Key Topics for First Quarter

OLAs First Quarter for 1985-86 is “fast-tracking” with initial meetings for all Divisions, Roundtables, Committees and full agendas for the Executive Committee. Two statewide library-related programs, described below, promise new service opportunities for Oklahoma libraries. Some of the key topics from this first quarter are summarized below.

**Topic: Theme for 1985-86; “Managing Change: Planning Libraries’ Futures”**

Building on the theme and focus of the previous year that emphasized membership growth, participation, and evaluation of the association, I have set as the general theme for 1985-86, “Managing Change: Planning Libraries’ Futures.” The OLA Membership approved several significant changes to its Bylaws at the 1985 Conference in Stillwater including the addition of a new standing committee, the Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee. This committee is charged with the formulation (and subsequent annual review) of a long-range strategic plan for the Association; Donna Skvarla, OLA’s Vice-President/President-Elect, is chairing the new committee.

**Topic: Leadership Conference Focuses on “Excellence”**

With underwriting provided by the OLA Past Presidents, the Leadership Conference for all OLA Officers, Chairpersons and Chairpersons-Elect, held on May 31, led the participants through new techniques for undertaking their OLA responsibilities. Consultant Denise Cavanaugh of Capital Gains, Inc., a Washington, D.C. based firm conducted an innovative workshop that challenged the OLA leaders to take advantage of anticipated changes in carrying out a program of work. A follow-up meeting of the new officers and chairpersons on June 14 addressed financial planning for the new OLA year.

**Topic: “Let’s Talk About It” Reading and Discussion Programs**

Oklahoma is one of thirty states awarded an $18,500 Subgrant to participate in a humanities-based reading and discussion program for the out-of-school adult. This exciting nationwide program series sponsored by the American Library Association and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities is called “Let’s Talk About It.” The Oklahoma program series is co-sponsored by the OLA and the ODL. The year-long program which will involve twelve pilot public libraries is being coordinated by Margaret Studer (1004 S. Pickard, Norman, OK 73069; 405-329-8520); Maureen Goldsberry of the Pioneer Multi-County Library System is Project Director. Oklahoma libraries are also indebted to Peter Caldwell of the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities and Harbour Winn, Ph.D., and academic scholar from Oklahoma City for their invaluable assistance in preparing the grant proposal and coordination of the project. The six community libraries selected for the pilot program this Spring are in Moore, Shawnee, Chickasha, Eufaula, Tonkawa and the hardesty South Regional Branch in Tulsa. A number of other libraries interested in submitting applications to participate in the Fall program series attended a demonstration workshop on August 22.

**Topic: OLA Opposes Removal of Library Book by Sallisaw Board of Education**

At its meeting in May 1985 the OLA Executive Board, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution officially opposing an action taken by the Sallisaw Board of Education on May 13, 1985 “to ban the free-choice book, The Sisters Impossible, from Sallisaw Public Schools’ library and media centers, an action that was allowed to stand in the face of sincere and reasoned protest by many citizens and teachers and librarians at that Board’s meeting of may 13, 1985, . . . .” The OLA resolution stated that “we believe the action taken by the . . . Board . . . is an act of censorship and against the welfare of students, teachers, librarians and all citizens of Oklahoma.” The resolution requested that the Board remove the (continued on page 153)
ban and return the book to the school library shelves and that the Board "abide by duly-adopted selection policies, which place the responsibility for selection of free-choice books with the professional educators training and employed to do this work." The Executive Board acted on this matter upon the advice of the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and within the Association’s Policies and Procedures for Handling Reported Violations of Intellectual Freedom. Then-OLA President Norman Nelson communicated the OLA resolution in writing to the Sallisaw Board of Education. The Sallisaw Board of Education has refused to rescind its action to ban the book and the OLA Executive Board and its Intellectual Freedom Committee are continuing to pursue the matter. At this writing, a strategy meeting on the censorship issue is planned with representatives from the Freedom to Read Foundation and Sallisaw citizens who opposed the book banning. The OLA must remain vigilant against actions that seek to erode our First Amendments rights. OLA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee invites information about censorship issues in Oklahoma’s libraries.

