I have traded a new filing system for an older model two drawer cabinet. The two drawer model is installed in my office now, a visible indication of the commitment I have made to serve as OLA President. Kay Boies tells me that it may not be enough space to hold all the materials and the paperwork that accompany the job.

There are many arrangements for handling detail in the job of President of OLA. It is those one-day-at-a-time details, handled well, that bring us to the conclusion of a successful Conference, the highlight of an OLA year. While I am thinking about the multiplicity of detail, and finding a place in my office and my life for the term you have given me the honor to serve, I have to remind myself to keep sight of the real purpose of our professional organization. Just such a reminder surfaced as I began to organize my file. I'd like you to see it again.

"Oklahoma Library Association
1989-90"

Oklahoma will be moving into a new decade during the year of my service as OLA President, if I am the candidate selected. I believe that Oklahoma's public and non-profit agencies, including libraries have learned that the reality of their survival is a lean, mean operational style. There will be neither money, nor patience with "fluff" from Administrations or the public. What our library agencies deliver to their various publics must be in the most efficient, effective way possible.

Oklahoma is a state of both great diversity and common needs. For Oklahoma's libraries, there are a number of forces which I will describe, which illustrate the statement.

> The most basic library service is still out of reach to many students in Oklahoma's public schools. The schools lack any sort of library media center and have no staff members, not to mention a certified person, who can assist students in finding resource material for class work.

> At least six counties in Oklahoma do not extend public library service to all citizens. Some local libraries cannot meet a basic definition of "public library". Many community libraries do not meet published state standards of library service.

GOALS: To re-convene and support the work of a second generation OLA/ODL Standards for Public Libraries Committee and to work for monetary support of public library development in the State Legislature.

And to support the Oklahoma Department of Education's Standards for School Media Centers and to work to continue library media center grant support through the State Legislature.

> Private and public colleges and universities will be crowded with people discovering that their livelihood depends on better education or re-training to meet the needs of a changed economy. Budgets have not grown, and are not expected to grow in the next decade. The libraries in these institutions will provide more with less. One possible hope is the growing technological ability to cooperate across the state, made possible by the equipment provided through the Kellogg Grant.

GOAL: To increase the ability of library agencies to cooperate in providing information and material to those who are seeking higher education and re-training.

> The library profession is challenged from many sides. The forces of economic pressure on the budgets of libraries creates an atmosphere conducive to lowering the skill level required for library jobs in order to pay less to hire someone into the job. School Boards, Public Library Boards and University Officials easily buy into the lowered expectation at lesser cost. It is a constant battle for library staff to justify their job and to justify the need to keep skills current.

GOAL: To continue to offer excellent training opportunities for library staff and to cooperate with the effort of other organizations charged with the responsibility to provide education. A better effort to coordinate events and to provide effective experiences for participants is needed.

> The Library Association is the most effective concerted voice in development and support of good library service. The Association, without a direct investment in a particular job can represent the library need to be addressed. Libraries are institutions created in the public interest and as such, must be adequately supported by public funds. The Asso-
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cation must continue to be active in the process of education and representation to the State Legislature.

GOAL: To continue to maintain an OLA Executive Office with paid staff and to continue to obtain the services of a lobbyist who will operate in the interest of libraries and their services.

This statement, by now, is two years old. It accompanied your ballot when you were given the choice of OLA Presidential candidates. It reminds me of the need I saw and the pledges I made before the reality of where to store the files. I still intend to pursue these goals.

At the American Library Association meeting in Dallas, Kay Boies and I met with the President and Executive Secretary of the Mountain Plains Library Association to begin the process of our membership and involvement with the MPLA regional library association. I believe that MPLA will broaden our members’ opportunities for continuing education and will help us by affiliation with states which are economically and culturally similar to our own. Exchanges on a variety of levels will be possible within MPLA. I hope you will be as excited as I am about this new direction for OLA. You will be receiving mailings from MPLA very soon.

