EDITORIAL

Committees are an important part of all organizations, associations, and professional societies. They are necessary to the function and operation of the association and provide the benefits of a cross section of qualified judgement and experience, combined knowledge, and an opportunity for continuity of thought and cooperation not possible on an individual basis. Committee work serves as an excellent "training ground" for organization leaders. The opportunity for an individual to participate in committee work enhances his feeling of belonging, his feeling of playing a significant part in his association, and increases his loyalty to the organization.

Point of View

Oklahoma has enjoyed very pleasant weather this year considering the high temperatures of last June and July. As this Irish transplant was getting ready for the August scorches little did he realize he would "boil" by August 3. Now I know Why. As a librarian, I am afflicted with a "schizoid personality disorder," so analyzed by the best of therapists and that for free, by psychiatrist Park Elliott Dietz of Harvard. Dr. Dietz, according to the Daily Oklahoma (August 3, 1982, p. 1) had testified that presidential assailant John W. Hinckley, Jr., suffered from a narcissistic and schizoid personality disorder. He defined the first as a view that one is more important than others. He defined the second as "a disorder that afflicts people who do not interact much with others, such as cowboys and librarians." He referred to it as "the lonely person's disorders". I did not know we librarians do not interact much with others. Some of my best friends are cowboys. Dr. Dietz had testified for the government at Hinckley's trial. Hinckley was found innocent by reason of insanity. Boy, am I boiling.

Oliver Delaney

ALA JOINS IN COALITION FOR LITERACY

National business, volunteer and public leaders recently formed a coalition to help focus attention on the problem of adult illiteracy in America.

Organizations with a track record in literacy and adult education call this united effort the Coalition for Literacy. These groups include the American Library Association, Laubach Literacy International, Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc., CONTACT, Inc., International Reading Association, National Advisory Council on Adult Education, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, American Association of Advertising Agencies, B. Dalton Bookseller and American Association for Adult and Continuing Education.

In announcing the coalition, Bob Purcell, Coalition representative, said, "Our whole society is hurt by the fact that 23 million American adults can't read at a functional level." He added, "America's economic, military, and individual strength demands a literate populace. We want folks to know that illiteracy hurts all of us and that people who care can do something about this problem."

The campaign will generate public awareness through television, radio, newspapers, magazines and other media. People who want to help or who seek more information will be able to call a toll-free number for information and referral to agencies that can help.

The activities of the Coalition for Literacy will be coordinated by the American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; 312/664-6361.

"Today's 'with-it' Americans flood their minds with information — random messages from the instant-everywhere — leaving all too little room for the knowledge they really need."


The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is cosponsoring along with the OU Library School a fall colloquium. The speaker will be Dr. Kathleen Heim, Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, and the current Editor of QG.

The colloquium will be held at the University of Oklahoma campus on Thursday, September 30, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a reception following until 6:00 p.m. The specific title of her presentation is not set, however, it is anticipated that the topic will be related to "Issues About Women in Librarianship." Professor Heim is a nationally recognized researcher in this area.
Executive Board & Program Committee
Schedule of Meetings, 1982-83

During the year, the Executive Board and Program Committee will
meet on the same day and in the same location. These are open meet-
ing and members are invited to attend. The Program Committee meets
at 10:00 a.m. and the Executive Board meets at 1:30 p.m. Meetings to
date have been July 28, at OCU; August 20, at Purcell Public Library;
and September 24, at Pioneer Multi-County Libraries. Upcoming meet-
ing are:
October 15 at Oklahoma Department of Libraries
November 19 at Central State University Library
December 17 at Bethany Nazarene College Library
January 21 at the Sheraton Hotel (Oklahoma City)
February 25 at Oklahoma Department of Libraries
March 30 at the Sheraton Hotel (Oklahoma City)
April 22 at Pioneer Multi-County Libraries
May 27 at Lawton Public Library

Oklahoma Library Association Calendar
1982 - 1983

SEPTEMBER
13 - EODL/Choctaw Reference Workshop
13-14 - ODL/Small Public Libraries Workshops
16 - OASLMS
16-17 - Department of Education Workshop
21 - Library Development Committee
24 - Executive Board and Program Committee

OCTOBER
1 - ARL and College/University Division Workshops
2 - O.U.S.L.S. Young People's Festival
5 - Library Development Committee Workshop
8 - Library Educator's Workshop
10-12 - Arkansas Library Association Conference (Little Rock)
14 - OASLMS
14-15 - Oklahoma Education Association Convention
15 - Executive Board and Program Committee
18-22 - American Society of Information Science (Columbus)
19 - Library Development Committee
21-24 - ALA American Association of School Librarians

NOVEMBER
3 - Trustees Division
2-6 - Southwestern Library Association (Phoenix)
9-10 - ODL/Support Staff Workshop
12 - Reference Roundtable
13 - Children/Young People's Workshop
16 - Library Development Committee
16-17 - ODL/Support Staff Workshop
19 - Executive Board and Program Committee
23-24 - ODL/Support Staff Workshop
30-1 - ODL/Support Staff Workshop

