Dr. Roscoe Rouse to Retire

Dr. Roscoe Rouse, university librarian and dean of library services at Oklahoma State University, has announced he will retire effective July 1, 1987.

Rouse has been at OSU since 1967 when he assumed his current position, succeeding the library’s namesake, Edmon Low.

“It’s an early notification of retirement, but I felt I should make the announcement to give ample time to the administration to choose a successor,” Rouse told a faculty meeting this week. “My decision is not a sudden one. I’ve been giving it careful consideration for at least a year and a half.”

Dr. James H. Boggs, vice president for academic affairs and research, said a search committee will be established to find a replacement.

“We will conduct a nationwide search,” Boggs said. “Dr. Rouse has been an effective leader whose first priority has always been improvement of the library. Finding a worthy successor will not be easy.”

Prior to his arrival at OSU, Rouse served as director of libraries for the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he served as the university’s first library director and was asked to plan and establish a major research library from the ground up.

“This was a university, under construction on Long Island, and was intended to serve as one of the four state graduate research institutions,” Rouse said. “I spent four years planning for the new building, staff organization and book collections.”

The work included traveling abroad, buying entire book collections. By the time he left in 1967, the building was occupied and had a book collection of 300,000 volumes and a staff of 130.

Other career assignments for Rouse included serving as university librarian and chairman of the department of library science at Baylor University and as acting librarian at Northeastern State College, now Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

He also served as a visiting professor at North Texas State University and the University of Oklahoma.

His work in staff and advisory capacities has earned him a reputation as an expert in library planning, building and operation.

In 1969, he was asked by Arthur D. Little & Company to survey academic libraries in New Mexico. The survey results were later used to pass a special $10 million bond issue for those libraries.

During a term as president of the Oklahoma Library Association, he was successful in pressing for legislation that required libraries in all Oklahoma schools.

He also organized a meeting of state academic librarians to bring important matters to the attention of the State Regents for Higher Education. The group now issues annual and special reports for State Regents, university administrators and legislators on issues such as overall library conditions, development of a state on-line network, enhancement of collections and the need for a harsher library theft and mutilation law.

Rouse has also been active in fund-raising efforts and has established numerous endowments to purchase library materials and employ students.

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Under Rouse's leadership, the OSU library is now in the first stages of a massive computerization project that will bring the card catalog on-line by late next year. The first experimental terminals will be operational this fall. Eventually all library functions will be computerized.

The library's annual budget has increased from $825,959 in 1987 to $4,428,269 in 1986. Book holdings have increased from 841,865 his first year to 1,425,000 volumes today.

In 1975, OSU was the first academic library in Oklahoma to become a member of the On-Line Computer Library Center (OCLC), a nationwide network comprising a computerized library database used for cataloging and inter-library loan purposes.

Rouse is a member of numerous professional associations including the International Federation of Library Associations, the American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries. He is a member and past president of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Events in Rouse's career about which he is particularly pleased are noted as follows:

1) Given the Distinguished Service Award by the Oklahoma Library Association in 1979.

2) Elected to the ALA Council four times: ACRL representative, State Chapter representative (twice), and Member at Large (current assignment).

3) Elected to three four-year terms on a standing committee of the International Federation of Library Associations; currently serving in third term (have attended eight international conferences abroad).

4) In national election named to chairmanship of my division of speciality in the American Library Association, the University Library Section, 1969.

"I would like to add a word about my plans after retirement next summer. I will remain on pay roll here writing a history of the OSU Library; publication of the volume is expected in 1988. There are two other books I plan to write privately, each of which will require about a year of research and writing."

"I plan to continue to be professionally active. I am serving on various councils and committees and will continue those assignments," he said. "I will read a professional paper at a seminar at Aberystwyth, Wales next summer and will have two articles published in 1987."

Rouse is past president of the Stillwater Rotary Club and was chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Stillwater.

He is married to the former Charlie Lou Miller, a librarian for Stillwater Middle School. Son, Charles Richard, is an attorney in Oklahoma City. Daughter, Robin, is a media coordinator with the State Department of Tourism and Recreation.

OLAScholarship
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Left to right: Dr. Roscoe Rouse, Jimmie L. Lee, and Donna Skvarla.

Congratulations to Jimmie L. Lee, shown receiving the OLA Annual Scholarship. Jimmie is employed at the Tulsa City-County Library. This year's award is funded by a gift from Representative Mike Synar. Chair of the Scholarship Committee is Doctor Roscoe Rouse.

