The American Association of School Librarians honored an Oklahoman with its Distinguished Service Award this summer. Barbara Spriestersbach, Executive Director of Instructional Services at the State Department of Education, received the award during the American Library Association's annual conference this July in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Distinguished Service Award is AASL's highest national honor. It is awarded annually to an individual member of the library profession who has made an outstanding national or international contribution to school librarianship and school library development. As Director of Library Media Services at the State Department of Education, Spriestersbach was instrumental in obtaining and administering the Library Media Improvement Grant program funded by the Oklahoma State Legislature. During the past 14 years over $27 million has been awarded to schools for the development of library programs. This program has served as a model for numerous other states.

Spriestersbach joined the State Department of Education after serving as a teacher and high school librarian in the Chickasha school district. She has served the state library associations in key offices and committee assignments. In 1989 the Oklahoma Library Association honored her with its Distinguished Service Award. She has served as a column editor for School Library Media Quarterly and is a sought-after speaker for other states' library conferences. She frequently shares Oklahoma publications and her expertise in teaching library/information skills as a part of classroom curriculum. She is currently leading efforts for a statewide CD-ROM library network.

Her current job includes oversight of seven sections at the State Department of Education. All are involved in student learning and instructional support. The state of Oklahoma will continue to reap the benefits of the leadership of this dedicated educator.

—Bettie Estes-Rickner

Oklahoma Newspaper Project Update

Issues or bound volumes of at least 17 rare Oklahoma newspaper titles — not yet listed in the vast microfilm collection of the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) — are being preserved by Executive Director Joan Kachel at the No Man's Land Historical Museum in Goodwell.

Missing issues of at least 13 other Oklahoma newspaper titles are being held at the No Man's Land Museum. The missing issues include bound volumes that may well fill a gap in OHS files for Guymon's Panhandle News-Herald from Jan. 1, 1943, to Nov. 14, 1948.

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OL A President's Message

Let's All Move One Place On

I know it isn't Christmas in July, but I am making a list and checking it twice. It's the OLA membership list. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, it's not too late to get on the list. You might even get a "star" by your name on my list if you recruit at least one new member! If you are thinking perhaps "Why should I renew my membership? What has OLA done for me this year?" or "Why should I encourage a colleague to join?" Briefly, let me tell you about what happened just last year.

Our goals as an association concern (1) Legislative Relations, (2) Continuing Education, (3) Censorship and Intellectual Freedom, (4) Financial Stability, (5) Promotion of Libraries, Librarians and the OLA, and (6) Maintaining the quality of librarianship in Oklahoma. Last year over 100 OLA, FOLIO members and Oklahoma delegates to the White House Conference participated in Library Legislative Day. In March, the OLA Executive Board approved an allocation of up to $3,000 as discretionary funds to be used to contract one or more lobbyists to represent OLA. In April, a six-member OLA delegation participated in the 17th annual National Library Week Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.

OLA Roundtables and Committees planned, developed and provided seven major continuing education workshops across the state on topics ranging from "Getting Down to Business" to "Stress Management." Over 400 members and nonmembers attended these workshops. The annual Spring Conference Celebrated Oklahoma Libraries attracted 556 librarians and library supporters. One session even wrote a song!

The Intellectual Freedom Committee's OLA Intellectual Freedom Manual went out to all members in the December bulk mailing.

This year the association will carry-over $19,138.01 which includes the Scholarship Fund of $2,684.50 and the Legislative Fund of $1,768.50!

The Oklahoma Librarian has grown in pages, advertisements, circulation and perhaps most important—content. Bulk mailings continued to grow and get more colorful!

This year for the first time, minimum salary recommendations have been approved by the Executive Board. This list could go on and on, but I think you get the idea. We have made great strides and new beginnings this past year. Now, Let's All Move One Place On beginning with membership renewal and recruitment. I'm looking forward to working with you this year.

