In 1956 a young librarian, William H. Lowry, the Head of Technical Services for the Oklahoma City Libraries, read *Public Library Service*, the standard guide to evaluating minimum standards for library systems at that time. That work, just published by the American Library Association, served as the foundation for his developing interest in the organization of public libraries. When a grant of $75,000 established the Pioneer Library System, he was able to pursue this interest by accepting the position of Librarian (later designated director) of the system in 1958.

Coming from technical services he “didn’t know much about the public service side of the library,” as he willingly admits. So, he “took the job on trust,” knowing he had the direction to pursue his interests from his readings and the opportunity for multi-county library approach offered by Esther May Henke of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. What they both knew was that if the new library system were to succeed, it would have to have ongoing support beyond the establishment grant. Seeing that “the statutes were not in place for library systems to operate on a financially sound basis,” Lowry’s task was to work toward the passage of an amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution which would allow the people to vote a tax for the purpose of supporting multi-county and joint city-county libraries. “We needed earmarked funds for libraries.”

Though “a babe in the woods when it came to working with the legislature,” as he says, he was able to work with house members to draft legislation (House Joint Resolution 540) which would take the matter to the voters as a constitutional amendment. He was president of the Oklahoma Library Association at the time (1959-60). Looking back now, he doesn’t “think the legislators thought the amendment would be approved by the people.” But though a novice, he had already discerned an important political principle: “good legislation can be passed if it doesn’t cost anything and is not controversial.” The first step was to get the measure through the Legislature. It wouldn’t cost the state anything, the final decision would be made by the people and “everybody was for good libraries.” Authors of the resolution were: Representatives Ken Poyner of Norman, Bryce Baggett of Oklahoma City, Leland Wolf of Noble, Senators...
Bob Bailey of Norman, Fred Harris of Lawton, and Robert Breeden of Cleveland. With the help of other representatives (Jim Nance of Purcell, William Metcalf of Hobart, Earl Foster of Oklahoma City, and Barbour Cox of Chandler) and senators (including Clem Hamilton of Heavener), the measure passed in the spring of 1959 by margins of 70 to 18 in the House and 34 to 0 in the Senate. The amendment was before the people.

The main challenge from the public came from a skeptical position that although county library service is beneficial, people wouldn't want their money spent in another county. Lowry's answer to such opinions was straightforward: "Of course you have a good library because you have worked for it. But, you can have an even better library with multi-county support." The Oklahoma Department of Libraries played a key role in the campaign for voter support. Efforts were made through the citizens committee, library trustees and librarians across the state. Because the major donor in these efforts stipulated that his contribution had to go to a non-profit organization for tax purposes, Lowry persuaded officials of the American Library Association to deposit campaign contributions in their account. The Oklahoma Library Association did not have non-profit status at the time. In the end, the amendment to the constitution, State Question 392 passed by a margin of 623 votes.

Now came the opportunity to take the final step in the funding plan, a county vote. McClain County became the first county in Oklahoma to vote a library levy on November 8, 1960, the day John F. Kennedy was elected president. Cleveland County followed on May 1, 1962.

With more dependable funding in place, Lowry could look to the planning necessary for the Pioneer System. During those early, lonely days of long range planning for the Pioneer Multi-County Library System as well as for local communities, "we were looking for answers," as he says. A primary goal taken from Public Library Service was the need for professional librarians to serve the people. Librarians would have to work together to realize the mission of the library. In the Pioneer System, "we found the right people — human resources — to develop the libraries. We were fortunate to have those people and the ones who have followed over the years." Gail Seto, a long-time member of the Pioneer Multi-County Library staff, recognized that for Lowry "the professional attitude was important," as well as an organized approach to planning both programs and buildings.

Organizations must include the dynamic, ongoing process of planning for the future and the ability and willingness to adapt and take some risks. "I had the lion by the tail and I couldn't let go," Lowry says, which sometimes means periods of struggle. The Pioneer System, originally Cleveland, McClain, and Garvin counties, seemed incomplete when Garvin County voters refused to support the library levy in 1962. Not until 1976 could Lowry feel that the system was "once again complete," when Pottawatomie County joined. "Three is a better number for a more stable library system." Favorable support for libraries was evident when Cleveland and McClain County voters increased their levies to three mills in 1980.

