OLA is off to a rousing start for 1986/87! In all my years of working in OLA I've never seen such enthusiasm among the OLA Leadership. Everyone seems to be excited about the many possibilities that this new year holds for all of us.

I hope that we can address some of the concerns discussed last year by the Long Range Planning Committee. As many of you know, this committee identified three major issues and provided some suggestions on how to approach each one. The Long Range Planning Committee felt that legislative activity should be the first priority of OLA in the coming years. Finances and Visibility/Membership were identified as second and third priorities.

At the OLA Conference last April, Bill Doswell spoke to us about the importance of hiring a professional lobbyist to represent our interests at the Capitol. I believe that the feeling of the OLA membership is that this idea should be pursued. The question is, "Can we afford to hire a lobbyist?" The answer is, "We can no longer afford not to." The survival of our libraries in future years may very well depend upon how actively we influence our legislators. The Library Development Committee, the Budget Committee and the Executive Board have begun to discuss the possibility of hiring a lobbyist and plans are underway to determine how we might finance this new endeavor.

Donna Skvarla

In GETTING IT PASSED: Lobbying for Libraries by Groseck, Burgess and Young, published by ALA, the authors mention six major ways in which lobbyists aid associations in influencing legislation. They are as follows: 1) monitor the progress of legislation and keep us aware of any unexpected event that could derail our issue, 2) know the names and responsibilities of the governor's advisors and aides, 3) know how the vote is lining up on our issue, 4) tell us when to contact our legislators to speak for the library issue so that the legislator does not change his/her mind or falter at the last moment, 5) anticipate who will support the library issue at the final vote, and 6) advise us about current law, thus avoiding redundancy and bad law.

In the area of OLA/Finances, our second priority, we need to continue our strong push to recruit new members and keep our old ones. Since we are a dues-dependent association, we can never afford to relax our efforts on membership. We should, however, look for new and innovative ways to raise funds. Some associations do quite well financially on publications, an area in which OLA has done very little. This might be an avenue to pursue. At ALA I looked at some brochures and publicity materials from other associations and didn't see a single piece that was as attractive as our brochure or our conference newspaper. We need to pat ourselves on the back. Just imagine what we could do with publications if we tried!

OLA is not poor; neither is it rich. Our yearly budget is determined by proposed income. We estimate what we will receive in dues, materials sales, income from workshops and the annual conference and other miscellaneous items. Our budget reflects the goals and priorities of our association. We have included salary for a lobbyist in the 1986/87 budget in anticipation of a successful fund-raising campaign.

At the suggestion of our treasurer, Steve Skidmore, the Executive Board voted to transfer $7,000 from our money market fund into the general fund, with the idea that these funds could be used for special projects. We (continued on page 50)
now have $10,000 remaining in the money market fund instead of $17,000. We are not in business to save and invest money. We are in business to serve the needs of the membership and excess funds need to be expended. This year the Budget Committee recommended that the extra funds be used in the following manner: $2,200 for start-up funds for the Sequoyah Young Adult Committee, $250 for a first-time conference attendee, $1,000 for grants for innovative workshops, and $2,000 for a special Fall event. The Executive Board approved the Budget Committee’s recommendations at the July meeting.

Our third priority, Visibility, also needs to be addressed. We need to promote a more active participation with other library groups, such as ACRL, FOLIO, and SLA. We need to introduce ourselves to the Oklahoma Museum Association, the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Oklahoma Municipal League, the Oklahoma School Board Association, the Association of County Governments, AAUW, the League of Women Voters, etc., etc., etc. We should communicate with these groups so that cooperative and mutually beneficial programs might emerge. Perhaps we should establish a Public Relations Committee, whose charge might be to reach out into the non-library world and explain who we are and what we represent. We have reason to be proud of all that OLA has accomplished over the years and we should be enthusiastic about sharing the good things we do with others.

I think we can accomplish everything mentioned above because we are blessed with positive, resourceful and dedicated people. In making committee appointments I tried to give everyone the committee they requested. If you forgot to turn in your committee preference sheet and would like to serve on a committee, please call me.

I am anticipating an exciting and productive year and hope to see a new OLA forward in all of the areas identified by the Long Range Planning Committee. It’s a privilege to serve as president of the Oklahoma Library Association and I look forward to working with all of you.

OASLMS Report
Anne Masters, OASLMS Chair

Twenty-five OASLMS members responded to an invitation to help plan our organization’s 1986-87 year and met in Norman on July 8 for a day of discussion. Those invited included the present and past year’s officers, school library media specialists holding other OLA positions, school library directors/supervisors, State Department of Education Library Resources section staff, and miscellaneous others who had expressed a particular interest in some aspect of our organization’s work. Also attending were Donna Skvaria, OLA President, Kay Boles, OLA Executive Secretary, and John Hinkle, Oklahoma Department of Libraries Continuing Education Consultant. Topics discussed included ways OASLMS will be involved in the ENCyclopediaMEDIA CONference, plans for the OASLMS FALL MEETING to be held in Tulsa during the days of the OEA Conference, School Library Media Month, ideas for the OLA Conference, legislative goals and ways to increase and serve our membership. The meeting site was Jackson Elementary School’s new library media center and OASLMS thanks our hosts, Jackson’s just retired LMS, Nan Bishop, and Sue McAllister, the new LMS named to replace Nan. Thanks, also, to their principal, Carla Kitzmiller Kimberling, who many of you will remember as a former State Department Coordinator from the Library Resources Section.

