LIBRARIES IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

The Honorable Mike Synar,
Congressman

*Excerpts From a Transcript

Marilyn, thank you very much for that nice introduction. And, thank you ladies and gentlemen, for inviting me here today. You know, as Marilyn was going over that introduction, especially the part about my education, I am reminded that after having gone to the University of Oklahoma and getting a triple major in accounting, economics and finance, and then going to Northwestern in Chicago and getting a master's degree in management, and then going to spend a year at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and getting another masters degree in economics on a Rotary scholarship and then finally coming back to the University of Oklahoma and getting a law degree, I remember the words of my father as I came off the stage graduating from the University of Oklahoma. He grabbed my hand and he said, "Son, you are the most over-educated dirt farmer I have ever known." That was only topped one year after graduating from law school when I walked into my parent's den and announced that I was going to run for the United States Congress. And my father said, "You're going to do what with that $50,000 education?"

I've got to be honest with you ladies and gentlemen. I feel like a Christian coming into the lion's den. I feel like Judas coming into the garden today. I repent. I don't need to remind you I was the only member of the house who voted against the library legislation last year. It was a weak moment. And what made matters worse was that over 50 percent of the money we got in the state of Oklahoma went to my district. But because of the excellent lobbying work of Bill Lowry — let's give him a hand here — I have been healed.

I am indeed glad to be here and I want to say that the topic of my speech today is supposed to be "How Librarians React in the Political Process," and sometime during this speech I am going to tell you that.

What I want to do today is take a couple of minutes and visit with you about the most pressing issue facing us in Washington as well as here in this country.

DEFICITS

I think I can summarize the number one issue facing us in Washington, D.C. in one word — deficits. To put it in a perspective that maybe will give you a better understanding of the problems that we face, let me take you back to 1779 when the great republic was started, and come forward with me if you would up to 1981. That's a period of about 200 some odd years. It was during that period of time that it took us to accumulate one trillion dollars worth of debt. I was there on September, 1981, about 2 o'clock in the morning when our debt ceiling went over the one trillion mark. It took us 200 years to go that far. Now, if you will go from September, 1981, for just 1,500 days — about this far — from that day to today, we have accumulated an additional $750 billion in debt. We will double what took us 200 years in just six years. What does that translate into to you as Oklahomans? Well, that translates into very simply, 70 percent of the net savings of this country will be eaten up financing this debt. What does it mean to Oklahoma in general? What it means or what it translates into is that we have an economy here that was the last to enter the recession, is still in the recession and will be the last out of the recession. We need not go any farther than just outside the outskirts of this city to see that (continued on page 133)
American agriculture and Oklahoma agriculture, in particular, is in a state of depression, not recession, depression. Conservative estimates tell us that in this nation in just the next year 30-80,000 farmers will go bankrupt.

The second largest industry in Oklahoma is energy, and I don’t need to tell you how sluggish that economy has been because of the high interest rates, because of the Penn Square collapse and a number of other things that have put a stigma on that industry. We combine that with record bankruptcies in small business throughout this state and throughout this country and you can see that these huge deficits are having a devastating impact on our ability to get the economy in true economic recovery.

Now, one of the things that I have the most difficult time with as a United States Congressman is explaining to people the problems that we face when trying to attack this deficit. I have been to many towns and communities, Rotary clubs, civic clubs, breakfast clubs, whatever, speaking about the deficit, and just as sure as I go there tomorrow, some person will stand up in the back of the room and say, “Congressman, I know how we can balance that budget.” I say, “Well, how do you think we should balance the budget?” “Well, Congressman, if I was in The United States Congress, I would balance that budget because I would cut that foreign aid and I’d cut that giveaway welfare program.” How many of you in your hometown have heard somebody at some time stand up and say that?

Most Oklahomans believe that if you cut those two programs, we could solve all the ills that exist in this country. But, let me tell you something, I thought in 1978 that was the way we could do it. When I went to the United States Congress, I found something out. I found out that unlike what most Oklahomans believe, we spend less than one cent of every tax dollar on foreign aid, less than one penny. How much money did we spend on those giveaway programs for those welfare cheats? We spend less than four cents of every tax dollar. The federal government is not involved in the welfare business; the state of Oklahoma is involved in the welfare business. And so, if we eliminate all those giveaway programs and all of those foreign aid programs, we have licked a nickel of the dollar problem.

Well, if we don’t spend your money there, where do we spend your money? Well, there are four major categories that we spend money on in this country. Category one which represents about 45 cents of every tax dollar or 45 percent of the budget, is in the area called entitlements. That’s where everybody thinks we should make all the cuts, that’s where the giveaway programs are, those cheats, those people who should get out and work just like I have. Well, 80 percent of all entitlements are one item. Does somebody want to guess what item that is? There you go, social security. The second major item of the budget is what’s called national defense. That represents about 30 cents of every tax dollar. The third major portion of that pie, of the budget, represents about 13-15 cents of every tax dollar and that is interest on the national debt, which as I pointed out is about $1,750,000,000,000 and is growing each and every moment. The final portion of that pie, everything else your federal government does for you that’s not defense, social security or interest on the national debt. That’s everything like libraries, foreign aid, USDA, highways, roads, education. Everything else comes to a grand total of 17 cents of your tax dollar, and that’s it. In fact, let me give you probably the most disturbing statistic that I have read in the last three months. We spend less money on education from the federal government nationwide, in all fifty states, than the cost of one aircraft carrier. The total budget for federal aid to education, which people think is too high, is $11 billion. The cost of one aircraft carrier is $13 billion. Now, I am hard pressed as a moderate to believe that the minds of children are any less important than one aircraft carrier which in the estimation of Admiral Rickover, would have a life expectancy of five days in war if it wasn’t taken out of port.

