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--- Oklahoma Plans Governor's Conference ---

Committee Members, Delegates, Ideas Sought

Governor B. David Beltmon has called for a Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services to be held in the fall of 1990 "...to address the future of Oklahoma's libraries..." It will also serve as a prelude to the 1991 White House Conference. This conference will be similar to one held in 1978 which 150 people attended.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is the coordinating state agency for the conference, which will involve all types of libraries—public, school, special, and academic. A steering committee, named by the Governor, includes: Lotsee Patterson, John Reid, Mrs. William Rose, Marcus Salazar, Marty Thompson, and Gerry Willingham from Oklahoma City; Robert Swisher, Norman; Phil Dessauer, Tulsa; Marilyn Hinson, Muskogee; Edward Johnson, Stillwater; Joe Johnson, Eufaula, and Patty Neuwirth, Lawton. Other representatives on the committee are Marilyn Vesely, ODL; Barbara Spiestersbach, State Department of Education, and Barbara Buzin, State Regents for Higher Education.

Ex-officio members include Robert Clark and John Cochran, ODL; and Bettie Estes-Rickner, State Department of Education. Salazar will serve as chairman of the steering committee, Ms. Neuwith as vice-chair, and Sandy Garrett, State Secretary of Education, Honorary Chair. ODL staff member Bill Young will be the conference coordinator.

Many ideas are being discussed for the Conference, and your participation is invited.

- A number of committees are being formed. Committees needing help are publicity, program, regional conferences, resolutions, delegate selection, ways and means.
- Prior to the state conference, 24 regional meetings will be held. Local volunteers will be needed to help with these meetings.
- Names for delegates to the Governor's Conference are being solicited. A wide representation from librarians, literacy councils, trustees and friends, government officials, and "lay" persons is wanted. Delegates should be representative of the state's population, reflecting age, race, handicap, sex, geography, etc.
- Conference program ideas are needed—speakers, subject matter and presenters and entertainment.

With everyone's help, the conference can make a real difference to the future of library service in Oklahoma. If you would like to participate or have suggestions, please write: Bill Young, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 NE 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

--- Cooperative Agreements Among Oklahoma's Research Universities ---

The first of a series of agreements among the libraries of Oklahoma's doctorate-granting universities (Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma University, The University of Tulsa) provides faculty and students with expedited inter-library services using a daily courier delivery system and telex-facsimile technology, and shared access and circulation privileges for faculty.

"This is a significant step in strengthening our mutual research capabilities," said a joint statement from the presidents of the three universities. "A number of institutions in the nation have set up similar agreements with real benefits for participating institutions as well as for the state. Successful arrangements of this kind can be found in the Research Triangle in North Carolina, in a consortium of university libraries in the Washington, D.C. area, and in the agreement between the libraries at Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley. It makes great sense from a perspective of sharing resources, and for encouraging economic development in the state."

This agreement is the product of a task force created in June 1989 to foster greater cooperation among the libraries of OU, OSU, and TU. The task force will be considering options for strengthening the libraries' automated databases, developing a plan for shared access to holdings information, and exploring possibilities for wider user access through enhanced networking capabilities.
IN THE 1990s, THE OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WILL BE CASTING A SHADOW OF ITS OWN

I can remember clearly how it felt to be second in the family. When school started each year, I dreaded hearing the new teacher say, "Aren't you the sister of..." knowing that whatever good or bad my sibling had been into with that teacher, I was always going to bring it to mind. Until I was enrolled in a college away from my home town, I lived in the shadow of an older brother whom I adored, but who tolerated my presence in the same school and the same household with a teenager's jaundiced attitude toward a weaker, younger sibling. It's likely that he was hardly conscious of it then. I know he doesn't remember it now. He was, as I have said, hardly aware of my existence.

