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CREATIVE LEARNING IN LIBRARIES IN 1983-84

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As we begin a new year of activity in OLA, I'd like to share a few thoughts with you. I'd like to see 1983-84 in OLA be a year of emphasis on creative learning in libraries. I feel that we can find many worthwhile ways to make it just that.

ALA President, Carol Nemeyer, said "One ALA year must be usefully connected to the next or we lose momentum and waste talents." Brooke Sheldon, in her "Agenda for 1984 and Beyond," agrees with Nemeyer but also comments that the job of a president, whether of the national or state organization, "is to focus on the state priorities of membership and attempt . . . to effect some measurable progress toward those goals." I agree with both of them; I want this OLA year to be usefully connected to the past year and I hope to focus on priorities of the membership. I hope that we can ascertain just what the priorities of our membership are. We are gaining in membership and we have new members who wish to be professionally active. OLA needs to utilize their enthusiasm by providing them with opportunities for participation.

In making plans for our new year, I believe that we should be guided by: 1) a look back at the year just completed and considering what projects and activities should be continued; 2) consideration of current problems and concerns among Oklahoma librarians and activities that might contribute positively to their alleviation; and 3) consideration of suggestions from ALA and activities that will give us an appropriate role in our national professional association.

Brooke Sheldon calls to our attention the opportunity we have as librarians of today to enhance our role and status through providing for our patrons the access to information so necessary to successful living in our technologically sophisticated society. She suggests that we should follow six paths in articulating our role to various constituencies: 1) achieving political clout. 2) establishing strong financial bases. 3) enhancing connections — at home and abroad. 4) using technology effectively. 5) training and advising users' in library and non-library locations. 6) removing barriers. She sees these paths as effective ways to implement the 1984 goal of ALA, "Library and Information Resources Accessible to All."

Several national activities are planned related to achieving political clout. One of these is a nationally televised workshop on political awareness to be part of midwinter 1984. We've had effective state activities in this area of concern, and I feel that we will certainly wish to continue as well as to increase our efforts to achieve political clout in Oklahoma and to contribute significantly to increased national political influence.

Activities are also suggested for the other paths articulated

by our incoming ALA president. Workshop and conference programs are suggested for training librarians to be more competent at proposal writing and fund raising techniques. Looking toward the 1983 IFLA conference scheduled for New York, ALA will be emphasizing the need to facilitate the international flow of information in all formats. Sheldon feels that libraries will probably play seemingly contradictory roles as to the effective use of technology. They will continue to experiment with new technologies while at the same time offering a place where individuals can find familiar formats and move at their own pace into the information age. Computer literacy emphasizes the importance of traditional literacy as well. We must work to make our clientele as self-sufficient as possible. Emphasis on barrier removal should include removal of attitudinal barriers which will lead to removal of architectural and other barriers for those people who are disabled either physically, mentally, or emotionally.

These suggestions and focuses from Brooke Sheldon can be incorporated into our consideration of Oklahoma concerns and making OLA an active and influential professional association to an even greater degree than it has been in the past. Several of our recent conference speakers commented that they were quite favorably impressed with the high quality of our association's professional activities. We'd like to continue with projects that will enhance the quality of our contributions to the profession of librarianship.

Two problem areas of immediate concern to us in Oklahoma as well as to the nation, I'd like to call to your attention. One is the threat of drastically increased costs associated with telecommunications. All of us realize what this might do to library services currently being offered and how it will curtail future developments in this area. Some groundwork has already been done by concerned Oklahoma librarians in starting on a project which we hope might be effective at the state level in controlling cost increases. ODL is prepared to assist OLA in this project, but details must be worked out quickly if it is to be effective; this must be completed in the next few months. The second problem is the functional illiteracy which limits twenty of every one hundred American adults in their ability to get along in today's world. Our concern for our patrons, which we emphasized in the year just drawing to a close, is a continuing concern and any efforts we make to eradicate illiteracy will exhibit that concern. OLA has been contacted by John Axam who is chairman of the ALA Public Library Association Alternative Education Programs Section and the Literacy Services Committee. His group asks that we establish a unit empowered to focus on problems of illiteracy and the ways that libraries can impact on solution to those problems. They offer information, and assistance to such a unit.

As I mentioned, I'd like for my time as OLA president to be characterized by our work toward creative learning in libraries.

The suggestions from ALA and efforts to solve the problems with telecommunications and literacy can be coordinated with the program I'd like us to develop. Although I work in a more formally structured teaching-learning situation than many of you, I see all librarians as educators. I also see all of our patrons as potentially creative learners. I see learning as one of the most exciting of the human experiences, and I feel that we as librarians should do all we can to see that more and more people become aware of the many possibilities for learning offered through our libraries. Certainly those who are illiterate cannot benefit fully from our services unless we offer them some aid with their basic problem. Telecommunication offers great possibility for more effective access to information but not if the costs for such services rise to prohibitive levels. We are a privileged profession; we can guide our patrons to profitable uses of recorded knowledge if we find the right paths to take as leaders in such endeavors. There have never been greater opportunities in our profession. Creativity in meeting today's challenges can provide chances for more of our fellow citizens at all ages and educational levels to benefit from libraries and to understand as never before the potential which is theirs through libraries.

Some of you have expressed interest in serving on OLA committees. In making committee assignments I have considered these requests; I've tried to give everyone asking for such assignment a place on a committee and where possible on one in which you expressed interest. If others of you wish to serve on committees, please contact me. There will be ad hoc committees needed at various times and I would like to appoint people who wish to be involved. I would also welcome your suggestions on other aspects of OLA activity. It's your association and we'd like you to be very active members.

I would like for each of you to encourage at least one librarian with whom you're acquainted to join OLA this year. One goal I'd like to see us attain is a 10% increase in membership this year. That won't be difficult if many of us work at it.

Other goals which I'd like us to attain include: 1) continued efforts to make librarians politically aware and politically active; 2) increased involvement of a larger percentage of the members in OLA activities; 3) establishment of a support staff roundtable; 4) establishment of a task force to work in planning activities aimed at eliminating functional illiteracy; 5) workshops and/or conference programs that emphasize ways in which libraries can encourage creativity.

Let's work together to make this an outstanding year of activity for Oklahoma librarians. Begin now in planning for "Creative Learning in Libraries in 1983-84".

REPORT FROM MARY SHERMAN OLA President, 1982 - 1983

Membership has greatly increased, activities have been many, and OLA continues to be a positive growing organization initiating new programs that have increasing impact across the state.

