COMPUTERTOWN, OK! is a project initiated by the staff of the Norman Public Library to provide access to microcomputers and computer-related print materials for both children and adults. Funded by a $14,500 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, this project was intended to provide hands-on experience in the use of microcomputers and to increase the degree of computer literacy in Norman.

The Children's Department purchased three TRS-80 Model III computers with 16k, loaded by three cassette players. Books and periodicals were provided, as well as, computer programs. Children can explore a pyramid, compose a musical score, play football, choreograph a dance routine, practice their math, or any number of other pursuits. Orientation sessions are given by trained staff members to teach children how to operate the equipment, how to load their programs, and how to give commands to the computer. After children have taken the orientation class, they may sign up for one hour of computer time per week. Children are free to write their own programs if they furnish their own tapes . . . and some of them do! In fact, some of the children are now more proficient with the computers than is the staff.

The Adults Department purchased one TRS-80 Model III with 48k and two disk drives. In addition, they provided a line printer, computer programs, and related print material. Training sessions lasting an hour and a half are given to patrons once a week for a four week period. If a patron has some prior knowledge of microcomputers, he may take one short orientation class. After taking these classes, the patron may sign up to use the computers for a one hour period once a week. If the computer happens to be free, patrons may use it for a longer period. The staff is flexible about computer usage and wants to see the computers in operation as much as possible. The more popular adult programs include Chess, Visicalc (a program that does financial scenarios), word processing, and a program that teaches how to operate the computer!

COMPUTERTOWN, OK! has proved to be one of the most popular projects ever tried at the Norman Public Library. Public enthusiasm has been so high that the Pioneer Multi-County Library has decided to add micro-computers for public use to the Moore Public Library, Purcell Public Library and the Shawnee Public Library!

Oklahoma University Library Society

"The creation of the Bizzell Library Society is significant to the enrichment of the OU libraries," Sul H. Lee, dean of university libraries, said at the official organizing of the society on March 17. The group of nineteen couples and individuals throughout the state and nation is dedicated to enriching the development of OU libraries by private support. Major improvements are intended in those areas of scholarly studies which suffered funding shortages in the past two decades which created weak areas in the collections. Lee stressed the OU libraries have never had a friend organization before.

Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler.

—Albert Einstein
DATES TO REMEMBER

ALA Annual Conference
Date: July 10-15, 1982
Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

School Media Workshops
Date (Tentative): September 17-18, 1982
Location: Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma

Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL Workshop
Date: October 1, 1982
Location: Oklahoma Baptist University

Oklahoma Education Association Conference
Date: October 14-15, 1982
Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Southwestern Library Association
Date: November 2-6, 1982
Location: Phoenix, Arizona

ALA Midwinter
Date: January 8-13, 1983
Location: San Antonio

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Libraries: Because They’re Worth It

Following approval by Oklahoma County voters in January of a 1.5 mill levy increase for the Metropolitan Library System, the library lifted a three-year moratorium on new or expanded library facilities and updated its proposed listing of library projects to be considered for the Oklahoma City Capital Improvements Program. Executive Director, Lee Brawner, presented a $17.3 million proposal calling for 12 library construction, expansion and renovation projects through 1986.

The proposal is expected to be approved by the Metropolitan Library Commission in April and submitted to the Oklahoma City’s City Council for consideration in the city’s 1982-86 Capital Improvements Program. Included in that proposal is a new north regional library near N.W. 122 and Pennsylvania, a major boom area for commercial development. Other major features are conversion and remodeling at Belle Isle Regional Library, a Business-Technical Library downtown possibly in the new Myriad Gardens, expansion of Southern Oaks Regional Library, three portable (Kiosk’s) structures to be located in southwest, southeast, and northeast Oklahoma City. Also planned are two portable mini libraries for the northwest.

