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Who Speaks For You?

The responsibility of the President of an association such as the Oklahoma Library Association is to lead the association, to represent it as a spokesman. Sure, you agree in easy assent, and I did too, until I began to mull over the Association's effort to create an effective legislative network.

I thought about the near miracle that has recently occurred in the political makeup of the world states. In the unravelling of governments over a huge area of the globe, I see the political principle that people are controlled by their consent. When they stop consenting, change is the inevitable result.

In our country, we have institutionalized the ability to make that change. We are psychologically set to creatively walk the fine line between self and group interest from our early childhood. Our phrase for this consent we give leaders is "governance by consent of the governed."

A recent news article made me aware of a "natural" phenomenon—how flocks of geese and ducks select a leader. They follow an individual who happens to be going the way they want to go anyway. How Democratic! Thomas Jefferson said we have the inalienable right to consent or refuse to consent. Those who have made ours their adopted country tell us we take this all too casually.

Each year OLA shares the facts with you to help you understand the choices and problems facing libraries and the forces which state officials and legislators have to contend with. With the facts you can speak for libraries at home. Speak from your conviction and your heart. But, get the facts straight so we will all be heading in the same direction.

The hardest step in becoming an informed citizen for libraries is the first one. That step could be attending a meeting, calling OLA, or the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, or Department of Education, or Board of Regents to get a fact sheet. It could be speaking to only one person about your concern. It could be looking up the number of your local legislator's office and calling to talk to his/her aide with a three sentence message you have written out before hand.

If you ever wanted to do more for your library, and collectively for all Oklahoma libraries, the place to start is in your own backyard with your representative. No OLA President can do it as well as you.

Marilyn V. Kisworn

Polly Clarke Award Nominees Sought

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists (OASLMS) is accepting applications for its third annual award to honor an Oklahoma school library media specialist. This award identifies librarians who have established exemplary library media programs. The award is named in memory of Polly Clarke, long-time library educator at Northeastern State University. Nominations for this award can be made by administrators, library supervisors, classroom teachers, or may be self-nominated. An application can be obtained by contacting the State Department of Education, Library Resources/Technology Section, 2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599, or by calling (405) 521-2956.

Deadline for applications to be returned to the Library Resources/Technology office is July 1, 1990.
Plans Set for Regional Meetings

Twenty-four regional meetings are scheduled across the state on Sunday, Sept. 30, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to encourage citizens to participate in the White House Conference process in Oklahoma.

A four-part format has been developed for the regional meetings. Each regional meeting will open up with an introduction and video presentation, followed by local discussion on library issues and needs. Then, a teleconference report on top priorities for improving library services in the state will include a panel discussion and questions from participants. The final item will be the election of delegates.

Delegates elected from the regional meetings will attend the Governor's Conference on Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 in Oklahoma City. The resolutions which emerge from the regional meetings will be discussed, refined, rewritten and prioritized for presentation to the Governor at the state conference, and for presentation at the White House Conference in 1991.

KMGL, JIF Raise Money for Children's Books

A joint effort by KMGL Magic 104 Radio of Oklahoma City and the makers of Jif Peanut Butter will mean $1,500 worth of children's books for the Metropolitan Library System (MLS) which serves Oklahoma County.

"KMGL is a good friend to the library system and we are more than pleased to find that Jif Peanut Butter is also a supporter," says MLS executive director Lee Brawner. "They have asked that the money be spent only on children's books. And that's perfect, because our needs in that area are great, particularly during the annual summer reading program when our younger patrons almost empty the shelves."

Faultless Donates Proceeds

The Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Company has mailed a check for $5,467.90 to the Oklahoma Center for the Book with the instructions that the money be used for the purchase of books from the Sequoyah Masterlist for public libraries in Oklahoma. Two hundred and six libraries will receive a copy of $linker from Space by Pamela F. Service, and the ninety-six libraries which hosted the Faultless Starch Library Exhibit last year will also receive a copy of All About Sam by Lois Lowry.

