OPEN LETTER FROM BESSIE B. MOORE

to

STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) has made examination of library and information services to the elderly a priority in its FY 1984 program. NCLIS feels strongly that libraries can be windows of opportunity for the aging. Libraries participating and coordinating with other community agencies can provide informational, educational, recreational and cultural programs that will enhance the later years of an aging population.

There is an unquestioned need for improved library and information services and programs for the elderly in this nation. The older members of our population need information on a wide variety of topics, depending on their state of health, where they live, and how they live. Old children need information on how to manage and care for their old-old parents as well as find information that will help them deal with their own aging process.

NCLIS is concerned that service to the elderly too frequently is equated only with the delivery of books to the homebound or the institutionalized, who form a minority of the aged. Attention to the needs of the majority of the aged is overdue along with appropriate services and programs to meet these needs.

NCLIS and the Administration on Aging are in the process of developing an interagency agreement regarding the delivery of library services and programs to the aging. We are also discussing ways for raising the level of consciousness among legislators, community leaders, service providers, and the library/information community about the opportunities that exist for public libraries to provide enhanced services to the nation’s elderly.

I have been designated by the Commission as the person to shepherd the Commission’s efforts in this program area. In my opinion, decision makers and the aged themselves must have the chance to appreciate the benefits of quality library and information services and programs for the aging. Therefore I need to know about services and programs in your state that have been successful in serving the library/information needs of the elderly. I am particularly interested in programs that are, or have been, the result of coordinated action with area agencies on the aging and/or other organizations or groups serving the aging.

I would like to ask you to consider having a slot reserved on the program at your next annual conference for a presentation on library and information services to an aging population. Christina Carr Young is our staff member at NCLIS assigned to work with me in this Commission program area. Call her if you need advice on a speaker.

The Commission is counting on state library associations to join us in this effort which is necessary, timely and urgent.

Look for me at the ALA Dallas Conference (Hyatt Regency 22-27 June), or write c/o NCLIS, GSA Building Suite 3122, 7th & D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20024.


The bus leaves from the NW corner of Crossroads Mall parking lot in Oklahoma City (located where I-35 and I-240 meet).

AGENDA

Leave Oklahoma City .... 6:30 a.m.
Arrive Dallas Convention Center .... 10:30 a.m.
***See the exhibits
***Meet authors “Have fun”
Leave Dallas ............. 5:00 p.m.
Stop for Dinner
Arrive Oklahoma City ....10:00 p.m.

Cost per person is $20.00. Checks should be made to OASLMS. Send reservation form and check to: Sybil Connolly / 60012 NW 56th St. / Oklahoma City, OK 73122. Reservations must be received by June 14, 1984, and are accepted on a first come basis. Receipts and staff development statements will be available at the bus loading site.
FROM THE PRESIDENT...

This will be my final communication through this publication as OLA president. I have appreciated the opportunities to contact you in this way.

Serving as president of OLA has been a privilege. Not all of our goals for the year have been attained, but I’m glad that we have realized some of them. Only through hard work on the part of many individuals have we done so. Thanks to all of you who have helped.

We are now looking toward another year of activity under new leadership. Those we have chosen are very capable people but they will need our assistance if they are to accomplish the desired goals of the association.

Committee activities are very important to OLA, and our incoming President Norman Nelson will soon be making committee appointments for the next year. Last year we made a change in our bylaws that limits membership on committees to three consecutive years on the same committee. Because of this all committees have designated this year’s members as first year, second year, or third year members. Those who were first or second year members are eligible for reappointment to the same committee, but they are not obligated to the same committee if they wish to change. The President will plan committee memberships to assure continuity but there are other things to consider; therefore, not all those who are eligible will be reappointed. If you have a committee preference, please communicate it to Norman Nelson or to Kay Boies, our Executive Secretary.

Membership renewal time will soon be here, and I hope that all of you will remember to renew promptly. We’ve had problems with this and continuing payment of membership dues is essential to the operation of OLA. Keeping your membership current makes you eligible to serve on committees, gives you reduced registration rates at all OLA sponsored workshops and conferences, and assures your receiving all organizational mailings. We need every one of you as active members. Please join and encourage your colleagues to join also.

Thank you again for giving me the chance to serve as your president and for helping me during this year. I look forward to great things from OLA in the future!

Frances Alsworth, OLA President, 1983-84

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Change of Address Notice
Name ________________________________
New Mailing Address ________________________________
New Telephone No. ________________________________
Mail to Kay Boies, Executive Secretary
300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73034

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OKLAHOMA’S JOB HOTLINE

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, with funding from the Library Services and Construction Act, continues to sponsor Oklahoma’s Job Hotline. If you know of any vacancy in any type of library in Oklahoma, list it with the Public Information Office (405) 521-2502, or toll-free, 1-800-522-8116, during regular working hours. There is no charge for listing your position and the announcement will run until the office hears from you to discontinue it. You are also welcome to mail the information — just be sure to include your requirements for education and experience, describe the duties and salary, and indicate who the applicant should contact for an application form or for further information.

After regular working hours, that is from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., weekends and holidays, any interested person can listen to a recorded listing of Oklahoma jobs by calling (405) 521-4202. Please note this is not a toll free number. A new recording will be issued about every two weeks.

The Oklahoma Librarian is published six times per year. Chairmen of divisions, roundtables and committees need to forward news of their activities promptly. Deadlines are: January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, November 1. Regardless of these deadlines, forward news of interest as available. All contributions should be typewritten on white bond paper on one side only, leaving about 1¼ inches of space around all margins of standard, letter-size paper. Double spacing must be used throughout and paragraphs must be indented. Forward information to the Editor, Oklahoma Librarian, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 N.E. 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405) 521-2502.

—Oliver Delaney, Editor
SPECIAL AWARD FOR
MERITORIOUS SERVICE —
Esther Mae Henke

In her 30 years with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries she helped improve the quality of library service available to all Oklahomans. She has helped in continuing education for librarians and for library staff. Her expertise has been sought for construction of public libraries, for program and performance evaluations, and for grants and state aid for libraries. She has helped with summer reading programs for children. She was appointed by Carl Albert, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, to the Advisory Council which planned the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services. She was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Oklahoma Library Association in 1971 for her important contributions to Oklahoma libraries. She did not rest on her laurels, but continued to do outstanding work in the field. During her tenure at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, she saw it form from the combined State Library and the Library Commission. She helped develop 8 multi-county library systems where federal funds for public libraries were received for the first time. She saw state laws enacted to promote libraries in Oklahoma. She has done a good job in her national, regional, and state organizations and in her paid job with ODL, but she has done more than that. Esther Mae has gone the second mile. She has done more than was expected of her, and so we should do something a little extra for her. We nominate her for a Special Meritorious Service Award.