TAKE NOTE

Three AMIGOS area senators signed a recent letter from Senator Larry Pressler (R-SD) to the Federal Communications Commission on the continuing problems libraries face in connection with AT&T's private line tariffs. Senator Don Nickles (R-OK), Senator David Pryor (D-AR) and Senator Dale Bumpers (D-AR) responded to letters from Roscoe Rouse of Oklahoma State University, Rosemary Martin of Central Arkansas Library System and Mary Ryan of UAMS, who with other AMIGOS members attempted to influence their states' lawmakers.

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This year the membership committee is inviting you to give your city managers, trustees, principals, superintendents, school board members, parents, teachers, active FOLIO members, retired professionals, or any others you choose, membership in the Oklahoma Library Association through June 30, 1987. FOR ONLY $10.00, you can make Oklahoma Library Association benefits available to those you would like to have know more about libraries.

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A GODORT meeting was held on October 3, 1986 at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. The guest speaker was Marie Hartman, Manager, Government Publications Division of the Dallas Public Library. She spoke on "Collection Management for Government Publications." She cautioned librarians that being a depository library should not be viewed as a way to get "free books." The cost of maintaining the collection along with the necessary tools and equipment for adequate access to the materials is costly and if only a few items are selected in very limited areas it may well be most cost effective to buy materials in those areas.

She advised librarians to be realistic in forming collection development policies. Consider if the goals you set can be reached in terms of staff, equipment and maintenance. Ask what it will do for you and your library — are you getting useable material or are you just getting "stuff?"

In developing a selection policy consider cooperation with nearby libraries and with other United States Agencies in your state which will lend materials or give them away such as the Census Bureau, Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers or the Federal Reserve System. Try to discover which agencies will be helpful and which will not so that you can compensate for this.

Review your policy each time you do your budget. Ask, did it accomplish what you wanted, have you gone beyond it, do you need to revise, update, downgrade? Also at this time consider discarding and disposal. Make a list of periodicals and publications you can't do without and consider duplication with paid copies. Make a study of what SuDoc numbers circulate and which show up in publication reviews most frequently. Keep in mind future considerations in terms of equipment needs, special purchases and target groups for special funding when it seems appropriate.

Once you have established your community needs in terms of subject, decide on the level to which you want to maintain your collection. Should you maintain the five year requirement only or should it be a fuller collection with in-depth coverage?

In conclusion Marie summed up the aspects to consider in developing a collection policy: 1. Define the subjects to be chosen for the purpose of clarifying selection in keeping with the interests of your community. 2. Decide the general level of collection development and the principal client groups for this collection. 3. Develop aspects of the subject or types of material that will be developed to a higher level than the general one. 4. Develop aspects of the subject or types of material that will be developed at a lower level than the general one.

Sample selection policies acquired from other libraries were distributed by Doris Westfield, Chairperson. The meeting then turned to plans for the future. It is hoped that the State Plan for Depository Libraries will be ready to distribute at OLA. Vicki Phillips is working on a cover letter to accompany it. The need for pre-planning for next year was discussed. Vicki Phillips was asked to report on the announced conversion of all Federal Publications, which are now in dual distribution, to microfiche only, and on the possible conversion of 62% or more of all Federal material to microfiche leaving only 500 item numbers in paper. She reported that a Depository Council meeting was scheduled for October 15th and that all was on hold until after that meeting.

The meeting closed with the presentation of GPO's slide show, "Mechanics of LPS and Depository Distribution," presented with comments by Jill Moriearty.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:**

The status of Rain Checks was published in two lists. One shows, by shipping list number, those shipping lists which still have outstanding items. The other list shows which shipping lists have been cleared of all "Rain Checks." (Administrative Notes. v. 7, no. 12, pp. 6-47)

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(Administrative Notes. v. 7, no. 12, p. 2-3)

A List of Newly Discontinued Items. (Administrative Notes. v. 7, no. 13, p. 2)

Dual-Format Distribution to Depositories: GPO announced that as of October 1, 1986 distribution of all publications available in dual format, paper and microfiche, would cease. Thereafter distribution would be in microfiche only. There would be two exceptions: 1. The Congressional Record Index and Daily Digest. 2. The hard copy of the serial set would not be discontinued until January of 1987. (Administrative Notes. v. 7, no. 15)

The decision was rescinded and will not go into effect until a re-evaluation is completed. (Administrative Notes. v. 7, no. 16)

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OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE

NTIS Privatization Study: A workshop was held at NTIS to discuss privatization alternatives. NTIS as a part of the Commerce Department provides for the centralized collection, dissemination and announcements of United States government sponsored research and development reports and translations of foreign literature.

At the meeting questions were raised as to whether agencies and foreign governments would continue to provide reports to a privatized operation and whether NTIS would continue to acquire and make available specialized reports which would sell only a few copies. Responses to the announcement in the Federal Register are being analyzed by the Department of Commerce.