Mark your calendars for the following fall events:

OASLMS FALL MEETING, October 16 and 17, and the OU SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS, October 25. Plans for the FALL MEETING are underway and will be completed by the time you read this column. Our speaker will be Ken Haycock, Manager of Elementary/Secondary Education for the Vancouver School Board, British Columbia, Canada. He is past-president of both the Canadian School Library Association and the Canadian Library Association and is co-editor of EMERGENCY LIBRARIAN with his wife, Carol Ann Haycock. Mr. Haycock has been published in the SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA QUARTERLY and has been a speaker at national and international meetings on school librarianship. Those of you who attended EncycloMedia last year will remember Mr. Haycock as an exciting and knowledgeable presenter. He will speak to our organization on Thursday afternoon, October 16. We hope to see his name on the program for the school administrator’s organization, CCOSA, on Thursday morning as well, but those plans are not final at this time. On Friday, October 17, Mr. Haycock will work with a group of twenty principal/library media specialist teams. These teams may include a teacher, but it will be essential that the principal be present. There will be a $25 per team registration fee for this inservice and the topic will be DEVELOPING RESOURCE BASED LEARNING. Slots for this inservice will be filled on a first come/first served basis as the registration fees are received. Look for complete information in your State Department mailing which will arrive late in August or early in September. Pat Cunningham, OASLMS Chair-elect, will be happy to provide further information about these meetings and can be reached by contacting the Tuttle Public Schools, Box H, Tuttle, 73089 or if you write or (405-381-2486) if you call.

You may have read about SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH in the last issue of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN, or, perhaps participated in one of the many promotional activities in your school. One OASLMS member who shall ever be remembered as the best of paper chain hangers has agreed to chair a new OASLMS committee on SLMM. She is Martha Nickels, Enid Public Schools. Linda Cowen, who was assigned the job of launching SLMM last year as part of her job at the State Department of Education, says that since the launching of SLMM last year was such a success, the Library Resources Section is ready to give the project to our organization. Others who will be working with Martha on the project include Ginger Parker, Norman Public Schools, Vicki Stewart, Bartlesville Public Schools, Joy Laney, Noble Public Schools, and
Jeanette Harjo, Maud Public Schools. We will be adding others along the way, so if you participated in SLMM activities last year and are willing to offer suggestions for changes and additions to the program, contact Martha Nickels at 413 Lilac Place, Enid 73703.

It has been suggested that OASLMS create an award for one of our own, a practicing school library media specialist. This award would be in addition to our award for a school administrator. In April, at our membership meeting during OLA you approved this idea. Charlie Lou Rouse, Stillwater Public Schools, has agreed to chair our Awards Committee which will not only select the recipient of the administrator award, but also develop the criteria and guidelines for the new award. Bettie Brown, State Department Coordinator, Lavonne Sanborn, Stillwater Public Schools, and Karen Litteral, Putnam City Public Schools, have volunteered to serve on this committee and there is room for you, too, if you are willing and have ideas concerning the award. If so, please contact Charlie Lou at 2623 Black Oak Drive, Stillwater 73074. By the way, do all of you know that Charlie Lou is the Director of Region VI for the American Association of School Librarians? We are fortunate to have one of our own serving in that capacity and can look forward to a better understanding of AASL among our members as she keeps us informed throughout the year.

Our Legislative Committee, which acts informally as a sub-committee of the OLA Library Development Committee, will be headed by Gerri Willingham, Putnam City Public Schools, who has also been named to the AASL Legislative Committee. We will ask Gerri to keep us informed not only of state legislation of interest to school libraries, but also of national issues. Those who will work with her to develop our legislative goals and establish a plan of action for us are Barbara Spriestersbach, State Library Resources Section Administrator, Judy Roe, Little Axe Public Schools and Jane Johnson, Moore Public Schools. If you have an interest in the work of this committee, contact Gerri at 4916 North Pate, OKC 73112. We know there are many, many school library media specialists in Oklahoma who could contribute to our organization and benefit from the associations with colleagues which OASLMS provides. An increase in membership among both public and private school librarians is one of our goals for this year. A publication which might include an OASLMS membership directory as well as an "OASLMS Book of Lists" (Favorite jobbers, most valuable professional reviewing sources, most helpful people to call if you need ----, schools to visit if you want to know about ----, and more) is being considered as a new benefit of membership to both satisfy a need among current members and entice new members. If these ideas intrigue you, please contact me at 131 S. Flood, Norman 73069. This committee is as yet without a Chair, but others who have agreed to participate are Janelle Lee, Putnam City Public Schools, Nancy Pelton, OASLMS Treasurer, Yukon Public Schools, Mona Hatfield, Cascia Hall, Tulsa, (our private school member), Betty Riley, State Department Coordinator, and Paula Nagode, Norman Public Schools.

Chair of the Children's and Young People's Roundtable of OLA is Stillwater school library media specialist, Lavonne Sanborn. Lavonne and I will both be serving on the OLA program Committee which plans the spring conference, to be held April 23-25 in Norman. Many of you are members of both OASLMS and the CYP Roundtable, so if you have ideas for conference plans, please contact either of us. Lavonne can be reached at 1124 E. Wilham Drive, Stillwater 74075.