Topic: 1986 Tulsa Conference Theme: “Reading the Future”

The Program Committee, chaired by Barbara Spriestersbach, is also "off and running." At its August 16 meeting, the committee selected the theme for the 1986 OLA Conference in Tulsa, "Reading the Future," to signify future planning, the changing roles of libraries and the need for libraries to remain responsive to new responsibilities ranging from literacy programs to the new technology. This committee agreed to request that the Executive Board approve an expanded format for the OLA Tulsa Conference with program meetings from Thursday through Saturday morning in order to accommodate all program needs.

FREE ACCESS BOOSTED IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY

By Duane H. Meyers Associate Director for Management Services

The Metropolitan Library System’s staff now has clear and official instructions from its library board:

“A. To respect the right of any eligible person, regardless of age or other characteristic, to check out any material available for circulation.

“B. To keep confidential any information that would link a specific individual or group with subjects or titles of materials unless such information is needed in the course of library duties or mandated by a valid court order.”

So reads Section I of the Metropolitan Library Commission’s revised Circulation Policies, adopted June 20, 1985.
CIRCULATION RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL

House Bill 1246 was signed into law May 24, 1985, by Oklahoma Governor George Nigh.

HB 1246 protects the privacy of library users' records from public disclosure. In simple terms, that means what an Oklahoman checks out from his or her library is nobody else's business unless (s)he permits it to be or if a valid court order forces the library to release the information.

Library staff needing the circulation or reserve records to carry out their official library duties will continue to have the information, of course, but are not to disclose it publicly except as mentioned above.

The law, which takes effect Nov. 1, 1985, applies to all libraries — public, school, academic-supported in whole or in part by public funds.

Some libraries, including the Metropolitan Library System, have protected the confidentiality of library users' records for years as a principle of intellectual freedom. HB 1246 makes that practice official.

The Oklahoma Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee, chaired for the past two years by Duane Meyers, the Metropolitan Library System's associate director for management services, led the effort to get the legislation passed.

Meyers was succeeded July 1 as OLA-IFC chair by Anne Million. Million, who coordinated the OLA-IFC's campaign for the bill, is a reference librarian at the University of Oklahoma Library.


Oklahoma is the 27th state to pass a library users' confidentiality law.

Looking on while Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh signs the library bill to protect the confidentiality of library users' records are, from left, Rep. Penny Williams, D-Tulsa; Anne Million, OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee; Sen. Paul Taliaferro, D-Lawton; Rep. Carolyn Thompson, D-Norman; Rep. Roy B. Hooper, Jr., D-Cornech County, and Duane H. Meyers, OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee chair.

ECU'S LINScheid LIBRARY ANNOUNCES TWO FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

On July 3, Joyce Williams Bergin and Louise Stevens Robbins assumed duties as A-V Automation Librarian and Technical Services Librarian respectively at East Central University's Linscheid Library.

Ms. Bergin received her B.A. degree in English from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1970. She received a Masters in Education; specializing in education of the handicapped, from the College of William and Mary in 1973. In December of 1984, Ms. Bergin received a MLS degree from Texas Woman's University.

For eleven years, Ms. Bergin taught English and special education courses. She served as Children's Librarian at the Ada Public Library for approximately three years. Active in civic and professional organizations, Mrs. Bergin serves on the Board of Directors of the Pontotoc County Literacy Coalition and as secretary of the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

Ms. Robbins received her B.A. in English from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Knoxville, and completed an M.Ed in secondary English at East Central University in 1973. In August, 1984, she completed her MLS at Texas Woman's University.

For a short time city editor of the Ada Evening News, Ms. Robbins has for the last ten years been on the faculty of Byng School. She has taught summer school and Ardmore classes for East Central University. A former Mayor of Ada, Ms. Robbins is chairman of the Pontotoc County Literacy Coalition, and is active in other civic and professional groups.
Job Hunting: What Am I Worth!

Whatever you can "bargain." You know you're qualified. They want you for the job. And now it's time to talk money. Should you bid high or low? According to Brenda Magor (Journal of Applied Psychology, Vol. 14, No. 5) you've got everything to gain by asking for the higher salary. (Don't go overboard.) Asking for a lower salary to appear more of a "bargain" is a self-defeating strategy, says Magor. "Once you know that they want you, you don't improve your chances of being hired by bidding too low." Sure, a negative consequence of asking for the higher salary is that you risk looking greedy. So, bid high, but not too high.

