Over 1,000 Oklahomans Attend 24 Statewide Library Conferences

Final figures show 1,077 librarians, library supporters, government officials, business persons, educators and interested citizens participated in Oklahoma's 24 Regional Conference on Libraries. The conferences were held across the state on Sunday, Sept. 30 to prepare for the Governor's Conference on Libraries this fall and the national White House Conference in July, 1991.

"The Conference Steering Committee planned these regional meetings in order to bring the White House Conference process to the people," reports Robert Clark, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL). "We're very excited about the attendance figures. It shows that we succeeded in getting citizens involved at the local level."

Clark says the Regional Conferences were also a success in terms of participant enthusiasm and goodwill fostered for Oklahoma's library community. He credits the work of the Steering Committee and the 24 meeting coordinators around the state. "These coordinators around the state committed a great deal of time and effort organizing their meetings. It was great to hear their positive comments about the process."

Participants each completed a survey on library services, viewed a video program on the "state of Oklahoma library services," and elected 120 delegates to attend the Governor's Conference. They also identified and prioritized issues that they wanted addressed locally or at the Governor's Conference.

All 24 sites were linked for part of the time via a satellite teleconference, which featured a panel of library professionals. Each of the sites faxed or phoned-in their top issues to the teleconference studio.

A special committee will appoint additional delegates. A resolutions committee has collected the issues identified at the Regionals and will prepare materials for the Governor's Conference Delegates.

The Regional Conferences were sponsored by ODL, the Oklahoma State University Telecommunications Center, local libraries, schools and volunteers. Additional support was provided by the State Department of Education, Southwestern Bell Telephone, and Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO).

---Bill Young

**Highlights**

- Norman: Sixth-grader Andrea Jones was elected as a Governor's Conference Delegate after she told participants her school had a library, and that she thought "all kids should have libraries in their schools."
- Durant: Two gifted and talented high school students also made an impression at their meeting, and were both elected as delegates.
- Altus: Coordinator Kathy Hale, Director of the Southern Prairie Library System, said there were people at her meeting that she had never seen in the library before. An adult new reader brought her husband and children to the meeting with her.
- Lawton: A "hot" delegate election finally had to be decided by a coin toss when no one would change their vote during a second tie-breaker. (A coin toss also settled a tie for an alternate delegate slot at one of the Oklahoma County meetings.)
- Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives were elected and a staff member of U.S. Senator Mike Synar was also elected to be a delegate.
Celebrate Oklahoma Libraries !!!

We've been reading admonitions in the library press recently encouraging librarians to look on the bright side of our present circumstances. Robert Trudell, New York Library Association president, issued a "rallying cry" to reject discouragement, passivity, frustration and self-doubt. The Wyoming Library Association recently celebrated 75 years of working "to promote library interests in Wyoming." The ALA Executive Board was challenged by "visioning" facilitator Tom Atchison to "...have a huge party to celebrate the Association's success."

Yes, even Oklahoma libraries have reason to celebrate. Our doors are still open, though in the case of Edmon Low Library at OSU, it's not the usual front door. There they will have to celebrate that eventually the library will be asbestos-free. And through these open doors are flowing greater numbers of patrons.

Of course, this causes more demand for the staff, but let's celebrate that our users haven't abandoned us. Also, many of these library doors across Oklahoma open to beautiful, functional new buildings.

We need to celebrate the attention focused on library issues as a result of the Governor's and White House Conferences on Library and Information Services. If we don't do so now, it will be a long while before we have another opportunity.

Let's celebrate the individuals our libraries are touching. Pre-schoolers are finding a life-long resource both within the library and through our innovative outreach services. Students young and not-so-young are finding the centrality of the library's resources to their classroom activities. Adults who did not understand this premise earlier are now learning to read through Oklahoma's nationally-recognized literacy programs. Library users of all ages are participating in "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" and diverse programs, forums, exhibits and other activities sponsored by the library.