Last year, in celebration of the Library of Congress' 1989 Year of the Young Reader and the Centennial of Oklahoma's Land Run, Faultless commissioned Levite of Apache, a Norman publishing company, to reproduce the Faultless Starch Library which was first published in 1889. Considered one of the first box-top premiums designed to enhance product image and sales while filling a consumer need, the 36 titles were prized in frontier country.

The reproductions were sold by Faultless and the proceeds from their sale resulted in the check. The complete set of 36 books comes in a replica of the original Faultless Starch box and sells for $25.00 with $12.50 of that amount returned to Oklahoma Center for the Book for the purchase of books on the Sequoyah Masterlist and postage to mail them to Oklahoma libraries.

Norman Librarian Featured in Brochure

A youth services recruitment brochure is available. It is called "Whatever You Like to Do...A Youth Services Librarian is Probably Already Doing It." Short profiles of six librarians are featured, showing different career paths in youth services. Anne Masters, Director of Media Services, Norman (Oklahoma) Public Schools is one of the six. The 16 page brochure describes responsibilities of youth services librarians and the background and skills needed.

For Masters, the brochure points out that "being a librarian is a bit like being a missionary—helping and motivating students to learn on their own and to enjoy reading and offering new ideas to classroom teachers. A never-ending task with never-ending rewards."

The brochure is produced by the American Association of School Librarians, Association for Library Services to Children, Young Adult Services Division, Office for Library Personnel Resources, and ALA Communications, and is available from OLPR/ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. Single copies are free. Up to 25 free copies are available for career days. Additional multiple copies are $3 for 50 brochures.

OMA Announces Programs

The Field Advisory Service, administered by the Oklahoma Museums Association (OMA) and co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society, is offering a two-day workshop on "Exhibiting Your Community's Heritage."

The workshop will be held April 24-25, at Oklahoma State University Student Union in Stillwater. Registration fee is $20.

Speakers are Tom McKay and Deborah Kmetz from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

A second seminar on the preservation of paper on May 31 will be held at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa building, Catoosa.

Robert McCarron, paper conservator from the Western Center for the Conservation of Fine Art in Denver, Colorado, will be the speaker.

Registration fee is $15.00.

For more information on either program, contact Carolyn Pool, OMA, Kirkpatrick Center, 2100 NE 52, Oklahoma City, OK 73111; 405-424-7757.

New Director at Enid Public

Cathy Cook has been named Director of the Public Library at Enid and Garfield County effective March 28. Cook had worked at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries since 1978. Her most recent position was Public Library Consultant.
Sequoyah Awards

For Children

Oh, it's Fudge

Charlotte Towner Graeber has won the 1990 Sequoyah Children's Book Award for her book Fudge. Two children will be chosen to represent the boys and girls of Oklahoma and will present the award to Ms. Graeber during the Oklahoma Library Association's state convention. The presentation will take place on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Plaza Ballroom of the Westin Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Graeber will also autograph books during this time. Hardcover and paperback copies of Fudge will be available for purchase.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award program, sponsored by OLA, encourages Oklahoma boys and girls in the third through sixth grades 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, each student must have read at least two titles from the masterlist. The winning book is chosen each January. Jonette Ellis, chair of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee, said that over 65,000 children participated in the voting this year.

The Sequoyah Award honors Sequoyah for his unique achievement in creating the Cherokee alphabet which has eighty-six symbols to represent 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.

For Young Adults

Here comes Hatchet

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen is the winner of the 1989-90 Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award.

The Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award, established in 1986, is presented each year at the Oklahoma Library Association annual conference. The presentation to Paulsen will be on Friday, April 20, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Four thousand students, grades 7-9, from 135 schools and public libraries across Oklahoma participated in the voting. Hatchet was voted the winner over 14 other books. The Masterlist of books is selected each year by the Sequoyah Young Adult Committee which is composed of librarians from Oklahoma school and public libraries.