I remember clearly, as well, our shared student status at college. It was no longer a shared life, because by then he was a young married student and I was having the time of my life exploring who I was outside the family boundary. In those years, I left behind the shadow in which I had existed, always the sister of... Instead I was finding my own niche as a campus leader and writing short stories for publication and studying under teachers who saw in me a bright and blossoming young woman sponging up every last drop of learning they sprinkled through the classroom.

For 1990 let me share a new perspective. I received a very welcome comment from the Mountain Plains Library Association Executive Secretary which prompted this column: "As one of our larger states, OLA..." the secretary wrote. Then I started thinking...

Oklahoma has such a sibling as I had to the south. A sibling with a giant shadow. With 32 metropolitan areas and a population of nearly 17,000,000 people, our sibling is a buying power 7 times the base rate of the average state on the Rand McNally Index. It literally demands national attention, and it has over history received it with grace.

Oklahoma has 5 metropolitan areas of over 50,000 population. At 3.3 million population, we are earning a per capita income of almost $11,000 and producing a buying power rating of 1.2 times the national base rate by Rand McNally's scoring.

At 2.5 million population, Kansas has five metropolitan areas of 50,000+ population and a buying power of 1.04 on the scale, with a per capita income of $12,887. Utah's per capita income is $9,116 for a population of 1.7 million with four metropolitan areas of over 50,000 population. Its buying power trails ours at .65 against the national base score. Colorado's buying power tops us slightly at 1.44 against our 1.2, but its population is 3.3 million and many of them gather in seven 50,000+ population metropolitan areas. Per capita income in Colorado is $12,958. Nebraska's per capita income is closer to ours at $11,728 for the 1.6 million inhabitants. The state's buying power is rated at .64. Four metropolitan areas dot the state.

The states of the Mountain Plains Library Association region stretch the length of the mountains and plains from Canada to Arizona and Oklahoma. Some of those states, including the Dakotas, Utah, Arizona and Colorado, have as great a population percentage of Native Americans as does Oklahoma. The traditions of the West live strongly in their consciousness as in ours. There are cultural, agricultural and economic reasons for us to find a niche among these states, to share our common problems and to share our creative solutions to similar library service needs.


A Note of Thanks

Dear Readers:
Thank you, thank you. This is our first issue with 12 pages and we could not have done it without all those people who wrote copy, faxed us articles, and returned our telephone calls. We are proud of this issue—there are articles and more articles on OLA activities and events and stories about Oklahoma libraries—this is the sort of newsletter we envisioned when we started last summer. We like it, we hope you like it. We know we couldn't have done it without help and we appreciate those efforts. We hope people continue to send us ideas, copy and photographs by mail, phone or fax.

Janice Bickham
Patsy Stafford
Co-Editors

JOIN OLA NOW!
It's Story Time

Oklahoma State University will host a Storytelling Festival Feb. 23-24, 1990. The Festival, made possible through OSU's Allied Arts program, is sponsored by the State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Internationally known storytellers Brenda Wong Aoki and Jackie Torrence will each give an evening performance and hold a Saturday workshop.

Aoki is a storyteller who presents Chinese and Japanese legends. She fuses techniques from Asian and Western theater and modern dance. Her stories include those of immortal monkeys and ghost lovers.

Torrence, often called America's favorite storyteller, brings to life the folk legends and Jack tales of her North Carolina heritage as well as ghost stories and tales from the African-American tradition. Combining gesture, facial expression, vocal sound effects, and the poetry of her words, rabbits, ghosts, and some "ordinary" folks who find themselves in extraordinary circumstances.

Torrence will perform Friday; Aoki will perform Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. in OSU's Student Union Theater.

To register for the complete festival package ($30), or for more information, call OSU's Allied Arts (405) 744-7509.

Tickets for performances are $15 each and workshop tickets are $15 each.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Storytelling Festival participants in the OSU Student Union Hotel. These will be released on a first-come basis, at a special fee of $36 plus tax for an occupancy of up to four people. Please call (405) 744-6835 for reservations.