LIBRARIES LIBERTY
AND LEARNING
1984 OLA CONFERENCE

AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS
DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD
Alfreda Hanna,
former Librarian,
Bethany Nazarene College

Alfreda has served the Oklahoma Library Association in many capacities. She has been an Executive Board Member, served on many committees, and was President of the Association. In addition, she has been Southwestern Library Association Executive Board Member, Member of the Oklahoma Advisory Council for the Library Services and Construction Act, Member of the Executive Board, Oklahoma Image Project, Member of AMIGOS Advisory Committee for Cataloging and Quality Control. Oklahoma Library Association Representative on the American Library Association Council, Member of the Visiting Committee for the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science. She received the Grace E. Herrick Award in Librarianship, University of Oklahoma in 1980 and was initiated into Beta Phi Mu, International Library Science Honor Society. We recommend that she be given the Distinguished Service Award.

CERTIFICATE
OF APPRECIATION
Dr. Robert R. Matthews
of Ponca City

Dr. Matthews is a past president of the Ponca City Library Board and a charter member and vice-President of the Friends of the Ponca City Library. Under his guidance as chairman of the Steering Committee for the Ponca City Libraries long-range plan, he developed a document "Strategy for Excellence. It is a comprehensive document and has set goals and objectives for the next five years for the library. The Awards Committee recommends that Dr. Matthews receive a certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to this document.

TRUSTEES DIVISION

By Phil Dessauen

"Get Your Community Behind You" was the theme of the Trustees Division meeting March 24, 1984 and the crowd of about 25 heard concrete examples of how it can be done.

On the panel of speakers were Mrs. Verla Smithheiser, chairman of the board of the Tonkawa Public Library; Mrs. Carolyn Trawick, board chairman of the Stroud Public Library; Mrs. Mary Pinney, board chairman of the Eufaula Public Library; Rick Murphy, manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Sallisaw; Billie Shehi, librarian at the Skiatook Public Library, and Mrs. Donna McSpadden, the chief instigator of the start-from-scratch library at Chelsea.

The speakers described and suggested a variety of ideas, events and strategies for raising money and building public support for local libraries. Their own success stories ranged from an all-out effort to finance remodeling of a railroad depot into a library at Sallisaw, to a remarkable drive that produced $322,000 at Eufaula, on to a continuing collection of trading stamps to acquire tables, chairs and equipment for the fledgling library at Chelsea.

Trustees also met earlier in the day in a joint session with FOLIO.
College and University Division

By Joanne Calland, Chairman, CUD

D. Kaye Gapen, Dean of Libraries at the University of Alabama, was the luncheon speaker on Friday, March 23. Ms. Gapen’s topic was “Imaging the Future, the Entrepreneurial Librarian and Change.” Highlighted by humorous stories and accounts of her own experiences as an administrator, Ms. Gapen developed themes of planning for technological changes with the use of models and other managerial tools. Following the luncheon,Library Administrators from Oklahoma spoke on the technology involved in their library’s development. The panel, introduced by Rose Galura, Chair of Technical Services Roundtable, consisted of: Jim Beavers, Coy Harmon, John Lolley, and Max Moore. Dean Gapen moderated the panel and provided valuable summaries of the ideas expressed by the speakers.

Kathleen Heim, Dean of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University, spoke to a large group of librarians about REFERERCE NETWORKING.

sponsored by the Reference Roundtable and the Interlibrary Cooperation Committee, the program was designed to explore regional patterns of sharing reference resources.

Dr. Heim discussed both formal and informal arrangements as well as the limitations that can cause problems if guidelines are not mutually understood and accepted.

A question and discussion period followed. Then blanks were distributed to those interested in being listed in the OKLAHOMA REFERENCE RESOURCES HANDBOOK that is being compiled by the Reference Roundtable and the Interlibrary Cooperation Committee.

Elizabeth Oliver
Reference Roundtable, Chair.

POSTER SESSIONS
MIXED SUCCESS

Many OLA members experienced a new way to gain knowledge and advice at the Tulsa Conference this year. Three large wooden easels were placed just inside the doors of the exhibit area. Each easel had a poster on it showing a topic of library interest or concern.

Earlier this year the OLA/CE Committee had sent out announcements calling for posters. Several librarians from around the state applied so that they could present new ideas, programs, or concepts and create interest in a subject in which they were well versed.

The format of a poster session is very simple. 1) Jane Doe has a good idea, 2) Jane makes a power on that good idea, 3) OLA Program Committee lets it be known to the OLA membership that Jane will be standing in front of her poster Thursday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. eager to talk to anyone who finds her idea interesting, 4) no grades, no tests, no speeches, no pay, a little bit of handout material, and complete uncertainty on Jane's part as to whether any one else in the world thinks her idea is worth talking about, 5) slowly people drift by, some are mildly courteous, some politely interested, and all of a sudden someone will show up that has been searching a long time for just the kind of idea that Janes has prepared, 6) learning, networking and exchange takes place, 7) the OLA/CE congratulates itself on the poster sessions that were mobbed and philosophically say of those poster sessions where no one showed up, “perhaps it was an idea before its time.”

Peter Caldwell from the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities was one of those poster presenters who had only a handful of people. In our apology to him afterwards he turned the tables on us, “I was able to talk to seven libraries that I have never talked to before, almost every one of them wants to take advantage of our exhibits and programs. Once these seven have their first successful home town programs using our material they'll come back for more of our programs. On the contrary, I consider my poster session a good use of our agency’s time.”

— John Hinkle

Everyone’s heard of the University of Oklahoma Press, and the publications of the Oklahoma Historical Society. But there are also smaller presses dotted around the state that serve up Oklahomiana each season.

Consider Evans Publications of Perkins. Since 1978, Bob Evans, his wife, Yvonne, and their staff have brought out titles that cover local history (Cimarron Family Legends), (Stillwater: Where Oklahoma Began); biography (Milton W. Reynolds’ Kicking Bird and the Birth of Oklahoma and a reprint of Frank Eaton’s Pistol Pete: Veteran of the Old West); Lu Celia Wise’s Oklahoma First Ladies; and even a cookbook — reprints of articles on area cooks from the Perkins Journal.

According to Steven Gragert, Evans Publications’ marketing manager, the company now offers 13 works — all but one about Oklahoma. Their big sellers right now are Pistol Pete and a novel, Come in This House by Helen Dutton Russell.

Books in the works include an Oklahoma history text for ninth graders, histories of Woodward and Carney, a reprint of a work on Cushing and a book on Guthrie.

A new catalog lists all the Evans publications, plus titles they distribute for Eakin’s/Nortex Press in Austin, including Glenn Shirley’s Red Yesterdays. To receive a catalog or ask about ordering any title the company carries, write P.O. Box 520, Perkins, OK 74059, or call Evans’ toll-free number, 1-800-522-4577.
"Books under fire" Film Warms OLA-IFC Audience

About 50 OLA conference-goers who saw the Intellectual Freedom Committee's film, Books under fire, on the afternoon of Friday, March 23, saw real-life drama generated by words that "bleed when you cut them."

The first half of the film showed some of what happened a couple of years ago in Woodland, Maine, when the school committee there banned Dr. Ronald Glasser's Vietnam War memoir 365 Days.