This will no doubt be a busy year for all of us, but let's take time to participate in our organization and enjoy the company and ideas of our fellow library media specialists. I've always considered our OASLMS and OLA activities one of the pleasures of professional life — and sometimes great therapy as well! Invite a co-worker to accompany you to an OASLMS meeting. Your principal or superintendent might even appreciate an invitation! See you there.

GODOCs
by Doris Westfield, Chairman
OLA/GODORT

Welcome to Cynthia Kepley, who will be the new documents librarian at Oklahoma University starting July 1st. The members of OLA's GODORT are looking forward to working with you and will help you in any way they can.

With this issue of the Oklahoma Librarian, I am starting a new feature which I will call "In Case You Missed It." It will attempt to bring to your attention items which appeared in GPO's Administrative Notes which might have slipped by you.

In Case You Missed It:

Beginning October 1, 1986 Selection Cards for DELETIONS will be processed as they are received. This should take about 4-6 weeks; however, the Selection Cards for item numbers ADDED will be held until the annual update in May/June of 1987. (Administrative Notes, v. 7, no. 8; June 1986, p. 1)

Videotapes and slides are available for loan from GPO. Videotapes of LPS operations, marketing and inspections are available. Each segment is about one hour.

A 70-slide carousel showing the mechanics of LPS and depository distribution is also available.

Order from:
Chief, Inspection Team
U.S. Government Printing Office
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(Administrative Notes, v. 7, no. 5, April 1986, p. 2)

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June 26, 1986

Dear Ms. Boies:

I am humbled to announce that I will be one of five graduate students attending Louisiana State University this fall on $5,000 Automation Fellowships. The stipends, awarded through LSU, were made possible by monies awarded the LSU School of Library and Information Science by the Council on Library Resources. To each I am grateful.

However, I am also in debt to OLA for making me aware both of the fellowship's availability and of the program of study I am to pursue now. That course of study will lead to the awarding of a Certificate in Library Automation. OLA informed me of the fellowship and of the program through the Oklahoma Librarian. For that I am beholden... and thankful.

Sincerely,

Don Welch

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AVAILABLE

Applications for the 1987 Putnam Publishing Group Awards to attend the 1987 ALA Annual Conference scheduled for San Francisco, June 27-July 2, 1987, may be obtained from the ALSC Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, after September 15, 1986.

The grants, funded by the Putnam Publishing Group, are designed to assist children's librarians in attending an ALA Annual Conference for the first time. All recipients must be members of the Association for Library Service to Children and work directly with children in school, public or other types of libraries.

The awards are administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).
TOURING EXHIBITS
AVAILABLE TO LIBRARIES

More than twenty humanities exhibits are available to libraries through the traveling exhibits service TRACKS. Exhibit topics include Black Heritage, Native American history and culture, architecture, African art, and pioneer history. Many of the exhibits are accompanied by audio-visual materials and teachers’ guides, as well as posters, brochures, press release information, and suggested programming resources.

Libraries can schedule an exhibit for a four-week period at a cost of $50.00 and forward shipping charges. The Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities makes grants to cover the costs of hosting the exhibits and presenting a public humanities program. Staff at the Foundation will also assist in identifying speakers and planning the program.

If you are interested in receiving the TRACKS catalog and other information about the exhibits, contact TRACKS, Oklahoma Museums Association, Kirkpatrick Center, 2100 NE 52, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111 (405-424-7757). For funding information, contact the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities, Executive Terrace Building, Suite 500, 2809 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 (405-840-1721).

PRODOCS (Promote Documents) project is getting underway. Diane Calvin, Vice-Chairman, will be sending out letters to all depository libraries asking for copies of brochures, pamphlets, or any materials used specifically to promote government documents. In addition, letters will be sent to state GODORTS asking for examples of any promotional material and a notice will appear in Documents to the People. A literature search for promotional ideas is being done, using ERIC and Library Literature. So far, we have received pamphlets from Utah GODORT and from Washington University at St. Louis. There is also an excellent newsprint item from Indiana State Library.
CENSURING CENSORSHIP

Anne Million, Chair
Intellectual Freedom Committee

The number one priority for library programming next year, according to evaluations of the OLA Conference in April, is Censorship and Intellectual Freedom. Perhaps this reflects the fact that there were a number of well-attended intellectual freedom programs at the Conference: Government Files—Open Records But Closed Databases, “Books Under Fire” film, poster sessions on Confidentiality of Library Records and on Censorship issues. It almost certainly reflects the fact that several censorship incidents have occurred in Oklahoma in the last couple of years—in Sallisaw, Edmond, Agra... Is censorship on the rise then? Not necessarily. It could just be better reporting of censorship attempts. There certainly have been cases of censorship in the past (e.g., Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library System versus County Commissioner Adair in 1975). Undoubtedly there are others that never came to light, much less into the glare of public scrutiny. Perhaps what is on the rise is public awareness, of and concern about censorship. Recent evidence of strong community support for intellectual freedom has encouraged individuals to report violations of intellectual freedom and to resist censorship. Whatever the reason for the increased attention to censorship, this year of preparation to celebrate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution in 1987 is an opportunity to focus on the Bill of Rights—especially The First Amendment.