If we cannot see fit to celebrate our past or present, we must not fail to celebrate our potential for the future. Librarians from all types of libraries across the state are meeting together to plan our future technological network. Libraries of all types and sizes will have immediate access to the resources of other Oklahoma libraries. Library services to the disadvantaged are constantly improving. School library media centers are on the brink of major improvements. New and expanded library facilities are on the drawing boards.

Our libraries still exist and they are still free. Whether it be our past, present or future, find a reason to "Celebrate Oklahoma Libraries!!"

For further information on these reasons, attend the OLA Conference, April 17-20, 1991.

—Joel Robinson

OLA SCHEDULE/HOLIDAYS

1990
December 6 Membership Committee, Stone Lion Inn, Guthrie
December 7 Legislative Committee, OKC - 10 a.m.
*Mail Ballots to Executive Director
December 8 Ethics Committee Workshop
December 12-19 MPLA Board Meeting, Denver
December 14 Executive Board/Program Committee, Guthrie P. L.
December 25 Deadline for January Bulk Mailing - SDE

1991
January 1 *OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN deadline
January 4 New Year's Day
January 9 Sequoyah Children's Book Award Comm., ODL-10 a.m.
January 12-17 Support Staff Roundtable, Midwest City PL - 1 p.m.
January 18 ALA Midwinter, Chicago
January 19 Executive Eoard/Program Comm., Hilton Inn West, OKC
January 23 Submit Items for Bulk Mailing to be mailed Feb. 1
January 24 Oklahoma Librarian, Editorial Board
January 24 PLD/Trustees Workshop
February 8 Legislative Committee, OKC - 10 a.m.
February 13 Sequoyah Children's/YA Joint Meeting, ODL - 10 a.m.
February 15 Ash Wednesday
February 15 Executive Board/Program Comm., Norman Public Library

*Count Ballots for OLA Offices (Nom. Comm. Chairs)
Stratford Superintendent Wins OASLMS Award

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists recently named William Stokes the 1990 winner of the Certificate of Merit to an Oklahoma school administrator. The presentation was made during the Sixteenth Annual CCOSA Convention in Oklahoma City. The purpose of this award is to honor school administrators who promote library media services as an integral part of the education process, and also to acknowledge the role of administrators in the development and expansion of school library media programs.

Stokes, Superintendent of Schools in Stratford, was named for his leadership in establishing the Chandler-Watts Library, a city-school cooperative library, which opened July 5, 1987. Because of Stokes and townspeople, the community of Stratford now has a fully-staffed, centralized media center.

Stokes believes it is imperative that leaders expand the role of the media specialist and library media center to make them the nucleus of an ever-changing personalized curriculum meeting individual needs and demands of each student.

Paula Walker, library media specialist, who nominated Stokes, was presented a plaque and a 1990 Compton's Encyclopedia, provided by the Encyclopaedia Britannica Education Corporation.

Other nominees for this year's award were: Wyndol Fry, Asst. Superintendent, Hugo City Schools; Glen Moore, Principal, Highland West Junior High (Moore); Belinda Rogers, Principal, Apple Creek Elementary (Moore).

—Letty Watt

OLA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FEB. 1

The Scholarship Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association is offering $500 to an Oklahoma library school student. The award, established in 1984, is based on academic achievement and professional promise. Applicants must be Oklahoma residents and members in good standing of OLA. They must hold an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and intend to pursue formal graduate study in Oklahoma that will result in a degree or certification, with the goal of entering librarianship as a profession.

Applicants must submit transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work, along with an official application form by Feb. 1, 1991. A personal interview may be required.

The award will be presented during the First General Session of the 1991 OLA Annual Conference. Request application forms from Kay Boies, Executive Director, OLA, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, 73013. (405) 348-0506.

—Robert Swisher

Intellectual Freedom Committee Manual Now Available

The Intellectual Freedom Committee has been striving for the last two years to produce and distribute a manual for librarians which would assist them with public access and censorship questions. All their work has finally paid off as the OLA/IFC Intellectual Freedom Manual is to be distributed with the December 1990 bulk mailing. At no cost to OLA, 3,000 copies have been printed by the SIRS Corporation and a copy will be sent to each OLA personal member.