DECEMBER
3 - Technical Services Workshop
14 - Public Libraries Workshop
17 - Executive Board and Program Committee
21 - Library Development Committee

JANUARY
8-13 - ALA Midwinter (San Antonio)
15 - Library Development Committee
21 - Executive Board and Program Committee
26-28 - Special Libraries Association (Newport Beach)

FEBRUARY
4 - Intellectual Freedom Committee Workshop
15 - Library Development Committee
16 - Legislative Day
25 - Executive Board and Program Committee

MARCH
15 - Library Development Committee
23-26 - ALA/Public Library Association (Baltimore)
30-31 - OLA Conference (Oklahoma City)

APRIL
4-7 - Catholic Library Association (Washington, D.C.)
5-9 - Mountain Plains Library Association with Kansas (Wichita)
12-16 - Texas Library Association (San Antonio)
17-23 - National Library Week
19 - Library Development Committee
22 - Executive Board and Program Committee

MAY
5-6 - Association of Research Librarians (Banff, Alberta)
27 - Executive Board
29-2 - Medical Library Association (Houston)

JUNE
4 - Special Library Association (New Orleans)
17 - OLA Leadership Conference
26-29 - American Association of Law Libraries (Houston)
26-1 - American Library Association (Los Angeles)

NOTE: Some of these dates are subject to change. Contact Dovie
Gaither, OLA Executive Secretary, (918) 583-1561 for latest in-
formation.)
1981-1982 EXECUTIVE BOARD
Statements of Policy

1. The use of the membership list or labels is approved, subject to review by the OLA President, for publishers and authors of items about Oklahoma. Other commercial vendors must still be approved by the Board on an individual basis. The fee will be $50.00 per user. Library related, non-profit organizations may obtain the labels at cost.
2. Deferred payments by members at the annual conference are not allowed.
3. Fees and/or lodging for OLA members who are speakers or presenters at the annual conference and/or workshops are not provided.
4. It is suggested that the Membership Directory appear in the fall issue of the Oklahoma Librarian.

LIBRARIES SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF OLA

It is important that each library in the state demonstrate its support of our professional organization by becoming an institutional member of OLA.

Dues are reasonable, based on the institution's total annual income and ranging from $15.00 to $75.00.

Each institutional membership includes one free individual $10.00 (#3) membership — for a Trustee, Lay Member, or a Friend of the Library.

If your university or college library, school system, local, county, district or multi-county library is not supporting OLA, ask your administrator or membership representative to send a check and membership application to OLA today. Write to OLA, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103.

INSTITUTIONAL DUES SCHEDULE

1. Library Institutions — Based on Total Annual Income*  
   Income up to $49,999  $15.00  
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   Income $500,000 to $999,999  60.00  
   Income $1,000,000 and above  75.00  

*Includes one free individual $10.00 #3 membership, for a Trustee, Lay Member, or a Friend. (Not for Librarians or Students)

2. Non-Library Associations, Institutions or Organizations  $10.00

FREE POSTER AVAILABLE TO ALL LIBRARIES

Hagerstown, MD — Libraries can now display a FREE poster depicting the new National Library Symbol. This new 11”x17” poster, from Upstart Library Promotions, clearly and attractively introduces the new National Library Symbol to the public.

The National Library Symbol was recently adopted at the Annual Conference of the ALA. The new symbol was chosen as the result of a recommendation from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

It’s purpose is to increase public awareness of libraries and all libraries are being urged to display the symbol.

This free poster will help librarians introduce the new symbol to the public. In addition to displaying the symbol, the poster also describes the purpose, use, and development of the new logo.

Libraries wishing a copy of these free posters should write or call Upstart Library Promotions, Box 899, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, (301) 797-9699.
The Voluntary Recognition Service

Continuing education opportunities for librarians and information and media specialists have skyrocketed in the last several years; but many professionals are expressing concern that the various offerings are of uneven quality, and that individuals attending the courses and workshops have no assurance that their attendance will lead to any recognition or career advancement. The Voluntary Recognition Service has been developed to address these concerns. The VRS has established standards of quality for continuing education programs and a system for certifying that specific programs meet these standards. Participation by individuals is strictly voluntary, but interested continuing education participants can ask that records of all their CE activities be kept in a centralized file, available for transcript requests; and qualified individuals can apply periodically for the formal Statement of Acknowledgement for Continuing Education.

RECORD KEEPING THROUGH THE REGISTRY . . .

The Registry, which is administered cooperatively with the American College Testing Program, is a centralized, computer-based system for storing continuing education records and for issuing transcripts. Interested CE participants can maintain orderly, national records of their learning activities in the Registry in two ways. When they complete VRS-approved programs, they can ask the sponsors to send records of their attendance to the Registry. As individuals they can also enter records directly into the Registry for CE activities completed outside the VRS approval system. Completed activities which can be entered include academic instruction, practicums, workshops, home study, self-instruction, publications, and discussion groups among many others.