As librarians, we see the direct application of the Bill of Rights to our profession in the Library Bill of Rights. Although library personnel are undoubtedly familiar with its language, it is reprinted here for those new to the library field and for those wishing to take a look at it:

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

2. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

3. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

4. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

5. A person’s right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

6. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

Various ALA intellectual freedom statements have been issued interpreting and amplifying the Library Bill of Rights, but in all, the principles stated are essentially those covered in the Freedom to Read Statement, which was jointly issued by ALA and the Association of American Publishers. These include an explicit obligation to make available the widest possible diversity of views and expressions even if unorthodox or unpopular with the majority. Nor does every idea or presentation in books produced or made available imply or constitute endorsement by libraries or publishers. Further, it is stated that the personal history or political affiliation of an author or creator of a work is irrelevant to the work’s acceptability; the work being judged simply on its own merits. In addition, efforts to coerce the taste of others, restrict reading matter or inhibit artistic expression are denounced. A related principle declares that the public interest is not served by labelling any literary or artistic work, or those responsible for its creation, as dangerous or subversive or otherwise undesirable. The statement concludes by emphasizing the responsibility to challenge efforts by individuals or groups to impose their own standards or tastes on the larger community, as well as efforts through governmental means and other authorities to restrict or prohibit publication of certain materials or to limit access to them. The freedom to read—and by extension the freedom to view, to speak, and to hear—is recognized as one of the guarantees of The Constitution.

As a further antidote to censorious pressure, many libraries have a modus operandi which, if followed, can serve to prevent or thwart censorship attempts. For libraries that do not have a formal operating procedure and as a checklist to review existing procedures, the following points are offered:

1. Maintain a written and appropriately approved materials selection policy, which applies equally to all materials regardless of format.
2. Establish a clearly defined method for handling complaints that requires a complaint be written and the complainant identified prior to
referral to the appropriate administrative authority.

3. Provide periodic in-service training for staff, administration, and governing authority on selection policies and complaint procedure.

4. Maintain lines of communication with the community which build understanding of the library's policies and principles of intellectual freedom.

5. Enlist the media through a public information program which promotes a climate favorable to intellectual freedom and an appreciation of library policies and activities.

6. Keep abreast of all national, state or local legislation and measures that affect intellectual freedom and First Amendment rights.

There are many good sources of information to assist librarians in selection of materials and censorship matters. A very useful, recent publication is DEFUSING CENSORSHIP: THE LIBRARIAN'S GUIDE TO HANDLING CENSORSHIP CONFLICTS by Francis M. Jones (Oryx Press, 1983). Another book, although designed for setting up workshops, could be useful for in-house library training—CENSORSHIP: A GUIDE FOR SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP PLANNING by Linda Schexnaydre and Nancy Burns (Oryx Press, 1984). Personal assistance is always available at both the Department of Education and Department of Libraries, whose staff can advise or furnish model policies and procedures.

Finally, with a view to celebrating the Bicentennial of The Constitution, many librarians may want to plan intellectual freedom programs; they can contact the official state committee established to provide information, assistance, and ideas. It is CONSTITUTION 200, College of Liberal Studies, 1700 Asp Avenue, Norman 73069. Project Director is Richard S. Wells. Bicentennial programs specifically focusing on The First Amendment are currently being planned jointly by OLA and the Oklahoma Bar Association; information will be forthcoming from Duane Meyers, Metropolitan Library System, 131 Dean A. McGee, Oklahoma City 73102.

LC GRANTS AMIGOS BORROWING PRIVILEGES

On July 1, the Library of Congress began accepting loan requests from AMIGOS members via the OCLC online interlibrary loan subsystem.

AMIGOS is the first multi-state, diversified library network to be allowed ILL privileges from the Library of Congress. Representatives of LC announced the policy in New York during the American Library Association Annual Conference.

The step is the result of discussions between LC, OCLC and the Texas State Library dating back to 1978, when LC began serving as a resource for the Texas State Library Communications Network. Since 1985, the library has accepted loan requests from federal libraries.

"LC's goal is to eventually accept electronic loan requests from the entire spectrum of libraries and networks as a routine matter," said Stephanie Allen, Library Liaison Officer with AMIGOS. "It is an honor that AMIGOS libraries were chosen at the beginning of this process."

Barbara L. Nicholls, AMIGOS' Senior Library Liaison Officer, said that most materials from the Library of Congress collection will be available through ILL, although some restrictions will apply.

"LC must be used as the library of last resort in a request, that is, the item requested cannot be reasonably available elsewhere on the OCLC system or from another library or vendor," Nicholls said. "Materials except for journals, genealogy and local history, items available from the publisher, items printed before 1801 and dissertations on films will be available for loan."

For additional information on borrowing from the Library of Congress, contact Nicholls or Allen at the AMIGOS office.

Source — Que Pasa?, July, 1986

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION RELEASES PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM MEMBERSHIP "SUPER SURVEY"

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) has completed the first comprehensive survey of its membership. The preliminary findings held several surprises for the Association leadership including a younger membership that previously thought — 55 percent of the membership is between the ages of 31 and 45.

The survey was distributed in April to 4,879 members of the Association or 36 percent of each chapter and 30 percent of each division. The survey consisted of 54 questions in areas including membership, professional development, publications, services and public relations. There was an overall response rate of 52 percent.