A Coalition on Government Information is being formed as an ad hoc committee of ALA. It hopes to focus attention on efforts to limit access to government information and to develop support for improvements in access. Areas of immediate concern are proposed amendments to the Freedom of Information Act and the privatization of NTIS.

DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL MEETING

Congratulation to Vicki Phillips who is now a member of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. Vicki has sent us this report from their meeting of October 15-17, 1986.

The Depository Library Council to the Public Printer met October 15-17, 1986 in Washington, D.C. The Council, along with an audience of approximately 200 observers, heard reports from various units within the Government Printing Office as well as other agencies and components of the federal government. Members of the depository community received copies of the agenda via Administrative Notes in October.

Two important questions which were considered by the Council included a request by GPO for 500 titles that should forever remain in paper and the status of dual distribution of certain high distribution titles.

The Council meeting ended with unfinished business. The voting on recommendations was not completed. Therefore, the Council will be casting their votes on December 1, 1986. Because of this unique situation, it is possible to receive comment from librarians not in attendance at the meeting as well as those librarians who could attend the meeting. The recommendations to be voted upon will be published in Administrative Notes in November. The recommendations will be accompanied by a rationale for each recommendation. In addition to the recommendations, there will be an official summary of the council meeting.

As a member of Council, I would be happy to receive comments or concerns from any librarian. These comments can be either written or oral. Do not hesitate to express either practical or procedural concerns as well as theoretical or policy ones. The next Council meeting will be held in San Diego, California in March 1987.

MORE FROM THE DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL MEETING

Steve Beleu at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries gave me a capsule summary of the Depository Library Council from his point of view. Some of the areas touched on:

Regionals are responsible for the integrity of depository libraries in their area; i.e., requests to discard material may be rejected by a regional in order to assure that the information is available within reasonable time in that area.

Bookstores are going to contact libraries to see what they can do for them.

Regionals must loan to other libraries on interlibrary loan.

Regionals may submit a list of their needs to libraries in their districts and the libraries must give up publications if it is necessary to fill gaps in the regional collection.

Documents given to non-profit organizations by depository libraries when they may be discarded may be sold for profit by that organization.

Serial prices are down at GPO.

HARD COPY ONLY FOR DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES — ACTION NEEDED

As of October 1, GPO will discontinue hard copy for all dual format (micro-fiche and paper) documents now sent to depository libraries. Only a couple of exceptions, such as the index to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, will be made, according to a September 9 letter from Public Printer Ralph Kennickell to Joint Committee on Printing Chairman Sen. Mathis. Budgetary restrictions are apparently the impetus for this sudden decision.

Librarians and users concerned that fiche may be visually unsatisfactory and less timely for certain documents are urged to request that this decision be reconsidered pending consultation with the JCP and the depository library community. Direct your calls and letters to the Public Printer, and to your own Representatives and Senators. Key legislators are JCP Chairman Senator Mathias and Vice Chairman Representative Annunzio, and Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Sen. A'Amato and Rep. Fazio, and full Appropriations Committee Chairman Sen. Hatfield and Rep. Whitten.

Check individual publications.

GPO will be selling more forms.

USGS maps are now digitalized and a cartographer is no longer needed for updates which can be done by a computer. By the year 2000, 5000 quadrangles per year will be updated in contrast to the 1500 per year now updated.

All ERIC contractors will be able to copyright their reports, and they will not be sent to depository libraries nor be available through the ERIC Fiche collections.

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ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER PROGRAM:
AN INTERPRETATION OF THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS

For many years, there has been pressure on our public schools to restrict or deny access to materials considered objectionable by some individual or group on moral, political, religious, ethnic, social or philosophical grounds. These pressures persist today, and school library media specialists have no reason to believe they will diminish. The long fight against censorship is a continuing series of skirmishes, not a pitched battle leading to a final victory.

With these thoughts in mind, the Council of the American Library Association took action last summer at the Annual Conference in New York to endorse "Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Center Program: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights." This document, submitted to Council by the Intellectual Freedom Committee, was strongly supported by the American Association of School Librarians and all other ALA divisions.

It is believed by most Council members that this document will become a standard component of many material selection policies in school library media centers throughout America. Following is the complete text of this document.

The school library media program plays a unique role in promoting intellectual freedom. It serves as a point of voluntary access to information and ideas and as a learning laboratory for students as they acquire critical thinking and problem solving skills needed in a pluralistic society. Although the educational level and program of the school necessarily shape the resources and services of a school library media program, the principles of the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS apply equally to all libraries, including school library media programs.