Gary Paulsen, who lives in Minnesota, has written extensively for Young Adults. His books, Dancing Carl and Tracker have been on the Best Books list of the American Library Association. Hatchet and Dogsong have been Newbery Honor Books. Paulsen writes for youth because “young people know the score,” says Paulsen, “art reaches out for newness and adults aren't new.”

OASLMS REPORT

What Have We Got To Lose?

School library media improvement grants—certified library media specialists—new library media centers for Oklahoma's school children. This is what we have to lose.

The fate of HB 1017 (the education bill) is in question. And until it is settled, the state school appropriations bill hangs in the balance. It is the school appropriations bill which provides the funds for school library media improvement grants. These are the grants which go to Oklahoma schools either developing a library media program for the first time or improving an existing program. It is also from the school appropriations bill that we have been seeking much needed supplemental funds for library materials. When 645 schools in Oklahoma do not have a certified library media specialist, when 44% of Oklahoma elementary schools do not have a certified library media specialist, when 224 schools in the state do not have libraries, we cannot allow this program to be cut.

HB 1017 includes reforms which will require school districts, by the end of the 1990s, to meet North Central recommendations which include provisions for school libraries and school library media specialists. Adequate staffing of school library media centers is essential for the success of these programs.

"But what can I do about it?” WRITE, CALL, LOBBY. Let our state legislators know that we need money for the continuation of library media improvement grants and that we support adequate staffing of school media centers. Write letters and encourage patrons, students, community members to write letters to legislators asking them to include money in the budget for school libraries.

"But won't they go ahead and put that money in the budget even if I don't lobby for it?” No, they won't. Professional librarians in the state must be the ones to fight for these programs. We must help ourselves because we have a lot to lose. And, more importantly, the school children of Oklahoma have a lot to lose. We must do it for ourselves and we must do it for them.

—Mona Hatfield
Chair, OASLMS
Apply Now for the OLA Student Scholarship

Do you know someone in your library who is interested in library school or already attending library school? The OLA Scholarship Committee is looking for potential applicants for the $500 scholarship which will be awarded in July 1990. Eligibility is based on academic achievement, professional promise and financial need. Applicants must be Oklahoma residents, OLA members and pursuing a formal course of library graduate study in Oklahoma.

Encouraging creative, enthusiastic new professionals in the library 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.

Interested applicants for the OLA Scholarship should contact Kay Boies, Executive Director, Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013; (405) 348-0506. Completed applications are due by May 18, 1990.

Debra Engel
Chair, Scholarship Committee

"If each OLA member donates $1.00 by checking the scholarship box on this year's membership form, OLA could sponsor two additional scholarships."

—Kay Boies
Executive Director

Proposal/Applicants Sought for ALA Right to Know Project

Grants of up to $2,500 are being offered for demonstration projects on how librarians can work with community groups to promote awareness of the public's right to know, especially about environmental concerns. Librarians can also apply to be trained as speakers on right to know issues and environmental concerns.

Both the demonstration projects and speakers bureau are being funded as part of a grant to the American Library Association (ALA) from the Benton Foundation.

Grant proposals should include a goal statement, work plan, description of groups involved, examples of similar projects undertaken, publicity plan, qualifications of project staff and a budget which includes cost-sharing and long range funding plans.

Applicants for speakers training must be available to attend a day of speakers training on June 22 preceding the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and for travel to meetings of library associations and citizens groups.

Those interested should send a letter (two pages maximum) indicating the applicant's interest, background, experience in promoting public access to information, availability to attend speakers training and to travel around the country. The deadline for proposals and applications is May 1, 1990, with selections announced June 1.

Proposals and applications should be sent, Attention: Right to Know Project; Public Information Office; American Library Association; 50 E. Huron St.; Chicago, IL 60611.