BUDGET

The point is that what we need in this country is a better understanding of the budget process and where budget cuts need to be made. You are in a program in an area which has a very low priority, both on the federal level and on the state level and you know that. And yet, can there be any doubt that the education of people’s minds and of children’s minds and of society’s minds are as important to the national security of our country as having the most extensive missile and weapons system. Because those minds are the ones that are going to be asked to run those aircraft carriers and those missile systems. Those are going to be the minds that are going to be asked to find the economic solutions that will assure that our country will be strong economically. And we cannot consider education budget cuts as anything less than loss of investment in minds.

And so, when we look for solutions, let us clearly understand the budget process and where your money is spent. And let us say three basic things in looking for the answers to the solution—three basic principles. Principle number one—we are not going to spend our way out of the problems that we face. Anyone who believes that we can use the type of principles that we used in the ’30s and spend our way out of the depression doesn’t remember history. Secondly, we aren’t going to tax our way out of it either although all of us will probably generally agree that if we are going to move forward, some type of budget reduction will include revenue enhancement. But let us make it very clear that the horse that draws the cart should be the spending end and not the taxing end. Point number three and a very important point is the fact that of all the things that I have learned in six years of being in the United States Congress, the one thing that I have learned the most is the fact that we have crossed the last bridge of easy answers in this country. There are no more black and white answers, yes and no, right and wrong. H. L. Mencken said it best, “There is always an easy solution for every human
problem — neat, plausible, and wrong." There are no quick fixes. There are no gimmicks. There are no levers that you are going to pull to solve the problems that we face.

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How can you as librarians, how can you serve in this function in trying to get the country to move forward? Well, as Bill Lowry will tell you, library people need to be actively involved — particularly with dumb congressmen from the Second District who don't always get all the facts before they vote. It is critically important that you write letters. How many of you have written your congressman or senators since January of this year? Raise your hands. That's an excellent response, about 25 percent. And yet, every issue that we will vote on this year will affect every one of you. And probably, I think without any reservation, I would say that you are probably the best read 10 percent of the people in the state of Oklahoma. And so, my first advice to you on how you can become more actively involved in the political process is to write and inform your congressman and senators and state representatives and state senators of the needs, not only of yourself but of your communities, not only on issues in which you are directly involved but your opinions on every issue.

Secondly, you know what I have always believed would be an excellent way to get on the good side of your congressman or senator. Offer your library or institution for a town meeting. Because we are always looking for places to have a meeting. A number of my librarians have already invited us to come into their libraries to hold town meetings. You know when you bring a congressman or state representative or state senator in there, you know if he gets there five minutes early or can stay five minutes after, you get the opportunity to personally lobby him and for him to see the success of the program in which you are involved.

You know, Tom Steed was in the United States Congress when I went to Washington back in 1978. Tom had been in Congress 32 years when I arrived. He had been a congressman two years longer than I had ever been alive. He told me in that first meeting that the role of the United States Congressman had changed substantially in just 20 years. He was always firmly convinced that what ruined the United States Congress was the television where everybody got to see what went on and, the jet airplanes where everybody could come up and visit us. But he said that in the years he had been in Congress, the role of the United States Congressman had changed. The change was that back when he first started, 80 percent of his time was committed to being a legislator and 20 percent of his time being an educator. And yet, as he retired, he believed that that had just reversed itself. That 80 percent of the time we spend trying to educate people that we represent on the issues that are going on and spend only 20 percent of our time being a legislator. With that role reversal you have a unique opportunity to assist your congressman, state representative, state senator and elected official. Because I can tell you that the worst enemy I have is an uninformed public and the best ally that I have is an informed constituency. Libraries and the people involved in the programs that you are involved in serve the best function by helping your elected officials at all levels to serve their public better.

So if you want to know how you can get involved, you should get involved in politics and in government and getting information out to the people at the state and federal level. You will find all the time that all of us welcome the opportunity to work with people who help us get that information out.

Now, before I open it up for ques-

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So those are the parameters. Who's got a question? I will talk about anything, football, basketball, anything.

Question: What is your suggestion to this Association for federal support of higher education, common education and public libraries?

Synar: I think it is important to do two things. There is a misunderstanding in this country about the amount of money we spend on education from the federal government. I pointed out that one little fact that we spend less money on federal education than we do on one aircraft carrier. That fact in itself makes your case. The other thing I would suggest is that when you look at the budgets of higher education, common education and libraries, you will see the 95 cents out of every dollar comes from the State of Oklahoma and its localities. So it's not what most Oklahomans believe. It's almost token involvement by the federal government in education. Let us not kid ourselves that the attitude of real battle is being fought with my colleague Jim Barker and your state representatives. I will tell you very frankly, ladies and gentlemen, our delegation is now meeting in Washington on a very, very regular basis with one thing in mind, which is how do we turn the State of Oklahoma's attention to the fact that if we are going to continue to be the type of state that all expect it to be, you cannot get there from here unless we make a stronger commitment to education, period. It is plain and simple. We, as a delegation, and each one of us has our individual stories, have been unable to bring industry into this state because of a lack of commitment that we have in this state to education. That's the number one priority. Taxes are like 21st in priority. Education, education, education. Can we find skilled employees? Do we have a pool of employees to go to? Can our employees' children get the kind of education which will make them willing to stay in Oklahoma? We in Oklahoma are at a decision point which will determine the next decade. Are we, as a state, prepared to bite the bullet and raise taxes or whatever it takes to put a commitment to education? As a citizen, not as a congressman, as a taxpaying citizen, as a single with no deductions, I am preparing for my taxes to go up for the future of this state. The delegation in Washington feels like we have our hands tied because we know that whatever we do, we cannot do what is necessary to get this state rolling again. Education, education, education — the need is so great.