We have worked at becoming better known. The annual Legislative Day at the Capitol drew the largest crowd ever. I counted approximately 175 persons in the House of Representatives waiting to receive instructions on important library legislation. The Legislators are becoming more and more aware of OLA, librarians, and library needs.

The Executive Board has taken a number of positive steps, including the following:

- a. Endorsement of the proposed Oklahoma Newspaper Project which, if funded through the National Endowment for the Humanities, will take steps to improve bibliographic access to newspaper collections throughout the State. I will serve on the Advisory/Oversight Committee representing OLA.
- b. Purchase of an Apple II+ Microcomputer for the Ex-

ecutive Secretary. This provides an accurate up-to-date mailing list, allows an earlier printing of the annual directory in the coming year, aids the President in making committee and roundtable appointments through print-outs of member interests, and aids in the annual election procedure by giving easy access to the various members of the divisions and roundtables.

- c. Adoption of the new national library logo for OLA use. It is already being used on the new membership cards, the cover of the Conference Program for 1982-1983, the folders and luggage tags for Legislative Day, and on the new Presidential gavel.
- d. Continued support of the ALA Washington Office with a \$200.00 donation and the delegation of Bill Lowry to the ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.
- e. Appointment of five OLA members to serve on the joint ODL/OLA State Standards Committee. The group, whose purpose is to develop state wide performance measures guidelines for public libraries, will continue the work of the first committee appointed in 1979.
- f. Promotion of networking and cooperation with other library groups, such as the Oklahoma ACRL Chapter and the Oklahoma Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. OLA and ACRL jointly paid for a survey conducted by Charles McClure to survey the needs of academic librarians in the state. In addition, a special task force is being appointed to explore the relationship of ACRL and the College and Universities Division of OLA.

Nearly every Division, Roundtable, and Committee of OLA has had some activity. Eleven continuing education programs were held. Five had co-sponsors with other organizations in the state, increasing OLA's circle of friends and increasing our image of a vital, progressive organization. The quality of the continuing education programs has been particularly good. The programs were well planned, interesting, useful, and well attended.

The annual conference will see many changes initiated by a courageous program committee including the free admittance of children to the Sequoyah event. The conference has been well planned and we hope will be well received.

I have represented OLA at many library events throughout the year, including the ALA annual conference in Philadelphia, the SWLA Conference in Phoenix, and the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in San Antonio.

Beginning in June of '82 with the annual orientation, members of the Executive Board and chairs of the roundtables and committees made a commitment to see that OLA experienced a successful year. This has happened because we have worked together with dedication and enthusiasm both as a team and individually where appropriate.

I wish to thank each one of you who has contributed to OLA in a large or small way. I would particularly like to thank Dovie Gaither, Executive Secretary, for her continual help and services throughout the year.

My frustration has been my inability to use all of those who wished to be active. The potential for OLA is tremendous, and my recommendation is to involve more members by increasing programs and projects.

Standards for Federal Librarians (con't)

Although the Office of Personnel Management had announced that it would publish the revised classification and qualification standards for federal librarians early in 1983, they are apparently still awaiting approval at OPM. The controversial standards are currently under review at the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress. Thirteen Senators and Representatives, sent a letter to the Comptroller General, the head of GAO, requesting that the first portion of the pay equity study, that dealing with the librarian's standards, be completed by July 1, 1983.

Oklahoma Department of Libraries Report (1982-1983)

Several years ago, Oklahoma ranked near the bottom nationally in total public library funding. Now, Oklahoma ranks 34th in the nation on per capita total public library funding and 15th in the nation in the amount of per capita state support its public libraries receive. There are problems, however. In fiscal year 1982-83, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries receive the largest appropriation in the history of the agency. But this year, ODL and other state agencies face a year of belt tightening, while waiting for the economy to rebound. ODL Director Robert L. Clark Jr., already has been notified that the Department's budget has been reduced by \$300,000 in state aid funds. This money had been set aside for personnel grants for public libraries, but these positions will now be put on hold.

In spite of this temporary setback, ODL has expanded its services and now boasts of several computerized information systems, a new publications division, a preservation laboratory and an improved records management program. The State Legislature also appropriated \$40,000 for a cooperative program between ODL and OETA, the state affiliate of the Public Broadcasting System, to tape legislative action in the House and Senate. These tapes will become a permanent part of ODL's archival collection.

During the past year, ODL's Library Services Branch and the Public Information Office were actively involved in planning and promoting the celebration of Oklahoma's Diamond Jubilee. A statewide summer reading program reached some 75,000 state youngsters. The Department also closed out a \$175,000 matching grant program aimed at making public libraries more accessible to the handicapped. OTIS and OIL, the Department's inter-library loan and reference systems, saw record increases in usage. The number of requests handled by OTIS has increased from about 17,000 in 1969, the first year of its inception, to 70,000 during this fiscal year. Several new indexes have been added to ODL's U.S. Documents so that the collection will continue to be of more value to patrons.

FY 82-83 was a record growth year. While we may have to tighten our belts a little as the economy turns around, I have every confidence that Oklahoma will be one of the first states to experience a rebounding economy, and we can once again set about improving and upgrading our libraries, since they are one of the major resources of this great state.

Clara Louise Langston 1897 - 1983

For many years, Oklahoma librarians have been able to further their careers and to pursue continuing education opportunities through grants from the Dorothea Dale Continuing Education Fund. The fund, named in honor of Oklahoma's first State Librarian, received money from a longtime donor who preferred to remain anonymous. So, for all these years, the many recipients of these grants have been unable to thank the person responsible for this generosity. Now, the benefactress of the Dorothea Dale Continuing Education Fund has died. ODL Source requested and received permission from the family to posthumously thank this kind and generous benefactress, Mrs. Clara Louise Langston (see: ODL Source, June 1983).

Her whole life was one of action through which she tried to change things for the better and to help those who needed help. She was an organizer and leader of the Friends of the Library and helped achieve a new public library in Oklahoma City. A frequent volunteer of story hours for Oklahoma City's underprivileged, she worked hard for library service to the impoverished. Through her generosity, many library staff members were afforded the opportunity to attend state and national conferences and enhance their skills through workshops and short courses. We have much to be grateful for the civic mindedness of this great lady, a true patroness of libraries and librarians.