"The 'super survey' will provide the Association leadership and staff with vital information on trends within the profession as well as needed information on membership," said David R. Bender, SLA Executive Director. "The data will be used in further development of the Association's Long-Range Plan and membership services."

Other findings of the survey are:

- 83 percent of the membership has a master's degree in library/information science
- 76 percent of the respondents have five or more years in the information field
- 49 percent of the membership work in corporate libraries

Association staff is currently cross tabulating the results and preparing an in-depth analysis and final report for release.

The Special Libraries Association is an international professional association of more than 12,500 members who work in special libraries serving business, research, government, universities, newspapers, museums and institutions that use or produce specialized information. The goal of SLA is to advance the leadership role of special librarians in our information society.
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405-372-6520 (W), 405-377-6432 (H)

**(Nominating)**
Richard Parker  
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400 Civic Center  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
918-592-7897 (W), 918-357-3084 (H)

**(Program)**
Dell Hewey  
Rose State College LRC  
6420 SE 15  
Midwest City, OK 73110  
405-733-7543 (W), 405-321-0073 (H)

**(Resolutions)**
James Donovan  
St. John Medical Center  
Health Sciences Library  
1923 S. Utica  
Tulsa, OK 74104  
918-744-2970 (W), 918-592-2505 (H)

**(Scholarship)**
Dennyetta Davis  
Ralph Ellison Library  

2000 NE 23  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
405-424-1437

**(Sequoyah Children's Book Award)**
Susan Galloway  
6503 Lyrewood Terrace  
Oklahoma City, OK 73132  
405-521-2502 (W), 405-722-4470 (H)

**(Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award)**
Maureen Goldsberry  
Pioneer Multi-County Library  
225 S. Howard  
Moore, OK 73160  
405-799-3326 (W), 405-329-8711 (H)

**(Sites)**
Glenda Collins  
Tulsa City-County Library  
400 Civic Center  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
918-592-7969 (W), 918-252-0725 (H)

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### 1986-1987 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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WORTH REPEATING

I said at the outset that I am not an alarmist, but an honest person sounding the alarm. We have seen many groups march on Washington—farmers, advocates of school prayer, and many others—all witness to the constitutional freedom of all of us to petition our representatives in Congress. The strength—and the weakness—of the cause which I espouse on behalf of the Congress' Library and the World of Learning is precisely that we do not speak for any special interest or any one party or opinion. The cause of knowledge is the most general of all interests for a free people. The beneficiaries of knowledge, of the information supplied to Congress and the free explorers of knowledge, are everywhere. Their largest numbers are still unborn. We will fail in our duty to posterity if we do not hand on to them the fully-stocked, properly organized treasure of wisdom of the past which it has taken us two centuries to accumulate.

—from the statement by Daniel J. Boorstin, the Librarian of Congress, before the Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives, February 20, 1986.

FRONT LINES

by the Support Staff Roundtable

During a casual conversation about library work a friend, who is also a top-notch librarian, said, "Somedays I get so tired of answering reference questions, I feel like looking the patron right in the eye and saying, 'What's it to ya anyway.'"

Knowing the affection this librarian has for her work, the comment was funny. It was also an insight into how taxing "front line" work can be. Even the best personnel get worn out. Those who work directly with the public can benefit from tips on how to handle the pressure of public service.

The Support Staff Roundtable has compiled a few tips to make the "front line" job a little easier.

- Keep in mind that you are the library when dealing with patrons. The patron’s strongest impression of the library is based on the people who provide the service.
- Subscribe to the "clean-slate theory." Even if it is your 100th question for the day, it is the patron's first. Clean your slate and start fresh with each patron.
- When the pressure is on, take one task at a time. Let waiting patrons know you will be with them as soon as possible. Answer one question, then the next. Look at each task individually instead of one big project to be tackled.
- Do the parts of your job you like the least during the first part of the day when your energy level is high. Fretting over something you do not enjoy will make the job seem even bigger as the day progresses.
- Set realistic goals. Striving for perfection in ourselves and others can be frustrating. Taking a realistic look at the situation can help you assess the real possibilities.
- Remember that while your job is important, it is only one aspect of your life. Keep things in perspective. A thought or two about other important things and people in your life may help you over the rough spots in the day.

Poet Maya Angelou challenged ACRL national conference in April to ask themselves, "Why are we doing what we are doing?" In her presentation, which brought a standing ovation, she reminded librarians that they are more than custodians concerned with a profession or career. "A librarian has a calling," she said. "Librarians have their hands on magic and are capable of transforming and informing the world."

then the Senate will," Birdwell continued. "We can't completely restore the library ourselves. The gift to the library is a symbolic gesture."

Source: The Vista, Central State University, April 8, 1986.
1986 Sequoyah Children’s Book Award

Beverly Cleary who wrote Dear Mr. Henshaw and Eth Clifford who wrote Just Tell Me When We’re Dead were the winning authors of the 1986 Sequoyah Children’s Book Award. The authors, who were both unable to attend the 28th awards ceremony, wrote letters of acceptance which were read by two Walters students, Eric Dedmon and Jennifer Woodward, who represented the 54,000 Oklahoma children who voted.

An audience of 375 viewed a filmstrip, “Dear Mr. Henshaw,” and a video taped interview of Eth Clifford. Robert Thomason, 10-year-old ALA Youth Division Poster Winner from Ardmore, presented the award for Beverly Cleary to Donna Skvarla, OLA President-elect. Eric Dedmon presented the award for Eth Clifford to Pat Zachary, Sequoyah Chair.