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OKLAHOMA'S OPEN RECORD ACT

By Richard E. Rea
Personnel Officer, Metropolitan Library System

Senate Bill 276 was passed by both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature and signed by the Governor becoming the Oklahoma Open Records Act. It will become effective on November 1, 1985. The purpose of the act is to ensure and facilitate the public's rights of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power.

Although House Bill 1246, also effective November 1, 1985, provides that library users' records are not a matter of public record, the Open Records Act certainly does make available to the public information which heretofore was considered confidential by many public agencies including public libraries. Interestingly, the wording of the exclusion provisions of the Open Records Act leaves room for disagreement as to the confidentiality of the library users' records even in light of the passage of HB 1246.

In order to understand the full extent of what is covered by this act, it is necessary to define the term record. The act has done so as follows:

"Record means all documents, including, but not limited to any book, paper, photograph, microfilm, computer tape, disk, and record, sound recording, film, video record or other material regardless of physical form or characteristic, created by, received by, under the authority of, or coming into the custody, control or possession of public officials, public bodies, or their representatives in connection with the transaction of public business, the expenditure of public funds or the administering of public property."

To clarify the term public official, the act defines it as "any official or employee of any public body." Public body is so broadly defined that it covers virtually all governmental or tax supported agencies within the state with the exception of judges, justices, the state legislature and state legislators.

Presented here are those sections of the Act which appear to have direct impact on public libraries.

Section 5. All records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person for inspection, copying, and/or mechanical reproduction during regular business hours; provided:

1. This act does not apply to records specifically required by law to be kept confidential including:
   a. records not discoverable under state law such as material prepared in anticipation of litigation or trial; or
   b. records protected by a state evidentiary privilege such as attorney-client and the identity of informer privileges; or
   c. records of what transpired during meetings of a public body lawfully closed to the public such as executive sessions authorized under the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

2. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record containing exempt material shall be provided after deletion of the exempt portions.

3. A public body may charge a fee only for recovery of the reasonable, direct costs of document copying, and/or mechanical reproduction. However, if the request is:
   a. solely for commercial purposes; or
   b. clearly would cause excessive disruption of the public body's essential functions;

then the public body may charge a reasonable fee to recover the direct cost of document search.

Any public body establishing fees under this act shall post written schedule of said fees at its principle office and with the county clerk.

In no case shall a search fee be charged when the release of said documents is in the public interest, including, but not limited to, release to the news media, scholars, authors and taxpayers seeking to determine whether those entrusted with the affairs of the government are honestly, faithfully, and competently performing their duties as public servants.

Said fees shall not be used for the purpose of discouraging requests for information or as obstacles to disclosure of requested information.

4. A public body must provide prompt, reasonable access to its records but may establish reasonable procedures which protect the integrity and organization of its records and to prevent excessive disruption of its essential functions.

5. A public body shall designate certain persons who are authorized to release records of the public body for inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction. At least one such person shall be available at all times to release records during the regular business hours of the public body.

Section 7.

A. A public body may keep personnel records confidential:

1. Which relate to internal personnel investigations including examination and selection material for employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation; or

2. Where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy such as employee evaluations, payroll deductions, or employment applications submitted by persons not hired by the public body.

B. All personnel records not specifically falling within the exceptions provided in subsection A of this section shall be available for public inspection and copying including, but not limited to, records of:

1. An employment application of a person who becomes a public official;

2. The gross receipts of public funds;

3. The dates of employment, title or position; and

4. Any final disciplinary action resulting in loss of pay, suspension, demotion of position, or termination.

C. Except as may otherwise be made confidential by statute, an employee of a public body shall have a right of access to his own personnel file.

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Section 9. Prior to taking action, including making a recommendation or issuing a report, a public official may keep confidential his or her personal notes and personally created materials other than departmental budget requests of a public body prepared as an aid to memory or research leading to the adoption of a public policy or the implementation of a public project.

Section 10. If disclosure would give an unfair advantage to competitors or bidders, a public body may keep confidential records relating to:

1. Bid specifications for competitive bidding prior to publications by the public body; or
2. Contents of sealed bids prior to the opening of bids by a public body; or
3. Computer programs or software but not data thereon; or
4. Appraisals relating to the sale or acquisition of real estate by a public body prior to award of a contract.

Section 11.

A. A public body may keep confidential library, archive, or museum materials donated to the public body to the extent of any limitations imposed as a condition of the donation of any information which would reveal the identity of an individual who lawfully makes a donation to a public body if anonymity of the donor is condition of the donation.