Photographic Preservation Seminar in March

Preserving photograph collections will be the subject of a seminar scheduled for March 23 at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art, Shawnee. The seminar is sponsored by the Oklahoma Field Advisory Service, a program administered by the Oklahoma Museums Association, and co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Staff and volunteers from museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, and related institutions are invited to attend.

Steven Puglia, Photographic Preservation Specialist at the National Archives, will present the seminar. Topics to be addressed include the history of photographic processes, identification of processes, and causes and control of photograph deterioration.

Registration for the seminar is $10.00. For more information contact Carolyn Pool, Oklahoma Museums Association, Kirkpatrick Center, 2100 NE 52, Oklahoma City 73111; 405/424-7757.

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Banquet speaker, Vince Orza, a teacher, former newsman and current entrepreneur, said he had never seen the business of the year be a library nor businessman of the year be a school superintendent. "I commend you for it," he added.

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ODL Offers Bibliographic Newsletters

The U.S. Documents Division of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries produces five bibliographic newsletters. Your library can be placed on the mailing list for them by contacting Steve Beleu, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, U.S. Documents Division, 200 NE 18th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3298. They are free for the asking.


Healthdocs. Contains citations to healthcare information written primarily for healthcare professionals and medical students. Monthly.

Information. Contains citations for all subjects that are written in Spanish, and English language publications on Hispanic concerns. Quarterly.

Lawdocs. Contains citations to legal information written primarily for the legal profession. Quarterly.

Metrodocs Offers Monographs

Metrodocs is an informal library cooperative in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area consisting of eight depository libraries for the U.S. Government Printing Office. They have produced the following monographs.


If you would like to receive a copy of any or all of them, send your requests to Metrodocs, c/o Steve Beleu, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, U.S. Documents Division, 200 NE 18th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3298. They are free for the asking.

DOCLIBS

By Steve Beleu and Vicki Sullivan, Oklahoma Department of Libraries

This column identifies government publications that are of special importance to librarians—those that discuss library topics and those that are important reference works. These publications may be available in any of the U.S. or Oklahoma depository libraries throughout the state, or may be borrowed on interlibrary loan. U.S. documents that are for sale may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 10402. For State of Oklahoma publications, you must contact the issuing agency. Key: "Sudocs" refers to the U.S. Superintendent of Documents; "OPC" refers to the Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse.


This publication presents specific information pertaining to environmental regulations in Oklahoma. Included are brief descriptions of the programs/contacts within the three enforcement agencies: the State Department of Health, the Water Resources Board and the Corporation Commission; as well as a permit directory.


Outlines the recommendations of Task Force 2000 for educational reform in Oklahoma.


Congressional hearing on the collection, compilation, and distribution systems of the Federal government in collecting economic, technological, and scientific information.


Divided into eight general categories of services available for veterans, this publication contains information on counseling, job assistance, financial assistance, veteran benefits, training and education, supportive services, and legal services.
Harwell Heads OSU Patents Department

Oklahoma is consistently in the top ten states each year for the number of patent applications, per capita, submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Until recently, the OSU Library’s patent collection, the only such collection in the state, was administered through the Library’s Documents Department.

Responding to the increasing demand for patent search assistance, the Library established the Patent and Economic Development Department on June 1, 1989, to manage the patent collection and to extend access to this resource throughout the state. Kevin Harwell, an experienced Documents librarian, was named to head this new unit. He has worked extensively with the patent collection and has received special training at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Continuing a long tradition of cooperation with OSU and other patent depository libraries, the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) has issued a microcomputer-based CASSIS CD-ROM system to the OSU Library to facilitate patent searching. Harwell has been assisting patent collection users searching this database since it was installed in July.