Lee Brawner, OLA President, then introduced Robert Thomason and his family to the audience. Robert described the circumstances that led to his winning the poster contest. The poster entitled “Readin’ and Rollin’” depicts one of his younger brothers pulling a wagon with the other brother reading. Both boys are reading books.

The presentation was highlighted by a telephone conference call with Eth Clifford at her Florida home. Sue Galloway, Sequoyah Chair-designate, dialed the number which began the interview. Children lined up with questions ready for Eth Clifford who patiently answered each one.

The committee wishes to thank the librarians, parents, children, and the OLA executive board for attending and supporting this year's program.

The winning author’s letters of acceptance are reproduced below.

February 18, 1986

Dear Friends,

When the happy news of winning the Sequoyah Award arrived, I discovered that I could not be with my friends in Oklahoma to accept it in person. This was a great disappointment. Even though I could not be present, I was delighted to know that the children of Oklahoma honored DEAR MR. HENSHAW with their votes. I thank you for letting me know in this way that my book has meant so much to so many of you.

Children’s letters to an author, I have noticed, are of two types: letters written as schoolwork and letters written from the heart. Often the two overlap. Most school letters include a list of questions and usually end with, “Please give me some tips on writing.” Several years before I wrote DEAR MR. HENSHAW, an increasing number of from-the-heart letters asked me to write a book about someone, usually a boy, whose parents were divorced.

A suggestion planted in the mind of a writer lingers and sometimes grows into a book. This time the idea of combining both types of letters turned into DEAR MR. HENSHAW, a story about Leigh Botts, a lonely boy of divorced parents who longs for his father, a long-distance trucker. He writes both kinds of letters to his favorite author, a jaunty young man, quite different from Mrs. Cleary, and finds himself telling his own story.

Writing this sad and funny book gave me great pleasure, and also gave me the opportunity to include in the story “tips” on writing. I hope that readers who requested a book about the son of divorced parents will find in DEAR MR. HENSHAW what they seek, that those who want “tips” on writing will look for and find them, and that others will enjoy Leigh Botts.

Sincerely,

Beverly Cleary

March 6, 1986

Dear Friends,

The news that I was a co-winner of the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award was wonderful. Wonderful because you, the readers, liked JUST TELL ME WHEN WE’RE DEAD enough to vote for it. Wonderful because I, the writer, reached out and touched you with the words that tumbled out of my mind onto paper to become a book. Wonderful because we have communicated, you and I, across the many miles.

When I was a little girl of six, my family lived in the country. I went to a one-room school house set between a pear orchard and an apple orchard. At noon, I took the lunch my mother had prepared out of the brown paper bag, sat with my back against one of the fruit trees, munched my food, and turned the pages of school books I hadn’t yet learned to read. But I knew I would, some day.

Once, I remember, my forefinger became badly infected and swollen. I wouldn’t let anyone near it. And then, one day, a visiting nurse, who had come to our home to take care of my ailing baby brother, asked permission to inspect my finger. My head went back and forth in determination and stubborn refusal.

“Look,” she told me. “I’ll put my hands behind my back. Then you can be sure I won’t touch your finger.” She smiled at me. “I promise I won’t touch it unless you say I can.”

I eyed her warily. Then I inched closer. At last, with a great deal of suspicion, I held my finger out in mid-air.

“Oh my.” Her voice was soft and sympathetic. “That must be so painful. I can help you, if you let me.”

Still I shook, my head. She reached into her bag. “If you let me help you, I’ll give you a present.” She held up a book so that I could see the title. “It’s called TREASURE ISLAND,” she said. She opened the book so that I could study the illustrations.

“You mean I can have it? For keeps?” I couldn’t believe that she meant to give me this beautiful book.

“For keeps,” she promised.

I let her lace my finger. She said it would be painful, and it most certainly was. But all the time I kept my eyes fixed on TREASURE ISLAND. The finger got better, and I was rich. I owned a book. Never mind that I couldn’t read it, not yet. It was mine. I owned it! Soon after, my family moved to Philadelphia. There I discovered an extraordinary building — the library! Now I could borrow books to my heart’s content. I’ve been reading ever since. And I now own many, many books. Most amazing of all, I even write them! That nurse gave me a lifetime gift. And now you, too, have given me a gift. Thank you. Thank you all.

Eth Clifford
BOOK REVIEW

Robert C. Hardy's new book, Hero: An Oral History of the Oklahoma Health Center, tells the story of how the Oklahoma Health Center developed over the past 20 years. Anyone interested in health care, politics, or health education in Oklahoma will enjoy the candid and informative story as it unfolds. Hardy uses the interviews of 154 people who were involved in the development of the Health Center from 1964 to 1984 to tell this intriguing story. In addition to the story of the Health Center, the reader gains insights into the personalities of the people who were involved in this development. This list of characters is long and includes politicians, citizens, and health care personnel.

Besides the insight brought by these individuals, the book is full of illustrations. These photos provide a history of the individuals involved and the buildings that developed into the Oklahoma Health Center.

Hardy's books shows the struggle of making the dream of an Oklahoma Health Center a reality. The buildings, the teachers, the health care personnel, the students, and the health care researchers at the Oklahoma Health Center are the visible results and the lasting symbols of this dream.