B. If library, archive, or museum materials are donated to a public body and the donation may be claimed as a tax deduction, the public body may keep confidential any information required as a condition of the donation except the date of the donation, the appraised value claimed for the donation, and a general description of the materials donated and their quantity.

Section 13. Records coming into the possession of a public body from the federal government or records generated or gathered as a result of federal legislation may be kept confidential to the extent required by federal law.

Because libraries are in the information business, we want our collections to be “open” to the public; however, the law opens up most of our administrative and personnel files. The exceptions to the open status of records are limited. The implications are many and the applications of the law could be far reaching.

Public employees who for one reason or other have unlisted telephone numbers will now find those unlisted numbers to be a matter of public record if they were listed on their applications for employment. Home addresses, educational levels, employment histories and similar information will be available to anyone who requests to see the applications. Working documents prepared in the preparation of recommendations or reports will now be open to the public after the presentation of the final document has been made.

The year 1985 has certainly been one with many impacts on public libraries. The Garcia Decision by the U.S. Supreme Court has made the Fair Labor Standards Act applicable to public agencies. The Loudermill Decision again by the U.S. Supreme Court has ended the employment-at-will concept insuring due process in certain personnel actions. HB 1246 has protected users’ rights while SB 276 has opened up most of the other files and records retained by public agencies. What the future may hold in store for public libraries is unknown; but, if this year is an example, we have many changes for which to prepare.

National Photo Winners Announced

Grand prize winners have been announced in the “Nation of Readers” national photography contest sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA).

The winning photographs portray readers of all ages in a variety of settings — trolley car, beach, school, newsstand and restaurant. A “Nation of Readers” traveling exhibition will open in the fall at the Library of Congress and be available for showing at libraries nationwide.

Receiving honorable mention in the Adult Color Division were Jean Botts’ “But Mom, Which One?” submitted by Miami (OK) Public Library and in the Youth Color Division Scott Haynie’s “As the Twig is Bent,” submitted by TCCL.

The Governor’s Mansion Library Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association presents a scrapbook to Donna Nigh. The scrapbook, compiled by the committee this year, traces the history of the Governor’s Mansion Library, which was organized in 1967 under the administration of Dewey Bartlett. The Oklahoma Library Association and the Department of Libraries maintains, develops, and promotes this significant collection of books housed at the Governor’s Mansion for use by the Governor and his family for pleasure and informational reading. The library is located on the ground floor to the right of the foyer in the mansion. A unique mixture of books, ranging from an OXFORD DICTIONARY OF NURSERY RHYMES to a special collection of Will Rogers’ books, line the shelves in the library, as well as books published about Oklahoma and the history of the Southwest. Contributions made by groups or individuals are always welcomed by the committee. If anyone is interested in making a donation, contact Vicki Stewart, 2358 London Lane, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Pictured from left to right: Vicki Stewart, Bartlesville, Chairman of the Governor’s Mansion Library Committee, Geraldine Adams, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Donna Nigh, and Joyce Pippins, Shawnee, committee member.
COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Topic of O.A.S.L.M.S. Meeting

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists' Fall Meeting, October 17th, will feature a communications workshop led by Dr. Janet Mills, Associate Professor of Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma. Since school media specialists work with a variety of patrons, effective communication skills are vitally important. Dr. Mills has conducted workshops for schools, libraries, Chambers of Commerce, the Department of the Army, and other private and public organizations. She has been on the faculty of the Institute for Organization Management of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States since 1979.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday afternoon during the Oklahoma Education Association Conference to enable interested media specialists to attend the O.A.S.L.M.S. and the O.E.A. School Librarian's Division meetings on the same day. The O.E.A. program will feature a presentation on micro-computer-based circulation systems and is scheduled for 8-10 a.m. Thursday. The O.A.S.L.M.S. workshop will be preceded by a short business meeting at which we will outline plans for the Spring Conference and discuss committee activities.

The meeting will take place at the Tulsa City-County West Regional Library located at 2224 West 51st Street. It is near the intersections of I-44 and Highway 75, just west of Union Avenue. Registration will begin at 12:45 and is free to all O.A.S.L.M.S. members. The business meeting will begin at 1:00, followed by the workshop which will end at 4:00 p.m. Join us at the Fall Meeting for "Communication Skills: Enhancing Your Effectiveness" and for a chance to communicate with media specialists from across the state.