CUD REPORT

Conference, Peer Groups, and Social Host Responsibilities Discussed

Last Chance: There will be one more Executive Board meeting on May 18 for me to present concerns CUD members have this year. (Call me at 405-878-2256 or write me at OBU, Shawnee, OK 74801.)

Congratulations to Martha Woltz, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, new chair-elect 1990-91, and Chung-Yi Patterson, East Central University, secretary 1990-91. The program features Sally Kalin from Penn. State/LIAS presenting "The Invisible User Appears", and is co-sponsored by the Administration and Automation Roundtables.

The Library Advisory Committee of the Oklahoma Regents of Higher Education met Feb. 28. Barbara Buzin urged that specific costs and timetables relating to networking be developed to follow up the Resolution passed by the State Regents in January. In addition, Chair Ed Johnson, OSU, is establishing three peer groups, to outline "what belongs in a library". Other discussion included empowering the committee to serve as an oversight/ombudsman group.

The Executive Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Social Host Responsibilities held its first meeting on March 30. Their purpose is to draft a recommendation regarding OLA officer responsibilities when alcohol is served at an OLA-sponsored function. Committee members include John Cochenour, Ethics Committee; Andrew Peters, Social Responsibilities Roundtable; Charlotte Cornell, Law Librarian; Jackie Duncan, Trustees Division; Pat Cunningham, OASLMS, and myself. We still need a member-at-large, so if you would be able to serve, contact me as soon as possible.

I attended OK/ACRL's March Board meeting. CUD may pursue co-sponsoring a Fall workshop on the leadership crisis featuring a really big-name librarian (someone with the initials H.W.). FYI—Faculty vs. academic status is to be debated at an ACRL meeting at ALA this summer. More will be revealed.

—Betsy Aldridge
Chair, CUD
Meet The Winners

The election is over, OLA members have cast their votes; and now it is time to start planning for the next two years. Here are the election results in pictures and statements from the vice-president/president-elect, secretary, MPLA representative and the vice-chairs/chairs-elect for the divisions and roundtables. These people will need your help and support to organize programs, and make OLA thrive.

CAROL CASEY Vice-President OLA
Current position: Library Coord., State Dept. of Education
Theme: Visibility—visible as a professional organization to all those in the field to increase our membership; visible to each other in our unique roles within the profession; and visible to the public at large in order to secure their support for our vital service and to recruit others to our profession.

KATHERINE MILLER HALE Secretary OLA
Current position: Director, Southern Prairie Library System
Theme: Opportunity—I am pleased and honored to be elected. I anticipate a challenging year full of opportunities in the areas of networking, resource sharing, and telecommunications that will impact all types of libraries in Oklahoma.

STEPHEN C. SKIDMORE Representative to Mountain Plains Library Association
Current position: City Librarian, Ponca City
Theme: Impact—As the newest member state of MPLA, OLA has a unique opportunity to make a real impact in this important regional association. As our representative to Mountain Plains, I look forward to working with their board as well as ours to assure that OLA’s contribution is a significant one.

VIRGINIA PERSCHBACHER Vice-Chair Social Responsibilities Roundtable
Current position: Head, Reference/Adult Services, Chickasaw Library System
Theme: Sharing—I would like to help increase membership in SRRT and identify areas of concerns/interests for members. Also, I would like to help create formal and/or informal methods for members to share ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

MARTHA WOLTZ Vice-Chair College and University Division
Current position: Assistant Librarian for Public Services, Nash Library, University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma.
Theme: Planning—I plan to work with the chair of the CUD to plan programs of interest to our members. Academic libraries need to be discussing the ways an Office of Academic Library Resources, as proposed in the Report to the Chancellor on Library Networking, Dec. 1989, could be used to strengthen our libraries. I am also interested in ways to make the education/teaching function of academic librarians more widely known and understood in the university community.