School library media professionals assume a leadership role in promoting the principles of intellectual freedom within the school by providing resources and services that create and sustain an atmosphere of free inquiry. School library media professionals work closely with teachers to integrate instructional activities in classroom units designed to equip students to locate, evaluate, and use a broad range of ideas effectively. Through resources, programming, and educational processes, students and teachers experience the free and robust debate characteristic of a democratic society.

School library media professionals cooperate with other individuals in building collections of resources appropriate to the developmental and maturity levels of students. These collections provide resources which support the curriculum and are consistent with the philosophy, goals, and objectives of the school district. Resources in school library media collections represent diverse points of view and current as well as historic issues.

Members of the school community involved in the collection development process employ educational criteria to select resources unfettered by their personal, political, social, or religious views. Students and educators served by the school library media program have access to resources and services free of constraints resulting from personal, partisan, or doctrinal disapproval. School library media professionals resist efforts by individuals to define what is appropriate for all students or teachers to read, view, or hear.

Major barriers between students and resources include: imposing age or grade level restrictions on the use of resources, limiting the use of interlibrary loan and access to electronic information, charging fees for information in specific formats, requiring permissions from parents or teachers, establishing restricted shelves or closed collections, and labeling. Policies, procedures and rules related to the use of resources and services support free and open access to information.

The school board adopts policies that guarantee student access to a broad range of ideas. These include policies on collection development and procedures for the review of resources about which concerns have been raised. Such policies, developed by persons in the school community, provide for a timely and fair hearing and assure that procedures are applied equitably to all expressions of concern. School library media professionals implement district policies and procedures in the school.

Adopted June 26, 1986
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REPORT OF THE ALA COMMISSION ON FREEDOM AND EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Free and equal access to information continues today to be a deeply held value in American society. However, the policies and institutions for ensuring it were formed when dissemination of information was limited to the printed page. To examine how access to information may be threatened by the present-day communications/computer revolution, the ALA Commission on Freedom and Equality of Access to Information was appointed by Carol Nemeyer during her 1982-1983 term as ALA President. The thought-provoking report of the Commission explores how policies and institutions for free and equal access may need to change to continue to fulfill their objective. An understanding of these issues is central to realizing the theoretical basis of librarianship.

The chair of the Commission was Dan Lacy, consultant at McGraw-Hill Inc.; the vice-chair was Thomas Galvin, then dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science. The Commission's work was supported in part by grants from the Xerox Foundation, Exxon Education Foundation, Gale Research Company, McGraw Hill Foundation, and the Meckler Publishing Company.

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ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Advises Librarians on Impact of Pornography Report

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the American Library Association (ALA) has issued an advisory alerting librarians to the "potential chilling effect of the report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography on the free flow of information and ideas."

In a statement released August 15, the Intellectual Freedom Committee said it found the conduct and conclusions of the commission's hearings flawed by an "inordinate number" of anti-pornography witnesses, visual materials "skewed to the very violent and extremely degrading" and "an undemonstrated casual link of sexually explicit materials with sexual crime."

Most damaging, the committee said, is the report's potential for "heightening an already threatening pro-censorship climate in the United States." It described the tenor of the report "as a call to arms," which advises citizen groups that they may wish to focus on "materials which are not legally obscene and which are constitutionally protected from government regulation.

In its statement, the Intellectual Freedom Committee charges that the attorney general's report advises that "to remain quiet" is to approve such materials but fails to recognize that lack of protest may indicate tolerance for different points of view as protected by the First Amendment.

"In general, while the attorney general's commission encourages people 'to object to the objectionable' and 'to tolerate the tolerable,' the inherent message of the First Amendment is tolerance for the objectionable. Since library collections can be expected to include materials which some persons will find objectionable, an understanding of the meaning and purpose of the First Amendment is crucial to the defense of library collections."

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee urges that librarians consult the document "Dealing With Concerns About Library Resources" and be prepared with written policies and procedures to respond to challenges to materials and services, and that governing bodies, library staff, trustees, friends, community groups and the media be informed about the attorney general's report and the issues involved.

The committee also urges that state library associations and state library agencies take similar action to establish or update policies and procedures to inform state intellectual freedom and legislation committees to the possibility of restrictive legislation, to build coalitions with the library community and other support groups and to inform the public.

Copies of "Dealing With Concerns About Library Resources" are available free from the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.


Speeches from ALA censorship program available


The program featured Judy Blume, author of many popular and award-winning books for young adults speaking on her experiences as an often-censored author; writer Marcia Pally, on the appeal of sexually explicit materials; and Evelina Kane on the work of her organization, Women Against Pornography.

Other speakers were Alan Sears, executive director of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, and Burton Joseph, a Chicago attorney who addressed the potential impact of the commission's report.