The ban was instigated by a parent who said she didn't think young people should be exposed to the book's raw language: the common, every-second variety spoken in anger and agony by America's young people in uniform who were fighting a war they could not comprehend.

Opposing the school committee's ban and supporting the book's author were many local veterans of the war, who made it clear they thought the banning was an insult. Their unified theme seemed to be, "Ban war, not words or books," and they said, "That's the way it was over there."

The second part of the film was highlighted by excerpts from a Texas school textbook hearing, one of which showed a person who looked like a conservative businessman reading profane words and their definitions as they appeared in a dictionary under consideration. The words and their meanings echoed like thunderclaps in the hearing room. Listening to the man and watching reactions, one became painfully certain that street language (something you may hear around the house or at work every day) in a polite, public context has the power to make the average person "bleed." The consensus at the IFC's program seemed to be: sympathize with those people — but don't let them prevail.

All evaluations turned in after the program were positive. The program was declared "excellent."

INTRODUCTION OF
SEYMOUR HERSH
by Duane H. Meyers
March 23, 1984
OLA Tulsa Conference

When the Conference Planning Committee decided last summer to ask the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Government Documents Round Table to get together and propose a featured speaker for tonight's conference event, I sat down and wrote what I considered to be four premises to help us make a choice. The four premises were and are:

1. The American democratic system of government, "the American Way of Life," depends upon an informed citizenry.
2. An informed citizenry depends upon the free dissemination of information.
3. American libraries are vital to the flow of information.
4. Anything that interferes with the flow of information, whether it's the government withholding, or charging for, or gratuitously classifying, documents ultimately paid for by the citizens through their taxes, or censoring by government or individual citizens or citizen groups, should be fought vigorously by all libraries and all librarians.

Marilyn Nicely, who is Chair of the Government Documents Round Table and I, along with two or three others, met in late July and talked about possible speakers.

Before long, the name Seymour Hersh came up. Although he has no direct connection with libraries, he does supply libraries with some remarkable resources; namely: detailed, thoroughly-researched books about terrible events generated by our leaders deliberately or inadvertently and often kept quiet or stonewalled or covered-up. In short, he's talking about the interference with the flow of factual information on the part of the government.

Over the years since the first atomic bomb exploded in 1945, the people of the world have gradually come to realize that decisions by their leaders may mean not only the death of the people of the world and their leaders but also the death of any future. Most people can face their own demise; few can face the loss of the future — the end of the human experience, the death of unborn generations. So, when government leaders take actions that result in the narrowing of humanity's odds for survival, and refuse to explain the truth of their actions and the implications of their actions, it is not just an abstract violation of our First Amendment rights. The stakes are higher than that now.

I think Seymour Hersh understands that better than most people in his profession, which is where we should find the most inquisitive and courageous researchers.

For his reporting on the My Lai Massacre and its coverup, he won a Pulitzer Prize in 1970. His latest honor is The National Book Critics Circle award this year for his The Price of Power-Kissinger in the Nixon White House.

One of the dozens of painful pieces of information appeared on Page 423 of Hersh's Kissinger book.

He had detailed how the Nixon administration and the North Vietnamese had reached a settlement of that war in October 1972, and that Nixon had decided to renegotiate the October agreement in an attempt to placate Thieu, the president of South Vietnam. This move was to mean a renewal of the bombings in Hanoi. It was presented to the American people as a refusal on the part of the North Vietnamese to agree to a settlement when, in fact, it was our side doing it.

Henry Kissinger held a news briefing on December 16. Seymour Hersh wrote that Mr. Kissinger did not mention that our side had backed away from the October agreement and the press did not nail him for it. Wrote Hersh, "The press was hopelessly outgunned... It was impossible for the press to trip him up."

I cite this to hint that the press has not often used its First Amendment rights to their fullest. I believe Mr. Hersh is an exception.

Here is Seymour Hersh.
Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh set the tone for a speech packed with facts and opinions about questionable policies, official statements that conflict with those policies, and morality in government when he began his talk at the third and closing general session of the OLA Conference on March 23 with a "news flash."

"We've just invaded Luxembourg."

Citing presidential foreign policy often based on undisclosed and unapproved intervention and condemning such actions taken by presidents from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan, Hersh said he could not understand why we insist on truth and good ethics by our families and our co-workers but excuse lying and unethical conduct by our political leaders.

He said this is a "curious lapse between our standards and those of our nation."

Arrangements for Hersh's appearance at the conference were made by the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Government Documents Round Table. Both organizations offered resolutions against proposals by the federal government to restrict access to information; both were presented by the Resolutions Committee and were adopted at the closing general session.

Hersh was introduced to the 130 persons attending the third general session by Duane Meyers, chair of the OLA-IFC.

Evaluations showed a mixed reaction to the program. Some termed Hersh's speech "excellent, but depressing." Some objected to it. One evaluator in the audience questioned Hersh's historical data, and gave the speech a low mark.

RESOLUTION ON GOVERNMENT SECRECY

WHEREAS, the Reagan Administration has released a directive that would require all Government officials with access to high-level classified information, for the rest of their lives, to submit for governmental review articles or books they write for the general reading public; and

WHEREAS, The American Society of Newspaper Editors correctly calls this "peace-time censorship of a scope unparalleled in this country since the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791;" and

WHEREAS, other concerned citizens and organizations, including the American Library Association have spoken out against the directive's unwarranted and dangerous suppression of the people's right to know;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oklahoma Library Association express our opposition to the directive by sending copies of this resolution to all members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and urging them to do all in their power to persuade the Administration to withdraw it.

Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association
Duane H. Meyers, Chairperson

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO OUR EXHIBITORS

WHEREAS, our exhibitors at this Seventy-Seventh Conference have given unqualified support to the Oklahoma Library 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.

Resolution Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association, Thelma H. Jones, Chairperson

RESOLUTION ON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROPOSED RULE ON IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION OF UNCLASSIFIED CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy has proposed a change to 10 CFR 1017 in the form of a rule entitled "Identification and Protection of Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information" (48 FR 13988ff.), which would restrict access to and dissemination of certain unclassified but sensitive information with respect to atomic energy defense programs, including materials which may have already been released to the public, as well as impose sanctions of up to $100,000 upon individuals who may allow access to this material without prior permission from the Secretary of the Department of Energy, and;

WHEREAS, the implementation of this proposed rule would cause immense inconvenience to users of energy-related materials, place a useless and unnecessary burden upon librarians, and leave open the possibility for abuse of the Freedom of Information Act by the Department of Energy, and;

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association have spoken out against this unnecessary rule proposed by the Department of Energy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Library Association express opposition to this proposed rule by sending copies of this resolution to all members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and urging them to do all in their power to see that this rule does not take effect.

The Government Documents Roundtable of the Oklahoma Library Association, Marilyn K. Nicely, Chairperson
LIBRARY COOPERATION

Two of Oklahoma's largest state supported libraries have joined forces to share resources and to provide more effective and efficient service to their users. The University of Oklahoma Libraries and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL) share an automated circulation system and an online database of library records which allows fast, efficient circulation of library materials and the sharing of information about each other's collections.