STATE CAPITOL HEADLINES by Oliver Delaney

The 1983 Legislative session has been a different experience for many of the legislative watchers. 1983 saw a decline in state revenue and the legislature has been dealing with the revenue shortfall for 1983, as well as the budget for FY 1984. The year did not begin well for library appropriations. As early as March, the Governor signed SB 69 which reduced all state agency budgets by 3% of their 1983-84 appropriations. This across the board cut in ODL's funds affected library materials, travel, printing and state aid. SB 58 did not fare well. Section 5 of that piece of legislation contained funding to construct barrier-free access to public libraries. The funds were in the act up to the last days of the session but in the final bill approved by the Governor the entire section was deleted. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries funds for 1983-84 (HB 1055) was approved near the end of session: \$3,922,440, a reduced budget from what was submitted by Director Robert Clark but some funding for state aid has been restored. The State Department of Education received \$1,517,998 for library resources (1,548,000 was requested). In related legislation, the Legislature recreated the State Archives and Record Commission until 1989 (SB 218) and changed the name and frequency of publication of *The Oklahoma Gazette*, which publishes the state agencies' rules and regulations. The new name will be *The Oklahoma Register* (HB 1158) and will be published monthly (instead of bi-monthly) beginning November, 1983. The publication will no longer be distributed (free) to county law libraries and court clerks, but will be sent to county clerks. A number of bills of library interest were introduced and considered this session. These remain dormant in various committees and may be reconsidered during the Second Session. Of particular interest is SB 14 (Rozell) which specifies the number of library employees (full and part-time) that are to be maintained by school districts. This bill is in the Senate Education Committee. Once again the Legislature considered the need for an Oklahoma Freedom of Information Act. HB 1203 (Ross) would require certain government entities to make certain information available to the public through the Archives and Records Commission. SB 227 (Howell) is of interest to public library systems. Current state law states that those who receive county revenue are responsible for paying the cost of county property revaluations. SB 227 removes school districts from paying such costs. This bill remains dormant in the Senate Education Committee.

With funds for FY 1984 now appropriated, state agency heads are beginning to prepare budgets for FY 1985 to be submitted to the Legislature next January. Governor Nigh stated recently that he will veto any tax increases that might be vetoed by that Legislature. He believes that agency heads should expect a "standstill or reduced budget" in FY 1985. The question of raising taxes was a major point of contention between Governor Nigh, who had promised no new taxes during his campaign for re-election in 1982, and Senate President Pro Tempore Marvin York, who said failure to raise taxes would bring the state to the brink of financial crisis in 1984. Governor Nigh froze state hiring of employees last November, which has reduced the workforce by 2,000 people at a savings of about \$15 million.

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Welcome to the Oklahoma Library Association. To those who have recently joined the Oklahoma Library Association: Welcome. The association has a proud history of commitment, involvement, and working for the improved status of libraries and librarians in Oklahoma. OLA will provide you with an opportunity to contribute to the profession as well as offer you a means to exchange ideas with other librarians, continue your professional development and meet an interesting and exciting membership. As a member of OLA, you are entitled to a free membership in any one of the Divisions or Roundtables. One may join additional Divisions or Roundtables by adding \$1.00 for each to your basic dues. To join OASLMS, add \$5.00 to dues. Being involved in your association is an integral part of one's professional growth and development. **The Oklahoma Librarian** welcomes your contributions. Perhaps there is an article of interest you desire published or an idea you want to share. Due to the limit on the association's committees and the size of those committees, some may not be able to serve on the committee desired. There is much to be accomplished within the Divisions and Roundtables. How can you be of assistance?

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IT'S A FACT!

Public libraries are almost solely reliant on property tax revenues for their operating income. They receive **NO** income tax, **NO** sales tax, **NO** direct Federal Revenue Sharing.

While the Consumer Price Index increased 130% from 1967 to 1980, the **LIBRARY PRICE INDEX** increased 172.3%.

The cost of the average hard cover book has increased 14.8% in the last year. (\$30.59)

The cost of the average paper back book has increased 12.4% in the last year. (\$14.63)

The cost of the Federal Register, a standard library reference tool, has just increased in price from \$75 per year to \$300 per year.

The cost of the average record has increased 7.7% in the last year. (\$9.69)

The cost of the average periodical subscription has increased 8.4% in the last year.

Bookmobile costs have risen significantly in the past year, 6.5% increase in purchase price, 5c per gallon increase in cost of gasoline.

Electricity costs have increased as much as 12% in the last year.

Telephone costs have increased as much as 12% in the last year.

Gas for the heating of buildings has increased as much as 12.5% in the last year.

ALL public library buildings were to have been totally accessible to the handicapped by **June, 1980**. (Federal mandate)

The average citizen of this state pays only \$5.28 per year in local property tax for public library service.

In an uncertain economy people use the library more — as an alternative to purchasing their own materials.

In a time of high unemployment people use the library more — for job retraining, particularly.

When school funding is cut back, so is school library funding — and children use the public library more.

Public library patrons borrowed almost **2 MILLION** more items last year than the year before.

Public libraries are **NOT** contributors to inflation or to recession, they are **VICTIMS** of both.

According to the latest available information, the following shows annual salaries for selected occupations:

Sales Manager	\$ 25,800
Mechanical Engineer	22,249
Customer Service Manager	18,900
Foreman (Manufacturing and Assembly)	17,100
Computer Programmer	15,584
Accountant	14,857
Nurse, General Duty	14,103
Teacher (Except College)	13,256
Executive Secretary	13,104
LIBRARIAN, PUBLIC LIBRARY	12,218
Nurse, Practical (LPN)	10,281
Police Officer, Patrol/Traffic	8,403

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA HAS A CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR ITS CITIZENS. IT IS FAIR TO CONSIDER LIBRARIES A SOURCE OF LIFE-LONG EDUCATION. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION WHICH SERVES THE INFORMATION NEEDS OF EVERY CITIZEN, AT ANY TIME IN THEIR LIVES, FOR WHAT PROBABLY IS THE LOWEST TAX LEVY OF ANY UNIT OF GOVERNMENT TO WHICH THEY CONTRIBUTE!

THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL COLLECTION IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

By

Carolyn W. Field, Formerly Coordinator of Work With Children

The Free Library of Philadelphia

A common characteristic of librarians, whether school, public, academic or special, is the ability to organize materials into a system that makes it possible for the librarian or clientele to be able to find the answers to questions and the materials desired. This is a complicated task for many reasons. Due to the tremendous expansion of knowledge in the past century, the development of technological equipment in this electronic age, the massive production of print materials, and the increase in cost of space and staff, many books are being discarded with both content and format lost forever. This is particularly true of children's books which may be discarded because they are worn out or are considered ephemeral by librarians.