—Carol Casey

OL A SCHEDULE/HOLIDAYS

August 1
August 2
August 9
August 14
August 15
August 16
August 23
August 29
September 1
September 9-10
September 12-13
September 13
September 18
September 19
September 20
September 26
September 28-October 5
October 1
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October 11
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October 22
October 25
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November 1
November 4
November 8
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November 14-15
November 15
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November 28

OL A SCHEDULE/HOLIDAYS

Budget and Finance Committee, SDE - 10 a.m.
GODORT, ODL - 1:30 p.m.
Sequoyah Children's, ODL - 10 a.m.
Interlibrary Cooperation Committee, Enid High School - 10 a.m.
OLA/ODL Certification Committee, ODL - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Membership Committee, The Village Library - 10 a.m.
Program Committee/Executive Board, Stillwater
Support Staff Roundtable, Midwest City PL, 2 p.m.
Sequoyah YA, ODL - 10 a.m.

OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN deadline

Rosh Hashanah
Encyclopedia, Oklahoma City
FOLIO, Tulsa
Yom Kippur
Social Responsibilities Roundtable, ODL, Okla. City-10 a.m.
Program Committee/Executive Board, Sheraton Kingston, Tulsa
Sequoyah YA, ODL - 10 a.m.

Banned Books Week
Deadline for OASLMS Administrator's Award Nominations
OU Festival of Books
Sequoyah Children's, ODL - 10 a.m.
OK-ACRL Fall Conference, OU, Norman
Sequoyah YA, ODL - 10 a.m.
Program/Executive Board, Norman

Mountain Plains Library Association, Phoenix, AZ

OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN deadline

Sequoyah YA, ODL - 10 a.m.

Sequoyah Children's, ODL - 10 a.m.

Book Week

Sequoyah Children's, ODL - 10 a.m.

AMIGOS, Dallas

Program Committee/Executive Board, Stillwater

Social Responsibilities Roundtable, ODL, Okla. City-10 a.m.

Thanksgiving
Oklahoma Newspaper Project (cont. from p. 37)

OHS won't know exactly what it has until the staff goes through the papers issue by issue for microfilming. Right now, OHS staff is taking a preliminary survey. In the second phase, teams will visit towns all over the state and catalog the newspapers. In the third phase, OHS will microfilm all those it does not have already.

The Oklahoma project is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the National Newspaper Project.

Preserving the Newspapers

Newspaper collections come in a variety of forms. Some are bound volumes donated by publishers. Others are single issues, stored in boxes, packages or even paper sacks — often collected by individuals to commemorate specific dates. Kachel handles these fragile newspapers with loving care. Some special issues have been preserved under glass.

The wonderful work of Kachel is a prime example of the potential of the Oklahoma Newspaper Project in helping to preserve records of our state history. Not all Oklahoma newspapers are preserved on microfilm at the Oklahoma Historical Society. OHS has collected more than 3,300 titles, or about 80 percent of the titles printed in the state.

The survey is revealing that some missing titles and issues are held in other museums, libraries, private collections and publishers' offices. While similar projects are under way in 42 other states, more than 2,100 additional titles have been found.

The need for cooperation by museums, libraries and publishers is evident, according to Bob Blackburn, director of the project and deputy director of the Oklahoma Historical Society. "Every title held by every repository will be cataloged on the Library of Congress system," Blackburn said.

Kachel's achievement in Goodwell is remarkable for the detailed preservation of collections with little help. She proudly displays a single copy of the "New Year's Gift," published by the Osage Agency in 1876. "That's the No. 1 newspaper item in this museum," she said, but there are other startling issues. There are single issues such as the Benton County Banner on Sept. 6, 1889; issues of the Goodwell Eagle, Gazette, Independent and Sentinel, and a March 2, 1933, issue of the Keyes Advance. All of those titles will be new to the OHS collection. There also are issues of the Texhoma Argus-Times, Texhoma Connection, Turpin Tribune, Tyrone Progress, Banner of Light, Oklahoma Review, Republican Register, Beaver Terriitorial Advocate, Texas County News and Hardesty Herald, plus bound volumes of the Guymon Daily News.

"This is our history — our heritage," said Kachel, who grew up on a Beaver County farm that she and her husband still operate. "People have struggled here since the days when the Panhandle was called No Man's Land in the 1880s, and these newspapers are the only record of that struggle in many cases. That's why I became excited about this project. I feel more a part of it now."

—Max J. Nichols

Administrative Assistant for the Oklahoma Newspaper Project (OHS)

OU SLIS Offerings in Tulsa Continue to Expand

Resources and offerings for students attending library science classes at the University Center at Tulsa are continuing to expand. Since about 1/3 of the approximately 240 graduate students in the OU library school take their classes in Tulsa, continuing to add to and improve the Tulsa programs is an SLIS priority.