This cooperative effort, the first such venture in the state of Oklahoma, enhances the capacity for each library to provide their users with books and other materials needed for teaching, research, and daily work. The automated system, known as ALIS II (Automated Library and Information System), was acquired by the University of Oklahoma Libraries from the Data-Phase Corporation of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, in 1981. In July 1982, ODL and the University Libraries signed an agreement to allow the former to share the latter's computer system. Since that time, records of the libraries' holdings have been loaded into the Data General computer to create a bibliographic data base used by both institutions. The database currently has 365,000 author and title records and should reach half a million records by January 1985. Subject records are gradually being added to the computer as well.

A user at either library may identify the holdings of either library via the computer and obtain them locally or through interlibrary loan. At present, the data base inquiry is made by a staff member, but future plans include direct access by library users at public computer terminals. Users may query the "catalog" by author, title, subject, and other search keys.

Users at the state capitol will have ready access to the holdings of the OU Libraries' collections (2 million volumes) as well as the collections of the Department of Libraries (175,000 volumes). This access will significantly enhance the capacity of state employees to perform research in support of their official duties. Faculty, staff, and students at OU will benefit by having access to the Department's collections which are strong in law, state government, and related fields.

The system uses state-of-the-art technology for book checkout and control. Using OCR (optical character recognition) labels on books and borrowers' cards, and hand-held wand readers (also known as light pens) similar to systems seen in local stores, books are quickly and accurately checked out. The computer keeps track of details such as author, title, due date, borrower's name and address, and so on. It eliminates manual records and filing, resulting in fast service and more efficient operation.

Users of libraries across the state will also share the benefits of this cooperative venture since the two libraries supply books and other materials on loan through the ODL-managed state interlibrary loan network. The computer system will enable public, school, academic, and special libraries to more quickly identify and obtain materials for local users.

The libraries presently move materials by mail and are currently experimenting with telefacsimile transmission of photocopied journal articles and other information. Using the microwave talkback-TV network of the State Regents for Higher Education, OU and ODL are exchanging interlibrary loan photocopies requests via state-of-the-art facsimile equipment.

In short, the two institutions are making use of modern computer and telecommunications technology to share resources and provide access to information vital for research and daily work. Such cooperation lays the foundation for further similar cooperative ventures in Oklahoma by providing both experience to be shared with other institutions and a framework for further projects. By sharing the Data-Phase computer system, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the University of Oklahoma Libraries have been able to avoid duplication of effort and resources by avoiding the purchase of a second automated system.

FUNDRAISING FOR LIBRARIANS

Learn to plan unique activities that generate new library revenue at "Special Events: An Alternative Source of Revenue," a program presented from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 1984, during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Dallas.

The program includes an address by Gail Watts, president, Andrew Redman Corporation, a Dallas-based marketing concern and three short presentations. Besides reviewing recent successful fundraising activities in their libraries, speakers will explain how their ideas can be scaled to meet the needs and resources of various-sized libraries.
ASSESSING STATE'S ARCHIVAL RECORDS A COMPLEX PROJECT

Archivist Inez Dillon Prinster joined the ODL Archives and Records Management Divisions as project administrator in January to conduct a year-long historical records assessment and reporting project for the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB). Funded by a $25,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the study will assess needs and report on the condition of archives and historical records in Oklahoma. Howard Lowell, administrator of the Oklahoma Resources Branch of ODL, is the director of the project.

“This project is probably the most important project Archives and Records Management will undertake this year. It will set the tone for our work for the rest of this decade,” Lowell commented.

Four areas of concern: state government records, local government records, historical records repositories, functions and services (statewide) will be approached by means of a questionnaire and on-site visits. The local government records being looked at include those of counties and municipalities as well as the one-city/county government in Oklahoma. Historical records repositories may range from business to Native American tribes to education and religious entities.

Statewide assessment of the current circumstances will provide a framework for the systematic management of the archival materials. It will ensure the preservation and accessibility of permanently valuable documentary resources and avoid the inadvertent destruction of important records. The study will also address conservation of the collections to provide for the longevity of the documents. A further product will propose state legislation to provide a local government records act to bring archival records to those fields under an overall jurisdiction.

The final report which will be submitted to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission will 1) define the issues and concerns of Oklahoma archives, 2) identify specific problems, 3) make evaluations and suggestions for the future, 4) set timetables and performance schedules to facilitate action.

Those who are aware of historical Oklahoma documents or archives such as maps, records, photographs or diaries are encouraged to relay the information to the Archives Project at ODL or call Dr. Prinster at 521-2502 or 1-800-522-8116 toll free.

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"READ ON, OKLAHOMA!"

"Save Part of Your Day for Reading — Read On, Oklahoma!" is one of the slogans the State Reading Section is using to promote and encourage reading among all Oklahomans. In its "Read On, Oklahoma" plan, the State Reading Section is challenging Oklahomans of all ages to include 15 minutes of pleasure reading at least twice a week.

Studies have shown that there are educational benefits to be gained from recreational reading. Just like playing the piano or shooting a basketball, reading is a skill that requires practice to build and retain proficiency. Positive relationships have been found between an increased amount of reading and an increase in reading comprehension and attitude toward reading. An important benefit of wide reading also is the development of a larger, richer vocabulary.

Aside from the educational benefits, there are numerous personal and pleasurable benefits from reading. Many people who read for pleasure regularly do so for relaxation. Many readers enjoy living vicariously through the experiences of fictional characters. In this way, books can bring travel and adventure to readers who otherwise could not afford or experience them. Other readers enjoy exploring the world and other cultures and lifestyles different from their own. Literature can make us laugh or cry, provide an outlet for human emotions, and let us share common feelings. Readers of history and biography can learn from others as they read the ideas, thoughts, and actions of famous people.

A third reason for encouraging Oklahomans to incorporate reading as a habit stems from a concern for the overall literacy of our population. Our democracy has always, from Thomas Jefferson's days, depended upon an educated and informed public. The more we read, the more we know.

"Save Part of Your Day for Reading — Read On, Oklahoma!"

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Betsy Byars' The Cybil War has won the 1984 Sequoyah Book Award.
"BIG BROTHER" THEME OF BANNED BOOKS WEEK '84

George Orwell's 1984 and the National Security Directive 84 that echoes Big Brother's thought control are the themes of this year's Banned Books Week, September 8-15, 1984. The event will be sponsored jointly by the American Library Association (ALA), the American Booksellers Association (ABA), the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA), the Association of American Publishers (AAP), and the National Association of College Stores (NACS).

With chilling affinities to 1984, the National Security Directive 84 mandates massive life-time pre-publication review of very public statement of present and former government employees with access to classified information. According to the U.S. General Accounting Office, the directive — which applies to books, articles, lectures, and fiction — currently could affect at least 113,000 people nationwide, and untold numbers in the future. In addition, the directive would permit the head of any federal agency to require all his employees holding security clearances to submit to lie detector tests on a random basis, whenever unauthorized disclosures of classified information were being investigated.