The author, Robert C. Hardy, is the executive director of the Oklahoma Health Sciences Foundation.

— C. M. Thompson

Library Sign Guide Available

The "Library Symbol Highway Sign Implementation Guide" is now available from the Public Information Office of the American Library Association.

The guide, written by Judith Fouss and Annette McAlister of the State Library of Pennsylvania, gives specifications for the newly approved national library symbol highway sign along with background information and suggestions for ways to increase public recognition of the symbol.

For a free single copy of the booklet, send a 9" x 12" SASE (39c) to the ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, ATTN: "Library Symbol Highway Sign Implementation Guide." Additional copies are 50c. Quantity discounts are available.

KISTER EVALUATES ENCYCLOPEDIAS

The Oryx Press has just published Best Encyclopedias: A Guide to General and Specialized Encyclopedias, an up-to-date and important guidebook enabling consumers to find the encyclopedia best suited to their needs. Written by Kenneth F. Kister, well known for his work in the area of reference book evaluation, the book provides insight into more than 500 encyclopedic works.

Kister first takes an authoritative look at 50 general English-language encyclopedias, ranging from large multivolume sets to small works for children. Each work is thoroughly reviewed, and every entry includes detailed descriptions of the encyclopedia's contents, its audience and history, complete ordering information, and a bibliography of other reviews of the title. The guide also includes extensive, annotated listings for specialized encyclopedias, such as those focusing on sports, science, art, and history. Additionally, Best Encyclopedias identifies major foreign language encyclopedias of potential interest to North American readers, including French, German, and Spanish works.

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FESTIVAL OF BOOKS
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
The seventh Festival of Books for Young People will be presented by the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies on Saturday, October 25, 1986. Dr. Mildred Laughlin, Professor of the School of Library and Information Studies and Coordinator of the annual event, reports this year's theme as "From Fact to Fiction." Sessions will be held in the Oklahoma University Memorial Union Ballroom, Norman, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:00 p.m.

The morning program will include a speech by Byrd Baylor, Tucson, Arizona, well-known author of many books about the Southwest for children. Her works include Caldecott Honor Books The Desert Is Ours and Hawk, I'm Your Brother and the 1986 book I'm In Charge of Celebrations.

The morning program will also feature a talk by Eve Bunting, Pasadena, California, versatile author of over 100 books for children and young adults. Golden Kite Award winner and 1986-87 Sequoyah Award nominee for The Man Who Could Call Down Owls, a Caldecott Honor book, her most recent books are Janet Hamm Needs a Date for the Dance (1986) and The Mother's Day Mice (1986).

The afternoon session will feature an illustrated lecture by Leonard Fisher, Westport, Connecticut. Distinguished author/artist, recipient of the Pulitzer Painting Award and the 1980 Christopher Award, his most recent books include The Statue of Liberty (1985) and illustrations for Myra Livingston's Sea Songs (1985).

Opportunity will be provided for examining a new book display arranged by Mrs. Ellen Menor, head of the children's department at the Norman Public Library. Copies of books by the festival authors will be available for purchase and autographing.

The festival pre-registration fee of $31.00 (if received by October 18) includes all sessions and the morning coffee hour. For a program brochure and registration form write or call:

DOCLIBS
Government Documents of Interest to Librarians
By Steve Beleu,
U.S. Documents, ODL

This column identifies government publications that should be of special importance to librarians, i.e., those that discuss library problems, reference works, etc. These publications may be available in any of the U.S. or Oklahoma depository libraries throughout the state or may be borrowed on interlibrary loan. U.S. documents that are for sale may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. For State of Oklahoma publications you must contact the issuing agency. Key: "SUDOCs" is U.S. Superintendent of Documents; "OPC" is Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse.


This summarizes the services of over 900 Federal laboratories that are available to either libraries, businesses, or interested individuals. It lists all available services from each laboratory, which includes information services, facilities that your patron can utilize, and technical experts that you or your patron can consult.


This is an interesting study of the data that our Federal government collects and how they disseminate it, or don't disseminate it, to libraries and businesses. It also contains a policy paper by the Information Industry Association, "Meeting Information Needs in the New Information Age," which states, more or less, that the Federal government should provide information to the public only if that information is not profitable to the private sector. Such a concept would destroy the Federal Depository Library Program and other free government information programs. As a librarian you should be aware of this viewpoint.


This contains a chapter, "Electronic Information and Dissemination of Government Information," which examines the issues involved in the dissemination of government data base information.


This contains a chapter, "Technology, Intellectual Property, and the Operation of Information Markets," which examines the economics of information services, databases, videocassettes, and other information sources. It concludes that the information industry is becoming central to our economy. Libraries will be left behind if they don't respond to this "new information age."


This summarizes Oklahoma legislation for the 40th Legislature, First Session. It lists, under each title of the Oklahoma Statutes, any laws that the Legislature passed that affect that title, including, by bill number, the authors of the bill and what the bill does.
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"The Africans" comes to PBS stations beginning October 7 as a nine-part prime time series (check local listings for exact dates and times). The American Library Association (ALA) encourages libraries to take advantage of the growing public interest in the vast cultural diversity of Africa and host programming and displays tied to the series.

