permit voting of temporarily appointed councilors; (3) investigative study for a federated structure for ALA; (4) formation of an ad hoc committee to develop guidelines for the national division conferences, (5) planning for the combined Pennsylvania-ALA Conference in Philadelphia in 1982; (6) publication and distribution by ALA of a chapter handbook; (7) suggestions to the ALA Chapter Relations Office for clearinghouse functions for a chapter, regional, national events calendar, for a speaker’s bureau, and/or for ideas exchange.

Plans were initiated for a conclave breakfast meeting at San Francisco from 9:00 - 11:00 on June 27.

Council Meetings

As always, Council business for Midwinter, 1981, was varied and much of it was routine with the usual jockeying of the volatile before the floor for the persons of the action. Some of the more significant action is briefly listed in the following paragraphs. The underlying concern that seems to be growing is concern for the increasing strength and autonomy of the powerful divisions, which now have been given fiscal independence and the right for annual conferences. This concern delayed action, for example, on reduction of student fees.

Some other considerations of greater impact for the association included the following items of business:
Honorary memberships in ALA were approved for John Brademas, Jacob Javits, and Lawrence Clark Powell.

An amendment to exclude meetings which could be expected to provoke violent action from using library meeting rooms or exhibit space was voted down. The work of the Washington Office was briefly discussed, and Brawner presented the OLA check for $177.

While Constitution and By-law implications are under study, the future concept of giving interim status to student chapter groups was discussed. A resolution to strengthen CONSER (national serials) through more timely distribution and through use of a monitored quality assurance program was approved.

Other business conducted seemed less significant and can be read in the official Council minutes.

President’s Program

President Peggy Sullivan used the rainbow motif in this meeting which will be the symbol of the San Francisco Conference. In addition to the expected foretaste of San Francisco delights, two speakers added interesting footnotes.

Legislative Day In Washington

April 7, 1981 of National Library Week is Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. Library delegations from all over the country will come to the Capitol to talk to their members of Congress.

The day begins with a briefing session on Capitol Hill and concludes with a champagne reception for the legislators and their staffs at the Rayburn House Office Building from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on April 7th.

It is important that librarians from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia and the territories attend.

LMI Grants Available

Library Media Improvement grant applications for 1981-82 will be available in April. If your district is interested in state funds to implement or improve an elementary media program, look for application information in the “Superintendent’s Newsletter” or the “Educator” (The grant requires a school to have a centralized facility and the services of a certified media specialist at least one-half time.) It is not too early to start making plans. Applications should be requested by an administrator and submitted by June 1, 1981. Call us for information or assistance.
FOLIO Outreach Committee

Thordis (Mrs. Erling) Helland, chairman

Friends' organizations are growing in Oklahoma. Not only are more communities forming Friends of the Library, but Friends are doing more things.

In part, this is a reflection of the organization of FOLIO, Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, which has focused attention on the need for strong citizen support of libraries. But the effort comes from each locality and is, indeed, an encouraging trend.

Last fall, as part of a workshop FOLIO conducted, the Outreach Committee sent out a questionnaire to libraries throughout the State in an effort to find out who was doing what where. We heard from 41 different communities and 4 library systems throughout the State. Of the 41 communities replying, 16 communities had an organized Friends group. In 9 other communities interested persons and/or the Library Board provided assistance to and support of the Library.

One of the questions included was related to becoming more active in Friends, helping to organize a Friends group, attending and assisting in statewide or regional workshops or programs for the purpose of stimulating interest in organizing or working with existing groups. Twelve persons (librarians) said they would be willing to help start a Friends group, and 16 said they would be willing to attend State or regional meetings. Only 5 said they would be willing to help organize a regional workshop or program.

And that's pretty much where it is today. We did have the fall workshop and had good discussion on organizing and operating with those who attended. But we haven't begun to get off the ground in reaching out in the State. Our thought was that we could take the workshop we conducted in the fall in Oklahoma City to communities where there is interest in organizing such a workshop. Preferably, several communities in several counties could work together in putting on the workshop. We have the material and we would be set to go if we were beckoned. But we haven't yet been beckoned, nor have we been able to give the time needed to promote the invitations. We're volunteers with a lot of enthusiasm for libraries and Friends, but also committed to homes, husbands, careers, other community projects.

You could help "get the show rolling" by determining whether there is interest in your area to have us put on a workshop, and if there is one person in the area who would work with us in scheduling it and getting it organized and if there were several persons or libraries that would get out a notice of the meeting to their most interested patrons and community leaders.

If you are willing to help, please contact me by letter or phone and we, together, can be more effective in reaching out for citizen library support in all localities in Oklahoma. In your next issue, I will report your response to this.

New Way To Advertise

Perhaps for the first time, a public library has published their annual report in a television guide. Tulsa City-County Library's 1979-80 Annual Report and catalog of materials and services appeared as a pull-out supplement to the Tulsa Daily World's TV Weekly Magazine. The "What's In It For You" special section was designed to appeal to non-library users as well as current patrons. TCCL would be happy to share reprints with other libraries.