The sponsoring organizations of this year's Banned Books Week encourage their members to work together on local exhibits and programs. A kit of useful materials is being developed and will be distributed at cost. It will include an annotated list of books that have been banned or have been the object of controversy, an annotated list of books affected by the National Security Directive '84, publicity and display materials and suggestions for media coverage. Banned Books Week promotional packets will be available by mail in May and will also be sold in June at the ALA's Annual Conference in Dallas. Ordering information will be announced when the packets are ready.

Judith Krug, director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, urges librarians to contact local booksellers and plan ahead for Banned Books Week. "This is an excellent opportunity for librarians and booksellers to work together to raise their community's awareness concerning the dangers of censorship, whether the censorship comes from individuals or groups challenging library or bookstore materials, or whether it comes from the government mandating a life-time review of government employees' public statements."

Mrs. Krug went on to say, "The response of the many librarians who participated in Banned Books Week in 1983 was tremendous. The displays, forums and other activities generated substantial press and public support for First Amendment concerns. The week also highlighted and reaffirmed, in a very positive manner, the local library's role and responsibility in the marketplace of ideas."

For further information, contact Judith Krug, Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The fifth Festival of Books for Young People will be presented by the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science on Saturday, October 6, 1984. Dr. Mildred Laughlin, Professor in the School of Library Science and Coordinator of the annual event, reports this year's theme as "The Fun of Literature." 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 Glen Rounds, Southern Pines, North Carolina, Master Storyteller, author and/or illustrator of more than 100 books, winner of the 1980 Kerlan Award, and recipient of the 1981 North Carolina Award for Literature. His most recent books include Mr. Yowder and the Train Robbers (1981), Wild Appaloosa (1983) and The Morning the Sun Refused to Rise (1984).

The morning session will also feature a dialogue on creating measurable books for young people between Mary Frances Shura, Clarendom Hills, Illinois, well-known author of books for children, and Rosemary Casey, Cobble Hill, New York, Wood, Moad and Company editor of books for young readers, who has been with the company for over a quarter of a century. Mary Frances Shura is well-known to Oklahoma young readers for her The Gray Ghosts of Taylor Ridge (1978) and Chester (1980), a Sequoyah Masterlist nominee in 1982-83. Her latest book is Jefferson (1984), a story about Chester's brother.

The afternoon session will be conducted by Karla Kuskin, Brooklyn Heights, New York, distinguished author, illustrator and poet. Since her first published book Roar and More in 1956, her books have been widely acclaimed, recently including the 1979 National Council of Teachers of English Award For Poetry For Children based on her total works, the 1980 New York Academy of Sciences Children's Book Award for The Space Story and the 1982 ALA Notable Children's Book designation for The Philharmonic Gets Dressed.

Opportunity will be provided for previewing filmstrips and computer programs as well as examining a new books display arranged by Mrs. Donna Skvarla, head of the children's department at Norman Public Library. The Library School Alumni will have copies of books by the festival authors available for purchase and autographing.

Librarians, teachers, parents and those interested in literature for young people are invited to attend. The festival pre-registration fee of $28.00 (if received by September 28 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:

The University of Oklahoma
Special Programs Office
1700 Asp
Norman, Oklahoma 73037
Phone 405/325-5101
Vicki Phillips, Head of the Regional Depository Library at Oklahoma State University, has been nominated to serve as one of the five new members soon to be appointed to the Depository Library Council for the U.S. Government Printing Office. The Council is a national board appointed to advise and inform the Superintendent of Documents of the United States on the functions of the Federal Depository Library program. Ms. Phillips is the first person from the state of Oklahoma to be nominated for the Depository Council. She is eminently qualified to serve on the Council. She has been a depository librarian for more than 15 years, and has gained both state and national recognition for her work in professional library associations. Her appointment to this national advisory council would be excellent representation for the library community of the state of Oklahoma.

Any person wishing to express support for Ms. Phillips is urged to write the Senators from the State of Oklahoma, or to the Superintendent of Documents, whose addresses and telephone numbers are attached.

Senator David Boren
SR-452 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
OKC office telephone number
(405) 231-4381

Senator Don Nickles
SH-713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510
OKC office telephone number
(405) 231-4941

Mr. Michael F. DiMario
Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20515

Annette Lutton, an Oklahoma State University student from Bartlesville, received the Robert T. Motter Scholarship from Dr. Frank McFarland at the 1984 College of Education Honors and Awards Banquet held recently on the OSU campus. Lutton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Lutton, 5917 S.E. Cornell Drive, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is a junior science major at OSU. She is a graduate of Sooner High School.

Among the criteria for the award are proven scholastic ability, aptitude and potential for growth in the profession of librarianship. The scholarship, funded up to $700 per year, was established in 1968 by the Motter Bookbinding Company in memory of its founder, Robert T. Motter.

Lutton is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll and is a member of the Oklahoma Library Association, the Student Education Association and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Annette Lutton
Author Guy St. Clair is interested in hearing from anyone who is now employed or has been employed in a one-person library. He is writing a book on one-person librarianship and would like to hear about the problems, goals, successes, interactions with patrons and anything else about this type of library. Responses to the author should be sent to Guy St. Clair, P.O. Box 1259, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

Dr. Edwin Gutierrez spent so many pleasant hours studying in Oklahoma State University's library that he was inspired to create a needlepunch masterpiece which he showed recently to Dr. Roscoe Rouse, university librarian. It took him two and one half years of nights, weekends and holidays, but Gutierrez persisted until the details and colors were perfect. Gutierrez is a Venezuelan who recently completed his doctoral work in the OSU College of Business Administration. He wanted a momento to take back to his country. A likeness of the library was a logical choice. He found a slide of the building and projected it onto a cloth backing. His wife, Myriam, traced the outline, and Gutierrez used a needlepunch technique and dyed French-wool to duplicate every minute detail. He even included some landscaping. Dr. Rouse liked the work so much he had it displayed in the library's north foyer.

Roscoe Rouse
Edwin Gutierrez

"All the Compleat Librarian" is the theme for the South Central Regional Group/Medical Library Association meeting in Tulsa, OK October 2-5, 1984. The general sessions will include Richard Little speaking on present and future career development and Charles McClure dealing with administrative strategies for effective information services.

The meeting will be at the Williams Plaza Hotel. For additional information contact Janet Minnerath, Local Arrangements Chair, OU Tulsa Medical College Library, 2808 S. Sheridan, Tulsa, OK 74129 or at (918) 837-3464, ext. 235, or Phyllis Lansing, OUHSC Library, PO Box 26901, Oklahoma City, OK 73190, (405) 271-2670.
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS: 1984-1985

The School of Library Science, University of Oklahoma, has been awarded two fellowships by the U.S. Department of Education under Title IIB of the Higher Education Act for 1984-1985. Priority for the fellowship awards goes to Native Americans who are entering the profession or who are interested in opportunities for professional advancement which might otherwise be unavailable to them. The fellowships are for the purpose of obtaining the Master's of Library Science.