RECOGNITION THROUGH THE STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT . . .

The Statement of Acknowledgement for Continuing Education is available on a three-year cycle to qualified individuals who choose to apply for formal recognition. To qualify, applicants must enter records of completed CE activities in the Registry. They must complete 120 contact hours of continuing education within a three-year period; at least 60 hours’ activities must be approved by the National Council on Quality Continuing Education or State or Multistate Councils.

QUALITY THROUGH THE PROVIDER APPROVAL SYSTEM . . .

Institutions, schools, individuals, and companies that provide or present continuing education programs can apply for VRS approval of their offerings to the National Council on Quality Education or to their State or Multistate Council. The National Council has established criteria for quality which will be used to assess the planning, design, and delivery of each program. If the criteria are met successfully, the Council will award approved status to the program or activity. The sponsoring agency can cite this approval on promotional materials to let prospective participants know they will be attending a VRS-approved program.

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LIBRARY SIGN SYSTEM INCLUDES NEW NATIONAL LIBRARY SYMBOL

To help librarians implement a comprehensive and unified graphic system of signs which will identify services, direct patrons to those services, and provide visual impact, the American Library Association has just published A SIGN SYSTEM FOR LIBRARIES. ($5.00)

The manual presents a uniform style of signals for public and other libraries and briefly describes the process of sign preparation and mounting. The system takes into account the various services and functions of most libraries while providing flexibility for accommodating changes.

The manual emerged from a project developed by Mary S. Mallory and Ralph E. DeVoire for a uniform sign system in the Western Maryland Public Libraries. Ms. Mallory originated the idea of a sign system, including the use of symbols, color codes, and terminology. Mr. DeVoire selected the symbols, chose type style and colors, and prescribed the construction and mounting methods. He also designed the symbol that has been recommended by the ALA Presidential Task Force on a National Library Symbol as the standardized symbol for all libraries in this country. This striking logo can be photocopied from the manual for reproduction on signs, posters, and library literature.

For further information contact Robert G. Hershman.
To order: Order Department/American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

"It is imperative that, as a nation, we respond to the demands of the information revolution . . . The crucial questions can no longer revolve around how big a slice of the telecommunications pie each industry group can carve out of itself. The debate must center on how to ensure that the benefits of the electronic revolution are made available to the public, and that its positive impact on the future economic well-being of our country can be felt. It is a debate that demands involvement from every one of us."

"The Honorable Timothy E. Wirth, Chairman, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, U.S. House of Representatives, "Communications Act Challenge: Giving Users Their Due."
People and Places

R. Cecilia Knight assumed duties as an Assistant Cataloger in the Oklahoma State University Library on May 17, 1982.

Ms. Knight received her B.A. in 1980 from Blackburn College (Illinois) and the M.A.L.S. in 1982 from Rosary College.

Connie A. Kirby joined the faculty of the Oklahoma State University Library on June 21 of this year as Assistant Documents Librarian, a new position in the Documents Department.

Ms. Kirby received the B.A. degree in 1971 from Upper Iowa College and an M.A. in 1973 from Southwestern Missouri State University. She was awarded the M.A.L.S. from the University of Iowa in 1980.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Craig Buthod, head of Tulsa City-County Library's Business and Technology Department, has recently been installed as the 1982-83 president of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Other chapter officers and appointees are Vice-President/President-Elect Sara Seaman, Williams Brothers Engineering Company; Secretary Paige Graening, Cities Service Company; and Treasurer Pat Houskins, Conoco, Inc.

Oklahoma's 80-member association is composed of professional librarians and information experts in specialized libraries and in special departments of public and private libraries.

Baker & Taylor/JMRT Grassroots Grant

Lisa Monique Landrum is the 1982 recipient of the Baker & Taylor/JMRT Grassroots Grant.

This year Baker & Taylor gave a $250 grant to one library science student in every state to enable the student to attend the state library association annual conference. The purpose of the grant is to get library science students interested and involved in their state library association and to identify potential leaders in the field of librarianship.

Lisa received her Masters in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma in May of this year. She served as president of the library student association at O.U. for 1981/82. While a student she worked part-time as a reference librarian in Bizzell Memorial Library. She just recently received a position in a special library in Tulsa.