DENISE PETERSON Vice Chair Public Library Division
Current position: Director, Bartlesville Public Library
Theme: Believe and Achieve—I would like to see more pizazz in public services and inspire commitment to libraries by keeping them in front of the media and building stronger community relationships. The best of times is on the horizon for Oklahoma public libraries.

JONETTE ELLIS Vice-Chair OASLMS
Current position: Coordinator, Elementary Library Media Services, Enid
Theme: Legislation—With the support of our state organization, library media specialists have a unified voice whereby we can inform legislators of the significant effect we have in supporting classroom teachers in the education of Oklahoma students. Through OASLMS, we can also let legislators know our total role as information specialists, teachers and leaders in cooperative curriculum planning. Legislatively, OASLMS should provide an avenue whereby we can express our concerns for education, specifically involving library media centers, and for funding.

JAMES WILKERSON Vice-Chair Library Education Division
Current position: Serials Librarian, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Theme: Technology—I would like for the Library Education Division or OLA to conduct a meeting or workshop on the subject of CD-ROM Networking. Some topics for the meeting could be: hardware selection and installation, networking software, and CD-Rom software license fees.
DON SMITH Vice-Chair Administration Roundtable
Current position: Associate Director for General Services,
McFarlin Library, University of Tulsa

Theme: Automation Awareness—I would like to assist the Chair for the 1990-91 ART in whatever way possible to promote the overall purposes and functions of the roundtable as defined in the OLA Bylaws. Also, I would like to promote cooperation on automation within the state to further the development of knowledge and use of automation in all types of libraries. I plan to work with appropriate OLA divisions, committees and roundtables to develop an automation plan for Oklahoma libraries.

MELISSA HUFFMAN Vice-Chair Reference Roundtable
Current position: Public Services Librarian, Warr Acres Library

Theme: Participation—I'm looking forward to continuing to work with members of the Reference Roundtable. There are some great activities in process now, and I know we can build on those as well as implement others. I hope everyone with ideas or interests in reference issues will get in touch with us either at OLA or during the year.

CAROL FOX Vice-Chair
Children and Young People's Roundtable
Current position: Media Specialist for Walters Public Schools

Theme: Progress—OASLMS & OLA have been the impetus for school libraries in Oklahoma. I would like for OASLMS to be more visible to the public in the future. This visibility displays how schools can progress with up-to-date libraries and full time certified librarians. To accomplish this, OASLMS must push recruitment of members who are willing to strive to attain the best for Oklahoma.

JACKIE DUNCAN Vice-Chair Trustees Division
Current position: Special Judge of the Second Judicial District Court

Theme: Excitement—I am honored and excited by the recent election. I look forward to working with the chair of the Trustees Division and becoming more involved in OLA. My connection to OLA is one of interest—reading is my number one hobby. I recently became involved with the Weatherford Library. I have made a few contacts and plan to make more during the Leadership Development Retreat in June.

CINDI WOLFF Vice-Chair
Government Documents Roundtable
Current position: Government Documents Librarian at Bizzell Library, University of Oklahoma

Theme: Cooperation—I hope that GODORT can serve to facilitate cooperation among depository libraries in the state and beyond. As Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, my main role will be to support Louise Robbins, Chair, in her efforts and plans for the coming year and to begin long range planning for my term of office in 1991-1992.

RACHEL BUTLER Vice-Chair Junior Members Roundtable
Current position: Reference Librarian, Oklahoma City Community College

Theme: Recruitment—By hosting events for new and potential members, and participating in the OLA conference, I would like JMRT to recruit more library school students and new librarians into professional organizations, especially OLA. This is an easy way to begin to develop your “old boy” networks and to have fun in libraries.