Taking risks and adapting can also mean replacing old programs with new ones. The bookmobile, a familiar means to deliver library service in rural areas and in towns without libraries, saw a decline in usage in the late 70's. The changing living patterns and the increasing cost of operation led to the search for a more effective method to deliver library service in those areas. After a very successful pilot program conducted in Pottawatomie County in 1980, Lowry expanded PMC's Mail-a-Book service to all three counties. Circulation has doubled since then.

Innovative planning for the future is even more visible in the bricks and concrete of building projects. In 1966, the Norman Public Library became the first of the "modern" libraries in the system. "It made us a different kind of Library." Lowry had seen meeting rooms for library use as part of the library in other states. Construction of the Norman Library gave the town an attractive center for community meetings as well as library services. This big step was a new idea for Norman that worked.

Members of the Norman City Council were so impressed with their new Library that they decided to hold their weekly meetings there. This does not prevent the use of the same room for many other community and library programs. The Council has considered building a council chamber several times but has always come to the conclusion that the Library is the appropriate place for their deliberations. "After all," laughs Lowry, "meeting in what is now called 'The Lowry Room,' adds a certain dignity to their discussions."

Other buildings in the system soon followed. A new Moore Library was dedicated in 1967. In 1978, the Purcell Library opened in facilities shared with the middle school and county health offices. Citizens in Newcastle gave of their time and resources to build a library in 1982. A bond approval, plus community support from private gifts and grants made the Noble Library a reality in 1986. In Tecumseh, the sales tax increase in 1984 was used to build the new city hall which includes the library.

Meanwhile, citizens of Moore and Norman supported bonds more recently to finance remodeling and expansion projects which project library environments farther into the future. Norman's project, completed in 1986, completely remodeled and expanded the library from 30,000 to 50,000 square feet, while the Moore Library, tripling in size to 33,000 square feet, will be dedicated later this year. A gift from an anonymous donor for a new Shawnee Library is an indication of the ongoing process of providing quality library service within a well-supported environment.

These building programs are part of the long range planning Bill Lowry finds essential the continuation of good library service. "It cannot stop. We must work for better funding and continue to strengthen the library organization." On May 15 of this year, Bill Lowry will retire, having established for libraries a thirty year tradition of progress through vision and organization.
OPENING BREAKFAST

The media specialists of Union Public Schools celebrated the opening of their High School Media Center in style January 30 with a legislative breakfast attended by librarians and officials of surrounding school districts.

Among the honored guests were State Representatives Richard Williamson and Wayne Cozort and State Senator Ged Wright. As librarians, superintendents, and legislators visited over their buffet breakfast, they also absorbed the atmosphere of a beautiful enlarged media center.

The new center, featuring over twice the space of the old facility, contains two conference rooms, audio and video recording rooms, classroom space, a computer lab, and office and workroom space. The improvement included a security system and circulation system to improve services.

The program at the breakfast consisted of a slide show highlighting Union's media programs and information concerning the state of school libraries in Tulsa County.

This is the first of a series of annual Tulsa County School Media Legislative breakfasts.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Rogers State College Thunderbird Library and the Will Rogers Library in Claremore held a Legislative Breakfast for Senator Stratton Taylor and Representative Dwayne Steidley in the Thunderbird Library in Claremore on Friday, February 6, 1987. Other community leaders also attended.

A brief program about the Tulsa Area Library Cooperative and OLA was presented by Jo Ann King, T.A.L.C. Coordinator. Margaret Guffey, Director of Will Rogers Library, presented a program on "New Library Facilities," and Alan Lawless, Director of the Rogers State College Library, presented a program on "New Services and Programs at RSC."

Casseroles and rolls were provided by Friends of the Library and the Busybee Home Extension Group of Claremore.