Barbara Rather
Chair, O.A.S.L.M.S.

OLA NOMINATING COMMITTEES

If you are interested in being a candidate for an OLA office or would like to suggest someone else for office, you should contact the nominating committees prior to December 1.

The 1985 OLA Nominating Committee members are:

Theresa Dickson, Shawnee, Chairman — 405-275-8353
Anne Masters, Norman — 405-360-0220
Shirley Pelley, Bethany — 405-769-6400

Division and Roundtable Nominating Committees are as follows:

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TECHNICAL SERVICES ROUNDTABLE
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Jean Mackey, Tulsa — 918-592-6000
Nedria Santizo, Norman — 405-325-4081

Nominating committees for the Trustees Division and Administrative, Reference, Social Responsibilities and Special Collections and Archives Roundtables have not yet been selected.

For further information, contact Kay Boles — 405-348-0506.

The Oklahoma Library Association recognizes meritorious achievement in the field of library service by presenting awards, honors and citations at the annual conference. The next conference will be held April 24-25 in Tulsa.

The Awards Committee consisting of Jo Herstand, Elizabeth Max, Michelynn McKnight and William Lowry, chairman, requests nominations from the Oklahoma Library Association membership for the following awards:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD to a librarian in recognition of inspired leadership, devoted service and unusual contributions to Oklahoma libraries for a period of five years or more.

CITIZEN'S RECOGNITION AWARD to individuals, not librarians, who have demonstrated a sound and special interest in libraries and library service on a state wide basis, and

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION to individuals who have made a contribution of an outstanding nature on one particular project for OLA or the field of librarianship.

Nominations should be sent, no later than January 1, 1986, to Williams H. Lowry, Chairman, OLA Awards Committee, Pioneer Multi-County Library, 225 N. Webster, Norman, OK 73069.

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Microforms in Libraries: A Manual for Evaluation and Management ($8.95) enables public, academic, and special librarians to take full advantage of the dramatic increase of library materials available in microform. This handy guide serves two purposes: it describes the organization and management of a library microform reading facility and it explains the physical properties of different types of microforms and how to evaluate their technical quality.

Chapter 1, "Microform Basics," covers the different formats of microforms and the advantages and disadvantages inherent in each, and "Evaluating the Quality of Library Microforms" discusses microform acquisition. "Collection Management" describes the special processing and storage requirements of microforms. "The Microform Reading Facility" discusses space and furniture requirements for the reading area. Selection, maintenance, and repair are covered in "Reading and Printing Equipment." Finally, "Public Service" discusses staffing requirements, bibliographic access, and circulation. Three appendices include a glossary, a bibliography, and a list of selected standards and specifications.

Microforms in Libraries: A Manual for Evaluation and Management was prepared by ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division.

"PUBERTY, PREGNANCY, AND PARENTING: TEEN SEX AND SEXUALITY"

Aspects of adolescent sex and sexuality is the topic of a special two-part feature in the November 15 issue of Booklist, the American Library Association's (ALA) review journal for school and public libraries.

"Puberty, Pregnancy, and Parenting: Teen Sex and Sexuality" highlights books and audiovisual materials for and about young people experiencing the physical, social and emotional aspects of sexuality. The annotated bibliography was compiled from materials recommended in Booklist within the last five years.

The multimedia recommendations are geared to collection development, curriculum units, and program needs of librarians and community groups working with young adults. Many of the titles are also appropriate for personal use by teens.

For information, write Booklist, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

REPRINTS OF BOOKLIST SPECIAL LISTS AVAILABLE

Two special lists — Information for Everychild and Contemporary Classics for Young Adults — are available as reprints from Booklist, the American Library Association's (ALA) review journal for school and public libraries.

An annotated listing of 75 nonfiction books for children, "Information for Everychild" was prepared by Barbara Ellerman, editor of Booklist's Children's Books section, and her former coeditor, Betsy Hearn. To considerations of clarity, accuracy, currency and illustrative format, the compilers added the criterion of enthusiasm of presentation in selecting the titles.

Booklist's Young Adult Books staff compiled "Contemporary Classics for Young Adults," a collection of 50 adult novels with literary merit and appeal for young adults published since 1950.