A look at the anniversary of statehood—November 16, 1982

Events, activities, and projects for the Diamond Jubilee will climax seventy-five weeks from the kickoff date (June 13, 1981) with a gala statehood celebration at the Myriad Convention Center on Saturday, November 13, 1982. Long after the curtain falls that evening on the Diamond Jubilee observance, the impact and significance of the projects during the seventy-fifth anniversary will continue.

For further information—
As activities and projects are scheduled and literature printed, they will be forwarded to you. If there are any questions do not hesitate to contact the Diamond Jubilee staff.

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How to Kill an Association

1. Stay away from meetings.
2. If you do go, limit your remarks to destructive comments.
3. Or refuse to speak out; then complain that no one listens to you.
4. Decline offices or appointments.
5. Become indignant if you are not nominated or appointed.
6. If you are appointed or elected, fail to attend meetings.
7. Do no work if you can avoid it. When the workers do the job, accuse them of being a clique.
8. Oppose all banquets, parties, and affairs as being a waste of the members’ money.
9. When everything is strictly business, complain that meetings are dull and the officers a bunch of old sticks.
10. Don’t pay your dues, or pay them late. After all, they did not let you write the budget.
11. File all communication in “13”; then scream about lack of communication.
12. Tell nonmembers that the association is worthless.
TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM CELEBRATES TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

John Bennett Shaw, known as "Mr. Library" in Tulsa, will return this summer to celebrate the building's twentieth anniversary. Mr. Bennett is President of the Library Board of Trustees in Santa Fe. An avid collector of books and literary memorabilia, Mr. Shaw is considered one of the country's outstanding authority on Sherlock Holmes and owner of an extensive Sherlockian literary collection. Forty years ago he purchased the Tulsa Book Shop, then on its way out of business. He has given 21,000 items to his alma mater, Notre Dame, and 8,000 items to the University of Tulsa where he received a master's degree in literature. Many items are held in Tulsa University's rare book collection. When Mr. Shaw returns this summer, Tulsans will proudly honor he and numerous other notable citizens for their part in the development of one of the finest library systems in the Southwest.

IN THE NEWS

The Oklahoma chapter of ACRL, newly formed just this year, has decided upon October 1 as the date for their opening event, a workshop with Dr. Leone as the keynote speaker. The workshop will be held at OBU and will begin at 9:30 a.m. and culminate in a banquet that evening. It seems quite likely at this time that College and University Division will co-sponsor the workshop. The official title of this new organization is OC-ACRL.

John Richard Sayre will assume faculty duties as Assistant Professor of Library Science and Associate Director of University Libraries at Phillips University on June 1. Mr. Sayre received his B.A. from Phillips University in 1975 and his M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 1976. Before his move to Oklahoma, Mr. Sayre has been Reference and Bibliographic Instruction Librarian at Indiana University.

SUE FONTAINE, formerly Public Information Officer with the Tulsa City-County Library System and most recently with the Washington State Library, is now Associate Chief of Public Relations, New York Public Library.

DISASTER MANUAL

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries' Disaster Preparedness Committee has completed the Disaster Manual: Emergency, Evacuation, Recovery. This manual creates an organization for handling disasters, a series of emergency action steps, an evacuation and security plan, and appendices which include a safety checklist, a material damage report, salvage procedures, and supplies and equipment. Although the manual is an in-house document, it was designed in a form adaptable for use by other institutions. The manual is available on interlibrary loan from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

CORRECTION

The telephone number listed for Oklahoma's Job Hotline (Oklahoma Librarian, Jan-Feb, 1982, p. 2) for after regular working hours was listed incorrectly. The telephone number is (405) 521-4202. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused you.
A SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF WORKS BY AND ABOUT OKLAHOMANS

ALA

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), will hold its 23rd preconference Wednesday, July 6, through Friday, July 9, in Philadelphia. “Growth in the Face of Adversity: The Business of Special Collections in the 1980s” is the theme of the preconference program. Focusing on the practical work that librarians perform in a variety of institutional settings, the speakers will consider the prospects facing special collections libraries and librarians in the strained economic circumstances of the 1980s. A particular emphasis will be the situation of smaller special collections.