The OSU Library became a Patent Depository Library (PDL) in 1956. At the present time sixty-five libraries supply patent information as satellite search centers of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. OSU is one of the most rural sites for a PDL. The patent collection now numbers over 4,800,000 patents dating from those issued in 1790. Originally started to support the College of Engineering, the collection soon became a much used resource for inventors, attorneys, and businesses throughout the state. The use of the patent collection has been growing at a very steady rate over the last few years. More than 570 searches were conducted during 1989. Since the collection has nearly 5 million patents and most of those searching the OSU patent collection are unfamiliar with the organization of patents, most Inventors and other users spend several hours conducting their searches.

Access to the PTO supplied patent materials and librarians’ assistance is free as stipulated by the PTO. Patent searching is available by appointment from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Some Saturday appointments may be made by special arrangement. Photocopies of patents are mailed upon request for five dollars per patent copy. Patents are also sent via overnight mail and telefax. Harwell is available to discuss the patent collection and the patenting process with inventors, organizations, and other interested groups. His office is located in the southwest corner of the OSU Library basement, and he may be reached at 405-744-7086.

Kevin Harwell
Patent and Economic Development Librarian
Oklahoma State University
Team Building Workshop Set for March

Dr. Larry Michaelson, Associate Professor of Management at the University of Oklahoma, will conduct a one-day workshop on “Team Building” at the Norman Public Library on March 23rd. The workshop is a joint production of the Reference Roundtable, the College and University Division and the Public Libraries Division.

“We feel the ability to build effective teams is important to those who work in libraries, yet as a skill has been overlooked,” said Susan Gregory, Reference Roundtable Chair. “So often, librarians find themselves in work situations that are characterized by tension, staff shortages, and shrinking budgets while demands for materials and services increase. We created the workshop because we think that it will be an opportunity to explore new approaches to difficult situations.”

ALA/OLA Chapter Councilor

ALA Midwinter Conference Report

Midwinter continues to grow in attendance (8,196), and in the number of meetings, exhibits, programs, and discussion groups. This has created some controversy as the intent of midwinter is for Council and committee meetings to carry out the business of the Association. The issues this time were hot and heavy, tinged with emotion, and a great deal of seriousness.

Highlights

Scholarship Endowment Fund—The exciting part of midwinter was the establishment of the ALA Scholarship Endowment Fund which totaled $82,000 by the end of the Conference. The ALA Executive Board contributed $500 each, the Black Caucus pledged $500, and over 100 charter members of the Fund gave $100 each. $50,000 came from the President and Vice President of Quality Books. Pat Woodrum serves on the Fund Raising Committee and is to be commended for the great response. The Simmon Graduate School of Library and Information Science pledged $500 and challenged other schools to do the same.

ALA Washington Office—I was proud to present the OLA check of $200 towards the Washington Office along with other Chapter Councilors for a total of $3,667. This money is used to bring witnesses to Washington to testify on urgent legislative matters, and it is also used for the annual Legislative Day held in April. The Paperwork Reduction Act, funding of WHCLIS, the enactment of a national policy on permanent paper (H.J. Res. 226), the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, the need to amend H.R. 3695 and S. 1742 (the Paperwork Reduction Act), plus ongoing library-related issues makes one appreciate the work of the Washington Office and the extra support given by our Association.

Intellectual Freedom Committee/Freedom to Read Foundation—I was also proud to present the OLA check of $100 to the Freedom to Read Foundation. The work of the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Foundation is staggering. The IFC has been reviewing the interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights to ensure that it reflects free access to library materials and services without regard to language or socioeconomic status. Council also passed the revised “Freedom to View” statement.

The question of fees and fee-based services with intellectual freedom implications is very complex and controversial, and a series of structured hearings will be held beginning at the annual conference.

Another area of concern was the “Resolution on Free Scholarly Discourse”. The issues were raised by a lawsuit filed by the publishing firm of Gordon and Breach, involve a dispute concerning the results of a study on serials pricing, and is very complex.

FBI Awareness Program—Documents recently released by the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that 266 checks were conducted on individuals connected with the Library Awareness Program since October 1987. The FBI has continued to visit libraries and seek out librarians, including a documented visit as recently as Dec. 20, 1989. I have copies of a form letter prepared by ALA’s legal counsel that may be adapted to your own factual circumstances in order to obtain records concerning you, if you think you might be one of the 266.