David Hodgkins, our regional sales representative for Baker & Taylor, presented the Grassroot Grant plaque to Lisa at the JMRT/Membership Committee Reception during the 1982 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference.
An Oklahoma Chapter of the Western Conservation Congress (OCWCC) has been formed to organize and initiate activities to preserve the artifacts, books and documents in Oklahoma and the Southwest. The chapter needs the involvement and input of people from all over the state and region. Among the activities the OCWCC offers are workshops and seminars to provide training in preservation and conservation techniques. Recent workshops have concentrated on the creation, use and maintenance of microforms as a means of preserving historical documents; and, on developing a plan for coping with any type of disaster. The chapter publishes a quarterly newsletter dealing with matters on library and archival conservation. President of OCWCC is Marcia Goodman (OU); Howard Lowell (ODL) is chairman of the Education Committee; Michael Holland (ODL) is chairman of the Clearinghouse Committee and, Caroline S. Swinson (TU) is chairman of the Disaster Preparedness Committee.

Because of health and family considerations, Marcela Petty has resigned her position as chairperson of OASLMS for 1982-83. According to the OASLMS constitution, the chairperson-elect has assumed the position. It will therefore be necessary to hold another election to fill the vacant chairperson-elect position.

The nomination committee has been reactivated and you should be receiving your ballot soon. We hope to be able to announce the new chairperson-elect at the business meeting to be held in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Library and Learning Resource Division’s Fall Workshop, EncycloMedia-2. The meeting is planned for Friday, September 17, at 9:15 a.m. We hope to see you there.

Chairperson,
Donnice Cochenour

OKLAHOMA STUDENTS LIBRARIAN ASSOCIATION

Fall Leadership Conference will be at the Tom Steed Center of Oscar Rose Junior College, 6420 S.E. 15th Street, Midwest City, November 3, 1982, 9:00-2:45.
29th Annual OSLA State Convention will be in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building, 900 Asp, University of Oklahoma, Norman, April 8, 1983, 9:00-2:45.
For more information, contact Dr. F. L. Carroll, Professor, University of Oklahoma, School of Library Science, 401 W. Brooks, Norman, OK 73019.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1983
ALLIE BETH MARTIN AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1983 Allie Beth Martin Award, sponsored by the Public Library Association.

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

The Award is named in honor of the late American Library Association President and Tulsa City-County Library Director, Allie Beth Martin, who died in 1976. The Award is donated by the Baker and Taylor Company and will be presented at the 1983 ALA Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

Nominations forms may be obtained by writing Shirley Mills-Fischer, Executive Director, PLA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Nominations should be submitted to George Stewart, Chairperson, Award Committee, Birmingham Public Library System, 2020 Park Place, Birmingham, AL 35203. The deadline for submitting nominations is January 1, 1983.

Calendar of Events

The OLA Reference Roundtable will present a workshop entitled, "What to do if the ( ) doctor ( ) lawyer ( ) stockbroker comes: When to answer and when to refer specialized reference questions" on Friday, November 12 at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

This program will bring speakers from a medical library, a law library and a business library together to define when to attempt to answer specialized questions and when to refer them, and who to refer them to. The speakers will discuss some reference books in their areas that are of special value and will clarify what liability a librarian can face for attempting to answer questions.

The program will last from 9:00 to 3:00 with registration and coffee beginning at 8:30.

"Encyclo-Media II: New Directions," will be held Sept. 16-17, 1982 at Central State University, Student Union. This statewide workshop for library media specialists, administrators and teachers is sponsored by the Library and Learning Resources Section of the State Department of Education.

The 63 sessions will cover a variety of topics including computers, media activities, scheduling, reading motivation, time management, book detection systems, puppetry, teaching research skills and the administrator's role in the library media program. Due to numerous requests, some sessions from the workshop last year have been repeated.

A special session for the Library Media Improvement grant recipients will be held Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Pebbletree Inn, Oklahoma City.

Complete program information will be included in the Library Resources Fall Mailing. Please register as soon as possible. For more information contact Oklahoma State Department of Education, Library and Learning Resources, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or telephone (405) 521-2956.
Nominations are now being accepted for the fourth annual Certificate of Merit, given by the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists. This award is given to the administrator who has done the most to promote library media services in his/her school situation during the 1981-1982 school year. Nominations should be received by October 1, 1982, and can be submitted by school librarians or other school library staff members employed in the administrator's school during the year covered by the nomination. Applications can be obtained from Oklahoma State Department of Education, Library and Learning Resources, 2500 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

A plaque honoring the administrator will be presented at the annual Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administrators in October, 1982 and at the Oklahoma Library Association 1983 Spring Conference. OASLMS, Donnice Cochenour, Chairperson

Find your way

Air fairs and hotel accommodations for conferences are the prizes in the Huron Fund Sweepstakes. The American Library Association (ALA) is holding the sweepstakes to complete the funding of its new office complex. For a contribution of $10 per ticket, participants will be eligible for:

GRAND PRIZE—Round-trip air transportation to Los Angeles. Complimentary hotel room for 5 days in Los Angeles. Free registration at the 1983 ALA Annual Conference.


OTHER PRIZES—20 complimentary hotel rooms for 3 days in Los Angeles or San Antonio. 25 complimentary registrations for the 1983 ALA Midwinter Meeting or the 1983 ALA Annual Conference.