Historians find children's books are excellent reflectors of the customs of the period. Children's books are not organized as a part of the total body of literature and are valuable to scholars and researchers as well as to individuals who wish to re-read books enjoyed in their childhood. But where are these books? Some are gone but many are squirreled away in schools, public libraries and homes. And how would you, as an author or historian, know how to locate them?

In 1964, Helen Sattley, President of Children's Services Division of the American Library Association, was doing research on children's books published during World War II. Many of the books had been discarded by libraries. So she appointed a committee on the National Planning of Special Collections of Children's Books. The committee decided its first task was to identify Special Collections. The committee's work resulted in the 1969 R. R. Bowker Company publication, **Subject Collections in Children's Literature**, edited by Carolyn W. Field. The work included Subject Collections arranged by state, city and institution, a Directory of Collections, a Bibliography of Books and Articles Relating to the Collections Listed and an Index.

By the time a revision was ready to be published, the title of the book had been changed to **Special Collections in Children's Literature** in order to emphasize the inclusion of non-print as well as print materials. For example, the Free Library of Philadelphia is depository for the work of Katherine Milhous. The collections include workbooks, correspondence, memorabilia, illustrations, scrapbooks, etc., as well as manuscripts and printed books. Included are famous collections of toys related to children's books such as the Beulah Counts Rudolph Collection at the University of Minnesota.

What is a Special Collection? It is an in depth collection of materials organized around a specific subject, author, illustrator, theme or format that is made available to scholars and researchers. Materials added to the Collection must enhance the use and value of the collection. In general, school and public libraries will not develop Special Collections but may have historical items to use for instruction in the history of the book or for display. But some institutions, whether public, academic or special, should be responsible for collecting books by local authors and illustrators, books about the state or region and books on subjects of specific interest to the area.

What are the criteria for having a Special Collection? The material must be properly catalogued, housed, supported by secondary materials and serviced by a professional staff. There should be funds available to add to the collection and efforts made to publicize it.

The value of **Special Collections in Children's Literature** is that librarians can see what collections are available, what they contain and where they are located. The librarian can then decide whether materials on hand would be more valuable in another collection or whether a special in depth collection should be developed.

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

A useful feature of the revised edition is a listing of authors and illustrators in a major collections whose materials are not listed in the body of the work. For example, Conrad Buff does not have a separate entry but his materials are listed in Appendix Two at Sierra College Gallery, Emporia State University and the University of Minnesota.

When weeding your collections, see if you have materials that might be valuable to some collection already in existence by checking **Special Collections in Children's Literature**. Confer with your colleagues in neighboring libraries to see who should be developing local collections. Everything published is grist for the mill of the historian and scholar for years to come.

Field, Carolyn W. **Special Collections in Children's Literature**, American Library Association. 1982 \$18.00.

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The fourth annual **Festival of Books for Young People** will be presented by the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science on Saturday, **October 1, 1983**. Sessions will be held in the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, University of Oklahoma, Norman, beginning at 8:30 A.M. and concluding at 3:00 P.M.

The morning program will include a speech by Betsy Byars, winner of the John Newbery Medal in 1971 for **Summer of the Swans**, and distinguished author of over twenty fiction books for elementary and junior high age students. Her latest works include **The Cybil War** (1981) which is on the 1983-84 Sequoyah Children's Book Award Master Book List and **The Animal, the Vegetable and John D. Jones** (1982).

An Oklahoma author will be highlighted again this year. **Jack Bickham**, University of Oklahoma Professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, author of **All the Days Were Summer** (1981), will respond to questions fielded by Barbara Campbell, Library Media Specialist, Putnam City Central Intermediate School, and three of her students.

Because of the death of Ezra Jack Keats who was originally scheduled for the afternoon session, **Alice Provensen**, winner of the Randolph Caldecott Medal in 1982 for **A Visit to William Blake's Inn** will be the guest illustrator. Winner of the New York Times Choice of Best Illustrated Children's Books of the Year on four different occasions, Alice and Martin Provensen are distinguished author illustrators of over twenty books for children. In addition to the Caldecott winner, latest works include **An Owl and Three Pussycats** (1981) and **The Glorious Flight** which will be published this fall.

Opportunity will be provided for previewing films and filmstrips as well as examining a new books display arranged by Donna Skvarla, librarian at Pioneer Multi-County Library in Norman. Autographed copies of books by the festival authors will be available for purchase.

Librarians, teachers, parents, and those interested in literature for young people are invited to attend. The festival pre-registration fee of \$23 (if received by September 23) includes all sessions and the morning coffee hour. The Forum Cafeteria at the Center will be available for noon lunch if desired. For a program brochure and registration form write or call:

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Libraries: Because They're Worth It

The following recommendations of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee were presented to the membership at the Annual Conference and adopted:

1. In order to clarify a statement in the Bylaws on the procedure for the election of OLA officers, the Committee recommends that the Bylaws, Article III, Section 1-B be amended as follows (words in parentheses added):

The Nominating Committee shall meet at least sixty days before the annual conference and select two nominees willing to serve for each office as set forth in Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution (except Directors who, as chairmen of the Divisions, are elected by the memberships of their respective Divisions). (In appropriate years, the Nominating Committee shall also select nominees for the American Library Association Councilor, in accordance with provisions of Article IV, Section 1-B of the Bylaws.)

2. In order to clarify the responsibilities of members of the Executive Board for attendance and participation in both regular board meetings and program planning meetings, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

- a. The Committee recommends that Article VI of the Bylaws be amended by adding to Section 5 a sub-section C, as follows:

(C. Directors shall attend Program Planning Committee meetings in preparation for the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association.)

- b. The Committee recommends that Article VI of the Bylaws be amended by adding Section 8, as follows:

(Section 8. All officers are expected to attend the meetings of the Executive Board. Any officer who is absent for as many as three consecutive Board meetings may be removed from office at the discretion of the Board, in which case the Board shall take the appropriate action to fill the resulting vacancy.)

Members of the Program Planning Committee for the Annual Conference or their designated alternates, are expected to attend regularly the meetings of that Committee. The Board may take discretionary action to remove from office any member who does not attend the meetings or participate in the activities of the Committee.)