Let me close with one story, okay? People think it is a glory to be a United States Congressman and in many ways it is. If you ever get a chance to come to Washington, make sure you stop by and see your congressional delegation, because we want to see you there. Sometimes people misunderstand what we do. About six months ago I was up in Miami. It was about 10 o'clock at night when I got back to my home in Muskogee. I went to bed, and the phone rang at 1 o'clock in the morning. And I said to myself, who would call me at 1 o'clock in the morning? So I answered the phone, and I said this is Congressman Synar, can I help you? "Congressman, this is Bill and I live on the east side of Muskogee and I've got a problem" I said, "Bill, it's 1 o'clock in the morning. Can't this problem wait until tomorrow?" He said, "No, Congressman, you've got to deal with it tonight." I said, "Well, what is it?" He said, "Congressman, they have not picked up my garbage in three weeks. The problem is the Hefty bags were piled up on the curb, and tonight the dogs have run through the neighborhood and into the Hefty bags and my wife and I have been out in the front yard for the last two hours picking up garbage." And I thought to myself at this point, one of the bad things about being in the United States Congress is the fact that you have to run for reelection every two years. And I told myself if you lost the next election by 10 or 15 votes, Bill's family probably has 20 or 30 members in it, you would regret what you wanted to tell that son-of-a-gun for calling you at 1 o'clock in the morning about garbage. So I composed myself and said, "Bill, I will be honest with you. I really don't believe there is anything I can do for you. Have you called the sanitation commissioner of Muskogee to see if he can help you?" And do you know what this guy tells me at 1 o'clock in the morning? "No, Congressman, I didn't call the sanitation commissioner. I didn't know I had to call anybody that important." I'm sorry the sanitation commissioner of Muskogee could not be here today. But I was tickled to be here.

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Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists

Barbara Ruther, Chairman

As Chair of the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists, I have set a goal for 1985-86 of professional growth through involvement. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year for library media specialists to meet, share ideas and problems, and benefit from the support of fellow professionals. Two of these opportunities will occur this fall. Please make a note of these important dates, plan to attend, and set aside some time at these meetings to get acquainted with the new O.A.S.L.M.S. officers and other members.

Sponsored by the Library Resources Section of the State Department of Education, EncycloMedia is the most relevant and practical workshop for persons interested in library media programs. Scheduled for September 12-13 at Lincoln Plaza in Oklahoma City, it features area librarians sharing the "tricks of their trade," exhibits, and keynote speakers.

Featured speakers this year include: Ken Haycock, editor of Emergency Librarian; Nancy Polette, author of 3R's for the Gifted; Jeanne Kohl, author of Growing Up Equal; and Judy Druse and Barbara Lynn, Kansas booktalkers for Best Books for Young Adults. In addition, David Titus will return with his storytelling round robin and there will be sessions on Library Management Systems presented by software firms representatives.

There will be opportunities to meet with O.A.S.L.M.S. officers at the O.L.A. exhibit table and visit about programs for the upcoming year.

The O.A.S.L.M.S. Fall Meeting, October 18th will be held during the Oklahoma Education Association conference in Tulsa. We are planning a two-part meeting with a general session of interest to all members and two follow-up sessions focusing on elementary and secondary media programs. Topics and speakers will be announced in September.

The O.A.S.L.M.S. officers encourage you to become active in your professional organization. We need to communicate with you concerning programs desired, news of interest to members, problems you may need assistance with, or suggestions for making our organization more valuable to its membership. Please contact the officer nearest you.

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GRANTS MADE BY ASCLA'S "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT" TO 15 MORE STATES

Library organizations in 15 states have been awarded grants of up to $18,500 to sponsor "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion groups at local libraries, as developed by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association.


The West Virginia Library Commission and the State Library of Iowa will receive technical assistance for consultants to come to their states and develop programs.

"Let's Talk About It" is a three-year nationwide project sponsored by ASCLA, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to assist some 300 U.S. public libraries.

The discussion groups bring together book lovers and scholars to explore themes of contemporary life and culture through a mix of classic and popular literature.

Programs are already under way in libraries in the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin.

The Oklahoma Library Association together with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries proposes to launch a statewide reading and discussion program at twelve public libraries. They will use the materials developed by the National "Let's Talk About It" project at eleven sites, and a locally developed theme at the twelfth library. Six of the libraries will host five-session programs in the fall of 1985 and six libraries will be designed to demonstrate the viability of the "Let's Talk About It" concept as a method of promoting lifelong learning through public library programming in cooperation with the resources available through local humanities scholars. Thorough evaluation of all pilot programs will provide a fund of information for future reading and discussion programs. A state project coordinator will assume primary responsibility for implementing the reading and discussion series with guidance from a planning team of humanities scholars and librarians. Oklahoma will provide an in-kind contribution of $19,909 for a total project of $37,409. Project coordinator is Margaret A. Studot, 1004 S. Pickard, Norman, OK 73069 (405) 329-8520.

Donna J. Thomas has assumed duties as Director of the Curriculum Materials Laboratory in the Oklahoma State University Library.