Proposed Dues Increase—The proposed dues increase was controversial and not well presented. Council finally voted to put the issue on the spring ballot and if it passes, would mean a $5 annual increase for the next five years in basic dues. From my viewpoint, I see that ALA has grown in members and services. More people are joining and becoming active in division activities which are proliferating. Members want more and more services which increases costs including the need for more personnel. Council passed resolutions establishing a Development Office and an International Relations Office, both of which are sorely needed. There is also a need to expand the Washington Office. Although the Association is now in good financial shape, a dues increase will allow for growth in basic services and a continuing healthy organization.

With Linda Crismond as Executive Director, ALA has taken a more dynamic, efficient, and effective direction.

Mary Sherman
Legislative Committee

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Lobbying, But...

Lou Watkins will present a one hour workshop for librarians, trustees and library friends on the how’s, why’s and how-not-to's of lobbying at the annual OLA Legislative Workshop, March 6.

The Workshop will be held in the auditorium of the Sequoyah Building of the Oklahoma State Capitol. Following Watkins' presentation, participants will hear updates on current legislative issues and then adjourn to the capitol to practice their newly learned "lobbying tips" while visiting their legislators as part of OLA’s annual Legislative Day.

Watkins is the Chairman of the Political Science Department at East Central State University. She is a former National Democratic Committeewoman and wife of U.S. Congressman Wes Watkins.

The day’s activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. Over 120 people are expected to participate.

To register or for more information contact: Kay Boies, Oklahoma Library Association, 405-348-0506.

Donna Morris, Co-Chair

Automation Roundtable, Technical Services Roundtable

How Do You Spell "Success": ART Plus TSRT

The Authority Control Workshop was a success! It was sponsored by the Automation Roundtable (ART) and the Technical Services Roundtable (TSRT) and held Nov. 3, 1989, at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. There were 59 participants from all over the state—both OLA members and non-members. The evaluations reflected a positive response to both the panel discussions in the morning and the small group discussions in the afternoon. Interesting comments and constructive suggestions were made for future workshops and OLA programs.

Panel speakers were Kathleen Haynes, University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Science—overview and public access; Rose Galura, OU Libraries—manual system in an automated environment; Charlotte Frazier, Tulsa City-County Library—automated system (NOTIS), and Linda H. West, Northeastern State University Library—automated system (VTLS).

The panelists also served as resource persons in the small discussion groups. Facilitators were Co-Ming Chan of Oklahoma State University Library, Nedia Santizo of OU Libraries, and Georgene Timko of NSU Library. Pauline Boyer Rodriguez of the Metropolitan Library System and Jane Mills of the University of Tulsa, McFarlin Library served both as resource persons and facilitators. Timko was moderator for the entire proceedings. ART Chair Galura and TSRT Chair Timko co-chaired the Workshop Planning Committee. Geraldine Adams of ODI handled the room arrangements and lunch.

Judith Gerhard, ART

Georgene Timko, TSRT

Auditing Committee

OLA Records Look Good

OLA’s Auditing Committee has recently completed three audits for the Oklahoma Library Association. The Auditing Committee met on July 10 and October 6 to review the financial records for the Oklahoma Library Association and the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists for the year ending June 30, 1989.

Marilyn Hinshaw, OLA President, also asked the Auditing Committee to examine the 1988/89 fiscal year financial records for the “Let’s Talk About It” project. This program is funded entirely through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities. The Oklahoma Library Association serves as the sponsoring organization for the “Let’s Talk About It” project.

As part of each audit, Committee members examined ledgers, cancelled checks, bank statements, deposit slips, authorization forms, invoices, conference and workshop registrations and the approved budget to ensure that all Association funds were properly handled and accounted for. In reviewing financial records, the Committee used “Recommended Auditing Procedures and Guidelines for the Auditing Committee” from the OLA Handbook.