The historic Pennsylvania Hospital is the site of a program the Health Care Libraries Section (HCLS) of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), is planning for the 1982 ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia. “Librarians Reaching Out: Case Studies” will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 11.

The program will begin with a guided tour that will include the hospital’s archival medical library collection, nursing museum, herb garden, “lunatic” basement and federal period art and architecture.

The goal of HCLS is to strengthen the usefulness, efficiency and services of health care and related libraries and of the personnel employed in those libraries.

Genealogical sources for four centuries is the topic of a 1982 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference program planned for July 9 and 10 in Philadelphia. The History Section of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) of ALA says its program complements and continues the thrust of its preconference to improve genealogy and local history reference services held in 1981 at the University of San Francisco.

At the forthcoming Philadelphia program, four genealogical authorities will identify the important sources available for each of the four centuries — the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th.

P. William Filby, prolific editor of recent genealogy reference tools, will describe his modern-day saga in search of passenger immigration and naturalization records.

Related sessions will describe online catalogs at the Genealogical Society of Utah and at the Library of Congress. Charles Clement will describe planning for the online catalog in Utah, and Judith P. Reid will describe L.C.’s SCORPIO System already in use.

A final session will feature J. Carlyle Parker, author of LIBRARY SERVICES FOR GENEALOGISTS (Gale, 1981). He will tell participants what it takes to become ideal reference librarians for serving genealogy patrons.

Librarians, teachers, curriculum specialists, book-sellers, reference and research personnel are invited to American Library Association’s 101st Annual Conference exhibits in the Philadelphia Civic Center.

All teaching professions, information retrieval specialists, librarians and those who work in or for better libraries are invited to visit the conference exhibits.

This year, we anticipate over 750 booths. The Civic Center exhibit hall will provide the area and accessibility for large numbers of people to see the American Library Association annual conference exhibits as guests of ALA.

Personal appearances by authors and illustrators are part of the conference exhibits where many of the forthcoming books for fall are on display. Latest in information retrieval, computer demonstrations are available as well as are direct dial access to information data banks.

LIBRARY TELECONFERENCE CENTER IS SUBJECT OF LITA PRECONFERENCE

The Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) of the American Library Association (ALA) will sponsor a preconference on establishing teleconference centers in libraries. The workshop, titled “The Teleconference Center: A New Service Opportunity for Libraries,” will be on July 8 and 9, 1982, in Philadelphia prior to ALA Annual Conference.

This preconference will show library administrators, media librarians and cable/video people how to establish a teleconference center in his library so that the library can become a communications center for the community or institution it serves. The first day will be an all-day tutorial in a downtown hotel, with equipment demonstrations for hands-on experience. During the second day, participants will tour one or two exemplary, operational teleconference centers in Philadelphia.

The scope of the workshop will include audio teleconferencing, telefax, electronic mail, computer conferencing via terminal, and slow scan television. All of the above use regular telephone lines and are relatively inexpensive and practical for most libraries. Although satellite (broadcast video) teleconferencing will be covered in the workshop, the emphasis will be on what is affordable and easy to install. Institutional cable networks, videotext systems and “personal earth terminals” also will be presented.

The preconference will be tied into the LITA educational/consultative exhibit, “The Teleconference Center in the Library,” that will be among the ALA Conference exhibits, July 10-13, in the Philadelphia Civic Center.

For more information and a registration brochure, write or call ALA, LITA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; (312) 944-6780.

SATELLITE BROADCAST FROM ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CANCELED

Brigitte Kenney, president of the Library and Information Technology Association, announced that the satellite broadcast LITA had planned to present on July 14 during the 1982 American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia has been canceled. Kenney told the Association that planning and funding could not be completed in time to sponsor a satellite broadcast this year.

Registration fees that LITA, a division of ALA, has received are being refunded.