Single copies of the reprints are free upon receipt of a self-addressed, #10 envelope stamped with 39¢ postage. Multiple copies are 25¢ each, with the following discounts available: 25-50, 10 percent; 51-250, 20 percent; 251-500, 30 percent; 501 or more, 40 percent. All orders under $20 must be prepaid. Write Marketing Director/Information for Everychild or YA Contemporary Classics, ALA Booklist, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

GODOCS

By Betsy Aldridge

All OLA/GODORT members, depository librarians, and others concerned about the future of government information and the depository system are urged to attend the OLA/GODORT planning meeting from 9:30-3:30, October 18, 1985 at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries South Conference Room. Bring ideas for updating the state plan (see the back of the Oklahoma Directory of Depositories for Federal Publications and State Publications, 1984, for the current state plan). Contact myself, OLA/GODORT chair, at East Central University Library, Ada, Oklahoma, (405) 332-8000, ext. 565, Doris Westfield, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Tulsa City-County Library, or Diane Calvin, Secretary-Treasurer, Northwestern State University Library for details.

Congratulations to Virginia Collier on her retirement. We have appreciated the leadership you have brought to the ODL Regional Depository, creating a reputation of fast, efficient, effective service. And congratulations to Steve Beleu on his promotion. He will do a double on the tradition of excellence.

I was fortunate to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and a bit overwhelmed at the number of serious issues currently facing professionals. I will list some of these issues and be happy to follow up with details if you will contact me at the above phone number/address:

The OMB Circular/Access to government information, and privatization (see American Libraries, July/August issue, p. 509 for coverage of "Whose Information is it anyway?");

Electronic access by depository librarians to federal databases;

Quality of education for document librarians; (an education task force has been established);
National Children's Book Week, November 11-17, 1985, marks the 66th anniversary of this annual event sponsored by the Children's Book Council, Inc. The 1985 Book Week theme is GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES! Talented artists and authors have created exciting materials to help children and young adults celebrate Book Week.

GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES! roll in with Marc Brown's full-color, 17" x 22" official National Children's Book Week poster of a literature dinosaur on roller skates. ($3.50 each)

New Yorker cartoon artist Edward Koren's full-color, 17" x 22" Young Adult poster depicts a group of furry creatures enjoying the GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES! of National Children's Book Week.

A full-color, 36" x 7" frieze by Vera Williams features boys and girls of different ethnic backgrounds at their apartment windows experiencing the quiet moments of GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES!

Two-color, 6" x 22" streamers by Nancy Carlson, Tracey Campbell Pearson, and Amy Schwartz evoke friendship, fantasy, and storybook characters inspired by the GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES! theme.

Lee Bennett Hopkins is the 1985 Book Week poet whose original poem appears on a 2 1/4" x 6" bookmark with a detail from the Marc Brown Book Week poster.

All of these materials are available separately or in money-saving, pre-packed kits. An illustrated brochure of Book Week materials is available from the Children's Book Council for a 22c-stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Thousands of schools and libraries across the country will plan special GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES! activities during the week of November 11-17, 1985 to remind young people that reading is important and that it is FUN.

The Children's Book Council, the official sponsor of National Children's Book Week, is a non-profit association of children's and Young Adult publishers. Proceeds from the sale of materials support CBC projects related to young people and books.

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A new American Library Association (ALA) award offering $10,000 — the largest single ALA award — has been established to honor Kansas librarian Carroll Preston Baber (1885-1970).

The award, given by Baber's son Eric, will be presented annually to a librarian for an innovative research project to improve services to a specific group of people. The Baber award is the first ALA award to specifically support research.

Born 100 years ago in Clifton, Kan., Baber served for 28 years as librarian, professor of library science, library school director and librarian emeritus at Kansas State Teachers College, now Emporia State University. He directed the building of its William Allen White Library and won national recognition for its library school.

Baber was active in ALA and served several terms on ALA Council. He was also a writer and poet.

ALA Awards Committee Chair Patricia Breivik says that new uses of technology in improving services and cooperative projects will receive special consideration for the Baber award. Applicants must document their ability to complete successful projects and to obtain sufficient release time from their regular responsibilities.

Information and applications are available from Elaine K. Wingate, ALA Headquarters, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 (312/944-6780). Applicants who wish to may submit a draft proposal by Dec. 2 and discuss their ideas with the jury at ALA's Midwinter Meeting, Jan. 18-23. The final application deadline is March 1.