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Treasurer reported balance of $5,332.80. . . . 750 personal and 32 institutional memberships. . . Griller National Library Week Grant awarded to New York Library Association. . . Heard reports from Audit- ing Committee on accounting and auditing procedures for the association. . . Approved $250 to pay postage to conduct survey for J. Bailey Howard proposal if award is granted to OLA by ALA. . . . Intensive discussion about OLA's role in fulfilling needs of rural libraries. Library Legislative Day registration reported low-board urged to attend. . . . Heard Awards Committee recommendations. . . . Authorized appointment of an ad hoc committee to determine the feasibility of a library personnel study in Oklahoma and to submit a report to the Executive Board with recommendations regarding purpose, objectives and expected uses of such a survey.

Sequoyah Children's Award Winner

Eleanor Clymer has won the 1981 Sequoyah Children's Book Award for her book The Get-away Car. Ms. Clymer will accept the award at the Sequoyah Luncheon during the Oklahoma Library Association Conference in Oklahoma City on Friday, March 20 at the Sheraton Century Center. School children and conference participants from around the state will hear Ms. Clymer's acceptance speech and will honor her at the luncheon at an autographing party.

Judy Tiry, Chairperson of the Sequoyah Committee and a Media Coordinator at Will Rogers Elem. School in Edmond, said that 33,840 participated in the voting this year. The book, The Get-away Car was published in 1978 by Dutton, Inc. It is the story of Maggie and her grandmother, who, in order to escape being put in an old age home and Maggie into a "wholesome environment," they begin a journey in a borrowed station wagon that turns out to be a real get-away car complete with loot.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award Program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association, encourages Oklahoma boys and girls in grades three through six to read books of literary quality. A child must read or hear at least two books on the Masterlist to be eligible to vote.

Teachers Invite Librarians

The Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English has invited an invitation to members of the Oklahoma Library Association to attend their spring conference, April 24-25, 1981 at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education; 1700 Asp, Norman. OLA members will be allowed to attend at members rates of $10.00 if they register before April 10. After that date the fee increases to $12.00.

Mr. Elliot Wiggington, editor of the FOXFIRE books will be on hand for an autograph party from 7-10:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24 and will conduct an all day workshop on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For further details contact: Darlene Hughes, 301 W. 6th, Bristow, OK 74010.

Collection Development Conference on Serials

The University of Oklahoma Libraries will present a "Conference on the Impact of Serials on Collection Development" May 21, 22 at the Sheraton Airport Inn in Oklahoma City. The management of the serials budget, serial microform collections, serial use studies, cutting subscriptions and national cooperation efforts are among topics to be covered. Speakers include Herbert White, David Doody, Robin Downen, Roger Hansson, Lester Pourctall, Donald Simpson and Charles Osburn. Registration closes May 1, 1981. For more information please contact Rodney Hersberger, Conference Coordinator at (405) 325-2611.

Thanks from ALA

Dear Mrs. Corwin:

On behalf of the Washington Office, please accept our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of $175.00 to support the work of our office. You can be assured it will be put to immediate good use in furthering the cause of librarianship.

The beginning year of this new Administration is a most important one for all libraries. In view of the difficult economic problems facing us all, gifts such as yours are particularly welcome and a real morale booster.

Please convey our thanks and appreciation to officers and members of the Oklahoma Library Association for your warm thanks and appreciation for their generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Eileen D. Cooke
Director
ALA Washington Office
Personal membership dues for membership in the Oklahoma Library Association shall be the amount listed hereafter and based on the applicant's present annual salary. Dues shall include membership in one free division of the applicant's choice. The salary schedule is as follows:

1. Librarian members
   Salary up to $4,999
   Salary $5,000 to $9,999
   Salary $10,000 to $14,999
   Salary $15,000 to $19,999
   Salary $20,000 and above
   Additional division and or roundtable memberships each
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   $10.00
   $15.00
   $20.00
   $25.00
   $30.00
   $1.00

2. Full-time student
   $5.00

3. Trustees, Lay members, and Friends
   $10.00

Life members shall be assessed no dues but shall have all the rights and privileges of personal members.

Institution memberships

Dues for library institutions shall be the amount listed hereafter based on the total annual income of the previous fiscal period:

1. Libraries
   Income up to $50,000
   Income $50,000 to $499,999
   Income $500,000 to $499,999
   Income $1,000,000 and above
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   $15.00
   $30.00
   $60.00
   $75.00
   *Includes one free individual (#3) membership

2. Non-library association, institutions, or organizations
   $10.00

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**APRIL**

5-11 National Library Week: "We've Got Your Number."

7 ALA Library Legislative Day, Washington, D.C.

9 Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English Conference—OCCCE, Norman

10 Chemical Abstracts Workshop—OSU Library, Stillwater

24-25 Library Development Committee—ODL—10:00
   OLA Executive Board—TCCL—10:00

30 Continuing Education Committee—Southern Oaks Branch, 6900 S. Walker, OKC—10:30

**MAY**

8 Library Development Committee—ODL—10:00
   OLA Executive Board Meets—

13 Statistics Workshop—ODL—1:00-4:00

14 Executive Board—ODL—10:00

21-22 Collection Development Conference—Sheraton Airport Inn, OKC

**JUNE**

12 LDC—ODL—10:00

19 Executive Board—10:00

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