State Representative Ernest J. Istock (District 100 in Oklahoma and Canadian Counties) is shown here passing on the gift book to his favorite library, the Warr Acres Library in the Metropolitan Library System. Receiving the book, Oil in Oklahoma, by Robert Gregory, is Shirley Chapman, Head of Warr Acres Library. The gift books were provided all members of the legislature by the Oklahoma Library Association as part of the February 17, 1987 OLA Legislative Day program sponsored by the Library Development Committee. Representative Istock resigned his chairmanship of the Metropolitan Library Commission when he was elected to the Legislature.
### 1987 Schedule of Meetings and Deadlines

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**Don't take the First Amendment for granted!**

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**I'D RATHER BE READING** LITERACY PROGRAM TIED TO "1987 - THE YEAR OF THE READER" CAMPAIGN

The Association of American Publishers and The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress have agreed to co-sponsor the "I'd Rather Be Reading" literacy program, founded in 1983 by the AAP, tying it directly to "1987 — The Year of the Reader." The AAP program includes bookmarks, bumperstickers, shopping bags, buttons, and notepads bearing the message "I'd Rather Be Reading."

A Congressional Joint Resolution, which was signed into law on October 16, officially designated 1987 as "The Year of the Reader" in the United States, and calls for a Presidential proclamation in support of activities "aimed at restoring the act of reading to a place of preeminence in our personal lives and in the life of the nation."

The "Year of the Reader" campaign originated in The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 1987.

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**1987: THE YEAR OF THE READER**

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**MEDAL WINNERS**

Sid Fleischman, author of *The Whipping Boy*, won the 1987 Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in 1986. Greenwillow Books published the book, which is illustrated by Peter Sis.


The Whipping Boy was described by Trevelyn Jones, Newbery award committee chair and book review editor for *School Library Journal* of New York:

"Master craftsman Sid Fleischman uses the centuries-old custom of royal households keeping whipping boys to suffer the punishments of misbehaving princes as a framework for a story that crackles with humor," said Jones. "Jemmy, the orphaned son of a rat catcher, is foil to Prince Brat in a deliciously funny tale that accomplishes the difficult task of conveying a thought-provoking message with a light hand.

"Using language playfully, the author is always in control of his characters," Jones said. "He spins a rollicking yarn of cutthroat villains who get their comeuppance, a spoiled prince who learns to respect his subjects and a resourceful hero whose common sense prevails."

Sid Fleischman was born in Brooklyn and grew up in San Diego. He worked as a professional magician and a newspaperman before turning to fiction writing. His books have been translated into 14 languages, and a number of them have been made into motion pictures. The father of three children (one of whom is writer Paul Fleischman), he lives in Santa Monica, California.


"Egielski takes us from the real world to a world of fantasy and back. Al, a janitor, and his dog, Eddie, trade their humdrum existence for life on an island paradise in the sky," said Vandergrift. "Shifts in framing techniques as well as shifts in palette deftly mirror and expand the pattern of the text. From the tan endpapers at the opening to the yellow endpapers at the close, Hey, Al provides a metaphor for the meaning of life that lingers long after the pages have stopped being turned."

The story of *Hey, Al* is by Arthur Yorinks. Yorinks and Egielski met at Parsons School of Design in 1975. They have collaborated on *Sid and Sol, Louis the Fish and It Happened in Pink*. Egielski grew up in Queens and lives in New York City with his wife, Denise, who is also a book illustrator.


Sid Fleischman and Richard Egielski will receive their medals and Honor Book authors and illustrators will receive certificates at the Newbery/Caldecott awards celebration, June 28, 1987, during ALA's Annual Conference in San Francisco.

The John Newbery Medal has been awarded annually since 1922; the Randolph Caldecott Medal since 1938. Recipients must be citizens or residents of the United States.

Distinguished publisher Frederic G. Melcher originated and first donated the bronze medals, and the Melcher family continues to provide them. Melcher's grandson, Frederic Melcher, spoke at the awards announcements in Chicago as a special recognition of the Caldecott's 50th anniversary.

Newbery and Caldecott Medalists and Honor Books are selected by two separate committees, each consisting of 15 members.

Ivy Ruckman has won the 1987 Sequoyah Children's Book Award for her book, *Night of the Twisters*. Two children, chosen to represent the boys and girls of Oklahoma, will present the award to Ivy Ruckman during the Oklahoma Library Association's Annual Conference. The presentation will take place at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25, in the Ballroom of the University of Oklahoma Student Union.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association, encourages boys and girls of Oklahoma in grades 3 through 6 to read books of literary quality. A Masterlist of 20-25 notable books is compiled each year by the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee. To be eligible to vote for his/her choice of the best book, each student must have read at least two titles from the Masterlist. The winning book is chosen each January. Sue Galloway, Chair of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee, said that 54,167 children participated in the voting this year.