About 1,200 people attended the program, which was sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committees of the American Association of School Librarians, the American Library Trustees Association, the Association for Library Service to Children, the Public Library Association and Young Adult Services Division.

Orders for copies of the September Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom should be sent to the Office for Intellectual Freedom, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Intellectual Freedom Bookmarks Available

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table of the American Library Association is making available at cost bookmarks with quotations from the American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement and John F. Kennedy.

The featured quotes are: "It is in the public interest for publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those which are unorthodox or unpopular with the majority" (Freedom to Read Statement) and "We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people" (Kennedy).

The bookmarks are available at $40 per thousand, postpaid, from the Office for Intellectual Freedom, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

For further information, contact Laurence Miller, 305/554-2461.
PROGRESS ON NEW STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS

Considerable progress has been made since January on the revision of Media Programs, District and School. The AASL/AECT Standards Writing Committee met during the annual conference of the American Library Association in New York in an all-day meeting on July 2nd to review the work accomplished by the Writing Team since January. The Writing Team is a small subgroup of three members and the Chairperson which is actually doing the writing of the document. This group is made up of Ruth Ball (Kansas), Carolyn Cain (Wisconsin), Addie Kinsinger (Arizona) and the Chairperson, Jim Liesener (Maryland).

The Writing Team has had three four day working sessions since January. The structure of the new document has been developed and a preliminary table of contents was reviewed at the New York meeting. Numerous outside consultants have been engaged to make recommendations in each chapter and Writing Committee members have been given specific areas of responsibility for reviewing the recommendations received. The Writing Team then takes this material and translates it into drafts which go out for another round of reviews. The Writing Team will be meeting again in October and possibly in December. A draft of the document is to be presented to the AASL and AECT Boards during their meetings in January and February, 1987.

The Joint AASL/AECT Liaison Committee also met on July 1 during the ALA Conference. This Committee coordinates some of the activities related to the revision of the standards. This group agreed to recommend the appointment of an outside editor to work with the Writing Team beginning with its October meeting. This is considered an important step in order to provide a readable document that communicates effectively the content of the new guidelines. It was also announced that the AASL and AECT presidents have appointed coordinators to develop plans for publicity and implementation activities for the new standards when they are published.

The most important announcement during the meetings at the New York conference was that a contract to publish the new document had been signed by the AASL and AECT presidents and executive directors with the American Library Association Publishing Department. This contract provides $17,000 in a development grant and an additional $17,000 from an advance on royalties which will be used with the over $9000 donated by organizations and individuals and $6000 donated by each of the two sponsoring organizations to cover the costs of developing the document. Some funds will also be used to initiate the publicity and implementation activities; however, additional funding is to be sought for these activities. The attainment of funding will enable the Writing Committee to proceed at full speed in developing the final document.

The AASL Affiliate Assembly is YOUR voice to the AASL Board. Your state association is encouraged to present, through the Resolution process, your concerns; therefore, express those concerns to your state officers so effective communication through the Affiliate Assembly will occur.

At our annual meeting Resolutions from each state are presented to the regional caucus and thence to the Assembly. Upon acceptance by the Assembly, the resolutions are presented to the AASL Board for appropriate action. A committee of the Affiliate Assembly is charged with the task of tracing the Resolutions as the AASL Board takes appropriate action on each. A report will be presented to the AA executive committee at the Midwinter meeting. The report will be relayed to the membership through the Journals and newsletters.

Help the Affiliate Assembly help you — communicate your concerns!
NEW SYSTEM PLANNED

A children's librarian in Paris or Cairo wants to look up the publishing information on The Westing Game. The librarian may spend hours or days tracking down the information, or perhaps might never find it at all, without a new system being planned by Frances Laverne Carroll, professor emeritus of library and information studies at the University of Oklahoma, and OU graduate and former instructor Mary Meacham.

If Carroll and Meacham are successful, the librarian would only have to refer to one resource to discover that The Westing Game is a 1980 mystery by Ellen Raskin that won the Newbery Medal for children's literature.

Several networks already are available to link libraries worldwide with information about adult literature, but no one has attempted to develop an international storage and retrieval system of information on all children's books, magazines and other materials, said Carroll.

"It should be the same for children's literature as it is for adults," she explained. "The children's field is still smaller, but with the mobility of people — for example, a Japanese company coming to Norman — people are trying to determine where to get Japanese books."

Meacham and Carroll have divided the ambitious project into two parts and five phases, and currently are working on the first phase — to establish comprehensive guidelines for the system.

In the future, Carroll and Meacham's system would list, among other things, publisher's names, dates published, authors and illustrators, book sizes, and even a listing of book reviews. It also would include materials for the library and information studies profession, books about children's literature, and aids to help determine the quality of titles listed.