The Manual was designed with the one-to-two-person library in mind, giving sample complaint forms, relevant Oklahoma Statutes, ALA/IFC statements, available assistance from OLA, and other information. The committee has tried to consolidate all data needed by the library professional into one concise source.

—Jan Sanders

SCART Plans Conference Program

The Special Collections and Archives Roundtable (SCART) will have the following programs for the OLA Annual Conference.

Archive Collecting: Belinda H. Foster, a graduate student at Oklahoma University, will speak on establishing appropriate archival conditions for the storage of sound recordings, both wax cylinders and disc recordings. She will also address access problems for archivists and researchers - safety versus availability, and techniques that will serve both.

Archival Collecting: Gary Harrington, Head of Archives Division, ODL, will talk about why collect, what to collect and how to collect.

The roundtable will also have poster board displays by three people. Elaine Doak will highlight the history of the Guthrie Public Library, Susie Box will present the private library of Jane Phillips, and Judith Overmeir will present the history of the science collection at the University of Oklahoma.

—Larry Thorne

In 1991, Pay OLA With Credit Cards

Beginning in 1991, OLA will take Master Card and Visa for memberships, workshop and conference registrations, and the OLA Store.

The first opportunity to use credit cards will be when registering for the Jan. 24 "Stress Management" Workshop. Registration and membership forms to be mailed early in 1991 with the preliminary conference newspaper will also include provisions for paying with credit card.

Credit cards may also be used on-site at the Annual Conference for on-site registration and at the OLA Store.

OLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - APRIL 17-20
OU TO SPONSOR OXFORD SEMINAR FOR AMERICAN LIBRARIANS

An opportunity to study at one of the most distinguished libraries in the world will be available to library professionals and students as the University of Oklahoma's School of Library and Information Studies and the OU College of Liberal Studies sponsor the 14th annual Oxford-Oklahoma Seminar May 19 through June 1, 1991, at Oxford University's Bodleian Library.

Fees for instructional activities and field trips, such as a day in London at the British Library and the headquarters of the Library Association are $985. Transportation to and from Great Britain will be arranged and paid for by each individual.

Housing fees, including meals at the Rewley House, are estimated at $1,100 for a single room and $850 for a double room.

"The seminar really features a 'who's who' of British librarianship," said Michael Havener, assistant professor of library and information studies at OU.

For more information call the OU College of Liberal Studies at (405) 325-1061 or 1-800-522-4389.

The Bodleian Library in Oxford, England, is the principal library of Oxford University and a national library of copyright deposit in the United Kingdom. Throughout its history, the Bodleian has been associated with innovation in librarianship. Today, it is a major research library recognized for its leadership and service to scholarship.
1990 Polly Clarke Award Winner Announced

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists announced Mona Hatfield as the winner of the OASLMS Polly Clarke Award at its luncheon during Encyclopedia on Sept. 20.

Hatfield is a library media specialist at Cascia Hall Preparatory School in Tulsa. Hatfield says, "I always tell my students that intelligence does not necessarily mean that you know all the answers, but it does mean that you know how and where to look to find all of the answers. It is my goal to teach each student the life-long learning skill of information retrieval by integrating information skills across the curriculum through cooperatively planned, curriculum based research projects."

Other nominees were Mary Anderson, Putnam City; Betty Jane Bostic, Choctaw Jr. High School; Jolea Brown, Waurika Public Schools; Linda Gann, Jenks High School; Fran Grant, Vinita High School; Jeanie Johnson, Mid-Del Elementary Schools; Ramona Paine, Hennessey Public Schools; Donna Richey, Westmoore High School; Jolene Singleterry, Chickasha; Marion Smith-Rogers, formerly with the Mid-Del system; and Janice Walters, Northwood School in Seminole.