The Sequoyah Award honors Sequoyah for his unique achievement in creating the Cherokee alphabet, the eighty-six symbols representing the different words in the Cherokee language. The Sequoyah Children's Book Award, established in 1959, is the third oldest "children's choice" book award in the United States.

**NEWBERY-CALDECOTT 1987 AWARD POSTERS**

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Take an Active Interest in OLA

OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES $500 SCHOLARSHIP

Background
The Oklahoma Library Association established a scholarship in the spring of 1984 to encourage graduate study with an emphasis on library science. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a promising person each year to enter the library profession, or to advance in the profession, by undertaking a course of study in a formal degree or certification program with a particular goal in mind.

The successful applicant will be announced prior to July 1 each year and the sum of $500 will be made available to that person to apply to costs for the completion of 9 graduate hours during the coming calendar year. A check will be presented upon proof of enrollment, with a stipulation on the part of the recipient that the grant will be returned to the Association on a pro-rated basis in the event the course of study for which the scholarship was awarded is not completed.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria
1. Must be an Oklahoma resident.
2. Must be a current member in good standing of the Oklahoma Library Association.
3. Must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
4. Must intend to engage in a formal course of graduate study at an accredited institution of higher education in Oklahoma, with the goal of librarianship as a profession, that will result in a degree or certification.
5. Must submit a formal application for consideration by the OLA Scholarship Committee by May 1.
6. Must submit transcripts by May 1 for all undergraduate and graduate studies completed to date.
7. A personal interview with Scholarship Committee or its representative(s) may be required.

Applications Available From: Kay Boies, Executive Secretary, Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73034.
“OKLAHOMA LOOKS AT THE CARNEGIE REPORT ON TEACHING” A TELECONFERENCE
KAY BRITTON

“Oklahoma Looks at the Carnegie Report on Teaching,” a statewide teleconference, was sponsored Feb. 10, by the Library Education Division. Dr. Albert Shanker, member of the Carnegie Task Force and President of the American Federation of Teachers, along with local panelists Dr. John Folks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. J. A. Leone, Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education; Ms. Andrea Kearney, Legislative Researcher for the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and Mrs. Pat Woodrum, Director of the Tulsa City-County Library System, examined the recommendations of the Carnegie Report. Dr. Dan Hobbs, Senior Vice-Chancellor for the Regents for Higher Education, served as moderator. The Conference was broadcast from the O.U. Health Sciences Center and sent via satellite to talkback television audiences throughout the state. The Conference was a cooperative effort of the Oklahoma Library Association, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Federation of Teachers, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The national Carnegie Task Force, consisting of prominent business leaders, education leaders and politicians, proposed that we “tear down the current structure of training teachers and teaching children and start over.” Dr. Shanker stressed that we need a broader view of how people learn. Libraries and the whole library system in this country are central to that expansion as we move away from the notion of the self-contained classroom.”

The Carnegie Task Force was organized to examine teaching because of a realization that many educational reforms “were stifling the creativity of teachers and that we do not use alternatives . . . that should involve technology, peer instruction, and progression at the students’ own pace. Shanker also warned that if workers in the U.S. are not going to work as hard and as cheap as workers in Korea and Japan, then we have to work smarter and concentrate on those industries that require more education and more talent. Shanker also pointed out the fact that we are about to face a massive national shortage of teachers. About one-half are about to leave teaching over the next 10 years. Last year only 6% of college students said they want to become teachers. Unfortunately, Shanker said, “the bulk of these are in the bottom quartile of all students.”

“I think we are in a real crisis,” Shanker said. Only 20% of the 17-year-olds in high school can write a decent letter seeking employment, and only 35% can read The Washington Post or The New York Times. “We have done a great job of bringing the bottom up . . . but we are not doing well enough as a country to produce a substantial core of people who can work in a society which is essentially going to depend on very high levels of ability to read, write, and communicate. I think that’s a real crisis.”