3. In order to fill an expressed need for a membership category for retired librarians or for librarians not currently employed, the Committee recommends that Article II, Section 2-A of the Bylaws be amended to include the following:

(4. Retired or inactive librarians \$10.00)

4. In order to obtain the widest possible representation of Oklahoma librarians on the various OLA committees, the Committee recommends that Article VII, Section 1 of the Bylaws be amended as follows (words in parentheses added):

All committee members, except where otherwise specified, shall be appointed by the President for a term of one year or less. (No person shall be appointed to the same committee for more than three consecutive years.)

5. The committee recommends that recent action taken by the Executive Board regarding awards be added to Article X of the Bylaws. This material has been included in the printed description of the Awards Committee in the OLA **HANDBOOK**, but it has not as yet been added to the Bylaws. (The words in parentheses are recommended as additions to Article X, Section 2 of the Bylaws.)

(B. **Citizen's Recognition Award.** . . . granted to the individual(s), not a librarian, who has demonstrated a sound and special interest in libraries and library service (on a state-wide level) and has given effective and important service to the advancement of libraries. (This award is not necessarily presented every year.)

(C. **Certificates of Appreciation.** Granted to one or more individuals who have made a contribution of an outstanding nature on one particular project for OLA or one particular type of contribution to the field of librarianship. Persons deserving the certificate might be non-librarians offering a one-time, valuable contribution to the field, or librarians whose efforts on one project appears notable.)

6. The Committee recommends that the following statement in Article II, Section 3-1 of the Bylaws (regarding institutional memberships) be deleted:

(*Includes one free individual (#3) membership)

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Stan Benson, Chair
Dee Ann Ray
John Söter

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Resolutions presented to and adopted by the Oklahoma Library Association at the Annual Conference, March 31, 1983:

(1) WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has, since 1957, appropriated funds for the development of library services for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, such appropriations have brought vast improvements in the services provided by academic, public, school and special libraries of the United States; and

WHEREAS, such appropriations have brought library services to the millions of citizens of the United States who were previously without such services and this has had a positive effect on the quality of library service in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Reagan Administration budget did not include funding for any library programs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a Budget Resolution which includes library funding at the 1982 level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Library Association meeting in Oklahoma City for its 76th Annual Conference urges the Oklahoma delegation to support library funding at the proposed House Budget Resolution, levels throughout the budget making process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Oklahoma delegation and the American Library Association, Washington Office.

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(2) WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature has shown its commitment to the development of quality library media programs in the public schools with special grants; and

WHEREAS, 210 school sites have developed or improved their library media services as a result of these grants; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 600 elementary schools still without library media services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Library Association meeting in Oklahoma City, March 31, 1983, express its thanks to the members of the Legislature for this past support, and urge the 39th Legislature to appropriate \$2,410,000.00 as requested by the State Department of Education to continue the funding of current Library Media Improvement Grant Programs and to

provide funds for 60 additional programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all members of the Legislature.

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(3) WHEREAS, the Governor and the members of the Oklahoma State Legislature have continued to show their support of public libraries in Oklahoma through their state aid appropriations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued support of the Governor and the Legislature state aid for Oklahoma public libraries has improved the State's national ranking from 49th to 34th; and

WHEREAS, public libraries across the state have benefitted from state aid through additions of new books and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has recommended \$1,767,128.00 in his Fiscal Year 1984 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the members of the Oklahoma State Legislature be commended by the Oklahoma Library Association meeting in Oklahoma City for their 76th Annual Conference for their continued support of public libraries and urge approval of the \$1,767,128.00 as presented in HB 1055.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor and all members of the 39th Legislature.

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(4) WHEREAS, the Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Library Association is the culmination of the year's activities as well as the foundation for the activities of the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the officers this year have provided excellent leadership, the Program Committee has developed a solid and outstanding program and the Local Arrangements Committee has coordinated this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Library Association meeting in Oklahoma City for its 76th Annual Conference, express their thanks to the officers and committees for a successful year in Oklahoma Librarianship.

Adopted this 31st day of March, 1983

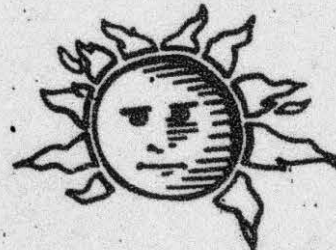
(5) WHEREAS, The Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Association is the cornerstone of success; and WHEREAS, Dovie Gaither has served with diligence and concern during the year 1982-1983.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of OLA expresses its gratitude to Dovie for a job well done.

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(6) WHEREAS, our exhibitors at this Seventy-Sixth Conference have given unqualified support to the Association; and WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Library Association is appreciative of the exhibitors' contributions professionally, socially, and financially.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association express gratitude to the exhibitors for their continuing contributions to the success of the Annual Conference of the Association.





Ruth W. Wender, associate director of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Library, is the recipient of a Superior Professional and University Service Award from the OU Board of Regents. Mrs. Wender is a professor of medical library sciences in the OU College of Allied Health and has been associated with the university and the HSC Library since 1968.

The OU Regents' Award is an annual university-funded honor given for superior accomplishment in teaching, research and creative activity, or service. Each award recipient is presented with a \$1,000 cash prize and has his or her name inscribed on a permanent plaque displayed in the university library.

In presenting the award, OU Regents' President Ronald H. White, M.D., said Mrs. Wender has excelled in her discipline and had received the respect of the students, faculty colleagues and alumni who had endorsed her nomination.

A 1939 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rice Institute (now University), Mrs. Wender received her master's degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma. In 1976, she was named the recipient of the American Library Association Library Research and Round Table Research Award and, in 1978, she was selected as a resource person for the Oklahoma Governor's Conference on Libraries. She also has been responsible for establishing a network for health information in Oklahoma that is recognized nationally.

Mrs. Wender is a member of the South Central Regional Group of the Medical Library Association, most recently serving in 1980-81 as a member of the Goals and Objective Committee. She also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Medical Library Association and is a board liaison to the MLA's Consumer Health Information Committee, its Bylaws Committee, its Health Science Library Technicians Committee, the Oral History Committee and to the editorial committees for the *MLA Bulletin* and the *MLA News*.

A member of the Oklahoma Library Association, Mrs. Wender has held a variety of posts, including chairman of the College and University Division for 1974-75 and chairman of the Sub-committee to Develop a Manual on Workshops in 1977.