The fund-raising goal of $250,000 will cover the balance of the $26.7-million building project. More than 1800 members have contributed a total of $106,000 to the Fund, and the H. W. Wilson Foundation has awarded a $50,000 Leadership Grant on the condition that the balance of $94,000 is contributed.

ALA members are urged to participate — by buying tickets for chances on great prizes in the Huron Fund Sweepstakes or by making a contribution to the Fifty East Huron Fund.

Leadership grants to the Fifty East Huron Fund are set aside for organizations that have a tradition of providing encouragement and support for the library field. Grants in this category begin at $25,000. The funds will go toward the $250,000 ALA anticipates raising during 1982 to cover the balance of the costs of refurbishing the Association's 50 E. Huron building and finishing the new headquarters tower at 40 E. Huron.

The H. W. Wilson Foundation grant is subject to ALA's raising the $200,000 balance for the Fifty East Huron Fund, on a four-to-one matching basis.

The sweepstakes drawing will be held October 27, 1982.

ALA Councilor's Corner

by Alfreda Hanna

ALA 1982 was held in the exciting city of Philadelphia. Historically titillating museums like numberous to mention, antique alleys, marvelous art galleries, and the best in gastronomical experiences. It was a difficult site with excellent programs back-to-back in locations so widely spread that I found myself always leaving one program early to reach the next one late.

The business part of ALA was also paradoconomic. On the one hand, under the leadership of President Betty Stone excellent advances were made for library public relations under her theme: Responsive, key to developing library awareness: awareness, key to meeting fiscal challenges. On the other hand, the shadow of financial concerns loomed throughout the deliberations.

Positive action included the selection of a recognizable symbol for libraries, white on blue. To identify libraries on public posts, in windows, etc. And at last, the libraries of the United States were honored with a commemorative stamp, with the first day issue and presentation occurring during the Conference. Poster sessions, similar to the idea exchange sessions sponsored by OLA's Public Libraries Division, gave an opportunity for rank and file membership to present and share working ideas.

The worry over the operating agreement with divisions were laid to rest. It passed substantially as printed in American Libraries. The guidelines for divisional meetings were approved following an amendment requiring divisions to obtain approval of local chapters and regional organizations before presenting their choice of site for a conference to the Executive Board.

Budgetary concerns were a significant issue at the Conference. A budget of $250,000 deficit was approved. The report of COPES, the committee for advising the Executive Board on fiscal matters, included recommendations of ALA staff for coping with the $175,000 deficit in the 1981-82 budget. Proposed cuts included the elimination of 7.6 full-time positions at headquarters. Unfortunately, many speakers addressed themselves passionately to the need for favorable social policies to continue in full measure without addressing the problem of fiscal responsibility. A registration of 12,819 at this conference, rather than the expected 13,000 indicated the difficulty in anticipating conference income.

Council voted to recall the ALA boycott on meeting in states that failed to ratify the ERA amendment. Membership resurrected the issue by urging that recession not take place until after the November elections as a "warning" to officials in certain legislatures. This motion failed to pass. Council, however, thus, annual and midwinter conferences can once again be scheduled in Chicago, with the attendant savings to the Association of $50,000-$70,000 per conference.

In other social considerations, however, the budget fared less well. Council sent a mandate to the Executive Board to effect a balanced budget commensurate with the priorities recently adopted by the Association. The Washington Office was asked to monitor two bills, S. 2276 and H.R. 4540 which seek to deny federal funds to agencies which perform, reimburse, or refer for abortions, and to assist ALA in defeating it. The Council deferred action regarding the relationship of state chapters (e.g., ACRL) to state associations for further study.

Council supported motions to send letters of support on behalf of public librarians in Chicago asking for the opportunity for collective bargaining and for public librarians in New York who are attempting to achieve statutory recognition by placement in the unclassified service of Civil Service.

Further, the council supported the concept of a freeze on nuclear weapon development and the availability of libraries on information about nuclear arms. Council voted its concern (to sound the alarm) over restriction of public access to Federal government information, and the proposed closing of 23 Government Printing Office bookstores.

So it is that, in anticipating the coming year, our new president Carol Neyman in her inaugural address acknowledged "times are getting worse, but challenged membership "instead of saying, 'Let's get less worse,' we should say, 'Let's get more better.' " For we can be our best when we are at our worst."

Our own Jan Keene, Assistant Director of Tulsa County Public, was elected by ALA membership to the post of Council-at-Large for the next four years. We said good-bye in appreciation to Lee Brawner, director of the Metropolitan Library System, as he went off Council.
ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS TO HOST "FACULTY SKILLS" CONFERENCE

"Strategies to Improve Faculty Skills for Academic Librarians: Playing the Academic Game" is the theme of what promises to be an excellent one-day conference to be held October 1, 1982 at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

The conference is being planned under the joint sponsorship of the new Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL and the College and University Division of OLA. The program will feature several outstanding librarians and academicians, including DR. JOSEPH LEONE, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, EVAN FARBER, Earlham College Librarian and former president of ACRL, DR. KATHLEEN HEIM, Editor of RQ, and DR. ROSEMARY RUHIG DU MONT, University of Oklahoma School of Library Science.