After completing its review of the Association’s financial records, the Auditing Committee reported to the OLA Executive Board that all records were in good order. The Committee’s final report, which was accepted by the OLA Executive Board at its November 17, 1989 meeting, also contains a list of recommendations for improving recordkeeping and an acknowledgement for the fine work performed by Annette Duffy, OLA Treasurer.

A full copy of the Auditing Committee report will be included in the Annual Conference Report. The current members of the Auditing Committee are Joan Jester, Jeffrey Levy, and John Augelli. This committee is appointed by the OLA President.

John Augelli, Chair
Scholarship Committee Starts Fund Drive

The OLA Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 to give an annual scholarship to a library school student. The award is based on academic achievement, professional promise, and financial need. The scholarship is awarded in July of the year by the OLA Board after recommendation from the OLA Scholarship Committee.

Past awards have been supported by a vendor and the Scholarship Committee is working to find a vendor who would support a scholarship this year. In addition, the Scholarship Committee is asking OLA members for contributions.

Encouraging creative, enthusiastic new professionals in the field is an exciting opportunity. The library profession is changing as we look for people who can combine technological expertise with a personal service orientation.

If you would like to help with this important effort, make a tax deductible contribution to the OLA Scholarship Fund by sending your check to: OLA Scholarship Fund, c/o Kay Boies, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013.

Scholarship Committee 1989-90: Janice Bickham, Kay Gage, Lou Maxon, Janice Varner Nakagawa, Debra Engel.

Debra Engel, Chair

Ethics in Librarianship

The Ethics Committee of OLA has as its mission "to increase the awareness of ethical practices and professional conduct for members of the Oklahoma Library Association." "As a means of acquainting our Association with the importance of ethics in our daily work lives, we intend to monitor developments on a national level and keep our colleagues in Oklahoma informed on these issues," said Steve Skidmore, committee chair.

To provoke thoughts on issues, case studies of situations that present ethical questions for librarians will appear regularly in the Oklahoma Librarian. A responder will be selected for each question, but the committee welcomes responses from other librarians.

With this issue the first of these case studies is presented.

Case Study: Private Sale Opportunity

Vernon J. has a modest but respectable collection of Western Americana, including several first editions of Louis L'Amour of which he is justifiably proud. He is also the head of special collections at a medium-sized liberal arts institution, Mesa College. In this capacity, he is often apprised in advance of the availability of materials which would be of collection development interest to his academic library. A list of books from the estate of a notable collector of American literature which included an original signed copy of Hondo, one of L'Amour's early books, was circulated to Vernon J. as acquisition officer for the special collection. The private collection would be an appropriate acquisition for the college library; in fact, the autographed book is the scarcest of all the L'Amour editions and the only one the college lacks in its collection. The college budget would permit the purchase of several items from the collection or the rare copy of L'Amour's book, which is actually being offered substantially below the market value. Vernon himself is keenly interested in purchasing the L'Amour book for his own personal collection, and its bargain price makes it even more attractive.

Response: The Temptation of Vernon J.

Since both Vernon and his employer, Mesa College, collect Louis L'Amour first editions, there is definitely a potential conflict of interest when L'Amour items come on the market. The conflict is brought to the forefront by the circumstances presented in this ethics case study. Compounding the problem in this situation is Vernon's access to information available because of his employment, and the opportunity to profit personally from that information. The dollar amount may not be significant, but the principle remains the same in all instances.

Vernon should set aside his personal interests and buy the book for Mesa College. A fundamental curatorial obligation is to improve an institution's collection whenever possible at a cost as advantageous as possible to the institution. Vernon's duty is to buy for his employer when it was the employer, not Vernon, that was offered the item for sale. If he does not buy for Mesa College, he is denying researchers access to this specific item for an indefinite period, and the College may need to spend more money for the same item, when, and if, it comes on the market again. For Vernon to buy for his own collection clearly misuses information he would not have otherwise had, and would enrich himself and his own collection at the expense of his employer.