**UNIVERSITY OF TULSA LIBRARIES
APPOINT TOBY MURRAY
ARCHIVIST/PRESERVATION OFFICER**

Toby Fishbein Murray has been appointed to the newly created position of Archivist/Preservation Officer, at the University of Tulsa Libraries. Mrs. Murray received a B.A. degree from Adelphi University, and an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois. She held the position of University Archivist at Iowa State University from 1974, before accepting the post at the University of Tulsa. Mrs. Murray has been active in both archival and conservation activities locally, regionally, and nationally. At T.U. Mrs. Murray will head a newly created archives department within the Rare Books and Special Collections Division, charged with organizing and further developing the Library's growing archival holdings. She will also serve as Preservation Officer, to develop a library-wide program to protect and preserve all library materials.

OSU Receives Personal Papers of Newspaper Giant

Paul Miller, a Pawhuska, Okla. native who rose to one of the highest positions in the news business, recently donated his personal papers to his alma mater, Oklahoma State University.

Miller, now chairman emeritus of the Gannett Co., Inc., recently returned to OSU to officially present his papers to Dr. Roscoe Rouse, director of the OSU library where the collection will be housed.

"The Paul Miller papers are a vast collection of writings, photographs, documents, news stories, business and personal correspondence which recorded the history of the news media over an important 50-year period," Rouse said.

"With this collection, the OSU library becomes one of the world's richest sources of primary, original resource material for the history, growth and development of one of the world's greatest industries — the news media," he added.

"These papers record the early beginnings of news networks from their infancy and depict the transition of the industry to the present day giant that it is, a business which daily and even hourly touches the lives of virtually all people," Rouse said.

The Miller papers will be transferred to the third floor collections and manuscripts area of the library where they will be preserved and prepared for use by library patrons.

Rouse said library staff will duplicate the original materials on microfilm and computerize the index file. The originals will be preserved in special containers.

The costs involved will be paid by funds from an endowment which Miller and his wife, Louise, have set up through the OSU Foundation.

The papers and endowment represent Miller's third major gift to OSU.

Earlier, he established the Paul Miller Journalism Scholarship and subsequently made possible the construction of the Paul Miller Journalism and Broadcasting Building which was completed in 1975.

Miller came to Oklahoma A&M in the 1920's. He held several positions on the school newspaper, *The Collegian*, including that of editor.

He graduated in 1931 and began a career climb that ended at the top of the powerful Gannett corporation. He also served more than 20 years as president of the Associated Press. He retired from Gannett in 1981.

John Cotton Dana Awards

The John Cotton Dana Award, presented by the American Library Association for a public relations program, is considered a prestigious award. It is with great pride that three such awards were granted to Oklahoma this year. That may well be the first time in the history of these awards that so many have been presented to one state. For the fifth time since 1968, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries has been awarded a John Cotton Dana Award. This year's Special Award was granted ODL for "focusing a strong spot-light on libraries as an important state-wide resource, during a public relations campaign that made an essential contribution to Oklahoma's Jubilee celebration." Theme of the publicity campaign was — "Libraries . . . for all times." ODL consultant Blane Dessey served as project coordinator. He and public information officer Marilyn Vesely developed the winning scrapbook highlighting the events carried out in libraries throughout the Diamond Jubilee Year. ODL won John Cotton Dana awards in 1968, 1970 and two in 1980.

The Tulsa City-County Library System also won a John Cotton Dana Award for "raising one million dollars for the Tulsa Library Trust and for increasing public awareness and library use through a live year-long community wide celebration of the system's 20th Anniversary." Tulsa has won a number of such awards in the past. The third award in the state was presented to the Union School District. The prestigious John Cotton Dana award recognizes large and small libraries for library public relations.

ALFREDA HANNA

Alfreda Hanna . . . American Library Association Councilor for Oklahoma . . . State representative to the Southwest Library Association . . . Past President of the Oklahoma Library Association . . . Chairman and member of a number of state, regional and national committees. Alfreda Hanna, director of Bethany Nazarene College Library has resigned. Witty, colorful, energetic Alfreda will be moving to Colorado Springs in August. At the end of her final ALA report on the 1983 Convention in Los Angeles, Alfreda stated: "Oklahoma librarians, you have given me the opportunity to represent an outstanding group of professionals in that unique institution, the ALA Council, and to attend many special programs on behalf of OLA program planning and for my personal professional awareness. After two years of SLA Board meetings and six years of monthly OLA Executive Board meetings, I can't say I won't be glad to free up my Friday schedule, but I shall surely miss the many Oklahoma librarians who have been my personal friends and on whom I have relied for valuable professional advice. Goodbye, Oklahoma friends, I shall miss you. Be sure to look me up when you're going through Colorado Springs, north of the Air Academy, on Jack Boot Street."

OLA NEEDS AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Effective September 1, Dovie Gaither has resigned as Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Association. Dovie has provided much time and effort to the association for which we are most grateful. Always cheerful and ready to be of assistance, Dovie took to her numerous tasks the way she loved music — with enthusiasm — "handling every bit of detail that you can imagine" as OLA Executive Secretary. The OLA is now searching, not only for a new ALA Councilor with Alfreda Hanna's retirement, but also an Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary is employed by and responsible to the Executive Board. The many duties of the position are outlined in the OLA Handbook, Appendix E. Those who desire a copy of this job description can receive one from the editor of **The Oklahoma Librarian** or President Alsworth. Interested in this unique position? Contact President Frances Alsworth, Central State University Library, 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034 — soon.

ODL'S VIDEOTAPE PROGRAM

Oklahoma may be the first state to add videotapes of the legislative sessions as well as important debates, committee meetings and press conferences to its permanent archives collection. The new program, which was authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature, is a joint project between the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Archives Division and the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority.

Videotaping of the legislative sessions has been one of the OETA's news functions for several years. OETA maintains staff that covers the House of Representatives and the Senate during sessions. To head up the new program, ODL hired Dr. John Barnhill as videotape archivist. Barnhill is present in OETA's mobile unit at the Capital during taping. He observes the proceedings and takes notes as to the context of each bill or debate and the time these topics are discussed. Approximately one week after the videotaping, when OETA has no further need for the tapes, they are forwarded to ODL where Barnhill generates a finding-aid to topics and discussions. In essence, ODL will serve as a film archives for OETA. Anyone can review these materials which Barnhill anticipates will become a valuable resource for researchers, biographers and historians. Whereas before, many debates and committee meetings were lost to posterity, they will now be available to future generations of Oklahomans through the videotape archives program.

OSU LIBRARY SELECTS REMARC FOR RETROSPECTIVE CONVERSION

The Oklahoma State University Library has completed agreements with Carrollton Press to use the REMARC database for the retrospective conversion of 400,000 pre-1968 monographic titles. The project, which was initiated on June 1, is expected to take about two years to complete.