The purpose of the conference is to examine the academic criteria employed at most institutions of higher education for assessing academic excellence. Based on these criteria, strategies will be suggested by which the academic librarian can better meet and be recognized for such competencies.

The program will offer formal presentations by knowledgeable academicians, informal workshops wherein the participants can obtain assistance in improving specific academic skills, and poster sessions where librarians can meet and discuss specific ideas, research, and activities with other librarians.

Registration for the conference, which will be held in the Geiger Center on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University, will be from 8:30 - 9:00 A.M., October 1. The program will begin with a keynote address by DR. JOSEPH LEONE, new Chancellor of Higher Education in Oklahoma and friend of libraries. This will be followed by Faculty Skills workshops. Three workshops will be presented simultaneously and will be repeated in the afternoon. Thus, each attendee will be able to participate in two of the three workshops.

The workshops will explore three areas of academic activity. One on "Institutional and Professional Activities" will be conducted by DR. ROSEMARY RUHIG DU MONT of the OU School of Library Science. Another on "Research and Scholarly Publication" will be led by DR. KATHLEEN HEIM, Editor of the well-known library journal RQ. The third, "Teaching and Instructional Activities," will feature EVAN I. FARBER of Earlham College, who is nationally known for his work in bibliographic instruction.

During the lunch period (meal is included in the registration fee), there will be a question and answer session concerning the new Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL.

Immediately after lunch, a one-hour poster session will give Oklahoma librarians the opportunity to share ideas, research, and other activities with one another. This will be followed by a repetition of the Faculty Skills workshops. The conference will be concluded by 5:00 P.M.

In order to achieve the best possible interchange of ideas on the topics covered, academic administrators and classroom teachers are invited to attend and participate in the program along with librarians.

Academic librarians are urged to participate in the Poster Session. If you have ideas, research/activities, or projects going which relate to the subject matter of this conference, please plan on sharing these through the Poster Session. Abstracts of presentations must be submitted by September 1. For more information on the Poster Session and how to submit an abstract, please contact:

DEBORAH KARPUK
ACRL STEERING COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA LIBRARIES
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA 73069

Advance registration fee (by September 1, 1982) is $20.00. Registration at the door is $25.00. In both cases, the fee includes the noon meal. Checks may be made payable to Oklahoma Chapter, ACRL, and mailed to:

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Established in April 1982, the Center for Association Publications provides a link between the thousands of associations and the buyers of their published materials. The Center's services to libraries were introduced at an exhibit at the American Library Association's annual conference in July. Librarians who visited the display expressed great enthusiasm for a means of acquiring these publications efficiently.

The Center provides a resource for information about these publications through its Cluster Lists. These multi-association subject bibliographies on topics such as education and energy serve as selection tools, current awareness sources, and shopping lists. The Center maintains stock of the publications that appear on these Lists and handles the order fulfillment.

Further information on the Center's services for libraries is available from the Center for Association Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 2410, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 or by calling (703) 698-6968.

Metropolitan Library System Due Record Increase

The first phase of expanded library service at the Metropolitan Library System has gone into effect. With the introduction of more evening hours and Friday mornings service hours reinstated, Oklahoma County residents will have an additional thirty-nine hours of service. Further expansions are planned later in the year with additional hours and increased bookmobile services.

Many of the system's branch libraries, now open thirty-six hours per week, will be open fifty-four to sixty hours when the new schedules go into effect. The system is also increasing its book budget by 125 percent for the new fiscal year. Library Commissioners approved a record $5.17 million fiscal 1983 budget, anticipating a $2 million increase in revenue from the higher property tax voters passed last January.

The American Publishers Company has been around for over 25 years, previously with limited titles and service. The company has now been reorganized to offer expanded services. Mr. Jim Thompson and John Gibson, both previously of The Baker & Taylor Co., are heading up the new look. John Gibson is the sales manager for the Southwest selling and recruiting.

The new services that are being offered included a complete children's line (K-8) representing over 170 publishers. All books are publishers library bindings or pre-bound. They offer complete processing or card kits with the name of the library or their message printed on the book pocket. Over 25,000 titles are stocked (most are reviewed and so indicated in the catalog as to source). A catalog can be prepared on demand of over 17,000 titles especially for the school or library in most any sequence desired, so the library can have a new up-to-date catalog at any time. A sale book list is published monthly of specially priced books at substantial savings. An order preparing service is available for your library, which supplies P slips and computer print-out to save the library time in preparing a purchase order at no additional cost. Free delivery on any size order is given. They give 90% completion on first shipment within two to four weeks. The publishers list may be used as they will supply any book from the list on books that have been reviewed.