My President’s theme is:

OLA 1990 - A NEW HORIZON

The details of mailing, of meetings and of every working plan of our committees must be handled well. The membership will not hear of MPLA, or OLA could not present its Spring Conference. Do that part of your job diligently and OLA will have a good year. While you are accomplishing the work of OLA this year, also join me in keeping your eyes on the horizon, and OLA will have a great year!

Marilyn W. Kirsick

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New Editors

This issue of the Oklahoma Librarian is the first issue under the co-editorship of Patsy Stafford and Janice Bickham from Oklahoma State University (OSU).

Patsy Stafford, who will be editor, has been active in OLA for several years, most recently as chair of the Continuing Education Committee. A MLS graduate of the University of Oklahoma, she came to the OSU Library in 1982 as the Circulation Librarian and is currently a Science and Engineering Librarian.

Janice Bickham, who will be the new associate editor, is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Library Services. She joined the staff at OSU Library as a Humanities Librarian and OLA in 1984.

And on a Personal Note

We are excited about editing the Oklahoma Librarian. As new editors we have ideas to increase communication in OLA via this newsletter. Suggested ideas include a column for people and places around the state; a section devoted to various committee actions and plans; reports from roundtable meetings and/or events; an idea exchange or "how-we-did-this" column; an opinion page, etc. In short, we would like the Oklahoma Librarian to be a source of communication and promotion of librarianship in Oklahoma. For this to happen, we need you to write to us—tell us your thoughts—share your ideas—give us your opinions on what the Oklahoma Librarian and OLA should be doing. Tell us and we'll let everyone know.

—Patsy and Janice

Oklahoma Jobline

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries provides the Oklahoma Jobline as a free job listing service to libraries and library institutions throughout the state. New positions are listed every two weeks and positions can be listed until the application deadline or the job is filled. The recorded message of Jobline has a toll free number within the state (1-800-522-8116) and operates from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily, and all day on weekends and holidays.

If you would like more information on a job announcement, or if you would like to list a job, call ODL's Public Information Office during regular office hours at 405-521-2502.
Clyde Martin, Fred Olds and Shirley Bellmon are shown with the Sooner Prairie Receipts, Past and Present cookbook.

**Cookbook Presented to Governor's Mansion Library**

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System donated copies of their cookbook, Sooner Prairie Receipts, Past and Present, to the Governor's Mansion Library and to Shirley Bellmon. The cookbook was compiled as a centennial project.

Lucille Whetstone, cookbook chair, presented a copy to Clyde Martin on behalf of the Governor's Mansion Library Committee and a personal copy to Mrs. Bellmon. Fred Olds, who designed the cookbook cover, displayed the original artwork at the presentation.

The Governor's Mansion Library was started in 1967 when Governor Dewey Bartlett, who was a voracious reader, asked John Bennett Shaw of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL), to provide a book collection for the mansion. The Oklahoma Library Association and ODL decided to sponsor the project and purchased 350 books to start the collection. The Governor's Mansion Library Committee now maintains the collection, purchases books and keeps volumes arranged and catalogued.

**OIF Seeks Selection Policy Examples for Update**

The American Library Association (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) seeks current examples of school and public library selection policies to update their school librarians’ “Workbook for Selection Policy Writing” and to augment it for public librarians.

Send current policies and related information to Selection Policies, Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Copies of the current workbook are $1 from the address above.

**Shawnee’s New Library Dedicated**

Everything has changed at Shawnee Public Library—except the books and the people. The library has moved from a historical turn of the century facility to a spacious contemporary structure.

Shawnee’s new library was dedicated Wednesday, July 21. Approximately 200 people attended the reception and toured the 22,000 square foot building, which includes a reading service area, a multi-purpose room that can accommodate 250 people, conference room, library offices and lounge.

“Space is probably what strikes visitors most when they enter the library,” Theresa Dickson, Head Librarian for Shawnee Public Library, said. "Space is not only available inside, but outside too—there are 120 parking spaces behind the building.

Along with a new building and furniture the library is also moving into the computer age. "The new library was planned to accommodate more technology and a variety of non-print materials,” Dickson said. Shawnee now has an automated circulation system and is planning for an online public access catalog. Other media equipment is available in the library for patron use.