The American Indian community is undergoing important transitions toward the accomplishment of self-determination for the future. Crucial to this aspiration are the opportunities to (1) develop the skills necessary to obtain and analyze information affecting decisions concerning the future of Native Americans and (2) develop strategies to improve information services for Native Americans. "The ability to exploit information resources has become crucial, and it is necessary for library schools to assist, specifically by training American Indians to participate in the development of library services," said Dr. Sylvia Faibisoff, Director of the School of Library Science.

Applicants must meet the admission requirement of the School, and the deadline for fellowship applications will be August 1, 1984. Recipients of awards must begin the programs of study full-time in the Fall 1984 term. Fellows will receive full tuition and a stipend of $4000 for twelve months. For further information and application forms please contact: Dr. Sylvia Faibisoff or Dr. Rosemary Du Mont, Assistant Director, School of Library Science, University of Oklahoma, 401 West Brooks, Norman, OK 73019.

OK/ACRL TASK FORCE ON REMOTE COURSE OFFERINGS

At the OK/ACRL meeting in the fall of 1982 Dr. Joe Leone, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSHRE), suggested that librarians might best prepare themselves to respond quickly to questions regarding the provision of library services and resources to students enrolled in off-campus courses. This Task Force is an outgrowth of that meeting. Its members are looking into the situation and will be developing a recommendation for OK/ACRL (The Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries).

Charge to the Task Force

**Study current and prospective remote course offerings, available through Oklahoma institutions of higher education: **Determine to what extent students in such courses have access to adequate library resources. **Examine the state-of-the-art of such offerings nationwide. **Search for means by which libraries can support such offerings in the future.

According to the OSHRE, in the spring of 1983 off-campus instruction was provided to 5,173 students in Oklahoma by 15 state and two private institutions. This activity took place in 62 separate locations when one includes talk-back TV receiving sites. A telephone survey of the libraries at 16 of the institutions providing courses indicates that few, if any, extended library services are provided for these remote learners.

The Task Force has identified various types of "remote course offerings" as well as several types of library resources or services that might be appropriate. One thing that has yet to be done is to document the existence of need for such resources and services, as well as to identify the means of providing them.

Your suggestions and observations are welcome.

TRIP THE LIGHT FUNTASTIC AT ALA PRESIDENT'S DANCE

American Library Association (ALA) President Brooke Sheldon, President-elect E. J. Josey, and all previous presidents will be honored at the second annual President's Dance during ALA's 1984 Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas. The dance, to be held on Sunday, June 24, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency, is sponsored by ALA's Local Arrangements Committee.

The dance promises to be an elegant and sophisticated evening featuring an art deco motif. The show portion of the evening will be of network television "special" quality, presented in classic nightclub format. A wide range of dance music will be provided throughout the evening.

Advance tickets are $8.00 and are available by writing: ALA Local Arrangements Committee, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the ALA Meal Ticket counter at the Dallas Convention Center and at the door for $10.00 each.

For further information, contact Pamela G. Bonnell, L.E.R. Schimepfenig Library, P.O.B. 356, Plano, TX 75074, (214) 867-1002.

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USER EDUCATION AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS AT
THE OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

What is LUIS? LUIS stands for Library User Information Service. It is the Central State University Libraries online computer catalog that enables the user to search by title, author or subject for bibliographic, location and holdings for information for books, periodicals, documents and other materials in the library.

Step-by-step instructions for using LUIS are provided on the terminal screen. There are seventeen types of "help" screens. In LUIS, there are no "dead ends" in which the individual user has to guess what to do next.

Students at Central State University are first introduced to LUIS in a library orientation provided in their freshman English class. The English class first views a 20 minute slide-tape presentation of the computer catalog. Actual photographs from the LUIS screens are used in the slide-tape presentation. A search strategy using an author-title-subject approach, Library of Congress Subject Headings and location of call numbers is stressed. After the slide presentation, the student receives a LUIS Guide handout and a worksheet to complete. The worksheet assures hands-on usage with the online catalog. Faculty seminars are also held.

Students in the beginning English classes receive 20 additional minutes of orientation to the Central State University Library by viewing a slide-tape presentation on using reference materials and locating articles in periodical indexes. Guides, bibliographies and worksheets supplement the slide instruction.

Library instruction ranged from undergraduate orientation to graduate subject specialist research classes in Chemistry, Education, and Business, etc. at Central State University. In the Fall of 1983, 86 one hour classes in library instruction were presented at the Central State University Library.

—Bonnie King
Coordinator of Library Instruction
Central State University

The Rose State College Learning Resources Center has had a computer catalog since 1982. Information can be accessed by author/title/subject and classification number. We are now adding see and see also references which are automatically produced on the computer terminal screen when a subject or name is keyed in.

At first we found it difficult to demonstrate our system to students. They had to gather around a small computer terminal screen and it was hard for all of them to see. Consequently, we purchased an Electrohome screen projector. The projector interfaces with one of our nine terminals. The information that appears on the terminal screen is projected on to a regular film screen. This way 20 to 25 students can comfortably view the large screen while they are sitting in the orientation area. We feel the students retain more information about catalog use and ask more questions.

—Dell Hewey
Rose State College

The University of Oklahoma's library instruction program now includes instruction in the use of available technological aids: automated indexes such as MAGAZINE INDEX, BUSINESS INDEX and NEWSPAPER INDEX, the microfiche and microfilm periodicals and newspapers, and the OCLC and RLIN terminals available for patron use in the Reference Area. Librarians will search OCLC or RLIN if the patron prefers.

Librarians do the lengthier computer searches through DIALOG, BRS, or SDC, but instruction is given in selecting thesaurus terms, limiting searches, and filling out necessary forms. The cost of extended searches is passed on to the patron, but the use of these services for quick reference searches on hard-to-find topics is proving very successful and not too expensive for the library. These mini-searches average less than a minute and cost about $2.00. It should be stressed that mini-searches are used very selectively and always at the suggestion and discretion of a librarian.

Brand new PHINET, the federal tax research database from Prentice-Hall, has just been added to our available databases. PHINET contains the same tax documents issued through Prentice-Hall's Federal Taxes Looseleaf Services, plus editorial analyses and interpretive coverage of current tax issues, developments and trends, and daily updates. The cost of these searches will be passed on to the patron.

Three public access terminals from DataPhase have been installed recently in the card catalog and reference areas of Bizzell Library. These terminals give patrons online use instructions and access to more than 400,000 bibliographic records from the O.U. and O.D.L. collections. Access is currently by author, title, or a combination of author/title. Subject access will be added later, as the new experimental project grows and the database becomes more complete.