These are some of the new services offered and it seems that the company will be trying to give the school and public libraries the old-fashioned kind of personal service we used to get. You may call collect for more information to Jim Thompson (815-455-2667) or John Gibson (214-576-1176) or write to American Publishers, P.O. Box 39, Cary, Ill. 60013, or 1733 Midcrest, Plano, Texas 75074.

Know Your Rights

"Finally, like a good dumb pressured citizen I gave in," a woman wrote to the ACLU. Her letter described how she was led to believe that if she didn't give her Social Security number to the Motor Vehicles Bureau, her license would not be renewed. She had a perfect right to refuse, but she didn't know it.

This is one small instance, but it describes perfectly how rights become eroded. Because we often don't know precisely what our rights are, when we come into conflict with authority, we are easily pressured into abandoning them.

In cooperation with Avon Books, the ACLU is helping to remedy the situation with a series of paperback handbooks dealing with the rights of specific groups. The books are written in question-and-answer format in simple, non-technical language.

Each handbook sets forth one's rights under present law and offers suggestions on how one can protect their rights.

The hope surrounding these publications is that American informed of their rights will be encouraged to exercise them. Through exercise, rights are given life.

The following pamphlets are available at $1.25 to $1.75. For $1.50; The Rights of Young People; The Rights of Civilian, The Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons; The Rights of Candidates and Voters; The Rights of Military Personnel; The Rights of Students; The Rights of Hospital Patients; and The Rights of Prisoners.

For $1.25: The Rights of Suspects and The Rights of Poor People. For $1.75: The Rights of Women and The Rights of Gay People.

Write to: American Civil Liberties Union, 22 East 49th Street, New York, NY 10016. Attn: Literature Clerk.
EXPLORE THE SOUTHWEST THROUGH BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

The colorful Southwest was shaped by its geological heritage, by its mingled Indian, Spanish, and Anglo-American culture, and by the frontier experience that survives in spirit today. A new publication from the American Library Association, READING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: THE SOUTHWEST,* is designed to help librarians, teachers, and parents who wish to introduce young people to this exciting region through the best available books.

Covering Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas, this annotated bibliography describes those books that best portray the spirit, the vitality, and the diversity of the region. Included are fiction, folklore, biography, poetry, drama, music, and informational books. The selections were made and annotated by editors from each of the four states. In addition, the regional editors have added books on the areas as a whole.

The annotation for each title provides bibliographic information, including the availability of the work in paperback, short quotations chosen to reflect the flavor of the book, and an indication of the intended grade level of the book's readers. This is the eighth book published in the Reading for Young People series.


INCREASING LIBRARY AWARENESS

"Increasing Library Awareness" — that has been the theme of the President's Program in 1981-1982 during the term of Elizabeth W. Stone of the American Library Association. Confident that good ideas were plentiful within ALA's membership, President Stone sought specific, practical suggestions for promoting the manifest value and achievements of libraries and librarians.

The response proved gratifying. Hundreds of ideas were submitted by librarians working in all types of libraries located across the country. A review committee has selected sixty-eight of the most promising ideas. These have been arranged topically which is now available from the American Library Association.

These ideas aren't pipe dreams. They include programs and activities that have been tested with success. Especially valuable in today's climate of constrained budgets, these ideas confirm President Stone's belief that library awareness is the key to meeting fiscal challenges.


Time to Quit

It is possible to make too much of a man with whom you have only twice met.

A man who is with you twice is twice much.

Bacone College, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, is the oldest continuing institution of higher learning for Native American (Indian) students, and it enrolls students from over 50 tribes. The press (Indian University Press) is an expression of the college's interest in serving the needs of Indians.

The purposes of the press are:
1. To publish bilingual materials in Indian languages;
2. To publish materials for the teaching and preservation of Indian languages;
3. To publish important writing done by Indians;
4. To publish historical materials relating to the history of Indian Territory, including family histories.

INDIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS of BACONE COLLEGE is interested in publishing Indian-related materials, especially bilingual and linguistic materials for Indian languages. Persons wishing to submit a manuscript for consideration should send a copy of it to Dr. Charles D. Van Tuyl, Director, Indian University Press, Bacone College. Phone 683-4581, ext. 275 for more information.

Indian University Press of Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma Announces a new publication . . .

THE JOURNAL OF OKLAHOMA FAMILY HISTORY

This new journal will publish family histories and genealogical data for families of Indian Territory and the state of Oklahoma. Two volumes of the journal will be issued yearly. Cost — $7.50 per volume, or $15.00 yearly. Making cost is included in the subscription.

The first issue, to be published in November of 1982, is scheduled to include articles on the following:

'The Past is Vanish,' History of an Osage family in Indian territory, by Kay B. Moms.