Mrs. Thomas received a B.A. degree in Elementary Education from Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1966, and she was awarded the M.L.S. degree from the University in Arizona in 1976.

Prior to her recent appointment in the CML, Mrs. Thomas held a temporary appointment as Assistant Documents Librarian at OSU. She served as Head of Children's Services in three separate branches of the Tucson Public Library from 1978-84, and she was Head of Young Adult Services.
Opportunities

Festival Of Books For Young People

The sixth Festival of Books for Young People will be presented by the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science on Saturday, October 5, 1985. Dr. Mildred Laughlin, Professor in the School of Library Science and Coordinator of the event reports this year's theme as "The Joy of Sharing Books." 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 Avi, Trenton, New Jersey, well-known author of books for children. His more recent books include Shadrach's Crossing (1983), a Sequoyah Masterlist nominee for 1985-86; The Fighting Ground, an ALA Notable Children's Book for 1984 and winner of the 1985 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, and Sore Losers (1984).

The morning session will also feature an amusing, informative presentation "Children and Folklore" by Alvin Schwartz, Princeton, New Jersey, master folklorist and storyteller, whose recent books include Unriddling, an ALA Notable Children's Book for 1983; In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories, an ALA Notable Children's Book for 1984; More Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark (1984) and All of Our Noses Are Here and Other Noodle Tales (1985).

The afternoon session will be conducted by Gerald McDermott, New Milford, Connecticut, distinguished author/illustrator of Arrow To The Sun which won the Caldecott Award in 1975. His most recent works are Daughter of Earth: A Roman Myth (1984) and a new book about Aladdin to be published this fall.

Academic Library Funding Poor

"Achieving and maintaining adequate funding is the most crucial issue facing academic libraries in Oklahoma," claims a special study on libraries issued by the State Regents. Prepared with the assistance of academic librarians, the report indicates recent budget cuts are a serious problem, but that state libraries were underfunded prior to the economic downturn and institutional budget cuts.

The report calls for a special one-time funds to address deficiencies from longstanding underfunding and for libraries to be funded at six percent of E&G appropriations at four-year institutions and seven percent at two-year colleges.

The study also recommends that the OSRHE hire a professional librarian to help implement recommendations of the report. Some of those other recommendations are for the State Regents to recommend that each institution budget funds as necessary to meet national standards, that a special fund the established to promote resource sharing among institutions, that the "talkback" microwave network be enhanced to include library resources, that a library preservation task force be formed to deal with deterioration of existing materials, that a continuing education program for librarians be developed, and that legislation be drafted to help stop library theft and mutilation.

CAN To Receive Award

Conservation Administration News (CAN), a quarterly publication of library and archival preservation, will receive the American Library Association's 1984-85 H.W. Wilson Library Periodical Award this summer. CAN is published by the University of Tulsa Libraries. Robert H. Patterson, Director of TU Libraries, has served as Editor of CAN since its inception in 1979. Toby Murray, TU Archivist and Preservation Officer, was appointed Managing Editor in 1984. Richard P. Kearns, TU Libraries' Business Manager, and Diane T. Boss, TU University Relations division, serve as CAN's Business Manager and Designer, respectively.

The H.W. Wilson Library Periodical Award is presented to a periodical published by a local, state or regional library, library group or library association in the United States or Canada that has made outstanding contribution to librarianship. It is presented only in those years when a periodical merits such recognition and consists of a certificate and $500.

Leon L. Bram, Chairman of the H.W. Wilson Library Periodical Award Jury, in a letter to Robert H. Patterson, stated: "The field of over forty library periodicals is a strong one, with many outstanding examples of editorial and production skill and professional dedication. Your publication's Award should be considered as well-deserved in a highly competitive contest."

The preservation of library and archival materials has recently emerged as a national concern. CAN provides information to these professionals to assist them in designing preservation programs. Each issue contains information on training and education opportunities, literature reviews, descriptions of institutional preservation programs and news of grants, conferences, and new technological developments. CAN's subject coverage and list of subscribers are international in scope.

Deadline for copy submission: the first day of the first month of the issue—that is, March 1 for the March-April issue, May 1 for the May-June issue, etc.
Resolution To Form A Coalition On Government Information

WHEREAS, A primary tenet of a free society is complete and ready access to government information and publications, which are imperative for an informed society; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of information for the American public is being directly and indirectly affected by fiscal pressures that have limited access to government information; and

WHEREAS, The taxpayer is being limited in access to unclassified information developed with government funds; and

WHEREAS, User communities are often not consulted concerning changes in the collection and dissemination of government information; and

WHEREAS, The use of secrecy in relation to government information is currently being increased by Federal government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Proposals have been made to curtail the freedom of expression of former and current Federal government employees; and

WHEREAS, Proposed government regulations dealing with protection of "unclassified controlled nuclear information" have serious implications for libraries, scientists, and other groups; and

WHEREAS, The press and various educational, scientific, consumer, and other citizen groups are becoming concerned and beginning to seek ways to reverse current trends limiting the production and access to government information; and

WHEREAS, Recent government policies have had a serious effect on scholarly and scientific research, libraries, and the right of the public to know about their government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association establish an Ad Hoc Committee to be appointed by the President of ALA to identify other concerned organizations and to form a coalition to investigate the problem and seek legislative and executive efforts to examine the collection, analysis, and dissemination of government information vital to the well being of the American public; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ad Hoc Committee responsible for forming the Coalition be composed of representatives from the ALA Legislation Committee, the Government Documents Round Table, the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and other interested ALA groups; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ad Hoc Committee present a progress report at the 1985 Annual Conference.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Washington, D.C.
January 9, 1985
(Council Document #28.7)