If the system is founded now, while the market is still somewhat smaller than its adult counterpart, new information and titles can be added later and the system can be regularly updated and revised, Carroll explained.

Carroll currently is working in Munich, West Germany, on a feasibility study to determine the best design for the new system. At the same time, she is working with Munich's International Youth Library, a collection of about 100,000 children's books in 60 to 70 languages. The library is a project of the West German government and UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Carroll was on the faculty of the OU School of Library and Information Studies from 1962 until December 1985. She has traveled extensively and worked to emphasize the international relationships of libraries and librarians.

Meacham is a former children's librarian and teacher of children's literature who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from OU. She collaborated with Carroll on the 1984 book that they call Books Kids Like, but which was published under the longer title Exciting, Funny, Scary, Short, Different and Sad Books Kids Like About Animals, Science, Sports, Families, Songs and Other Things.

The two women met when Meacham was a student, and have collaborated on a number of projects since, including a book about the library at Mount Vernon. "We have an idea, we talk about it, it comes together and we don't really know whose idea it is," said Carroll, although she credits Meacham with the idea for the international information system. "At the moment I seem to be the salesperson."

The two library science scholars know that establishing the system for all children's literature may be a struggle in some nations.

"Each country has gone at it individually, and some have done better than others," Carroll said. One way to go about the unified system would be to link up the existing national systems, then add the countries which do not currently have a system.

"We'd like to see it started within the year," Carroll said, adding that she and Meacham would like to be involved in terms of editing and in getting the project started as a working system, as a prototype. "The effort will be some sort of combination of individual, commercial and non-profit group involvement," Carroll said.

Once the system is in place, all sorts of information, including actual text, could be internationally transmitted through electronic link-ups, Carroll said.

"To me, crossing over in language and country and so forth is important as early as the picture book level, and the technology is there to do it," she said. Using the system would provide children and their librarians an insight into knowledge itself, Carroll added.

"You could look to see how many books have been written on a subject. I think it is interesting for a child to know that. For example, the whole body of knowledge in children's literature on Christopher Columbus is less than 50 titles worldwide. That tells a child about knowledge."

ALA calls for poster session ideas for San Francisco convention in 1987

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for poster session submissions for its annual conference in San Francisco (June 27-July 2).

Poster sessions provide an opportunity for individual librarians or libraries to share graphic representations of current research, programs or creative solutions to library problems.

Accepted presenters are given 90 minutes during the conference to present posters, answer questions and give away handouts relating to the session.

Librarians or libraries interested in presenting poster sessions at the San Francisco conference should submit applications and abstracts to ALA by January 30, 1987. Applications and criteria for acceptance by the review panel are currently available from Poster Sessions, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

For more information, contact Kathy Harig, Chair, ALA Poster Sessions Committee, 301/396-6059.
OSU DOCUMENTS HEAD APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

Vicki W. Phillips, associate professor and head of the Documents Department in the Oklahoma State University Library, has been appointed by the Public Printer to a 3-year term on the Depository Library Council of the United States Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

The Council, which advises the Public Printer on a broad spectrum of national policy and procedural matters, consists of fifteen members who normally meet twice each year. The members represent various types and sizes of libraries as well as geographical diversity and are selected because of their recognized leadership in the field.

Mrs. Phillips, who was also elected last spring to a 1-year term as Secretary of the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association, has been a member of the OSU Library faculty since September of 1969. She received the B.A. from Oklahoma City University in 1968, the M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma in 1969, and the M.A. was awarded from Oklahoma State University in 1974.

The Oklahoma State University Library served as a selective depository for United States government publications from 1907 until 1979. In 1979, the Library was officially named as a Regional Depository for the publications of the U.S. The Documents Department is recognized as being one of the best organized and as containing one of the most complete collections of U.S. government publications in the southwest.

OSU Library Announces New Faculty Appointments

Marilyn K. Gage assumed duties in the Oklahoma State University Library as Assistant Biological Sciences Librarian on August 18 of this year.

Mrs. Gage received her B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University in 1965 and the M.S. and M.L.S. degrees from the University of Oklahoma in 1970 and 1982 respectively. She is currently enrolled in the Post Master’s Program in Library Science at the University of Oklahoma.

Lisa Bodenheimer joined the faculty in the OSU Library as Assistant Cataloger on September 2 of this year.

Miss Bodenheimer received the B.A. from Mercer University in 1980, an M.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1983, and the M.L.S. from Indiana University in August of this year.

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Friends of Libraries U.S.A.

Lillian Norberg, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been re-elected to the board of Friends of Libraries U.S.A.

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1986-1987 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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Eleanor Jo Rodger has been named executive director of the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), effective Sept. 5.