ALA Show
Philadelphia Civic Center, July 10-15, 1982

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OKLAHOMA

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INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Today, the emergence of what is called the New Right and the increasing attempts to restrict the freedom to read suggest that the threat is from the right, rather than the left. The attacks on free expression by the Moral Majority is well documented and publicized. However, this is only one group coercing their beliefs and values on Americans. Other well-organized, well-staffed and well-financed organizations exist. On the Christian Right are: the Religious Roundtable, the Christian Voice; and the National Christian Action Council. Include also on the Right such groups as the Conservative Caucus, the John Birch Society, the National Conservation Political Action Committee, the Educational Research Analysts and the Heritage Foundation. Not all attempts at censorship come from the extreme right. The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) have shouted down speakers on dozens of college campuses. The Council on Interracial Books for Children seeks to prohibit the free use of imagination and creativity by fiction writers for children. If their guidelines were followed (Human and Anti-Human Values in Children’s Books, 1976) almost every classic published would be purged. One thing common to both sides is their intolerance of free expression, their rejections of a pluralistic society and its major premises. Whatever their target, censors try to use public opinion and government control over what people hear, read and see by an appeal to fear, fear of change. The Office of Intellectual Freedom (ALIA) has consistently supported and urged librarians to preserve the intellectual freedom of library users as first and foremost. This means that, a librarian honors the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights by not bowing to any pressure to restrict the full and free access to all information.

National Rehabilitation Information Center

Information services assisting disabled customers in their search for specialized information is an area of growing importance. To help educate librarians and information specialists to the various disciplines available, the National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) is offering, “Information Services to Disabled Individuals.”

It is a significant contribution to the literature and knowledge on this topic and serves as a valuable resource for professionals, scholars and planners alike.

Copies of “Information Services to Disabled Individuals” are now available from NARIC, 4407 Eighth Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20017-2299 or telephone (202) 635-5826. The cost is $6 per copy, postage included. Offer good while supplies last.

As a vote of confidence in the performance of disseminating government research and disability information, the National Institute of Handicapped Research (NIHR) has funded one of its primary grantees for the fifth consecutive year.

The Catholic University of America’s School of Library and Information Science is the recipient of over $577,000 to continue the services of the National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC). The Center holds one of the most comprehensive collections of information generated by NIHR and the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

One of the most efficient ways to improve the lives of America’s 35 million disabled individuals is to make research results and pertinent information available, easily and inexpensively. This is the Information Center’s mission. NARIC’s research database holds bibliographic information, including abstracts on more than 7500 different documents and audiovisual materials.

For easy access to the information contained in the database, write NARIC, 4407 Eighth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017 or call (202) 635-5826.

IN THE NEWS

The U.S. Postal Service is issuing two library-related 20-cent commemorative postage stamps this year. The first, honoring the Library of Congress, was issued on April 21 during National Library Week. The second, honoring “Libraries in America,” will be issued July 13 at a ceremony during the ALA Annual Conference.

Effective March 29 the subscription price of the Federal Register increased from $75 to $300 (a 300 percent increase), “in order to recover production and distribution costs to the government for sales copies,” according to an announcement February 25 (FR, p. 8151). An alternative subscription in microform at a substantially lower price is under consideration.

The Judicial Conference of the U.S. will eliminate use of legal-size paper and, after January 1, 1983, accept only 8½ x 11 inch size paper in all federal courts. The Judicial Conference decision was announced briefly in the December 14, 1981 Federal Register (p. 60664) and will be published as part of the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the U.S.

The campaign to reduce administrative operating costs of business, industry, and government by eliminating the necessity of having both legal and letter-size paper for records and correspondence originated with the Association of Records Managers and Administrators which launched Project ELF (Eliminate Legal-size Files) in 1980. The National Archives and Records Service estimates that the federal government would save over $1.25 million per year in paper costs alone. In addition legal-size paper can increase postage costs, and legal-size files cost more, weigh more, and take up more space. Many libraries and archives could benefit from the cost savings in Project ELF. Eighteen states (AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, GA, IL, KY, MN, NC, NJ, NY, OR, PA, UT, WA, WI, and WV) have already eliminated legal-size paper from their court systems.