Construction on the library began in November, 1987. The new library opened May 1, after 250 men, women and children formed a human chain to move 38,000 volumes from the old Carnegie Library in Woodland Park to the contemporary-style, maroon brick structure on North Philadelphia.

Since opening, circulation has increased 63.6 percent over May, 1988, according to Mary Sherman, director of Pioneer Library System, (of which Shawnee and Pottawatomie County are a part).

The $1 million for construction was donated by Shawnee oilman-philanthropist Don Bodard and his wife, Nancy. Another $400,000 was raised by the Mayor's Library Committee of Shawnee to furnish the building.
OLA Leadership

More than fifty librarians from around the state of Oklahoma were in Ponca City on June 15 and 16 for the Oklahoma Library Association's annual leadership retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to prepare incoming officers of the association for the coming year.

The leadership retreat took place at the Marland Mansion Conference Center and at the Ponca City Library. The librarians were welcomed by Mayor Carl Balcer and City Manager Jay Johnson.

Dr. Jim Thomas, Ponca City psy-

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To 1989 Retreat

chologist, presented the program on “Organizational Creativity” and Marilyn Hinshaw, director of the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System in Muskogee and incoming president of OLA presided over the two-day workshop.

Ponca City City Librarian Steve Skidmore’s term as president of OLA ended June 30. Said Skidmore, “I very much enjoyed my year as president of OLA and having all my colleagues to Ponca City to see the Marland Mansion and our beautiful new library facility was a fitting end to my term.”

Retreat 1989—A Personal View

There I was, relaxing in a lounge chair, enjoying the weather, magnificent surroundings, and the company of friends. Suddenly, I was approached by Patsy Stafford, who asked, “How is OLA’s retreat?” “The best one ever,” I automatically reply. Sure, easy for me to say: I have no point of comparison. But it really was.

All OLA officers, division and roundtable heads, and committee chairs met in Ponca City at the Marland Mansion, a fitting place in which to sit back and define ourselves and the groups with which we work. Dr. Jim Thomas taught us effective ways to deal with creative people—a task that’s not always easy. His thought-provoking ideas led us to some real insights on ourselves and each other.

Following a pleasant evening including dinner and random personal recreation (choose your own adventure!), we reassembled the next day in the Ponca City Public Library—a newly-enlarged building housing a fine collection and some really exciting art pieces. We reviewed our OLA manuals, the schedule for the coming year, and the procedures we would need to know. After a wonderfully-animated tour of the mansion, we concluded our stay with an OLA Board Meeting.

It was a great retreat—offering a chance to learn, a chance to relax, a chance to form into a cohesive group of leaders for OLA. And wasn’t that the purpose all along?

---Jan Sanders
This column identifies government publications that are of special importance to librarians. These publications may be available in any of the U.S. or Oklahoma depository libraries 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, contact the issuing agency. Key: "Sudocs" is U.S. Superintendent of Documents; "OPC" is the Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse.

**A Guide to Business Assistance: Teamwork Oklahoma, Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Department of Commerce, 1989. 8p. OPC Classification number: C 3900.5 D979a 1989**

This is a ready reference guide to business assistance information available from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Among the categories included in this guide are business development, business financing, business regulations, training and education, international trade, and business incentives. Telephone numbers and addresses are provided.


This is a review of some of the problems that modern information technology has created for the copyright system, the question of what constitutes infringement of copyright, and how all this affects libraries.


This is a study of the number and characteristics of university and public library users of U.S. Government Printing Office depository library publications. It found that users tend to be highly educated, evenly split by gender, and are either in professional or managerial occupations or are higher education students.


Volume I of this handbook includes historical data relating to labor force, total employment, and unemployment. The information covers the years 1958 through 1988.

Volume II contains historical data for payroll employment and wages for the State of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). SIC codes are used to identify the different employment categories and information covers the years 1969 to 1988.

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**Linda F. Crismond named ALA Executive Director**

The executive board of the American Library Association (ALA) has announced that Linda F. Crismond has been selected as the new executive director of the 48,000-member association. Crismond is presently county librarian, Los Angeles County Public Library. She will join the association about September 5 as the executive director designate. Crismond indicated that she is "delighted to have the opportunity to serve our profession in this new role."