Rodger has been chief of State Network Services at Ench Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Md., since 1984. She coordinated information services and development at the Fairfax County (Va.) Public Library from 1982 to 1984. From 1980 to 1982, Rodger was a research associate with the library consulting firm King Research, Inc. She has worked for the Carroll County (Md.) Public Library and as a public school teacher in Massachusetts and Maryland.

Active in professional organizations, Rodger chaired the Public Library Association's Research Committee and served on its New Standards Task Force, as well as on the Library Administration and Management Association's Board of Directors.

As consultant and author, Rodger has specialized in library performance measurement and planning and is coauthor of "Output Measures for Public Libraries: A Manual of Standardized Procedures," a widely used manual in the field.

Rodger holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's from the University of Michigan. She has also pursued graduate work in education, philosophy and systematic theology.

The Public Library Association works to advance the development, effectiveness and financial support of public library service and speaks for the library profession on the national level on matters pertaining to public libraries. PLA has more than 5,000 members.
Library Development Committee Plans for 1986-87

This year's Library Development Committee is hard at work, and we want you to know what we are doing and how you will be asked to help.

This being a year when state funding is in danger of eroding further and many new officials may be elected, we are focusing on communicating with our legislators and letting them know how many people really care about libraries and what we can do for communities.

First on our agenda was a questionnaire to local, state, and national candidates in this fall's election.

The Committee is planning a Legislative Day in February at the state capitol, and we will be sending a representative to national Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. in April.

We have a wonderfully enthusiastic and able committee, but we will need everyone's help to be successful in our legislative efforts this year. Watch for further details about these events. We want to help you do a better job of building effective communications in your area.

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OLA Library Development Committee 1986-87

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BACKLOG BASH

On Friday, August 1, 1986 The University of Tulsa Libraries' staff celebrated a long awaited milestone: the elimination of the processing backlog.

By the summer of 1982 a backlog of 436,851 unprocessed items had accumulated. The survey of what composed the backlog occupied one professional librarian for six months. This backlog consisted of 112,954 monographs, 147,713 serials, 27,642 government documents, 10,556 microforms, and 137,986 miscellaneous materials.

Work began on the backlog in the fall of 1982 and was accompanied by a reorganization of Technical Services. During the following four years every item was handled and evaluated by the library staff.

"Few if any libraries the size of The University of Tulsa Libraries have found themselves confronted with a backlog of this magnitude nor dealt with it so quickly and successfully," says Robert H. Patterson, Director of Libraries and Institutional Planning. Credit is due to Robert G. Anderl, Associate Director for Automation, Donald R. Smith, Associate Director for Public Service and Collection Development, and their staffs, without whose energies and persistence, this arduous project could not have been completed. Credit should also be given to the reorganization of processing services that made use of greater efficiencies offered by automated systems, particularly LIAS-TU.

"It should be pointed out that the effectiveness of the new procedures makes it very unlikely that backlogs will be created again, despite our continued emphasis on expanded collection development," says Patterson.

The staff's celebration of this event included several "presentations" and acknowledgements and concluded with the presentation of backlog buster badges. Copies of both badges are attached. The left badge is self explanatory. The badge on the right portrays McFarlin Library's tower in which much of the backlog was housed.

The University of Tulsa Libraries are now completing the transport of their on-line integrated system, LIAS-TU, from Pennsylvania State University facilities to campus computer equipment in Tulsa. After mid-September, LIAS-TU will be a totally independent system, maintained locally. In addition to knowledge of its own collections, TU faculty, students and other researchers will have bibliographic access to nearly 3 million additional records. This is being provided by the acquisition of the entire current and retrospective file of Library of Congress MARC (Machine Readable Cataloging) records. It is anticipated that the LC MARC file will be installed by January 1, 1987. TU will utilize the LC records for cataloging and to support other bibliographic needs.

Additional computer storage space is being installed to accommodate these large files. Additionally, TU is providing telephone access for those wishing to use the LIAS-TU or the LC-MARC files from the convenience of home or office. Information on how to access the TU files will be released early this fall.

CONTACT: The University of Tulsa Libraries 918-592-6000 x 2871.
BOOK REVIEW

The Arapaho way of life is traced from prehistoric times in Minnesota and Canada to 20th-century Wyoming, Montana and Oklahoma in a new paperback book published by the University of Oklahoma Press.


The Arapahoes are an important Plains Indian tribe. Previously neglected in favor of their more hostile allies, the Sioux and the Cheyennes, they have benefited from increasing attention in recent years.