PAY EQUITY STILL AN ISSUE

Last year newspapers and magazines published a number of articles on the merits or demerits of pay equity, sometimes referred to as comparable worth (see; Oklahoma Librarian, July/August, 1984, p. 48). Administrative and judicial decisions issued during the first six months of 1985 have not been favorable. Most recently the U.S. Civil Rights Commission voted (April 11) to reject the concept that women should receive pay equal to men's for jobs of equal value to an employer in terms of skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions. The commission contended that the wage gap between men and women results in part from the socialization of women; childbearing and rearing, holding jobs that "accommodate family roles," and women's labor force participation. Some have referred to the commission's vote as a "blame-the-victim approach," which in effect states that women are to enter traditionally male jobs if they want higher pay. Pay equity continued to be an issue for women to achieve parity in compensation for the jobs they perform in the workplace. Also, in April, a U.S. District Court judge dismissed a sex-based wage discrimination suit brought by the American Nurses' Association against the State of Illinois. ANA charged that the state's job classification and pay structure illegally discriminated against nurses and other employees in traditionally female occupations. The lawsuit was initiated because the state had done nothing about a study it had commissioned which showed a large sex-based differential in pay between certain male and female job classifications. Some would have us believe that "the marketplace with its laws of supply and demand is best suited to determine the value of work" (Oklahoma Librarian, Nov./Dec. 1984, p. 73, quoting an editorial in the Daily Oklahoman, 24 Oct. 1984). We cannot rely on these forces to correct inequities in pay.

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Software For Direct Patron Access to Wilson Databases

The H.W. Wilson Company has introduced WILSEARCH, a new personal computer software package that offers inexpensive, direct patron access to the information in the Wilson databases. Designed to open the door to online retrieval for everyone from high school students to research chemists, WILSEARCH requires no knowledge of search languages or previous search experience. With a menu format that calls for simple user responses, searches are formulated offline, then WILSEARCH accesses the WILSONLINE computer for instantaneous retrieval of information from any of the 3,200 periodicals and 60,000 books indexed and cataloged annually in the Wilson databases.

With WILSEARCH, all of the instructions and suggestions needed to formulate and carry out searches appear on the screen of the personal computer for each step of the search procedure. An on-screen of the personal computer for each step of the procedure. An on-screen WILSEARCH overview and database descriptions clearly explain the information available and how to access it. Searchers can choose from a menu of general subject areas, and WILSEARCH will automatically select the Wilson databases that best answer their query, or they have the option to select any two Wilson databases for their search.

Searchers enter any combination of authors/names, title words, subject words, journal names, organizations, Dewey numbers, and dates, and ask WILSEARCH if these appear anywhere in the databases being searched. WILSEARCH automatically truncates some types of the search terms, finding all references to the terms with the same root.

WILSEARCH will prove especially valuable for librarians. Designed for independent use, WILSEARCH saves librarians time spent on patron assistance; built-in controls enable librarians to monitor the number of references downloaded and facilitate charge-back to patrons. The WILSEARCH diskette is copy-protected, so that librarians are protected against unauthorized use. WILSEARCH can be used with the IBM PC and all IBM-compatible computers. The Wilson Company provides a toll-free number for user assistance—a professional searcher thoroughly familiar with WILSEARCH will be available to answer questions if users need help while searching. And, WILSEARCH will be priced to meet the needs and budgets of libraries of all types and sizes.

WILSEARCH provides access to all of the information in all of the WILSONLINE databases. A special command allows users to directly access WILSONLINE. The H.W. Wilson Company’s online information system offering sophisticated searching capabilities, including up to 43 access points to bibliographic records in the WILSONLINE databases and simultaneous searching of up to 8 WILSONLINE databases.

In Search of Excellence in Oklahoma City Libraries* was the title of an educational bus tour on April 26, sponsored by the OLA Interlibrary Cooperation Committee, Support Staff Roundtable, Automation Roundtable, Public Library Division, and JMRT. An LSCA continuing education grant helped subsidize the tour. About 30 librarians and library friends participated in the tour which stopped at the following locations:

1. Oklahoma Department of Libraries for introductions to the OTIS telefacsimile, online searching, and OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem, the Circulation Department’s Data-phase automated Circulation System, as well as the State Publications Clearinghouse, Federal Documents Department, and Archives Division services;

2. Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation Library for a demonstration of their in-house automated system and discussion of its development;

3. Rose State University Library for presentations on their integrated VTLS system.

The OKC Arts Festival served as a delightful site for the lunch hour.

The purpose of the tour was to see in action some of the outstanding services and state-of-the-art technologies in Oklahoma City.

Many thanks to Marilyn Vesey, ODL, Beth Mikkola, OMRF, and Dell Hewey, RSU for coordinating the tours at their libraries.

The tour was such a success that there is talk of a similar offering next year in Tulsa during the OLA Annual Conference.

Bus Tour participants view demo of ODL's Dataphase System.
## Mark These Dates

**Schedule Of Meetings and Deadlines**

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## Rules On How To Kill Any Organization

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of other officers and members.
5. Never accept an office or assignment — it is easier to criticize than do things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed to a committee. Of course, if you are appointed, gripe and don't attend meetings.
7. If asked to give your opinion regarding an important matter, say nothing. After the meeting tell everyone how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than necessary. If other members work willingly and unselfishly, howl that your organization is run by a clique.
9. Don't bother to help get new members.
10. Don't tell your president or the board of directors how they can help you — but if they don't, resign.
11. Keep your eyes open for something wrong, and when you find it, resign, or at least raise Cain.
12. When you attend a meeting, vote to do something, then go home and do the opposite.
13. Agree to everything said at the meeting and disagree with it outside.
14. Get all the assistance your organization gives, but don't give it any.
15. Talk co-operation with you for the other fellow; but never co-operate with him.
16. At every opportunity threaten to resign. Then get your friends to resign also.
17. When everything else fails, cuss your president.