The only circumstance by which Vernon might be released from his obligation to purchase for his employer first would be a situation where only Vernon, and not Mesa College, received the notification of the sale. That, however, was not the case as stated and Vernon should do his duty and buy the L'Amour book to complete Mesa College's L'Amour collection.

Don DeWitt, Curator
University of Oklahoma
Western History Collections

Your comments are invited and should be sent to Ethics Committee Chair Steve Skidmore, City Librarian, Ponca City Library, 515 E. Grand, Ponca City, OK 74601.

Anne Million
University of Oklahoma
Pictured with the Centennial Quilt are Capitol Hill Library employees Sharon Coffman, Joan Williams and Shonda Grisham (seated from left); and Cheryl Mann and head librarian Ruby Soutiere (standing from left).

Capitol Hill Quilt Salutes Centennial

A quilt created over several months by employees and patrons of Oklahoma City's Capitol Hill Library actually served two purposes: it saluted the state's Centennial Celebration of the April 1889 Land Run and it drew people, who were not regular patrons, into the library.

"When we were asked to hold a centennial celebration, I thought what better way than to make a quilt," said Ruby Soutiere, Capitol Hill's head librarian.

In March, Soutiere put out a request for quilt blocks. Patrons and employees of the Metropolitan Library System, of which Capitol Hill is a part, responded with more than enough.

Once the blocks were collected, Cheryl Mann, a Capitol Hill employee since 1973, sewed them into a quilt top. This was attached to a quilting frame and placed in the library during June, July and August, so quilters, both novice and experienced, could quilt at their convenience.

More than 50 people helped and, Soutiere said, "We were really pleased with the community involvement. I think the project brought a lot of people into the library who don't ordinarily come."

The quilt was completed in September. The center block, crafted by Mann, is a replica of the Capitol Hill Library. Surrounding it are 48 other blocks such as a grandmother's fan, weather vane, and morning star.

Library patrons entered their names in the drawing each time they borrowed five books. By Nov. 16, there were over 1,200 entries when the library culminated its centennial celebration with refreshments, entertainment and door prizes. Diane Hamilton of Oklahoma City won the quilt.

Dr. Madaus Leaves Oklahoma

Richard Madaus' last day at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah was Dec. 1, 1989. He has packed his "Sheehy's" and his arguments for 6% of the Education and General budget for academic libraries and left for Florida, where he is Director of the Florida Center for Community College Library Automation.

Madaus, the former NSU Library Dean, was in Oklahoma for nine years. In the December Oklahoma ACRL Newsletter, Madaus said, "I will miss the spirit of Oklahoma librarians. There is a great deal of cooperation, special friendship, and great people here."

An active participant in OLA and often a speaker at workshops and conferences, Madaus was a leader in library networking in Oklahoma. He was the founding member of the Regents Library Networking Committee which standardized academic library statistics. He introduced the resource coordination/liaison concept and served on the AMIGOS Board where he provided input on Oklahoma library concerns.

One of Madaus' achievements was the spearheading of a pioneering effort to link VTLS libraries in Oklahoma. One of his special interests was college and university librarianship and he served as both Chair and vice-Chair of OK/ACRL.

Dr. Wesley Little, Dean of Student Affairs at NSU, said, "We have been extremely pleased with Dean Madaus' efforts here. He has been an exemplary professional in his area."

A resolution honoring Dr. Madaus and recognizing his contributions to Oklahoma's library profession recently was passed by the OLA Executive Board.

Baker & Taylor Grassroots Grant Available for MPLA Convention

Library science students have the opportunity to experience the educational benefits of the Mountain Plains Library Association through participation in the Baker & Taylor/JMRT Grassroots Grants Program for 1990.