"With scholarly precision, the author traces the trajectory of events leading these Plains Indians to their apocalyptic capitulation," said South Dakota History. "Trenholm describes in dramatic detail the Chivington Massacre, the Powder River campaign and others. Both text and footnotes are rich in detail and anecdote gleaned from exhaustive research. Such ceremonies as the Ritual of the Pipe, the Sun Dance, the Ghost Dance and Peyotism are reported in such detail as to be envied by the anthropologists."

Trenholm has been rewarded two Indian names for her years of research and writing: Tuvu Waipu (Shoshoni), which means writing-woman; and Hah-thee-day' he (Arapaho), which means narrator or story teller. Author James Michener, whom she advised on the Indian phase of his book "Centennial," considers her the foremost scholar on the Arapaho.

Trenholm is co-author, with Maurine Carley, of "The Shoshonis: Sentinels of the Rockies," also published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

For professional collections, a quick reference listing to more than 6,000 acronyms and abbreviations found in English-language library and information science literature. Selected terms are included from the fields of archive and museum management, book publishing and selling, education, translation, and computer and micrographic technology. The acronyms and abbreviations covered include projects, organizations, associations, information resources and services, and technical terms. Selection of terms was based on usage in the library literature.

A. C. Montgomery is head of library services at British Aerospace in the Naval Weapons Division.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations in Library and Information Work, third edition, Compiled by A. C. Montgomery, $10.00 pbk., 224 p., June 1986 (QT), 0-85365-946-X ALA order code L946-X.

Guidance for use of Copyrighted Videos and Software Available from ALA

The American Library Association's Office of Rights and Permissions has produced a leaflet entitled "Library and Classroom Use of Copyrighted Videotapes and Computer Software."

The four-page leaflet includes hypothetical examples of library and classroom situations involving use of copyrighted-videotapes and computer software. For a free copy, send an SASE (22c) to Donna Kitta, "Library and Classroom Use," American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Multiple copies are 25c each, with discounts available for orders over 100.

The leaflet was prepared by ALA legal counsel Mary Hutchings Reed, a partner in the law firm of Sidney & Austin, Chicago, and University of Chicago law student Debra Stanek.

OKLAHOMA FOUNDATIONS DIRECTORY 1986 EDITION

This essential fund raising publication contains the latest information on Oklahoma foundations available from the public files in the Office of the Attorney General of Oklahoma. The detailed information this directory provides suggests the breadth and diversity of these foundations' grantmaking practices and procedures. Foundation grants have been indexed by program areas, location, and trustees. All foundations are included in an alphabetic index.

"The descriptive information in this directory is helpful to those who want to know more about the nature and characteristics of foundations. It is of direct practical value to representatives of non-profit organizations seeking sources of support for their organizations' programs and services. By communicating the capacities and limitations of the foundations, this data serves to promote realistic expectations of the foundation community."

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New name contest for Top of the News

Based on the recommendations of the advisory committee and editor Joni Bodart, the Association for Library Service to Children and Young Adult Services Division boards have voted to change the name of Top of the News, the journal for the two divisions. A competition will be held during November and December to solicit suggestions from the field.

If the title selected by the boards at the ALA 1987 Midwinter Meeting is one from this competition, the winner will receive $100 which may be used to help pay expenses to attend the 1987 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

The prize money has been donated by Peggy Sullivan, who proposed the name change. "The current title is more suggestive of a newsletter than a professional journal and does not reflect its scope or audience," said Sullivan. "Changing the title to a more descriptive one would make it more visible to researchers and others unfamiliar with it, and could help increase the journal's status in the professional/academic worlds."

Suggestions for the new title should be sent to Joni Bodart, TON Editor, Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management, 1200 Commercial, Emporia, KS 66801. Deadline for submissions is December 15.

The TON Advisory Committee will review the suggestions and present its recommendations to the boards during the 1987 Midwinter Meeting. The final selection will be made at that time. The new title will be announced during the 1987 Annual Conference in San Francisco, and the new name will begin with the 1987-88 volume year. The first issue under the new name will be Fall 1987.

South Carolina Association of School Librarians Wins Grolier Grant

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians has received the 1986 Grolier National Library Week Grant for a proposal to increase public awareness of the role of school library media centers and involve many groups in the celebration of activities promoting school library media centers.

The $1,000 grant was awarded by the National Library Week Committee of the American Library Association and donated by the Grolier Educational Corporation.

Given annually, the award goes to the state library association or school media association that submits the best proposal for a public relations program to be conducted the year in which the grant is presented.

South Carolina's planned activities include local parades involving public librarians, local authors, legislators, newspaper and TV personalities, teachers, parents and students in celebration of School Library Media Month in April. An activities booklet, including governor's proclamation and postage meter slugs with the school library slogan, will be compiled for future use.

Information on how to apply for the award is available from the ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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