Awards Committee Seeks Nominees

The Awards Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association has developed specific forms to be used for nominating individuals, groups, etc., for OLA Awards. Forms have been developed by the committee for each of OLA's five awards to request definitive information to help in making informed decisions concerning comparative qualifications of those nominated. Also developed, was a cover sheet to be used with each award application.

The Awards Committee needs nominations from the membership for recognition of achievement by librarians and others, for contributions to Oklahoma libraries and the profession of librarianship. Please read the following list of OLA awards, honors, and citations. If you know of a worthy candidate, request an application form from: Awards Committee, Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013. The deadline for returning award applications is February 1, 1991.

Distinguished Service Award is granted to a librarian in recognition of inspired leadership, devoted service, and unusual contributions to Oklahoma libraries and to the profession of librarianship. The recipient shall have effectively demonstrated for five years or more a valid, thorough, and imaginative concept of librarianship and library service in Oklahoma, having expressed that concept in actual practice. The recipient of this award must be a current member of the Oklahoma Library Association. This award is the highest honor OLA bestows on its members.

Citizens Recognition Award is granted to individuals, groups, or non-library organization which have demonstrated a sound and special interest in libraries and library service on a state-wide level. They have given effective and important service to the advancement of libraries over a period of time. Certificates of Appreciation may be granted to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution on one project for OLA or type of contribution to the field of librarianship. Persons might be non-librarians offering a one-time, valuable contribution or librarians whose effort on one project appears notable.

Special Meritorious Service Award may be granted to individuals for leadership and/or service, and for whom the Distinguished Service Award is not appropriate. The purpose is to recognize service to the profession above and beyond regular duties. This award should not be considered in competition with, nor conflicting with, the Distinguished Service Award.

Outstanding New Librarian Award is granted to a librarian in recognition of significant contributions to librarianship and potential for professional development. The recipient must have ten or fewer years of experience as a professional librarian, with at least two years of experience within Oklahoma. Consider leadership in innovative programs or services, exceptional use of local, state, or national library resources, significant betterment of library and community relations, and activity in professional library organization at the local, state, or national level. The recipient must be a current member of OLA.

—Bettie Estes-Rickner
Public Libraries Division

Managing Stress

A Stress Management workshop will be sponsored Jan. 24. The workshop, designed to help library staff members deal with work and personal transitions, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Lowry Room of the Norman Public Library.

Cost of the workshop for OLA personal members is $20.00, which includes a catered lunch from Breadworks of Norman. For non-members, the cost is $40.00. Registration deadline is Jan. 10, 1991. Registrations should be sent to Kay Boies, OLA Executive Director, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013.

Dr. Bill Carmack, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma, will present “Understanding Change in Our Lives.” Carmack is a communication and management consultant.

Beth Wood, Occupational Therapist, Norman Regional Hospital, will cover symptom identification and stress thermometers. She will suggest how to survive life’s transitions at home and at work, and coping mechanisms. Wood is an occupational therapist with experience in stress management and assertiveness training.

For further information, call Debra Engel, Public Libraries Division Chair (405) 321-8694, or Denyvetta Davis, Public Libraries Division Secretary (405) 424-1437.

—Debra Engel

Special Election Results

Three special elections were held this fall to fill vacancies in divisions and roundtables.

ALA/New Members Roundtable
Affiliates Council representative:
Denyvetta Davis, director of the Ralph Ellison Branch Library, Oklahoma City; term to expire June 30, 1992.

Public Libraries Division
1990-91 vice-chair/chair-elect:
Donna Morris, associate director for public services, Metropolitan Library System.

Support Staff Roundtable
1990-91 vice-chair/chair-elect:
Susie Beasley, traveling library assistant, Metropolitan Library System.

OK/ACRL Conference

White, Hoadley and Moffett Speak

With a theme of “Crisis in Leadership: Librarians face the 21st Century”, the Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries held its fall conference on Oct. 19 at Rose State College.

Two librarians from Oklahoma State University share their notes on the conference.