The award will be presented July 3 at ALA's 1986 Annual Conference in New York City.
ALC COUNCILOR'S REPORT

By Ray D. Lau

"Forging Coalitions for the Common Good," ALA President E. J. Jossey's theme this year, was again emphasized during the Annual Conference in Chicago July 6-11, 1985. Your Council attended the following sessions: Council-Executive Board Meeting; Membership Meetings I and II; Council Meetings I, II, and III; Chapter Relations Conclave; and three Chapter Caucuses.

Strategic Long-Range Planning

At the 1985 Midwinter Conference, Council approved the Strategic Long-Range Planning process (SLRP). Since then ALA staff have developed a calendar identifying key activities to be accomplished. The first phase concerns information gathering to culminate with the drafting of a Mission Statement that will specify ALA's reasons for existence, give scope and direction to its activities, and support its program planning.

In keeping with the mandate that the entire planning process be participatory, a meeting was organized at the conference to ensure that individual members' views would be incorporated into the Mission Statement. An audience of four hundred persons was divided into small groups to draft a number of mission statement proposals. Some of the common elements mentioned were upholding freedom of information, promoting cooperation, advancing the understanding and use of libraries, and promoting librarians' welfare.

To further assist in the planning process, an outline of planning exercises was made available to Chapter Presidents to use with organizations, particularly chapters and units of ALA.

Executive Board-Council Meeting

This meeting focused on essential Association business and served as an information session between the Executive Board and Council. Robert Wedgeworth, ALA Executive Director, discussed the reassurance of the tax exempt status of our headquarters at Huron Plaza.

An Endowment Trustees Report was given in response to Council's request. It was reported that ALA's Endowment Fund grew 25% during the past year. The Endowment banks with Northern Trust Company and is advised by two of that bank's financial advisors. The fund is a mixture of corporate bonds, government securities, and various money market accounts. ALA President E. J. Jossey announced officially that the Endowment Trustees have been charged with the responsibility of preparing, in as timely a manner as possible, their plan to the Executive Board for the divestiture of ALA stock from companies doing business with South Africa.

Council Meetings

Among the major items acted upon by Council are the following:

1. Commission on Freedom and Equality of Access to Information. After a lengthy debate, the Council voted to accept the report; thank the Commission for its work; invite the Commission and/or individual members of the Commission and/or ALA members to submit input, corrections, etc. before the 1986 Midwinter Meeting. At that time the Council will then make a decision about the report.

2. Resolution on National Divisional Conferences. Council was asked to approve a resolution enabling ALA divisions to hold national conferences no more frequently than once every two years. It was moved and approved to refer this resolution to the Executive Board for study and recommendation.

3. Minimum Salary Resolution. Council approved that ALA urge each state to establish a recommended minimum starting salary for full-time professional positions.

A detailed list of all Council actions appeared in the August issue of American Libraries.

During the 1984-85 school year, student members of National Honor Society of Shawnee High School raised money to buy book-ends for the Governor's Mansion Library as a service project for their organization. The finished book-ends were displayed at the Governor's Mansion Library Committee's booth at Oklahoma Library Association's Convention at Stillwater in the spring and, during the summer, were presented to Mrs. Donna Nigh by Robert H. Jones, Jr., President of NHS, and Steve Rader, Chaplain. Sponsors of the presenters are Mrs. Diana Inman, SHS English teacher, and Mrs. Joyce Pipps, Librarian and member of OLA's GML Committee.
Establish a satellite-based network that will put televised educational programming within the reach of all the state's citizens. The O.S.U. Teleconferencing Network is being created with an $874,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The grant will pay for the construction of 19 satellite receiving dishes to be strategically located throughout the state. Grant funds will also be used to upgrade equipment at the university's telecommunications center, and for program and personnel development. (Source: Chronicles of Higher Education, July 3, 1985, p. 3).

- A number of library schools have closed recently: Denver, Minnesota, Case Western, and Geneseo.

- Special Library Association has a new address: 1700 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202) 234-4700.

- The University of Oklahoma's School of Library Science has been changed to the School of Library and Information Studies.

- We are most grateful to Kay Boies, Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Library Association. Kay will remain in Oklahoma after all.