PAULINE RODRIGUEZ Vice-Chair
Support Staff Roundtable
Current position: Cataloger, Metropolitan Library System

Theme: Broad Base Growth—I would like to see the establishment of a broader definition of the term “support staff” to encompass not only paraprofessional staff, but all those professionals in all fields who provide services designed to keep libraries operational and to assist public service personnel in their duties. This, and increasing the membership in the SSRT to reflect this definition, are my primary goals. I also hope to continue SSRT’s tradition of providing quality workshops and programs which appeal to all members of the library community. As such programs were originally my motivation in joining SSRT, I hope that they will encourage others to join also.

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BETH FREEMAN Vice Chair Administration Roundtable
Current position: Director, University Center at Tulsa

Theme: Productivity—I am looking forward to working with Jeanette McQuitty and Daphane Kerley during the coming year. I hope to work with members of the roundtable in planning productive and timely activities for us all. I would like to see the roundtable develop appropriate forums for addressing issues that concern library administrators across the state.
ALA Council Approves Vote on Dues Increase

In a vote at the American Library Association's 1990 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, the ALA Council approved placing a dues increase proposal on this spring's ballot for ratification by ALA members. The proposal, endorsed by the ALA's Membership Committee, Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPES) and Executive Board, would increase dues at the rate of $5 per year for the period of 1991 to 1995.

"The association's program needs to be strong and growing," said ALA Executive Director Linda F. Crismond. Crismond said that despite serious cost controls on the part of ALA staff and a personnel freeze for the last two years, she believes the dues increase is "absolutely necessary":

- to support growth for existing priority programs, such as the Washington Office and the Offices for Intellectual Freedom, Personnel Resources, Public Information and Library Outreach Services;
- to expand efforts to combat illiteracy and to support the proposed ALA minority fellowships; and
- to enable ALA to assume a leadership role in the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1991.

Mailing of ballots will be completed by April 28. The deadline for returning ballots is June 8.

Mountain Plains Library Association/Utah Library Association

Joint Conference Slated For May

The Mountain Plains Library Association/Utah Library Association Joint Conference is slated for May 2-5, 1990 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Conference boasts some fifty programs, a tour of the world's largest genealogy library, more than sixty exhibitors, opening gala, awards receptions and many more events and tours.

The Conference revolves around the theme "The Best for the Patron." Conference attendees may choose programs from three tracks, "Understanding the Clientele," "Organizational/Professional Development," and "Service Vitality." Programs will offer information about new technologies, library cooperation models, market research, communications skills, workflow improvement and more. "Our goal is to have librarians leave the Conference armed with the most current skills and information available in order to deliver the best service possible to the patron," states Merna Smith, Conference Co-Chair.

Pre-Conference begins on Wednesday, May 2nd. "Planning the Library Building," "Collection Development Policies," and "Book Repair on Any Budget" make up the slate of full-day programs. "Searching Your Roots" is a half-day workshop.

The Conference begins on Thursday morning, May 3rd. Award-winning author, Michael Weiss will deliver the keynote address. Weiss will discuss his book, The Clustering of America which categorizes neighborhoods into one of 40 lifestyles or clusters according to zip codes. According to Smith, "The concept of 'clustering' has implications for librarians across the country, in all types of communities."

Indiana University's Library School Dean and noted columnist, Herbert White, will be luncheon speaker at the MPLA Academic/ULA Presidential Luncheon on Friday. Panels will include networking and professional ethics.

The Conference concludes on Saturday, May 5th with five post-conference programs. "Enhancing the Effectiveness of Boards," "The Dallas Children's Library: Needs, Design & Plan," "Conflict Management," and "Automation Issues from Start-ups to Upgrades." For those wishing to enjoy a taste of Utah's great outdoors, an outdoor fishing workshop will provide librarians with a wonderful opportunity to wind down following the four-day Conference. Customized tours of Salt Lake City and the surrounding area and a two-day canyon country scenic tour to Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park will be offered as pre and post conference events.

For additional Conference information, contact Merna Smith, Salt Lake City Public Library, 209 East Fifth South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 363-5733.
Federal Relations Coordinator Report

Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) was given final reauthorization by Congress when HR 2742 was approved.