The program began with presentations by two well-known “leaders” in the library field, Irene Hoadley, Director of Libraries at Texas A & M University, and William Moffett, past President of ACRL and current Director at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. Both presenters listed numerous qualities associated with “leaders” and “leadership”, discussed why librarians of the near future will need such traits, and offered suggestions as to how libraries and library organizations can help potential “leaders” acquire these characteristics.

Both Moffett and Hoadley felt that leadership was not necessarily equated with high visibility, and that library leadership in the future was likely to occur, as in the past, at the hands of a few “doers”. They added that if libraries did not work to produce these future leaders, they would not be able to compete with the private sector for limited funds, and businesses would supplant traditional library services with information products that are faster and more user-responsive.

The Conference was enlivened by the presence of Herbert White, Dean of the School of Library & Information Science at Indiana University, and a prolific writer on the subject of library management. Because libraries are generally controlled by people other than librarians (e.g., a Board of Directors, Board of Regents, etc.), White feels it is crucial that librarians “define their turf” as we approach the 21st century. White predicts that librarians face a future that includes the growing importance of information, the perception that ignorance is unacceptable, and the role of technology as the great democratizer of information access. Library leaders of the future will be distinguished by strong management and marketing skills in particular the ability to work effectively within the political sphere.

—Steve Folsom

—Lynn Stewart
Are You Interested?

How can librarians serve the handicapped and homeless in their communities? What special needs for information do latch-key children have? How can libraries promote care for the environment?

Librarians interested in outreach and special services, librarians committed to solving problems in our society by providing needed information gather together as the Social Responsibilities Roundtable.

At our first meeting this fall, we discussed:

—establishing a clearer image of the SRRT and its mission for OLA members.
— the OLA award for Outreach Programs which used to be given by the SRRT. Because it has been a while since SRRT has given this award, we decided to investigate a new beginning for the award this year, though the process may not be underway until the next OLA year. At least we can present resolutions before the conference this year regarding Outreach Programs in the state and about other issues which may arise.

— issues raised at the meeting include AIDS education, handicapped accessibility, recycling and other environmental efforts within library unions, peace information exchange, services for minorities, literacy, and the death penalty.

— writing an issues column for the Oklahoma Librarian (with a starting date of March/April).
— an OLA conference program on the social issues of importance to Oklahomans and Oklahoma legislators in the coming years.

If you are interested in any of the above topics, or if you have another issue which you believe is of significance for librarians, please come to any of our meetings. We plan to have several meetings during the coming year in different parts of the state. We need your involvement. For more information, please call or write:
Andrew Peters, Chair
Social Responsibilities Roundtable
Pioneer Library System
225 N. Webster
Norman, OK 73069
405-321-1481

Baker & Taylor/NMRT Grant Deadline is March 1

Baker & Taylor Books New Members Roundtable Grants program is again offering one $250 scholarship to a library science student. To qualify, the student must be a member of the Oklahoma Library Association and OLA's New Members Roundtable. The winner will be selected on the basis of professional promise and leadership ability. The scholarship is to be used for attending the 1991 OLA Annual Conference.

Baker & Taylor Books and the New Members Round Table (formerly Junior Members Round Table) of the American Library Association have offered Grassroots Grants to each state and the District of Columbia since 1978. The grants defray travel and housing costs for students attending their state library conventions. Any remaining money can be used for the student's education. The application deadline is March 1, 1991.

If you would like to apply for a Grassroots Grant, contact:
Denyetta Davis, Manager
Ralph Ellison Library
2000 NE 23
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
405-424-1437.
September 14, 1990

Executive Director's Report: Kay presented the background information and costs to provide credit card service for members. The charge is approximately 5.8% (based upon an average ticket of $25). After discussion of potential benefits to OLA, motion passed unanimously. to offer the service for one year beginning with 1991 Conference Registration and membership forms and to re-evaluate at the end of one year.

President's Report: The call from the President of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Censorship, David L. Kuefer, to disband this organization was discussed. It was the consensus that Kay write to the Coalition suggesting that any remaining funds be transferred to OLA to be used to support intellectual Freedom Committee activities.