—Beverly Joyce
University of Oklahoma

Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) Library conducts a very active and successful bibliographic instruction program. It has been organized into several separate areas: user education seminars, classroom instruction, and orientation. What is termed "User Education" is developed by a committee and is usually given during the noon hour as a "Brown Bag" Seminar with participants invited to bring lunch. The Library supplies cookies and coffee or tea. These have been well attended and have included such topics as Tips on Using the Library, Term Paper Clinic, Index Medicus and Medline, Audiovisuals in the Library, and Setting Up a Reprint File.

In conjunction with the Reference Services Division, the User Education
Committee has sponsored seminars on such topics as: SDC data bases, Excerpta Medica, American Statistics Index, BIOSIS, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, Science Citation Index, DIALOG data bases, and one on Census materials.

Any bibliographic instruction given during organized classes is given by the reference department and may be arranged by the library liaison to that department or college. All other lectures in an instructor's classes are given by the reference librarians. However, one half of a regular university course for pharmacy students has been given for several years by Joanne Callard, liaison to the College of Pharmacy.

The lectures given by the reference librarians have provided general information upon which students can build their specific research interests. These lectures have amplified some of the same topics given as user education, but have made them more specific to students in a particular discipline. The personal contact with the reference staff helps break down the student's embarrassment about asking questions. Interaction with the faculty about bibliographic instruction and coordinated assignments has helped the reference staff be in touch with developing faculty and student needs.

—Ruth Wender and Phyllis Lansing
OUHSC Library

A Bibliographic Instruction Program was formally implemented within the McFarlin Library in January of 1983. Mary D. Hujasak has been named Instructional Services Librarian and has been given the responsibility for coordinating and implementing this program.

A series of guides and bibliographies has been developed to aid students, faculty, and staff in using the Library's collections and services. To date twenty-three guides (maps, general information guides and how to guides), and seventeen subject bibliographies, a McFarlin Library Handbook, and a Self-Guided Tour Script have been published. Approximately 13,500 copies of these handouts have been printed and distributed within the last year. Copies of these handouts are available on display racks in the Plaza and Main Levels of the Library. The Handbook and Self-Guided Tour Script are available at the Reference Desk on the Plaza Level.

A series of General Tours and Instructional Sessions have also been developed. The General Tour covers the main departments, services, and collections of the Library, as well as how to use the card catalog and general reference sources. This can be taken with a librarian the first two weeks of the semester or at any time throughout the semester with the Self-Guided General Tour Script. We now have a cassette which accompanies the Self-Guided General Tour. Approximately 115 patrons have taken the General Tour led by a librarian and 114 patrons have taken the Self-Guided General Tour during the Fall Semester 1983 and the Spring Semester 1984.

The Library also offers Instructional Sessions which covers research strategy and the major reference tools available to patrons. First Seminar and Writing II courses have been the main focus at these sessions, but special subject instruction sessions in all areas have been given as well. A total of 157 instruction sessions have been given to date during the Fall Semester 1983 and the Spring Semester 1984.

Plans for the Fall Semester 1984 include:

— a Writing II Workbook and Worksheets
— a Faculty Library Orientation Day
— a classroom within the Library for bibliographic instruction.

—Mary Hujasak
University of Tulsa

Datatimes

GO OUT FOR A BITE WITH LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE (LIRT) IN DALLAS

Here's your chance to talk informally with other librarians interested in library instruction. Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) is again offering an opportunity to sign up for a moderately-priced breakfast, lunch or dinner with a small group of librarians who wish to exchange ideas and get to know one another during the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in Dallas.

LIRT includes librarians from all types of libraries, and you need not be a member to participate.

Contact Rosa Babcock, Learning Resources Center, El Centro College, Main and Lamar, Dallas, Texas 75202, by May 15, 1984, and you will be notified where to meet for meals.
Apples, Apples, Everywhere, and not a Byte to Eat
by Debra Shaw, ECU

The Automation Roundtable sponsored two major events at the 1984 OLA Conference in Tulsa. The first was entitled An Introduction to Microcomputers: Software Choice and Applications. The second included several demonstrations in the exhibit area concerning library applications of microcomputer software on the Apple IIe.

Several elements which must be considered when selecting software were presented by Debra Shaw, Assistant Librarian at East Central University. After discussing the differences between menu and command driven software, specific features of word processing and data base management software were explained. An evaluation of cost, documentation, maintenance, and software/hardware compatibility concluded the presentation.

Dell Hewey, Coordinator of Public Services at Rose State College, followed with a discussion of Profile Plus. This software package is being used on a TRS-80 microcomputer to generate a book catalog of the library’s serial holdings: Numerous facets of the process, including description of fields, record entry, and hard copy printing, were highlighted. The presentation ended with an evaluation of the project and of the software used.

Oklahoma librarians are using microcomputers more and more in the daily operations of the library as was evident at OLA. Online searching was demonstrated by Mary Patton, Reference Librarian at the Metropolitan Library System. Data Times is an online system for searching The Daily Oklahoma, Oklahoma Times, information on OK companies, and current OK legislation.

Word processing is an excellent way of beginning to automate even a small office as shown by Laurie Steinsieck, Reference Librarian at Northeastern State University. For ease of use, it is difficult to surpass Apple’s new MacWrite software on the Apple Macintosh. The detailed menus along with the manipulations of a “mouse” captured the attention of many conference attendees.

Circulation management and budgeting can also be handled by microcomputers. Carol Morgan, Librarian at Ponca City East Junior High School, explained how Overdue Writer has expedited overdue generation and facilitated the compilation of circulation statistics. Debra Shaw, ECU, adapted an acquisitions formula on VisiCalc and showed how it can be used to more equitable distribute book funds among various academic disciplines.

The final demonstrations addressed concerns of two technical service departments. Vicky Buettner, Reference Coordinator at Western Plains Library System, demonstrated how interlibrary loan requests can be batched and processed more efficiently using the OCLC/ILL Microenhancer. Cecilia Knight, Assistant Cataloger at Oklahoma State University, explained the process of retrospective conversion using REMARC on an Apple IIe microcomputer.

The Automation Roundtable officers would like to thank all of the above librarians who contributed their time and shared their talents regarding the growing use of microcomputers in Oklahoma libraries.

Richard Peck
Oklahoma Library Association Scholarship for Graduate Study

The Oklahoma Library Association established a scholarship in the spring of 1984 to encourage graduate study with an emphasis on library science.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a promising person each year to enter the library profession, or to advance in the profession by undertaking a course of study in a formal degree or certification program with a particular goal in mind.

The successful applicant will be announced prior to July 1 each year and the sum of $500.00 will be made available to that person to apply to costs for the coming academic year. A check will be presented upon proof of enrollment, with a stipulation on the part of the recipient that they grant will be returned to the Association in full in the event the course of study for which the scholarship was awarded is not completed.

Applicant

Eligibility Criteria
1. Must be an Oklahoma resident.
2. Must be a current member in good standing of the Oklahoma Library Association.
3. Must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education in Oklahoma, with an emphasis in library science, that will result in a degree or certification.
4. Must submit a formal application for consideration by the OLA Scholarship Committee by May 1.
5. Must submit transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies completed to date.
6. A personal interview with the Scholarship Committee or its representative(s) may be required.
NEEDED
NEW ROUNDTABLE
FOR
SUPPORT STAFF

OLA has created a new roundtable especially for support staff members. As a roundtable this segment of the library community now has a voice, can create workshops especially designed to meet their own needs, can address concerns and issues that effect libraries. Join now! Your support is needed.