Shanker pointed out that most professions require a liberal arts background and that the Carnegie Task Force recommended the elimination of undergraduate education programs in favor of a fifth-year program. The undergraduate would seek a strong subject background and then concentrate on pedagogy and practice teaching his fifth year. Ideally, this sort of program would eliminate the “possibility of students taking 40-50 hours of college without being exposed to any liberal arts education.”

Andrea Kearney said that “the legislators share concerns about the teacher shortages and incentives in the teaching field.” There is “a general feeling that the future teachers of Oklahoma can best benefit from a strengthened core curriculum of good education courses and more field experience.”

Highly paid lead teachers were also recommended by the Carnegie Report. Dr. Folks commented that “if we ever do reach a point where we can pay our people 30, 40, or 50 thousand a year, I think many people would be willing to look at the idea of lead teachers. I don’t see this occurring with the revenue situation we have in Oklahoma right now.” The lead-teacher concept involves doing what a hospital does, Shanker explained. “Don’t have everybody in the same job . . . If at the turn of the century the medical profession had decided that everybody who had anything to do with a patient or an illness had to be a doctor, today we would have six million doctors in this country and they would all be earning teachers’ salaries because you can’t pay six million people what you can pay five hundred thousand people.”

Creation of a national board to set professional teaching standards is also recommended by the Carnegie Report. Shanker said that many prospective teachers could not score 65% on a 6th grade level arithmetic exam. However, Dr. Leone believes it is important that the profession set the standards for the profession rather than someone at the national level setting all standards for all the states. Dr. Shanker pointed out that systems of peer review are usually unpopular among teachers.

Pat Woodrum drew a comparison between teachers and librarians saying that “in libraries where salaries are often low, we try to create an atmosphere where individuals are challenged to attract good librarians.” Shanker said that fortunately the world has some bright people who are willing to make some personal sacrifice, but we don’t have 2.2 million of them in the teaching profession.

Video tapes of the two-hour conference are available for purchase from the Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013. Three-quarter inch tapes are $85, and VHS tapes are $45. Checks may be made payable to the Oklahoma Library Association.

ALA, the professional connection
“Who should maintain ultimate control of government information.

Expressed unwillingness of some federal government agencies to participate in a program not under direct government control.

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Increased cost to small business and academic researchers responsible for much of this nation’s scientific and technical research.

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Unwillingness of foreign countries and/or firms to provide information to a private concern.

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Multiple contractors making it difficult for the user to access particular needed information.

Lack of access to current indexes, abstracts, newsletters, etc., so vital for current awareness.

The creation of an “information elite” in our scientific and technical community.

Need to privatize an agency which currently is “self-supporting” at virtually no cost to the taxpayer.”

These issues and many more are of concern to those of us in the business of providing government information to the public.

THE STATE PLAN

Vicki Phillips, who was chairperson of the committee which worked on updating the “State Plan” for depository libraries, has promised to mail the completed plan to all the depository community, complete with a cover letter intended to be presented to the administration of libraries and institutions. The committee worked long and hard to come up with a plan which we thought would reflect the needs of the depository community and at the same time would be acceptable at the administrative level. I urge all of you to read this plan carefully and come to the GODORT workshop at OLA on Friday afternoon, April 24 from 2:30 p.m. At the end of the workshop we will have a short meeting to hear your comments and consider any changes you feel are necessary.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Association of Research Libraries is exploring the possibility of offering management workshops geared to depository library personnel. (Administrative Notes, v. 8, no. 1, p. 1 and v. 8, no. 3, p. 5).

Classification Changes: Details on where classification changes are listed including computer fields are spelled out. (Administrative Notes, v. 8, no. 1, p. 1)
WHAT? ANOTHER SURVEY?

Surveys have always been interesting to me because of the number of questions that can be answered by using the information received. The most recent survey I read, upon the suggestion of Doris Westfield, was particularly interesting because it was about libraries and librarians.

As a government documents librarian I have filled out survey question sheets a number of times, but never one intended for Oklahoma libraries only. Doris Westfield (Tulsa City-County Library Government Documents Librarian and GODORT Chairperson) mentioned that it might be a good idea for Oklahoma to do a study of the same kind and asked me to chair a committee for that purpose. After reading through the articles in Illinois Libraries, vol. 68, no. 5, I agreed. Now, I need support, input, opinions and volunteers to help.