A full range of required courses are now offered to Tulsa through the compressed video technology the School has used since Fall 1989. In the compressed video system, two-way audio and video make it possible to teach courses simultaneously to students in Norman and Tulsa. Students at the two sites see and hear each other live.

The compressed video technology makes it possible not just to broadcast courses taught on-site in Norman, but also to offer courses to Norman that are taught on-site in Tulsa. During the 1991 spring semester, for example, "Government Publications" was taught in a classroom in Tulsa and broadcast to Norman.

Many other strides are also being made in the Tulsa program. The SLIS now has two Tulsa-based graduate assistants to provide support for SLIS activities at the Tulsa end. A full slate of SLIS elective classes are also being added to the Tulsa offerings. A sampling of offerings for the summer sessions includes "Technology of Educational Communications," "Public Relations for the Special Library Program," "Online/Onidisc Retrieval," and "The Microcomputer in Information Services."

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Annual Report

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), an eleven-state regional association which Oklahoma joined in 1989, continues to grow and prosper. With a membership totaling 964 (62 are from Oklahoma), MPLA offers a wide variety of professional and educational opportunities.

The Association's major activity is serving with the various member states as co-hosts of an annual conference. The 1990 joint conference was held May 2-5 in Salt Lake City with the Utah Library Association. The meeting was successful with over 700 trustees and librarians attending 58 different programs. There were 79 exhibitors and MPLA netted nearly $5,000 in income. Presenters included Eileen Cooke, Irene Hoadley, Patrick O'Brien, Robert Rohlf, Michael Weiss and Herbert White. Oklahoma will co-sponsor MPLA in 1997.

Plans are well underway for the next joint conference to be held October 30-November 2, 1991, with the Arizona State Library Association in Phoenix. June Garcia of the Phoenix Public Library is serving as coordinator for the joint session. Oklahoma librarians should make their plans now by marking their calendars for these important dates.

The Board of Directors for the Mountain Plains Library Association consists of seven officers, eleven representatives of the state library associations, eight section representatives for type and area of library interest, ten committee chairs, and chairs of three interest groups. The organization is being ably led this year by President J. Dennis Day of the Salt Lake City Public Library, President-elect Corky Walters of the Wyoming State Library, and Executive Secretary Joe Edelen. There have been three board meetings, two in Denver in September and in December, and one in Phoenix in April.

Serving as the Oklahoma Library Association's representative on the Mountain Plains Library Association Board has indeed been an honor and a privilege, and one that I have very much enjoyed.

ADDENDA: Skidmore has guidelines and application forms for MPLA Professional Development grants. Contact him at 515 East Grand, Ponca City, OK 74601.

Fall OK/ACRL Conference to be in Norman

Maurine Sullivan will be facilitator at the fall OK/ACRL conference for the topic of "Measuring Academic Performance." Sullivan will be using as a basis for discussion Nancy Van House's new book. Those unable to attend Sullivan's presentation in Atlanta can earn CEU credit by attending OK/ACRL.

The conference is planned for Oct. 18, 1991 in the Conoco Room of Oklahoma University's Bizzell Memorial Library. I invite you to make plans to join us this Fall.

OASLMS

Administrator Award Nominations Due Oct. 1

Each year, the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists presents a Certificate of Merit for the Promotion of School Library Media Services to honor an Oklahoma public school administrator who has been supportive and instrumental in establishing or improving the scope and quality of the library media services offered to the school population under his/her supervision.

Oklahoma school library media specialists are encouraged to nominate their administrators. For nomination forms, contact the State Department of Education Library Media Section, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Okla. City, OK 73105, (405) 521-2956. The deadline for returning applications is Oct. 1, 1991.

1991 Polly Clarke Nominees Announced


The award, which includes a cash prize and a plaque will be presented at the OASLMS luncheon at the Encyclo-Media conference in Oklahoma City on Sept. 12.

The award, named for a long-time library educator at Northeastern State University, honors an Oklahoma school library media specialist who exhibits professional involvement, curriculum support, integrated library/information skills instruction, and cooperative planning of instructional units incorporated into an exemplary library media program.