Mountain Plains Library Association Representative: Steve Skidmore reported on the MPLA Board meeting in Denver, Dec. 6th. The meeting was excellent with several conference ideas surfacing that may be suitable for OLA. The ideas were having the state association purchase travel tickets for conference speakers; deleting individual committee, roundtable, and division sponsorships from the Conference program listing; distributing program proposal forms to the membership for anyone with a conference program idea to submit; designing a specific form to handle distribution stating exact eligibility requirements for re-imbursement of program speakers, with suggestions for workshop planning and formats. The next MPLA Conference will be Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 1991, in Phoenix, Arizona. The Joint Conference will be held in Oklahoma in 1997.

"Let's Talk About It": Jennifer Kidney (Director) was asked by the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities (OFH) to produce another "Read and Discuss" series on the "American Renaissance" to support the Great Plains Chautauqua presentations in Oklahoma in June 1991. Anita May of the OFH discussed the benefits of presenting a Read and Discuss series promoting the Chautauqua series. The theme will be promoted in other states as well. Motion to approve the preparation of the series passed unanimously.

October 12, 1990

Executive Director's Report: Encyclo­media was quite beneficial to OLA. Sixty-five memberships were taken and the following income was received; OLA store $675.25; Sequoyah Children's $1,170.98; Sequoyah Young Adult $993.25.

OLA has been asked to participate in a newly-created statewide Preservation Task Force which will advise ODL on the administration and implementation of proposed NEH grant for the preservation of library materials. Motion passed unanimously that the SCART Chair, or Chair designate, serve as the OLA representative to the Preservation Task Force.

Membership Committee: The current membership stands at 792, 84 above the same data one year ago. Wayne Pesels discussed membership activities in progress. The OLA Store will have T-shirts and mugs in 1991. One major committee consideration is increasing and collecting memberships. The committee suggested the elimination of the free roundtable and/or division. Discussion followed concerning the elimination of the free division or roundtable and what could be done to encourage members to join more than one. Motion to eliminate the Free division or roundtable from the OLA dues structure passed unanimously and will go to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

State Department of Education Coordinator: Betty Riley reported that approximately 2050 people attended Encyclo­media this year. House Bill 1017 provides for changes in accreditation standards for school libraries. Barbara Spriestarsbach is working with the Professional Standards Board to address the increasing demands for certification and the probable shortage of certified librarians by 1991.

Ad Hoc Committee on Policies (Kathy Hale, chair; Kay Boies; Carol Casey) made the following recommendations. All were approved.

I. Memorial Donation Policy

The OLA Executive Director will, upon notification of the death of an OLA member, or a death in the immediate family (spouse, children, parents, or a resident of the immediate household) of an OLA member, make a contribution to the OLA Scholarship Fund: $25.00 for an OLA member; $10.00 for immediate family of an OLA member. Notification of the donation will be sent to the appropriate family members.

II. Workshop Registration Refund Policy

All workshop registration forms will include the following statement: No refunds will be made after (date). Date to be three days prior to workshop date.

III. Workshop Registration and Meal/Fee Waiver Policy

Honorary will not be paid to practicing librarians within the state of Oklahoma. Workshop registration fees are waived for keynote speakers and/or panelists making presentations of fifteen minutes or more. The workshop registration fees must be adequate to cover all costs including any waived fees. All names of individuals whose fees will be waived must be listed on the budget request form to be submitted to the OLA Executive Board for approval.

--Kathy Hale
OLA Secretary

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Chart data taken from the FY 91 budget, approved by the OLA Executive Board in July, and prepared by Annette Duffy, treasurer. For a copy of the budget, contact Kay Boies, OLA Executive Director.
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Will You Celebrate National Library Week?

Does your library have plans to celebrate and make your patrons aware of National Library Week, April 14-20, 1991? The theme is "Read, Succeed."

OLA has asked me to serve as a clearing-house of ideas and plans used or anticipated which might help guide another library in its preparation.

I noticed in a small paper picked up in Tulsa recently that the City-County Library is sponsoring its sixth annual run to benefit that library's adult literacy program. Is this part of an over-all plan or a separate event? Let us know, Tulsa.