- Pamela Jo Bean, a student of library science at the University of Oklahoma, is the first recipient of the Oklahoma Library Association's Scholarship. Pamela was presented with a check for $500 for her graduate studies by Frances Alsworth, past-president of OLA, at a recent executive board meeting. Pam is employed as a school librarian with the Ardmore School District. Recognition of the award and presentation of the scholarship certificate will be made at a general session of the spring conference. OLA has worked long and hard to develop a scholarship program. The scholarship is funded by the Past-Presidents' Fund. The Gannett Publishing Company will be making contributions.

- Total OLA membership for 1984-85 was 960. As of July OLA had 215 more members than a year ago. This is our year to break 1,000. Let's go for it.
"I'd Rather Be Reading" Is a Hit!

Students at Allegheny High School in Allegheny, New York receive "I'd Rather Be Reading" book marks with each book borrowed from the school library. Librarian Irene Stevens said she ordered them because the slogan "certainly caught my eye. I knew it set off a lot of thought processes in my students, too." "We gave away a number of the pins to our customers," says Gail See of The Bookcase book store in Wayzata, Minnesota. "People have responded very favorably to the program because, after all, wouldn't you rather be reading?"

Since its inception in 1983, the Association of American Publishers' "I'd Rather Be Reading" program has caught the imagination of thousands of booksellers, librarians, and individuals across the country. The latest addition to the family of items available is the "I'd Rather Be Reading" note pad, printed on 5½" by 7" stock, and available in lots of 10.

The campaign was first developed as part of the AAP's response to one of America's greatest problems: adult illiteracy. The number of illiterate adults is currently growing by 2½ million people per year. As one facet of this effort, the campaign was launched to provide a high-profile, low-cost way to promote the value of reading for its own sake, as a pleasure as well as utilitarian activity. The slogan itself has its origins as a protest from a well-known publisher at a particularly grueling editorial meeting. It caught on quickly, and nearly a million items have been distributed to date in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, Australia, and India.

"I'd Rather Be Reading" is a jointly sponsored project of the Association of American Publishers and The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Buttons, bumper stickers, bookmarks, shopping bags, and the new note pads are currently available. Wouldn't you rather be reading?

HOW TO FIND TIME TO READ A BOOK is a list of 10 excellent suggestions found in the newsletter of the Auburn (Me.) Public Library:

1. Talk less.
2. Carry a book in your purse.
3. If you can't sleep, read.
4. Get up 15 minutes earlier to read.
5. Keep a book handy to pick up while in the kitchen, if TV is boring, or whenever you have a moment.
6. Read while you wait for someone.
7. Read while you wait in the office of your dentist, doctor or lawyer.
8. Keep a book in your car in case of traffic jams or repair waits.
10. Remember that a book in the hand is worth two in the bookcase!

Federal Register Availability

In the April 19 Federal Register (pp. 15674-84), the Office of the Federal Register published a list of libraries where the FR and Code of Federal Regulations are available for examination free of charge. Any library that maintains these publications, makes them available to the public, and wishes to be included on future lists should write to the Director of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408, or phone (202) 423-2227 giving the name and address of the library.

Tulsa Trustee ReceivesALA Trustee Citation

Peggy Helmerich has received a 1985 Trustee Citation from the American Library Association (ALA).

The citation is one of two presented each year to trustees for distinguished service to library development, on the local, state or national level.

Mrs. Helmerich was cited for "extraordinary accomplishment on behalf of the Tulsa City-County Library System, for her informed vision and imaginative leadership as the primary force in an effort to create a two million dollar endowment fund, for her enthusiasm, vigor and perseverance and for the shining example she has set in demonstrating the value of volunteerism and the potential for volunteer involvement in creating alternative funding sources."

Mrs. Helmerich has been a member of the Tulsa City-County Library Commission since 1973, and has served as secretary, vice-chairman and chairman. She is secretary/treasurer of the Tulsa Library Trust and was president from 1980-84.

Her other activities include serving on the Gilcrease Museum Board of Directors, the Philbrook Art Center Board of Directors, the board of the Bizzell Library Society of the University of Oklahoma, Woman's Board of Northwestern University, Pro America Board of Directors and Oklahoma State University's Centennial Advisory Commission.

In 1985, Mrs. Helmerich was honored with the Outstanding Philanthropist Award presented by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, the Citizen's Recognition Award from the Oklahoma Library Association and the Medici Award from the Tulsa Ballet Theatre.