—Mona Hatfield, OASLMS Awards Chair

Call for Papers - Deadline: Sept. 27

OK/ACRL is sponsoring a 3rd annual call for papers for its fall conference. The most suitable paper on a topic related to measuring academic library performance will be selected by a blind review process. The selected paper will be announced on Oct. 7 and will become part of the annual conference program. The presenter's conference registration fees will be waived and the selected paper will be published in the OK/ACRL newsletter.

Papers must be received no later than Sept. 27 and meet the following criteria: approximately 1800 words (20 minute presentation); typed - double spaced; 3 copies, 1 with author identification, 2 without.

Mail papers to: Barbara Pickthorn, OK/ACRL, Cameron University Library, Lawton, OK 73505 or FAX to: (405) 581-2386. If you have any questions, please call (405) 581-2958.
Newly-elected and out-going officers for OLA's many committees, roundtables and divisions met in June at the Phillips Hotel in Bartlesville to talk together and learn how OLA operates.

1991-92 President Carol Casey introduced her theme for the coming year as Lewis Carroll's line, "Let's all move one place on" from Alice in Wonderland.

Break-out and discussion sessions culminated in a fun excursion to Prairie Song, a recreated pioneer settlement near Bartlesville.

The two-day retreat wound up in afternoon sessions on leadership styles held at Shin'en Kan, a Japanese style conference center.

"Let's all move one place on"
--Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

Jonette Ellis, attired as a pioneer school mistress at Bartlesville's Prairie Song.

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Oklahoma is again a big winner in the State/Local Documents Category of ALA’s 1990 Notable Documents. Highlighted in the May 15, 1991 issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL, the five selections from Oklahoma represent 25% of the titles in this category. The Publications Clearinghouse of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries submitted nominations to the GODORT panel last fall and is very pleased with the results. A Governor’s Commendation has been presented to each agency in recognition of its outstanding publication.

**OKLAHOMA ALA NOTABLE DOCUMENTS 1990**

**Community Guide: A Desktop Guide to Financial and Technical Assistance for Oklahoma’s Community Leaders.** Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Department of Commerce, 1990. OPC Classification Number: C 3905.5 F491t 1990. Designed to assist local government and community leaders identify state-administered programs that can benefit their communities, this guide also describes many programs available to individual citizens. While financial assistance programs benefit communities through the provision of grants, loans, equipment, and material, technical assistance programs benefit communities in areas other than financial and informational. Entries include program title, type of assistance, eligible entities, administering agency, uses, maximum amount of award, criteria affecting eligibility and contact person are identified. An index of participating state agencies is also included.

**Cultural Curriculum for Communities.** Oklahoma City: Oklahoma State Department of Education, 1989. OPC Classification Number: E 1925.8 C968c 1989. This collection of learning activities is the outgrowth of a workshop sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Education for paraprofessionals, parents, teachers and counselors. The materials are designed to encourage academic and cultural education experiences that will enhance positive self-confidence of all students. Lesson plans are included for the areas of art, cultural awareness, guidance and counseling, language arts, mathematics, physical education, and social studies.

**1991 Festival of Books Speakers Announced**

The 1991 Festival of Books for Young People will take place Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building of the University of Oklahoma.

The authors and illustrators scheduled to appear include: Lois Lowry — awarded the 1990 Newbery prize for her book, *Number the Stars,* Kathryn Lasky — an outstanding author of information books for children; and Thomas Locker — well known for his striking illustrations in oil.

The Festival is a popular one-day program for librarians, teachers and anyone else interested in hearing presentations from distinguished authors and/or illustrators. More than 350 people attended the 1990 Festival.

For further information about the Fall 1991 Festival of Books for Young People, please contact Kathy Latrobe after August 15 at The University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies, 401 W. Brooks, Room 120, Norman, OK 73019-0528, (405) 325-3921.

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Access to the School of Library and Information Studies' Electronic Bulletin Board has recently been expanded throughout the state. Several cities in the 918 area code may now log on to the system toll-free; those cities include Bartlesville, Miami, Muskogee, McAlester and Sallisaw. Tulsa also has a new access method.

The Electronic Bulletin Board provides a mechanism for library professionals in the state to communicate with each other using microcomputers. Information on SLIS activities is available on the Board as well as information on Oklahoma job openings. Users may also download public-domain software. In addition, the system allows the user access to OLIN, the University of Oklahoma's online library catalog.