— Author unknown

## Little Gems of Wisdom

The least expensive good-will program is a smile.

Footprints on the sands of time are never made by sitting down.

It is much more important to be human than to be important.

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* Under HB 1246, Title 65, Section 1-105, recently signed into law by Governor George Nigh, records of what library materials are on loan to library patrons are strictly confidential.

The new law prevents the release of such information without the express permission of the patron on valid court order requiring release of the information. Exception to the rule includes the viewing of such records by library staff within the scope of their duties.

Oklahoma is the 26th state to enact such a law. The Oklahoma Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Library Development Committee worked for the passage of the bill. The measure will provide legal support for libraries that have already established internal policies which provide confidentiality of circulation records.

* IRC/IRRT Joint Committee on International Exchange of Librarians and Informational Professionals is collecting information about librarians who have been involved in any type of international exchange. The committee hopes to compile a directory of such individuals. Please send relevant information to Hannalore B. Rader, Director, Library/Learning Center, UW-Parkside, Box No. 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141.

* Libraries in the business of lending VCRs or computer equipment should note the experience of a Minnesota library. A patron checked out video equipment using false identification and never returned the items. The insurance company classifies this as fraud, not theft, and the present library policy does not cover fraud. The library will not be able to recoup the loss.

* The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom has released a glossary of intellectual freedom terms describing the various levels of incidents that may or may not lead to censorship. The definitions were developed by the Intellectual Freedom Committee in response to repeated questions about what to call various censorship situations.

BRIEFLY STATED

"GLOSSARY OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM TERMS"

INQUIRY: An information request, usually informal, that seeks to determine the rationale behind the presence or absence of a particular item in a collection.

EXPRESSION OF CONCERN: An inquiry that has judgmental overtones. The inquirer has already made a value judgment on the material in question.

COMPLAINT: An oral charge against the presence and/or appropriateness of the material in question.

CHALLENGE: A formal written complaint filed with the library questioning the presence and/or appropriateness of specific material.

ATTACK: A publicly worded statement questioning the value of the material, presented to the media and/or others outside the library organization, in order to gain public support for further action.

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ISSUES
The Congressional Record is not what it should be and much more than what it is. Supposedly the Record is an accurate account of the floor proceedings of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. In reality the Record is an unhealthy blend of fact and fiction. Members of Congress have the privilege of revising and extending whatever they've said or would have liked to say. Revisions range from changing grammar and punctuation to inserting entire speeches that were never made. In 1978 Congress agreed to begin inserting a black-dot "bullet", a printer's mark, before and after any remarks not actually spoken on the floor. This was supposed to clean the Record up. But Congress gave themselves several major loopholes. If they speak the first sentence of a statement, the entire statement will be printed with no bullets. If a Congressman utters "I request unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks" they can revise anything with no bullets. They can also go to the Official Reporter of Debates and request that no bullets appear.

The Government Printing Office estimated in 1983 that 70% of the Congressional Record contains material never spoken on the floor of the Senate or House. Other sources agree that 70% of the Record is fiction. At a printing cost of over $500 per page the Congressional Record is the most expensive work of fiction the American taxpayer pays for.

For more information see the excellent paper "Editing the Congressional Record" by Barbara Rehm, Freedom of Information Center Report No. 508, School of Journalism, University of Missouri at Columbia, 1985.

NOTES
Here are two 800 toll-free numbers you should jot down:
National Center for Orphan Drugs and Rare Diseases 800-336-4797. For information about the difficult diseases patrons can ask you about.
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There's a useful list of the more popular government information databases noted in "Government Databases: A Sampler," an article by Diane Garner and Diane Smith, Government Publications Review, March-April, 1985, pages 143-154. The authors include any paper publications that correspond to the databases, i.e., the U.S. Department of Interior produces both the database Water Resources Abstracts and the paper publication, a depository item, Selected Water Resources Abstracts.

The Oklahoma State University's Office of Business and Economic Research publishes an excellent compendium of data on the state's economy, this year entitled 1985 Oklahoma Economic Outlook. In addition to data on income, employment, finance, and wages, it includes economic forecast data for that year. For more information contact the Office of Business and Economic Research, College of Business Administration, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078.
HEARINGS ON STANDARDS CONTINUED

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board met May 16 at the Department to continue the hearing on the OLA/ODL Standards Committee report "Levels of Library Development."

Steve Skidmore, chairman of the Standards Committee addressed the Board about the document which is now in its fourth draft. Stating the present draft is substantially different from those previously presented, Skidmore cited a "stronger emphasis on library planning as a critical difference" from other drafts of the report.

An entire new section on long range planning, authored by committee members Sandy Ellison and John McCracken, serves as a step-by-step guide to the process of developing a long range plan and reflects the importance of planning in the entire document.

Skidmore also pointed out the deletion of Level 5 CDAs from the report because they were seen as pertinent to ODL but not to libraries in general. Level 4 was expanded in its place.

Other additions to the document include recommendations for an accreditation program, legislative program, administrative procedures revision, a glossary and an expanded bibliography.