The program offers one $250 scholarship to a library science student to be used for attending the Mountain Plains Library Association Annual Conference. To qualify, students must be members of the Mountain Plains Library Association and the MPLA Junior Members Round Table. Winners will be selected on the basis of professional promise and leadership ability.

Baker & Taylor and the Junior Members Round Table of the American Library Association have offered Grassroots grants since 1978 to defray travel and housing costs for students attending library conventions. Any remaining money can be used for the student's education.

If you would like to apply for a Grassroots Grant, contact:

Gail Egbers
216N Love Library-CRS
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, NE 68588-0410
First Oklahoma Book Awards

The first Oklahoma Book Awards were presented at a black-tie event on Friday, Nov. 17, at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City. The premiere of these awards, sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for the Book, was timed to tie into Oklahoma's Centennial celebration. "It seemed appropriate that we should be doing something to honor Oklahoma's library heritage during 1989," said Aaron Corwin, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

Books nominated for the award must have an Oklahoma-based theme or have been written by an author who resides or has resided in Oklahoma. The specially designed bronze medallions were presented to both authors and publishers in six different categories by Master of Ceremonies Robert Allen, Director of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority and a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

The prize categories, names and publishers were:

- Children and Young Adult: Helen Roney Satterl, *Tyrannosaurus Rex and its Kin*, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard;
- Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress Emeritus and a native of Tulsa.

New Collections Available From ODL

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries has recently acquired several special collections that patrons of Oklahoma libraries will find useful. ODL's U.S. Documents Division had previously acquired ERIC microfiche from 1962 through 1982. They have now received 1982 through the present, and will continue to receive all ERIC microfiche. ERIC microfiche may be accessed by using the Resources in Education Index. Please include "ED" numbers with requests.

The U.S. Documents Division has also acquired a complete set of U.S. Department of Defense military specifications and standards, Federal specifications and standards, Federal commercial item descriptions, military handbooks, military standardization documents, design standards, and other publications that businessmen need in order to submit bids on Federal and DOD jobs. The U.S. Documents Division will soon be distributing a brief guide to all Oklahoma libraries on how librarians can utilize this microfiche collection. In general, they can locate specifications by specification code numbers or the names of materials that have specifications written.

For both ERIC microfiche and specifications and standards microfiche, the U.S. Documents Division staff will produce duplicate microfiche to send to your library which you, as librarians, can either keep or give to your patrons. Requests for these materials should be made through your interlibrary loan system.

For more information, call (405) 521-2502, or 800-522-8116, ext. 252.

Western History Guide Available

A comprehensive guide to the Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma, the first guide since 1964, is now available online through RLIN (Research Libraries Information Network). The guide consists of records in MARC-AMC format, with extensive name and LC subject indexing, for 1,150 manuscript and 400 photographic collections.

In November, the Western History Collections distributed, free of charge, microfiched copies of the guide to libraries, archives and manuscript repositories throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and Missouri. Other microfiche copies of the guide will be available at a nominal cost to other libraries or research centers, as well as the general public. This project has been supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, contact Bradford Koplowitz, Assistant Curator and Project Director, at (405) 325-3641, or address your questions to the University of Oklahoma, Western History Collections, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 452, Norman, OK 73019.
Allie Beth Martin Scholarship

The Tulsa Library Trust is now accepting applications from residents of Oklahoma for the Allie Beth Martin Scholarship Award. To encourage people to advance their careers in librarianship, the scholarship provides financial assistance to residents of Oklahoma to pursue a graduate degree in library science. The amount of the grant is based upon the monies available and/or the needs of the applicant or applicants.

Applicants must submit a Scholarship Application (available from the Tulsa City-County Library Personnel Manager), a college transcript, and three letters of reference. Applicants must be willing to give full, detailed information about their financial resources if needed. All information will be treated confidentially. Individuals who have received an Allie Beth Martin Scholarship award previously may apply again.

For more information contact: Personnel Manager, Tulsa City-County Library, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103, (918) 596-7887.

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