According to Dr. Roscoe Rouse, University Librarian, REMARC was chosen for its comparatively low cost and the fact that the machine-readable records produced are essentially equivalent to a full MARC record with the exception of notes. An additional consideration was evidence of success with REMARC through a growing number of university libraries, including Johns Hopkins University, the University of Miami and Notre Dame. Twenty-two other academic libraries have recently signed conversion contracts with Carrollton Press.

Since joining the OCLC System through IUC/OCLC in January of 1975, the first academic library in Oklahoma to do so, the OSU Library has created more than 120,000 machine-readable MARC records. An in-house conversion project in 1981-82 resulted in the creation of another 80,000 machine-readable MARC records on OCLC and completed the conversion of the Library's monographic holdings since 1968.

At the conclusion of the current REMARC conversion project, it is estimated that the Oklahoma State University Library will have nearly 650,000 holdings records in machine-readable form. While documents, the Library's special collections and non-book materials have not been included thus far in the conversion activities, it is intended that the records for these items will be converted to machine-readable form in-house as funds and staff are available. Serial titles are to be converted during 1984-85.

The ongoing retrospective conversion activities of the OSU Library are an integral part of an overall plan for an online mini-computer system to be implemented in phases over the next several years.

SWLA Soundings

by
Alfreda Hanna

During the 1983 ALA conference meeting, the SWLA Executive board voted to dissolve the thirty-odd year entity, the Southwest Library Association. In the spring members of SWLA voted 9 to 1 to dissolve the regional organization. The SWLA will publish two more issues of the NEWSLETTER: one to announce the demise of the SWLA and a final issue to wrap up the closing news. Any balance remaining in SWLA funds will be divided between the six state associations comprising the SWLA area.

With our goodbyes to SWLA goes the realization that we are bidding "adieu" with nostalgia to an era of librarianship that brought together the staffs of all types of libraries in the seven state area of a time of learning, professional endeavor, and comradeship.

Today those associations are rekindled — for some of us — in ALA divisional meetings (PLA in Baltimore, AASL in Houston), at AMIGOS sessions, or at regional workshops of ALA divisions. For others there is no substitute for the opportunity to meet and work with professional friends from the Southwest.

We can hope to encourage our OLA officers to pursue the opportunities for periodic joint sessions with the annual conferences of neighboring chapters. But that will never be quite the same as anticipating that cup of coffee with Erma from cataloging in Arizona — two years ago, this fall, or in two years at New Orleans.

COUNCILOR'S CORNER

by
Alfreda Hanna

"Connections: 1983" — ALA President Carol Nemeyer's theme was evident throughout the Conference. Electronic connections for automation were emphasized in many programs; the President's personal emphasis was on library connections with the non-library world of foundations, corporations, and publishers.

Through the force of President Nemeyer's vivacious personality, witty bandying during business meetings, and effusive declarations of appreciation for her colleagues — the Conference took on an unexpected aura of expectancy with a distinctive upbeat tempo.

The cheerful atmosphere surrounding this conference didn't "just happen." ALA is still faced with a plethora of problems demanding solution:

- Unemployed membership.
- Continued tugging at-the-apronstrings from strong divisions with malcontent members urging withdrawal from the parent organizations.
- A rapidly burgeoning complexity of subcommittees, resulting in an overloaded conference program.
- A stringently contained budget that barely makes "ends meet" with some bills yet to pay.
- The tug-of-war between COPES' attempt to keep the association fiscally sound and members' struggle for services and a voice in the operation of their organization.
- A smaller conference registration than expected (11,005 or 2,055 fewer than last year).
- The noted passing of some library giants from the human scene (Andrew Horn, Meredith Bloss, Eli Oboler, Constance Winchell).
- The insistence of OPM in continuing its unfair and unequal treatment for federal librarians through the third drafting of standards.
- Multiplying cases of censorship around the country and restriction of access to federal information through presidential edict.
- And, of course, the gray skies of L.A.'s inversion, forever threatening rain.

these factors could have produced a "gloom-and-doom" Conference of head-shaking librarians.

But it wasn't a gloomy conference, thanks to you, Madame President, for your careful orchestration for a cheerful, upbeat Conference.

- From the stirring music of the Marine Bugle and Drum Corp. and witty presentation of "T.R." by McCullough and Wise in the first general session.
- Through the warm acknowledgements to "Library Champions" individuals, corporations, and from the private sector helping libraries.
- Reporting of the positive field response to the videotape of ALA 1983.
- Through the good-natured witticisms while determining protocol during Membership and Council meetings.
- To the expression of obviously genuine, warm affection for your co-workers in the final wrap-up.

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In its business meetings, Council passed the following items of major business:

- Approved membership action confirming the right of Round Tables to be consulted and to have some say in their review of assessments by COPES. (At the same time Council maintained the strength of COPES by striking the requirement to get "approval" from Round Tables relative to its action.)

- Approval of the report of the Chapter Relations Committee and happy acknowledgement of the long-awaited **CHAPTER RELATIONS HANDBOOK** which is now in the hands of your OLA President. (This is a very needed, very welcome aid to improving the understanding of the relationships between ALA headquarters and its member chapters.)
- Recognition of the legitimacy of Chapter requests to permit **all chapter members** to vote in ALA Council elections. (In the past only ALA members were permitted to vote for Councilor, a policy heartily disliked by this Council because the dues of all of you supported my representation on Council, contributed to the legislative work of the ALA Washington Office, and helped to finance other special ALA projects).
- Condemnation of the Presidential Directive on Safeguarding National Security. Information on March 11, 1983, and OPM standards for federal librarians. (Membership is urged to contact their Congressional representatives about this restriction on access to information as well as to continue to ask for action forcing the Office of Personnel Management, OPM, to withdraw and totally redraft its controversial, unfair standards, GS-1410, for the **Library-Information Services**.)
- Rejection by Membership of a resolution supporting the Congressional resolution and Presidential proclamation declaring 1983 the "Year of the Bible." (The Oklahoma Legislature passed a resolution proclaiming 1983 the "Year of the Bible". — editor.)
- Support by Council for a resolution urging libraries to give high priority to making information available about the ongoing arms race debate and nuclear weapons freeze.
- Approval by Council for an increased dues schedule for Organization Members (Library and Library School members) with increased prerequisites.
- Approval by Council of the final draft of "**Guidelines for Authors, Editors and Publishers of Literature in the Library and Information Field**."
- Request by Council for President to appoint a task force to work with American trade book publishers on discount schedules which would be to a greater advantage for libraries.
- Approval by Council of a proposed bylaw amendment providing for Executive Board and for committee votes to be taken by electronic system or conference call.
- Authorization by Council for President to appoint a task force to study where libraries should fit into the findings of the document **A NATION AT RISK** and to make recommendations for further action by ALA in supporting the cause of the enhancement of American education.
- Reaffirmation by Council of its support for the establishment of the National Archives and Records Service as an independent agency of the federal government.
- Approval by Council of the recommendation of COO (the Committee on Organization) requiring JMRT (Junior Members Round Table) to bring its new category of continuing membership into line with its previously stated membership qualification of "no more than 5 years in the profession."