The Illinois survey addressed several fields of interest; collection arrangement, bibliographic access, acquisitions, weeding, problem solving, services, equipment, library cooperation, and staffing. Among other items forthcoming from the survey was a union list of federal documents and document-related materials. Librarians of small libraries or school libraries could certainly help their patrons/students more if they knew where certain titles were held, especially if they have no immediate or convenient access to OCLC facilities. Titles such as Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, American State Papers, American Statistics Index, Statistical Reference Index, Service Center for Aging Information, HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development 7v1 Reports and any number of others could be invaluable and available from a library close by but unavailable if you didn't know they were there. The Oklahoma Directory of Depositories for Federal Publications and State Publications, printed and distributed by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, gives such a union list to those of us who managed to get our hands on the copies received by our libraries, but it was impossible to get a copy to every librarian in the state and I personally would like to see this list expanded to include more titles, collections, and libraries. All of these items we are generally interested in and all are items we will have increased interest in as the budgets continue to squeeze our financial situations.

The Illinois survey covered only the depository libraries and it is possible that they will be all any survey we do will cover. However, I would like responses from interested parties (not necessarily only librarian and not necessarily only government documents librarians). Do you have a question you would like answered by "all" Oklahoma libraries or would you like to volunteer to help with this project. In either case, I can be reached by mail at:

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SALUTE THE CONSTITUTION'S BICENTENNIAL THIS YEAR

Duane Meyers, OLA's Representative to the We the People Project

Libraries looking for ideas for programs or displays this Bicentennial Year of the U.S. Constitution (BiCon) will find plenty in A Resource Book published by the American Bar Association and the American Library Association.

Those associations and several other national groups are organizers of the “WE THE PEOPLE” project in celebration of BiCon. The resource book is part of a packet of promotional materials mentioned in the Jan./Feb. 1987 Oklahoma Librarian.

The resource book tells you how to get organized, lists the various themes and suggests a dozen or more activities from which to choose. It even gives sample news releases and radio-television announcements.

BiCon is not just a 1987 project, even though THE Big Day, the anniversary of the day when the Constitution was finally signed, is coming up Sept. 17. BiCon is really a five-year celebration running through 1991 (it was 1791 before all ten amendments in the Bill of Rights were finally in place).

So, if your library doesn’t do all that much in 1987, plan something for next year and the years after that. In Oklahoma County, for example, the Metropolitan Library System has booked a national touring exhibit called “Are We to be a Nation?” for July-August 1988. The exhibit will have statewide interest. The Oklahoma Library Association and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries are co-sponsoring it with the Metropolitan Library System.

Those libraries wishing to emphasize the Bill of Rights, particularly the First Amendment, may want to order extra copies (at $3 each) of four outstanding posters produced by the ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom. (See the last issue of the Librarian for details on how to order these and the resource book mentioned above.)

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Background: Del City High School (DCHS) currently has 1,700 students. A new media center was opened last year with 16,000 volumes. The progressive staff has created a warm and inviting atmosphere which is used heavily by the student and instructors.

Rose State College Learning Resources Center (LRC) has approximately 81,000 items. These materials are accessible through the computer catalog which uses a Hewlett-Packard 3000 minicomputer and Virginia Technical Library System (VTLS) software. A recent week-long survey was conducted of persons utilizing the LRC. Eight percent of those using the facility during that period were from area non-college schools. DCHS is one of the closest high schools to the RSC campus.

DCHS and LRC have a long-standing relationship of cooperation, such as, sharing serials lists, exchanging surplus materials and equipment, working together on the local Mid-Del Library Cooperative, etc.

Plan of Action: A demonstration project is planned that will allow Del City High School students to search Rose State College Learning Resources Center computer catalog from their high school library on a six-month trial basis and allow local librarians to see the current technology available for searching and what could be available in the future.

A special event for metropolitan area librarians is planned to:
1. Demonstrate VTLS and Boolean searching;
2. Demonstrate remote, dial-up access;
3. Show a videocassette on the IRVING network and how it works; and
4. Provide an introduction to local area networks (LANs) by a guest speaker.