A rich, educational series, "The Africans" explores the geography, history and culture of Africa "from the inside looking out." The series host is Ali A. Mazrui, a Kenyan who is professor of political science at the University of Michigan and research professor at the University of Jos, Nigeria.

"The Africans" is also part of a college-level television course that includes the series, a reader and a study guide. Credit will be offered by colleges and universities throughout the country. Interested faculty and students call a toll-free number, 1-800-LEARNER (312/878-2600 in Illinois), for information.

ALA's Public Information Office received funding from The Annenberg/CPB Project to produce a library programming packet about the series, which has been mailed to 14,500 public and college libraries. The packet's bibliography and a series synopsis appears on an insert in the July/August issue of American Libraries, and a young adult version of the bibliography appears in the September 1 issue of Booklist. In addition, an article aimed at college librarians appears in the September issue of College & Research Libraries News.

The series may be rebroadcast in 1987. Libraries are urged to contact state humanities councils for possible funding for library programs in connection with the series.

"The Africans" is produced by WETA/ Washington, D.C., and the British Broadcasting Corporation, with major funding provided by The Annenberg/CPB Project. Additional funding comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Public Broadcasting Service, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

CHISHOLM ELECTED
1987-88 PRESIDENT,
MEMBERSHIP YEAR
CHANGES IN 1986 ELECTION

Margaret E. Chisholm, director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science of the University of Washington, has been chosen president-elect of the American Library Association (ALA). The president of ALA serves as the elected leader of the world's largest professional organization for library and information science professionals with a current membership of 42,000. Chisholm will serve as vice-president for 1986-87 and assume the presidency in July 1987 at the end of the ALA's 1987 Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Chisholm received her bachelor's degree, a master's in library science and a doctorate in administration from the University of Washington in Seattle.

As librarian, educator, administrator and author, Chisholm has worked to enhance excellence in librarianship.

During her presidential year, Chisholm hopes to identify and support dynamic leaders who will seek creative solutions to current issues and speak effectively for the profession. She is particularly concerned about opposing economic and other barriers to access to information and escalating support for intellectual freedom. She plans to give special attention to action on the professional concerns of women, including pay equity, professional development and job flexibility.

Chisholm has said, "It is my commitment to work to make ALA a more vigorous, responsive organization that can speak with a unified voice for the interests of the profession."

ALA members voted to change the membership year from a calendar year to anniversary date renewal by 92 percent.

RETIREMENT

Marjorie Webber, Catalog Librarian at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, has retired after 17 years of service to Phillips University. Webber began her career in the Reference Department of Metropolitan Library of Oklahoma City in September, 1941. She later served as Assistant Librarian at Washington University Medical School, St. Louis (1942-45), and Health Services Librarian at Ohio State University (1946-48). Webber received her B.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 1941 and her M.L.S. from there in 1981.

APPOINTMENT

Earl Lee has been named Catalog/Reference Librarian at Zollars Memorial Library, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. Lee is a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies and has worked as Management Information Specialist with the Bureau of Systems & Data Processing, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and as Library Services Assistant with the University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics Department of Medicine.

SHIRLEY JEAN SMITH

Shirley J. Smith, 62, Founding Director and Dean of the Tulsa Junior College Learning Resources Centers, died July 5 after a long illness.

Mrs. Smith's most significant contribution to librarianship in Oklahoma was the establishment of the only multi-campus junior college learning resources system in the state. The Tulsa Junior College Learning Resources Center since its inception developed into a three campus system under her guidance.

Before coming to Oklahoma, Shirley had broad library experiences at such institutions as the University of Wyoming; Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake, Washington; and the Dallas Texas County Community College District. She possessed the true pioneering spirit and wide knowledge necessary for the Tulsa Junior College challenge. Her calm, deliberative administrative style included a compassionate, humanitarian approach to the problems that were presented to her. The Tulsa Junior College LRC staff and librarians throughout the state and nation will miss her advice, counsel, and companionship.

As of August 1986, a Shirley J. Smith Scholarship for potential library science students has been established in her honor and memory.

PROFESSORS LEAVE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Dr. Rosemary Ruhig DuMont, Associate Professor, and Dr. Charles R. McClure, Professor, at the University of Oklahoma, School of Library and Information Studies, are beginning new positions September 1, 1986.

DuMont has accepted the position of Dean and Professor, School of Library Science at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. McClure has been appointed as Professor, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

DuMont has been at the University of Oklahoma for five years and served as Assistant Director of the School from 1983-84. "I am looking forward to moving into higher education administration." She has been interested in administrative work for a number of years and when this opportunity arose, "I couldn't pass it up."

McClure joined the OU faculty in 1977 and has been actively involved in a number of funded research projects. He noted that the School of Information Studies at Syracuse will be part of a new $45 million research center in Computer Applications and Software Engineering. McClure said, "This is an excellent opportunity to extend my research interests and work in an interdisciplinary research environment."

Both professors indicated that they will miss the University and especially their colleagues on campus and throughout the state. DuMont noted that, "We have both benefitted from our experiences here at OU."

ROBERT WEDGEWORTH ELECTED TO THE H.W. WILSON COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The H.W. Wilson Company is pleased to announce the election of Robert Wedgeworth, former Executive Director of the American Library Association and currently Dean of the School of Library Service at Columbia University, to the Board of Directors of The H.W. Wilson Company.
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