For instructions on how to log on to the system, call the OU Library School at (405) 325-3921, or the UCT office at (918) 586-0760.

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AMIGOS Selects Oklahomans

At the May 10 Membership Meeting of AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, in Dallas, TX, members elected Marcus Salazar, President, Mortgage Management, Inc., Oklahoma City, as one of five trustees. Salazar will serve a one-year term as one of two trustees from outside the membership.

Marilyn Hinshaw, Executive Director, Eastern Oklahoma District Library System, Muskogee, was elected Secretary of the AMIGOS Board of Trustees for 1991-1992.

The AMIGOS Board of Trustees announced the selection of Brad Robison, Director, Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, as the recipient of the first AMIGOS fellowship. Robison was awarded $1,000 under the newly-established AMIGOS Fellowship Program for his proposal, “The Effects of Automation on Academic Libraries.” He plans to conduct case studies of 25 highly automated university libraries to determine the effects of automation. Robison was selected by members of the AMIGOS Fellowship Program Selection Committee. The AMIGOS Fellowship Program was established in Nov. 1990 to encourage educational enrichment and development of library and information professionals in AMIGOS member libraries. For information about the AMIGOS Fellowship Program or to request an application, please contact Catherine C. Wilt, Associate Director, Library and Information Services at AMIGOS, 800/843-8482 or 214/750-6130.

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David Corbly began in January, 1991 as Public Services Librarian at the Southwestern State University Library. Corbly received his MLIS at the University of Oklahoma December, 1990 and a BA in German and French from OU in 1988.

Karen Rupp-Serrano is Social Sciences Reference Librarian at the University of Oklahoma. She received a BA from Kansas State University in Interdisciplinary Social Studies and Women’s Studies in 1985 and an MLS from Emporia State in 1988.

Ila Grice is Serials Cataloger at the University of Oklahoma Bizzell Library. Grice received a BS in Elementary Education from Bartlesville Wesleyan in 1975 and her MLIS at the University of Oklahoma in 1989. She was previously employed at Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City.

Deborah Leslie is Cataloger at the University of Oklahoma. She completed an MLS at University of California, Los Angeles in 1990, MA in History at Indiana University in 1983 and a BA in History (magna cum laude) at California State University, Fresno.

Calvin Byre began duties as Humanities Librarian at the University of Oklahoma Library. Byre earned his Ph.D. in Classical Languages and Literature at the University of Chicago in 1976, MALC in 1985 at Rosary College in River Forest, IL, and a B.A. in English and Greek at the University of Minnesota in 1969.

Robin Kickingbird has been selected as the first American Library Association Minority Fellow. The fellowship program is designed to develop a cadre of minority librarian leaders by providing them opportunities to gain an in-depth understanding of association management and national professional issues. As an archivist at the Oklahoma Historical Society, Robin has worked with the Kiowa and Chickasaw tribal complexes and advised on the preservation of tribal records and archives. She has also worked as a public services librarian at the Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City. Kickingbird hopes to use the experience she gains as an ALA Fellow to build a Native American tribal library association. "I believe my personal involvement in organizing existing tribal libraries and staff," she said recently, "will serve as a catalyst to bring more Native Americans into the ranks of professional librarians."

Pat Woodrum has recently edited the book, *Managing Public Libraries in the 21st Century*. She is director of the Tulsa City-County Library System.

Beverly Joyce, Associate Professor of Bibliography at the University of Oklahoma’s Bizzell Library, is a co-author of a series of bibliographies of women authors. The second volume in the series, *Poetry by Women to 1900*, is scheduled for co-publication by Mansell, London, and the University of Toronto Press.

Marty Thompson was awarded the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies’ Outstanding Alumni Award for 1990. He is currently Director of the University of Oklahoma’s Health Sciences Center Library.

Joy Summers-Ables, reference librarian at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Library, and Marty Thompson presented papers at the annual meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association in Oct.

Kathy Horne has accepted a position with the Humanities and Social Science Reference Department at Tulsa City-County Library.

Nola S. Ware is a new Technical Services Librarian at Northeastern State University. She is a recent graduate of the University of Washington Library School.

Pat Davis received a surprise birthday cupcake at the June leadership retreat in Bartlesville.
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