An ALA flyer mailed in September had four pages of ideas for celebrating this incredibly important, peculiarly American, privilege — free public libraries to everyone.

Please send ideas and copies of materials that emphasize National Library Week to me at the Metropolitan Library System, 131 Dean A. McGee, Okla. City, OK 73102. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing information with you.

—Judith S. King

HARRAH TO REMODEL BANK FOR LIBRARY

Recent action by Harrah's Town Board of Trustees will mean the revamping of an old building into a new library for this eastern Oklahoma County community. Action earmarked $65,000 for remodeling a bank building on Main Street originally occupied by First State Bank.

Donna Morris, director of the Metropolitan Library System's (MLS) Public Services, estimated the building will be ready for use by next spring.

An Oklahoma City firm, Elliott and Associates, has incorporated a children's area and more seating for leisure reading and for studying. The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System has provided $5,000 to help remodeling. Also, MLS has allocated $5,000 to purchase furnishings.

In 1987, Frank Swan of the bank, in memory of his wife, Elizabeth, donated the building to the town. He requested that the building be used as a library.

—Julia Fresonke

Oklahoma Newspaper Project Is Underway

Library directors in Oklahoma will receive questionnaires from the Oklahoma Historical Society as part of the first phase of the Oklahoma Newspaper Project. The questionnaires will be part of a survey to include all county clerks, museums, historical societies and newspaper offices in the state.

"The Oklahoma Project is a coordinated effort in concern with the U.S. Newspaper Program," said Bob Blackburn, project director and deputy director of the historical society.

"The long range objective is to identify, preserve and make available for research newspapers published in Oklahoma since 1844 and newspapers published outside the state, but held in Oklahoma.

"Obviously, this is a giant undertaking. For that reason, we would greatly appreciate the cooperation of library directors in responding to this initial survey. It is part of the planning phase of the project, with funding by the National Endowment for the Humanities."

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PEOPLE & PLACES

COMING AND GOING...

at Metropolitan Library System

Donna R. Hogan started Oct. 15 as public services librarian at the Southern Oaks Library. Hogan is scheduled to complete her MLIS from OU in December 1990.

at the University of Oklahoma

Deborah Jackson Pflug joined the faculty at the beginning of Sept. as Monograph Cataloger. She has a BA in History from California State-Fresno, a MA in Russian History from Indiana University, and a MLS from UCLA.

John Lovett was appointed Western History Collections Librarian in Sept. Lovett, formerly the archivist for the Photographic Archives, has worked in the Western History Collection for over seven years. He holds a BA in History and a MA in Library Science from OU.

Ila M. Grice joined the Serial Department as Serials Cataloger on Nov. 1. Grice has an MLIS from OU and previously was at OSU - Oklahoma City where she was a cataloger.

Calvin Byre became Humanities Reference Librarian in the Reference Department Oct. 1. His MALS is from Rosary College, IL.

Karen Rupp-Serrano is the new Social Sciences Reference Librarian. Her undergraduate degree is from Kansas State; her MLS was completed at Emporia State University. She was most recently at Texas A & M Library.

Ray Miles, Western History Collection, completed his PhD in History and received an appointment as Assistant Professor of History at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He left the end of June.

at Oklahoma Baptist University

Elizabeth Norman is reference/circulation librarian at OBU Library, Shawnee. Norman has her MLS from the University of North Texas and a B.Ed. from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

at OU Health Sciences Center

Joseph W. Ward is a new reference librarian at the OUHSC in Oklahoma City. Recently with the Futures Company in Glastonburg, CT, he has his MLS from Syracuse University, NY.

The new head of serials at OUHSC is Judy Wilkerson. Formerly at the University of Texas Medical Center in Dallas, Wilkerson has her MLS from the University of Oklahoma.

...AND DOING THINGS

Congratulations go to Pat Weaver-Meyers who has received her PhD in Educational Technology. The degree was conferred at spring commencement.

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