'The Dr. Jesse LaRue Family.' by Don Watson. Story of one of the earliest doctors in Indian Territory. Jesse LaRue was a veteran of the Civil War.

'The Parks Family in the Cherokee Nation,' by Robert Comley.


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Personnel on the staffs of Oklahoma Libraries may apply for Dorothea Dale grant monies to defray expenses of ALA and CE events in Oklahoma. Application forms and requirements are available from:

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New Method Preserves Endangered Old Books

Here’s bad news and good news for the readers of Dostoevsky, Wolfe and Shakespeare.

Bad news: These valuable books are among millions the world over that are succumbing to drying, cracking and other maladies of old age. For libraries everywhere, the choice is grim — commit large sums to preserve old books at the expense of future acquisitions or watch their treasures crumble or dust.

Good news: Scientists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Library of Congress share a concern for rare and valuable leather-bound books, and they’ve found a way to preserve them.

Last spring, when Library of Congress officials were searching for new methods to preserve their books, they turned to the Hides and Leather Laboratory of Philadelphia’s Eastern Regional Research Center, part of the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service.

Some ten years earlier, specialists in that laboratory had developed chemical formulations for preserving leather-bound books. The Library of Congress now wanted to know whether there were new techniques of improving these and other treatments.

USDA scientists found some answers. They developed a new formulation, a silicone emulsion, that would mat down and heal the abraded areas of aged leathers.

The new silicone emulsion is easy to apply. It can be dispersed in water and then rubbed into the leather. Better still, the new treatment is inexpensive and fast. A leather binding can be treated with new emulsion in only five or six minutes and dries in 24 hours.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

A deeply split U.S. Supreme Court refused to give local school boards total authority to remove books they think are offensive from school libraries. A bare 5-4 majority refused to approve a New York school board’s claim that it had the right to remove all books “it believes to be educationally inappropriate for high school and junior high libraries.” Among the books removed and banned (in 1976) were “The Fixer” by Bernard Malamud and Kurt Vonnegut’s “Slaughterhouse Five” as anti-American, anti-Christian and just plain filthy. The issue, as far as the school boards are concerned is, that one of their basic missions is to transmit community values, and lawyers for the Island Trees School Board had sought definitive guidelines. The high court rejected the notion that school boards could do anything they want with respect to libraries and books.
Notes from the President's Desk

All of us have an opportunity for professional growth this fall and winter through workshops being offered by the Divisions, Roundtables, and Committees of OLA. A good variety is in the offering and there truly is "something for everyone." Flyers with detailed information about time, place, speakers, content, lunch arrangements, etc. will be mailed in ample time to plan for attendance. Registration fees are less for OLA members and in most cases the registration fee includes lunch.

Highlights of the events include:

October 1 — College and University Division with the Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL presents "Strategies to improve Faculty and Institutional Libraries: Playing the Academic Game" at OBU.

October 5 — Library Development Committee presents "Money Talks" at Central State University.

October 29 — Library Educator's Division presents "Computers for Librarians" at Cameron University.

Late Oct. or Nov. 3 — Trustees Division presents "Public awareness, planning, and policy making" at ODL.

Nov. 12 — Reference Roundtable presents "Specialized reference sources for the non-specialist librarian" at ODL.

Nov. 13 — OASLMS, Public Libraries Division, and the Children's and Young People's Roundtable presents "Activities to bring Children and Books together" at Oscar Rose Junior College, Tom Steed Bldg.

In the planning stages are workshops planned by the Technical Services Roundtable for Dec. and the Intellectual Freedom Committee for February.

Officers and members of the various Divisions, Roundtables, and Committees along with members of the Continuing Education Committee of OLA have worked very hard to provide interesting, informative, and stimulating workshops. I hope you will take advantage of the Continuing Education opportunities open to you.

Closely related to OLA is the SWLA Conference in Phoenix Nov. 4-6. The theme of the conference is "Unity out of Diversity — A Southwest Challenge." The program has been planned jointly with the Arizona State Library Association, SWLA, and the Arizona Educational Media Association. Further information can be obtained from the OLA Executive Secretary or from John Hinkle, CE Coordinator for the Dept. of Libraries.

John distributes to the libraries in the state a catalog "Library Education Available in Oklahoma." published by ODL of CE opportunities available to librarians at the various Colleges and Universities throughout Oklahoma plus courses at Texas Women's University at Denton, TX. This is available prior to the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.

Other sources of CE information can be found in the ODL Source, the OK Dept. of Education Newsletters, OEA Newsletter, American Libraries and Library Journal.

Finally, I would like to offer special congratulations from the Oklahoma Library Association to the Tulsa City-County Library which is commemorating a year long celebration of its 20th anniversary as a City-County system on October 1 with a gala banquet at the main library. TCC has been in the forefront of progressive librarianship on both State and National levels under the able leadership of the late Alice Beth Martin and Pat Woodrum, current Director.

Mary Sherman, President