Another event will be an orientation session for library students from Mid-Del high schools and library staff. Search strategies and techniques of the computer catalog will be given. This will be videotaped for further orientations. Evaluations will be conducted for both events, and an article will be written for the Oklahoma Librarian.
AMERICAN SONGWRITERS
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$50 U.S. and Canada, $60 other countries.
Covering 200 years of musical history, this book provides detailed biographies of 146 of America's outstanding popular composers and lyricists, from Stephen Foster to Bruce Springsteen, covering all the major styles—ragtime, minstrelsy, Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, rock, jazz, blues, country & western, and soul.

BARNHART DICTIONARY OF ETYMOLOGY
Edited by Robert K. Barnhart
Price to be announced.
A major work of scholarship for the general market, this new reference book provides etymologies for a core vocabulary of 20,000 English words, including several thousand new words that have never before been treated in an etymological dictionary.

THE FLANNEL BOARD STORYTELLING BOOK
by Judy Blevins
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$30 tent. U.S. and Canada, $35 tent. other countries.
This complete guide to flannel board storytelling contains stories, poems, and songs from around the world, as well as over 200 patterns for making flannel board figures. Ideal for children from 3 to 8 years old, this easy-to-use visual accompaniment to storytelling shows how to make and arrange flannel boards and story figures. Bibliography included.

CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHY YEARBOOK 1986
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An invaluable addition to the reference collection for researchers, teachers, students, and librarians, the 1986 Yearbook cumulates, in one hardbound volume, all the articles and bibliographies in the 11 monthly issues of Current Biography, and offers an index to all articles that have appeared since 1980.

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Plays and Poems to Read Aloud
by Caroline Keller Bauer
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April 1987 256 pp. approx.
$35 tent. U.S. and Canada, $40 tent. other countries.
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OSU LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

EMERSON W. HILKER assumed duties in the Oklahoma State University Library as Head of the Physical Sciences and Engineering Division on February 16 of this year.

Mr. Hilker received a B.A. degree in History from the University of Illinois in 1953 and he was awarded the M.L.S. degree from the same institution in 1958.

Prior to his recent appointment in the OSU Library, Mr. Hilker served as Head of the Science and Engineering Library at Wayne State University. He had previously served as Director of the Franklin Institute Library in Philadelphia and earlier in the Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Illinois.

KIMBERLY M. GRANATH joined the faculty in the Oklahoma State University Library as Assistant Biological Sciences Librarian on February 16 of this year. Ms. Granath received her B.S. degree in Biology from Illinois State University in 1977 and the M.L.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1985.

LINDA R. ZELLMER began duties as Assistant Physical Sciences and Engineering Librarian in the Oklahoma State University Library on January 12 of this year. She received the B.S. degree in Biology/Geology in 1976 from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the M.A. degree in Marine Science from The College of William and Mary in 1980, and she holds the M.L.I.S. degree which was granted by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1986.

"Information is the future, and that's what libraries are all about," said Dr. Lotsee Patterson, associate professor of library media studies at Northeastern State University.

Dr. Patterson, who joined the NSU faculty in January, just finished a special program called Training and Assistance for Indian library Services (TRAILS) at Oklahoma University. Serving as program director for TRAILS was not Patterson's first involvement with Indians and libraries. She helped draft legislation which provides money to tribes for libraries and worked with the Pueblo Indians in New Mexico where she actually began a number of libraries.

"I'm a great proponent of libraries and have a special interest in aiding Indian libraries," said Patterson who is a member of the Comanche tribe.

Patterson was also one of five Native Americans asked to serve as an advisory panel member for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission in Washington D.C., as well as serving as panel member or consultant for a number of national organizations including the Division of Library Programs of the U.S. Department of Education, the Educational Testing Service, and the Bush Foundation. She has also served in leadership capacities of the American Library Association, the Association for Educational Communication and Technology, and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for which she participated in two White House Conferences.

Patterson chose to come to NSU for a variety of reasons. "There's a good feeling at NSU;" she said, "the students are motivated and I'm looking forward to getting involved in the community of Tahlequah."

Patterson received her B.S. from the Oklahoma College for Women and her M.L.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma University. Her roots go back to Apache, Oklahoma where she taught at Boone School and the nearby Riverside Indian School in Anadarko. She has also taught at the University level in Texas and New Mexico as well as in Oklahoma.