On March 15, President Bush signed the bill making it Public Law 101-254 effective through Sept. 30, 1994. This action puts authorization in place in time for the FY1991 appropriations process.

The administration's position had initially been to eliminate LSCA Titles I and II funding because: very little local public library funding derives from the federal level and only about one quarter of LSCA I funds reach targeted population groups, such as the blind and physically handicapped, disadvantaged, illiterate, institutionalized, etc.

These arguments ignore federally funded services delivered to or on behalf of local public libraries from the system, regional or state levels of library support.

Another item of concern is that the Library of Congress budget has increased by only 14% in the last six years. LC has had to absorb sequestors and other across the board cuts, and has been forced to absorb most of the cost of mandatory pay increases for staff. This erosion of support has resulted in 450 fewer employees than five years ago, one in ten authorized positions vacant, and a backlog of 38 million unprocessed items. Our national library is in serious budget crisis. ACTION NEEDED: Write to your legislators in support of the LC budget.

More than 600 librarians, friends, and trustees are expected to attend Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC on April 14.

—Donna Skvarla

DOCLIBS
by Steve Beleu and Vicki Sullivan, Oklahoma Department of Libraries

This column identifies government publications 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, 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" refers to the U.S. Superintendent of Documents; "OPC" refers to the Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse.


Sudocs classification number: LC 30.24:19

These proceedings examine the use of library networks for purposes other than sharing bibliographic information and include papers assessing the need for full-text, numeric, or graphic non-bibliographic databases, user perspectives on these types of databases. It includes examinations of several current networks and their usefulness.

Sudocs classification number: LC 1.32/2:C 28

Reference guide to microcomputer-based library software (not including general purpose software packages such as dBase, WordPerfect, or Lotus 1-2-3). Software is arranged by function such as "Acquisitions," "CD-ROM Databases," "Local Area Networks," "Retrospective Conversion," etc.
Inspectors Will Visit U.S. Depository Libraries

The anticipated arrival of inspectors from the Government Printing Office (GPO) in Washington, D.C. was the topic of a panel discussion at the Feb. 19 OLA Government Documents Round Table Meeting. Inspectors visit U.S. Depository Libraries every four to six years for assessment purposes.

John Phillips and Steve Beleu, Government Documents Librarians at Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Department of Libraries, presented guidelines for preparing for the Depository Inspections. The thirty GODORT members responded with questions about the upcoming inspections and comments concerning past experiences.

There are twenty U.S. Depository Libraries in Oklahoma to be inspected between April 16 and May 4. Each inspection will involve nearly an entire day as a representative from the Inspection Team of the Library Programs Service visits with each Documents Librarian and Library Director.

Inspectors will identify areas of strength and weakness in the individual depository operations. The evaluation of the library will be based on the condition of the depository on the day of the visit. Future plans and improvements will be noted, but will not affect scoring.

Basically, the primary responsibilities of the inspectors will be to report on the condition of the depository and to identify steps which must be taken to conform to the minimum standards for depository libraries as set forth in the Instructions to Depository Libraries and the Guidelines for the Depository Library System.

This meeting at the Bizzell Library at O.U. was the third meeting of the year and had the largest attendance. The fourth and last GODORT meeting will be held Friday May 11, at Oklahoma City University. It will be a time to share comments about the inspections and to hopefully celebrate the success of all twenty libraries having passed with adequate ratings and to make plans for the coming year.

—Helen Nash, Chair
Government Documents Roundtable

Either a Borrower or a Lender Be

In a recent ad for the tenth anniversary of the OCLC Interlibrary Loan subsystem, two Oklahoma libraries made it onto the list of “leading borrowers” and “leading lenders”. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries made it on both lists. ODL was the 10th name on the list of “leading borrowers” and the ninth name on the list of “leading lenders”. Oklahoma State University Library was number 44 on the “leading lenders” list.

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