(Source: ALA Washington Newsletter, 3/12/82)

Anyone wishing complete minutes of OLA activities may request copies from the OLA Executive Secretary, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74074.

Notable children’s author, Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, died March 27 of a heart attack. Mrs. Adams wrote nearly 200 children’s books including many of the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys series under various pseudonyms (see below). Nancy Drew first appeared in 1930 and provided an unusual model for young girls of the time. Throughout the past 50 years, Mrs. Adams resisted suggestions to modernize her plots, asserting that children had not changed and need to read books with a moral. Mrs. Adams was 89. She wrote under the pseudonyms of Carolyn Keene (Nancy Drew stories), Franklin W. Dixon (Hardy Boys), Victor W. Appleton II (Tom Swift, Jr.), and Laura Lee Hope (Bobbsey Twins).
MURRAY L. BOB NAMED WINNER OF PLA’S ALLIE BETH MARTIN AWARD

Murray L. Bob, director of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, Jamestown, New York, is the 1982 recipient of the Allie Beth Martin Award.

The award of $2,000 and a citation honors a public librarian who has demonstrated an extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books or other library materials and who has exhibited a distinguished ability to share that knowledge.

The Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, administers the award, and the Baker and Taylor Company is its donor. Established in 1979, the annual award is named for the late Allie Beth Martin, a former president of ALA, and director of Tulsa City-County Library System.

Bob will receive the award at an 11 a.m. brunch on July 11 in Philadelphia during the 1982 ALA Annual Conference. A public library administrator for 26 years, Murray Bob long has been interested in material selection. His first published article was “The Nature of Staff Reading” in 1955; two recently published essays are “Aspects of Collection Development” and “The Commercialization of the Public Library.”

During 18 years as director of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, Bob has helped provide materials to persons who might not otherwise have convenient access to libraries. His was the first public library in the United States to receive Appalachia funds for a bookmobile to serve rural communities and schools, unserved city enclaves, Head Start programs, migrant camps and factories. This library system provides the most extensive book-by-mail operation in New York for the homebound and maintains rotating book deposit collections in 20 nursing homes.

Bob initiated the first radio reading service in the state—a 50-hour-a-week program of readings from books and newspapers for the blind. He helped plan and provide service and materials to two Seneca Indian libraries and developed a municipal hospital library.

FOUR RECEIVE SCRIBNER’S AWARDS

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), announced the winners of the Charles Scribner’s Sons Awards for 1982 at ALA’s Midwinter Meeting in Denver. Each award provides a stipend of $325 to enable a children’s librarian to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, July 10-15, 1982. An annual gift from the Charles Scribner’s Sons Publishing Company makes the awards possible.

The four winners are Robin A. Branstator, Louisville Public Library, Louisville, Colorado; Jeanette D. Newsom, Fontana Regional Library, Bryson City, North Carolina; Susan Melcher, Hawthorne Elementary School Library, Louisville, Kentucky; and Judy G. Mizek, Sheraden and Horace Mann Elementary Schools, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Members of the ALSC Scribner’s Award Committee who selected the winners were Betty Jo Peterson, California State University, Fresno, California; Penny S. Markey, Southeast County Region of the Los Angeles Public Library, and chair Mary Ann Paulin, Media Specialist at Negaunee Junior-Senior High School, Negaunee, Michigan.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO WITH A LIBRARY CAREER

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The American Library Association has taken to the road again its exhibit of sixty books banned from schools and public libraries. One is the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language. The Dictionary is banned from schools in Alaska, Missouri and Indiana because of objections to some words and their definitions. A highway patrol trooper in Missouri found thirty-nine objectionable words in the American Heritage Dictionary. The exhibit covers books banned from 1976 to 1980. Objections to the books range from “profane,” vulgar and obscene (Grapes of Wrath) to “part of an overall communist plot” (Catcher in the Rye).

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