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The President's Inaugural Banquet continued on an upbeat note. Awards were presented to the deserving, affectionate hugs bestowed on the helpful, and the president's gavel turned over to the incoming president, Dr. Brooke E. Sheldon, Director of the School of Library Science at Texas Women's University. In her inaugural address Dr. Sheldon challenged membership to "keep up" in the changing technology of the world of the information specialists — "not just muddle through until retirement."

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*State budget reserves will hit an all-time low this year, with seven states expecting a deficit, the National Governors' Association and the National Association of State Budget Officers reported.

*Rep. Ross Duckett has requested a legislative study to determine the relationship between the textbook selection process in Oklahoma and the quality of textbooks used in the public schools with an eye toward assessing the effectiveness of the method in producing an end result. Special consideration will be given to the adequacy of updated materials in textbooks.

*A "user-friendly" library system has been installed at the Metropolitan Library System, with the help of Information Access Corporation (IAC). Called "Newsearch", the system's file is updated daily with citations from over 400 magazines, 700 law journals, 300 trade journals and 500 business journals and newspapers. The index is especially helpful in locating items published within the last 30 days. It also provides quick access to the complete listings of five other databases: Magazine Index, National Newspapers Index, Legal Resources Index, Trade and Industry Index, and Management Contents Index.

*The Oklahoma Library Association Executive Board has adopted a policy of 22c per mile as the association's standardized rate for mileage.

*The OLA Library Development Committee will be working with the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma and other interested groups on the issue of property tax assessment and ad valorem collection. The coalition will seek ways to bring about needed reforms in the administration of the ad valorem tax in Oklahoma.

The OLA 1984 Annual Conference will be held in Tulsa at the Excelsior Hotel on Thursday, March 22 to Friday, March 23.

*The citizens of Altus now have a new 24,000 square foot library which also will serve as headquarters for the two-county Southern Prairie Library System. The facility is the result of a city bond issue and sales tax election voted August 1981. Katherine Hall is director of SPLS. In attendance was Edith Hall, who for 42 years served as librarian of the Altus Public Library.

*Citizens of Rush Springs have raised \$30,000 toward construction of a new library which will cost about \$200,000. A city lot has been donated for the new library and several fund-raising projects are currently underway.

*In Eufaula, Dr. W. E. and Mary Wendel donated property to the city with the understanding that the city will build a new library on the two city lots.

*Both the ODL Board and the Governor's Task Force on Libraries and Information Service have identified an increase of professional personnel in libraries as a top priority. Toward this goal, ODL has awarded sizeable grants to three current library employees to enable them to attend library school. They are: Joyce W. Bergin from Ada; Deborah Guilinger from Oklahoma City; and, Tom Stough from Edmond.

*Fred Batt, Head of the Reference Department at OU Libraries, recently presented a paper discussing when to use an online computer literature search at the International Conference on Databases (Humanities & Social Sciences) held at Rutgers University.

*Dee Ann Ray, Director of the Western Plains Library System, was named Epsilon Sigma Alpha's Diana for Oklahoma at the organization's state convention recently. The Diana, the Distinguished International Academy of Noble Achievement for exceptional service to humanity, is the highest award the organization gives to non-members.

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To aid librarians in this "keeping up" process the new ALA president's proposals for her term of office include:

- An international workshop to train trainees in continuing education.
- ALA-produced kits to assist in producing workshops on changing technology.
- An online directory of continuing education projects around the country.

Friends of Brooke Sheldon will not be surprised to learn that ALA 1983-84 will be a year of stimulating, concentrated endeavor.

Congratulations to our own Jan Keene, who will chair the prestigious and often beleaguered Committee on Planning and Evaluation of Services. As head of this committee, Jan will guide the work and report on the finding of COPES, which is the group particularly charged with "watch-dogging" the fiscal health of ALA.

Your Oklahoma councilor sincerely regretted that she was unable to be part of the 1983-84 special work force when requested by Dr. Sheldon to serve on the Budget and Planning Assembly for ALA.



Oklahoma Library Association Membership Form 1983-84

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LTR RECEIVES GRANT TO DEVELOP DEVICE TO PROTECT BOOKS WHEN PHOTOCOPIED

The American Library Association's **Library Technology Reports (LTR)** unit has received a \$64,400 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Research Programs to develop a device to allow bound volumes to be photocopied without damaging the binding.

Since the first photocopiers were installed in libraries, librarians have been concerned with books being damaged as a consequence of being flattened on the machine's glass platen. Librarians have sought to remedy this problem but have yet to discover a practical solution. Through this project **Library Technology Reports** hopes to develop a special device that would be used with an existing plain-paper copier that would allow a book to be copied while being held face-up and open, but not opened more than about 90 degrees.

After the device has been built and tested, it will be exhibited at various library meetings and otherwise publicized; a complete report of the project will be published in **LTR**; and hopefully, the device will be manufactured and sold at an affordable price.

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:

- Librarian members
 - Salary up to \$4,999 \$10.00
 - Salary \$5,000 to \$9,999 \$15.00
 - Salary \$10,000 to \$14,999 \$20.00
 - Salary \$15,000 to \$19,999 \$25.00
 - Salary \$20,000 and above \$30.00
 - Additional division and/or roundtable memberships each \$ 1.00
- Full-time student \$ 5.00
- Trustees, Lay members, and Friends \$10.00
- Retired or inactive librarians \$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:

- Libraries*
 - Income up to \$49,999 \$15.00
 - Income \$50,000 to \$499,999 \$30.00
 - Income \$500,000 to \$999,999 \$60.00
 - Income \$1,000,000 and above \$75.00
 - *Includes one free individual (#3) membership
- Non-library association, institutions, or organizations ... \$10.00