ALA President Patricia Wilson Berger said, "the current issue of American Libraries reported that a candidate for ALA president-elect said the association needs 'to attract a committed professional who is a skilled manager,' one who can 'also exert leadership and generate real excitement about what the profession is doing.' I am pleased to report we have done just that. Her name is Linda Crismond."
OSU Librarian Testifies Before NCLIS

On July 13, Vicki Phillips testified in a one-day hearing before the National Commission on Library and Information Sciences (NCLIS) in Washington, D.C.

Vicki Phillips, Head of Science and Engineering Division at Oklahoma State University Library, was formerly the Head of the Documents Department there. The hearing gathered comments on the 1988 report of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) entitled "Informing the Nation: Federal Information Dissemination in an Electronic Age."

The OTA report discusses alternatives concerning the roles and responsibilities of several agencies involved with the dissemination of federal information, including the Government Printing Office (GPO), the Depository Library Program (DLP), and the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) among others.

Phillips, representing the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, testified on a panel including Don Fosseddal, Assistant Public Printer, Superintendent of Documents, and Dr. Joseph Caponio, Director, National Technical Information Service. Phillips currently serves as Chair of the Depository Library Council. Ten other representatives from the private and public sector were invited to testify before the Commission. Any other groups or individuals were invited to submit written statements at a later time.

Phillips panel had 30 minutes for presentations and responses to questions from the Commissioners. Written testimony was submitted in advance of the meeting date with a summary statement given in the oral testimony. All written and oral testimony will be printed in the report which NCLIS expects to present to the President and the Congress after considering the written statements and oral testimony. The report will make recommendations concerning policy on the dissemination of information in electronic format.

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is a permanent, independent agency of the Federal government charged with advising both Congress and the President on matters relating to national library and information policies and plans.

Headed for the Big 50 - Thousand That Is

The ALA Membership Committee is planning some special celebrations in honor of the 50,000th member of ALA. Since membership currently stands at considerably above 48,000, it is expected that the 50,000th member will be welcomed sometime before Annual Conference 1990. The designated individual will be given an all-expense-paid trip to the Conference, plus as yet unspecified gifts and recognition. If the person is recruited by a current member, the member will receive free registration for the Conference and also receive gifts. If the 50,000th member is a student and was encouraged to join by a library school, the school will also receive special recognition.

--Library Hotline 7/10/89

Preservation Planning Project

The Oklahoma State University Library has been selected by the Association of Research Libraries’ Office of Management Studies as one of ten member libraries to participate in the ARL Preservation Planning Program under the auspices of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These libraries will develop plans for preservation programs, as well as implementation processes that will enable the libraries to prolong the useful life of the resources in their collections.

When we speak of "preserving the library’s collections," according to Heather Lloyd, chair of the Preservation Planning Study at OSU, "we are referring to all of the information resources, regardless of format or location. While non-print media pose special needs related to storage and handling, printed materials are of particular concern to the OSU Library, especially books and journals."

A study conducted by OSU Library faculty indicates that, while only about 10% of the collection was published before 1940, much of that is brittle almost to the point of being unuseable. Mrs. Lloyd commented that while we would like to continue to make that 10% available, it is the remaining 90% about which we are most concerned; that "by taking preservation steps now, we can prolong the useful life of volumes."

A Preservation Planning Study Team is the central point for this widespread planning effort. Members of the Study Team are Heather Lloyd (Chair), Terry Basford, Tyrone Cannon, Kevin Harwell, Greg Hines, Norman Nelson, and Patsy Stafford. This summer they are developing a strategy for studying preservation concerns related to a variety of library activities. In the fall, in-depth studies of specific concerns will be conducted through task forces composed of faculty and staff from throughout the library. The Study Team's report, which is expected to be completed early in 1990, will contain recommendations for a realistic preservation program for the OSU Library and will outline actions which might be taken in order to implement the plan effectively.

--Heather Lloyd
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