Several members of the audience addressed the board with their comments on the document. Board chairman Sid Anderson appointed board members Ida Williams and Willa Combs to meet as a committee and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. The Board will take action on the recommendation at that time.

The ODL Board will meet again July 18 at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. (Standards have been adopted. — Ed.)

OSU LIBRARY WILL AUTOMATE

The Oklahoma State University Board of Regents has authorized expenditures for the first phase of a $4.5 million project to computerize OSU's library system.

First-year funds of more than $1.7 million will include purchase of equipment and peripherals to computerize the library's card catalog.

When completed, the four-year project will include complete automation of all library holdings, acquisitions, catalog, circulation and all management functions. Branch libraries will be included in the project.

Expenditures for fiscal year 85-86 are estimated to be $1,734,762; however, equipment discounts and grants from private industry are expected to absorb almost $1 million of the first-year cost, said Dr. Roscoe Rouse, university librarian.

"The largest grant of nearly $700,000 was made by the IBM Corporation and is of major significance in helping initiate this automation process," Rouse said.

University planners chose the Dutch firm of Swets and Zeitlinger which offered to provide its software system to the university at no cost in return for OSU serving as a development site for the final stages of system development.

The firm enjoys a worldwide reputation and has been serving libraries for more than 60 years, Rouse said. Branches of the multi-million dollar per year company are located around the world.

The automation project will include purchase of video terminals, printers, disk units and other equipment. To accommodate the library data base, the university will enhance its mainframe computer which will serve as the central processing unit for the system.

"We'll have terminals in place of a card catalog, and the data base will also be available to remote terminals," Rouse said. "Students in residence halls, faculty members in offices and others with microcomputers and terminals will have access to the mainframe computer either by direct cable or telephone hook-up."

Eventually, students will be able to check out books by using plastic "charge cards" with bar coded information, including their identification to record book withdrawals and other library functions, he said.

Planning for the library automation project goes back to 1974 when the library established a priority for automating its circulation system.

In 1980, a more complete library automation system was adopted as a long-range goal. In June, 1981, a plan and budget estimate were developed.

A library committee with advice from computer center personnel worked more than 5,000 man hours studying possible library automation systems, Rouse said.

Last fall, more than two dozen software vendors were invited to campuses to answer questions from an elaborately prepared list of specifications. Each company was given two days to make a presentation and answer questions.

Rouse said the Dutch software, Swets Automated Independent Library System, (SAILS) was chosen because it is the only integrated library system available on the market.

In addition to receiving software at no cost, the university will see additional benefits because it is estimated that several hundred thousands dollars worth of conversion of library records to machine readable forms will be performed by the Swets organization, Rouse said.

LAW ALLOWS CONFIDENTIALITY

Gov. George Nigh signed legislation that creates exceptions to the state's Open Meeting Act (Title 25, Section 301).

The bill would allow a public body to hold closed meetings to communicate with its lawyer concerning a pending investigation, claim or action if it decided, with its attorney's advice, that disclosure would seriously impair its ability to process the claim or conduct an investigation, litigation or proceeding in the public interest.

The measure, House Bill 1384, also would permit school boards to have closed sessions to discuss the purchase or appraisal of property.
BANNED BOOKS WEEK—CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM TO READ SEPTEMBER 7-14, 1985

Catcher in the Rye, Slaughter House Five, Our Bodies Ourselves, Of Mice and Men... are only a few of hundreds of books that have been challenged in libraries across the country.

WHAT DO WE READ?

Ever wonder which books had the most powerful influence on the American public and its way of life? American Heritage magazine did and asked book critic and columnist Jonathan Yardley to compile a list of 10 top influential titles:

Walden, by Henry David Thoreau (1854), "speaks to themes" that run right to the heart of American life.

Leaves of Grass, by Walt Whitman (1855), "may or may not be the greatest of American poems... but they are the most American."

Ragged Dick, or Street Life in New York, by Horatio Alger (1867), underlined the American tradition of "rugged individualism."

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain (1884), speaks of "the strain of independence that still... identifies us as Americans."

The Boston Cooking School Cookbook, by Fannie Farmer (1896), was the first cookbook to "reach a significant nationwide audience... to establish a uniform system of weights and measurements..."

The Theory of the Leisure Class, by Thorstein Veblen (1899), formed "attitudes that still have a powerful place in American life."

The Souls of Black Folk, by W.E.B. DuBois (1903), was the "seminal" title in the body of black American literature.

In Our Time, by Ernest Hemingway (1925), was the novel in which "we heard for the first time the voice that would forever change the way American language is written."

How to Win Friends and Influence People, by Dale Carnegie (1936), was the first of many books that followed to target the "longing in the American heart" for self-improvement.

The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care, by Benjamin Spock, M.D. (1946), advised mothers on the care and feeding of today's "vast army of affluent, self-preoccupied Americans," a.k.a. the baby boomers.

(Thanks to ADLIBS, newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System for this source.)
ROADS WELL TRAVELED

Virginia Collier has traveled almost every road in Oklahoma in her work for ODL. Now her travel plans will include roads throughout the world as she retires from the Department after 17 years of service.

"I have been in every public library in Oklahoma except for the one in Crescent," Virginia states. "I need to make that trip one of these days." Most of her travel throughout the state came as a part of her first position at ODL as a construction consultant for the Library Services Branch.

Virginia helped with the construction of many Oklahoma public libraries. The list is long and reaches all parts of the state including Antlers and Marlow which she terms as being her pride and joy.