The group — representing academic, special, school and public libraries — held its first meeting during the OLA Conference in Tulsa this spring.

Mary Sherman past OLA president was the first speaker who directed the group on how to be an effective unit within OLA and how to get SSRT's goals accomplished.

Dell Hewey, known for her long association with the Library Technical Assistant (LTA) Talk Back TV classes, was panel moderator for the second part of the program. The panel and audience exchanged views on how their libraries have been affected by the automation revolution, how the changes effect them personally, how they dealt with those changes and what their worklife was like because of automation.

Those who had undergone an automation change in their library for the most part said it hadn't decreased their workload any but felt that the patron was getting better service now.

Another discussion centered around job security through performance evaluations. The prevailing comments from most of the group was that they felt their library lacked much, other than just going through the motions, in evaluations. The subject of "Creativity on the job" found most of the group shaking their heads, "No."

Along with panelists Irene Brown from Rose State College, Peggy Coe of ODL and Betsy McConnell from Monroe Elementary in Norman was Kay Brittan (instructor for LTA Talk Back TV) who outlined what is available in education for support staff in Oklahoma.

— John Hinkle

New Roundtable for OLA

By Robert H. Patterson

The officers of the Printing Arts Roundtable and members attending the annual OLA meeting are recommending to the OLA Executive Board that the purpose and function of this Roundtable should be extended to serve a broader constituency within the Oklahoma Library Association whose interests are not fully addressed. The Board is expected to consider the matter at their May 18th meeting.

The Printing Arts Roundtable has promoted printing arts including paper-making, illustrations, binding, publishing, and preservation activities. As we know, the craft of private press printing or fine printing is not practiced or collected widely in Oklahoma, and with the present narrow focus of the Roundtable it has not attracted many members because it does not address a broader spectrum of needs and interests.

However, there are OLA members in the state whose full-time or part-time responsibilities are devoted to collections that contain many types of specialized materials as well as aspects of printing history. Therefore, we suggest broadening the purpose and function of the Roundtable to address the interests and needs of those people involved in special collections, rare books, archives, and other related fields of library and archives work. A new organization — OSCAN (Oklahoma Special Collections and Archives Network) — has recently emerged that reflects this growing interest on an institutional basis. This OLA proposal would permit personal involvement through our statewide professional library association.

Thus, the petition presented to the OLA Board for consideration recommends that "The Printing Arts Roundtable" be renamed the Special Collections and Archives Roundtable, and, that its primary purpose be the interest and the development of skills in relevant aspects of special collections, archives, and rare books within libraries in the state of Oklahoma.

For purposes of the redefined Roundtable, the terms special collections, archives, and rare books would include but not be limited to the collection, description, and management of historical and literary papers, books, and other materials including records of corporate entities, materials devoted to the printing arts, and preservation activities significant to these specialized areas.

Designs Approved for Three Library Buildings

The Tulsa City-County Library Commission has approved architects' plans for three new library buildings.

The new Broken Arrow Library, to be located in the 300 block of W. Broadway, was designed by Brase, Boyd, Sober, Workman Architects.

Ground was broken in January for the 10,000 square foot building which will accommodate up to 40,000 volumes.

An addition to the Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge, will add 3,000 square feet to the existing 1,500 square feet.

The design was prepared by HTB Architects and includes space for a maximum of 20,500 books. Groundbreaking is scheduled for this summer.

The Maxwell Park Library, 5251 E. Newton St., will be the first branch to be built on city park land, and will replace the leased storefront branches, the Sheridan and North Harvard Libraries.

Sparks-Martin Architects designed the 5,300 square foot building, which has space for 25,000 volumes. Construction is planned to begin in the summer of 1985.

Construction of the three new libraries is part of TCCL's long-range building plan.
Briefly Stated

- Oklahoma public school teachers have an average yearly salary of approximately $19,000 according to the Oklahoma Education Association (Daily Oklahoman, March 28, 1984, p. 2).
- OU President William Banowsky has been elected to the board of directors of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), becoming the first lay member of the national board from the OETA. There are eighteen lay and thirteen professional representatives.
- Effective March 27, 1984, "Any telephone communication or message which is transmitted and received within the boundaries of the State of Oklahoma shall be an intrastate transmission, regardless of whether such transmission crosses state boundaries prior to reaching its receiving point" (HB 1509 by Leflitch).
- Young Aspiring Professionals (YAP) or Yuppies (Young Urban Professionals) are reading Cathy Crimmins' book Y.A.P. (Running Press, 1984, $4.95) and Marissa Piesman's book The Yuppies Handbook (Long Shadow Books, $4.95).
- Texas rules restricting the teaching of evolution in public schools are unconstitutional according to a decision issued by Attorney General Jim Mattox (see Oklahoma Librarian, Mar./April 1984, p. 20).
- Have you discovered Emergency Librarian, an important source of ideas and information for school library leaders? The latest edition of Elementary School Library Collection recommends two professional journals as essential for all school library media centers: School Library Journal and Emergency Librarian. Says Library Journal about EL "innovative; imaginative; among the best." Contact: EL, Dept. 284, P.O. Box C34069 Seattle, WA 98124 ($25.00).
- William Kennedy won the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for his novel, "Ironweed". His book had been rejected thirteen times before it was published by Viking-Press in 1983.
- Marguerite Schmitt, librarian, and the Eufaula Public Library will be presented a John Cotton Dana Award this year in recognition of that community's superb effort of raising $325,000 in 120 days towards the building of a new facility. Congratulations!

Things to do this Summer

Take a nap.
Share a smile.
Plant a garden.
Pull weeds.
Go barefoot.
Blow soap bubbles.
Write a love letter.
Buy a watergun and use it.
Feed the birds.
Meet a neighbor.
Read a good book.
Listen to another point of view.
Have a banana split for lunch.
Plant a flower for your mother.
Ride a bicycle.
Make homemade ice cream.
Call an old friend.
Treat a toddler.
Follow an impulse.
Laugh out loud.
Give a back rub.
Do something foolish.

As part of the East Central University Diamond Jubilee Celebration, the Lin- schield Library hosted an autograph party for The East Central Story, a new photographic history of the university edited by Library Director John Walker. The party was held from 3-5 p.m., Sun., April 1, on conjunction with a "sneak preview" of the ECU Archives and Special Collections.

Dug's Dump, Nov./Dec. '83

"I have once again fallen behind schedule and am desperate for material in order to churn out another edition. However, I have decided to stop begging since it is undignified and offends my sense of honor. Besides, it doesn't work. Be warned, therefore, that if I do not receive your devout offerings I will soon resort to threats and other forms of verbal or written abuse."

—Jay Stewar, Ed.