Designing floor plans for new and existing libraries and serving as a consultant for adult public library services were two of Virginia's other tasks. When the Choctaw Nation and Eastern Oklahoma District library systems were formed, she designed the floor plans for the libraries that were set up as branch sites and chose the basic adult book collections.

In 1978 Virginia assumed her present position as head of U.S. Documents for ODL. "I am proud that we have brought U.S. Documents to public librarians. We have awarded grants for documents programs for public libraries for the last two years. Teaching the use of government documents is important because there is so much in them."

Virginia began her library profession at the state library in Austin, Texas and will finish her career here at ODL. "I have worked in every type of library except an academic library and I am a public librarian at heart. I have enjoyed bringing government documents to the public librarians."

Virginia was the director of the Okmulgee Public Library and also was the director of bookmobile service for Tulsa library system when it was in its formative years.

Retirement plans include continuing to share her construction expertise as an American Library Association construction consultant and traveling. There is a trip to the Orient already on the agenda and the birth of a new grandchild will be the cause of celebration soon, and there's that visit to Crescent that needs tending.

— Source: ODL Source, June 1985

REGINA MINUDRI IS ELECTED TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST OFFICE

Regina U. Minudri, director of library services, Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library, has been chosen president-elect of the American Library Association (ALA).

The president of ALA is the elected leader of the world's oldest and largest library organization, with more than 40,000 members. Minudri will serve as vice-president for 1985-86 and assume the presidency in July 1986 at the end of ALAs Annual Conference.

Minudri has served on ALA's Executive Board since 1981 in addition to memberships in ALA divisions and work on committees. She was president of the California Library Association in 1981. In 1975, she won the ALA Grolier Award for outstanding work with children and young people.

In stating her professional concerns, Minudri said that the master of library science degree must be "strengthened, clarified and defended." During her presidential year, she hopes to see the work of the Pay Equity Commission continued and enhanced.

"Just as the MLS needs validation, so does the value of our labor," she said. "Studies clearly show that librarianship, as a female-dominated profession, is undervalued."

She also said that ALA must develop defenses against new threats to citizens' access to information, such as governmental secrecy and lack of funding for information programs.

Prior to her present position at Berkeley, Minudri was assistant county librarian, Alameda County (Calif.) Library. She also was project coordinator for a federal young adult project from 1968 to 1971; regional librarian, Santa Clara County (Calif.) Library, 1962-68; and reference librarian at the Menlo Park (Calif.) Public Library, 1959-62.

She has been a lecturer for the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Berkeley since 1978 and has written many journal articles.

Minudri received her bachelor's degree from San Francisco College for Women and her master's in library science from Berkeley.
Before going to Pittsburgh, he was associate director and professor in the School of Library Science at Simmons College in Boston. He also served as chief librarian at the Abbot Public Library in Marblehead, Mass., and reference librarian at Boston University's College of General Education.

Galvin holds a bachelor's degree in English from Columbia College, Columbia University; a master's in library science from Simmons; and a doctorate in library and information science from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Galvin succeeds Robert Wedgeworth, ALA's director since 1972, who is resigning to pursue other interests. The appointment is the result of a nine-month nationwide search directed by a seven-member search committee.

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**Johnson Re-elected Chair of AMIGOS Board**

The AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc. Board of Trustees has re-elected Edward R. Johnson, Director of Libraries at North Texas State University, to a second term as Chairperson of the Board. Oklahomans on the 12-member Board for 1985-86 are John A. Walker; East Central Oklahoma State University, Marilyn L. Hinshaw; Eastern Oklahoma District Library System, J. Richard Madaus; Northeastern Oklahoma State University.

AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc. is a resource-sharing network serving more than 280 member libraries in the Southwest and Mexico. AMIGOS' services include brokering, training and on-going support for users of the OCLC system. Through its Tandem computer system, AMIGOS is developing magnetic tape products and services that complement those offered by OCLC and other library vendors. Retrospective conversion is available using the AMIGOS' SHARES Data Base and OCLC. Additional services include discounts for microform catalogs and online reference services, and consulting.

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**OSU LIBRARY ANNOUNCES TWO FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

**SUE ANN MORITZ JOHNSON** assumed duties as Assistant Physical Sciences Librarian in the Oklahoma State University Library on July 1 of this year.

Ms. Johnson received her Diploma in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma in 1955. She received the B.A. and M.L.S. degrees from the same institution in 1967 and 1968 respectively. She was awarded a Certificate of Advanced Study in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1984.

Ms. Johnson served as a Library Consultant with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in 1968-69. She served as Head Cataloger in the Biomedical Library at the University of California, San Diego, from 1969-71.

During part of 1971, she served as a Reference Librarian in the Biomedical Library, and from September of that year through 1983 she held the position of Head of the Medical Center Library. Ms. Johnson has served since January of 1985 as Acquisitions Librarian at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

**BARBARA C. GREEVER** assumed duties as Assistant Cataloger in the Oklahoma State University Library on July 1 of this year.

Ms. Greever received her B.A. in Art from Whitman College in 1978. She also holds the M.F.A. from the Rochester Institute of Technology which was awarded in 1983, and she recently received her M.L.S. from the University of Indiana.

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**GIANT KELLOGG GRANT FOR OKLAHOMA**

An agreement that will bring $5.6 million to Oklahoma for adult education programs is official. Oklahoma and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battlecreek, Michigan have signed an agreement for the five-year program.

The grant designates the development of a telecommunications network that will include 12 libraries throughout the state as sites for adult continuing education programs.
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