White House Conference Hectic, Productive, Frustrating, Rewarding

A Report from Washington:

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How can I summarize the second White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services?

It was hectic... from July 9 through July 13, hours were spent in intensive breakout and plenary sessions addressing more than 100 topics. It was productive... the delegates agreed on 94 solid, innovative proposals, many of which will be submitted to Congress and state legislatures as proposed law. It was frustrating... time was short and the tasks were many, and the failure of technology at a technologically innovative conference was disappointing. It was rewarding... Oklahoma's delegates were clearly in the mainstream of the conference, carrying the message from our own regional and state conferences in 1990.

The 700 delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries—the first such gathering since 1979—heard from President Bush, First Lady Barbara Bush, Marilyn Quayle, Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander, Senators Paul Simon and Claiborne Pell, Representatives Newt Gingrich, Major Owens, and Pat Williams, and the Librarian of Congress. WHCLIS 2 was touted as having the best representation of Washington "officialdom" at any White House Conference on any topic. Delegates spent much of their time in hurried deliberation on key issues, but by the final day, several had emerged as the most significant.

A poll of delegates prior to the final plenary session identified these core recommendations as central to the conference's stated themes of literacy, democracy and productivity:

- A new emphasis on library services to children, both in the public schools and by public libraries.
- Creation of an "information superhighway", the National Research and Education Network (NREN), to technologically link all libraries and information repositories at all levels.
- Full funding of existing and new library support programs by national and local government.
- Aggressive marketing of library services to all users.
- Passage of a comprehensive National Literacy Act in support of partnerships between libraries and other agencies to foster increased literacy.
- A national policy to assure preservation of our information resources.
- Linkage of rural, small, tribal and other libraries with urban library systems by technology.
- A change in the name of the Department of Education to become the Department of Education, Libraries and Information Services.

Comments from the Oklahoma Delegation

"As an event, the White House Conference was interesting and I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of it. Now the event is over and what is important is what we make of it during the next few years."  Anne Masters

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Let's All Move One Place On

In the last issue, I encouraged you to renew your membership and recruit new members, and reviewed what OLA had accomplished last year in an effort to meet the goals and objectives of the association. Now, let’s discuss what we can do this year to “move one place on” toward achieving those goals and objectives.

The first goal of OLA’s Long Range Plan and Objectives under Legislative Relations is: “The Oklahoma Library Association shall serve as an advocate for Oklahoma libraries and librarians.”

First of all, let’s be clear about who the “Association” is - you and me—not the officers, executive board or the legislative committee—but all of us. Each has a well-defined role in accomplishing the stated goal.

What is yours and mine as individual members?

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October 11
GODORT, Southwestern State University, Weatherford-1:30 p.m.
Sequoyah Children’s, ODL - 10 a.m.
Reference Roundtable Meeting, Rose State College - 1 p.m.
October 16
OLA/ODL Certification Committee, ODL - 1:30 p.m.
October 18
OK-ACRL Fall Conference, OU, Norman
Interlibrary Coop. Committee, Jenks H.S. - 10:30 a.m.
Sequoyah YA, ODL - 10 a.m.
October 22-25
Association of Research Libraries, Washington, D.C.
October 24-25
ODL Regional Technology Workshops
October 24
NMRT Reception, OU Sch. of Lib./Info. Studies, 5-7:30 p.m.
Membership Committee, Norman
October 25
Program/Executive Board, Norman
October 27-31
American Society for Information Science, Washington, D.C.
October 28
Ethics Committee, ODL - 10 a.m.
October 29
Library Information and Technology Conference, Oklahoma City
October 29-Nov. 2
Mountain Plains Library Association, Phoenix, AZ
October 31
Long Range Planning Committee, ODL - 10 a.m.
ODL Regional Technology Workshops

OLAGoals:
I. Be politically active all year long.
1. Are you a registered voter?
2. Did you vote in the last election?
3. Have you written a letter on some political issue to your governor, state senator, state representative, your mayor or local newspaper?
4. Have you attended a session or meeting of your state legislature, city council, or school board this past year?
5. Do you know the first and last name of your governor, your state senator, state representative, mayor, city council members, or school board members?
6. Have you done anything to help promote better state or local legislation?

II. Be well-informed on political issues and OLA legislative issues.
1. Read state and local newspapers.
2. Read legislators’ newsletters. Know their stand on different issues. Offer to put their newsletters in your library.
3. Tune in OETA’s Legislative Week in Review.
4. Study the previous OLA legislative goals. Were they achieved? Why or why not?
5. Offer suggestions to the OLA Legislative Committee or your division chair for this year’s

III. Know your legislators and elected officials.
1. Meet your representatives and try to establish a personal relationship before asking them for support.
2. Have a “Meet Your Legislator Day” this fall in your library.
3. Demonstrate an interest in their agenda.
4. Send them copies of special activities taking place in your library. Keep them informed. You are an important part of their community.
5. Introduce yourself to their local staff. Contact their Capitol office staff for whatever reason—request their newsletter—and introduce yourself.
6. Thank them for past support. As you become politically active and well-informed, encourage your colleagues, staff and patrons to do the same. Grassroots lobbying does work. If you follow the above suggestions, you will become a very active member of OLA without leaving town and at little or no expense. The confidence you gain in addressing legislative issues will also prepare you to participate next spring at OLA’s Legislative Day.

Don’t delay. Move one place on now. Are you a registered voter?

--Carol Casey

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More Comments from Delegates

"WHCLIS was exciting, challenging, tiring, frustrating and mind-boggling, but what a privilege it was to participate."  -- Pat Hughes

"WHCLIS was an overwhelming event that was an educational and interesting but often frustrating lesson in democracy in action."  -- Leslie Gelders

"The technological problems experienced will long be forgotten while the issues will continue to be developed and implemented for better library service to all."  -- Patty Neuwirth

"WHCLIS was a tremendous effort to collect ideas from all areas of the country on what the goals for libraries should be."  -- Gail Miller

"The major benefit of the conference is to see what can now be accomplished at the state level."  -- Craig Stephenson

"The process was good, although burdensome, but I was impressed by the intensity of all participants."  -- Richard Parker

"The magnitude of the conference itself... the pomp, the patriotic swell of pride, the sheer number of participants, the breakdown in the parliamentary process and the voting machines... still the experience was a good one and it was a true honor to represent Oklahoma."  -- Betty Estes-Rickner

To write or call for WHCLIS 2 resolutions, see p. 56!

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Patent/Trademark Workshop

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will present an all day Patent and Trademark Workshop on Friday, Nov. 22 at Oklahoma State University.

The workshop is open to the public and all Oklahoma librarians. There is no charge.

For more information, contact Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Oklahoma State University, Edmon Low Library, Stillwater, OK 74075. Paustenbaugh's telephone number is 405-744-7086.

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NOTE: Sherman is beginning her fourth and final year as our ALA Councilor.

Hot outside and hot inside describes the 1991 Annual Conference.

Much talk about lay-offs, smaller library budgets, closing down of government, etc. as well as the closing of library schools was cause for grave concern in the halls, exhibits, and at Council. ALA is having some financial problems although not serious at this time. There is much belt tightening which is very painful throughout the Association. Both Dick Dougherty and Pat Schuman mentioned numerous times the lack of understanding from the public about the mission and role of libraries and the work of all types of librarians. The need for better PR on all fronts, from ALA down to the local library, was a continuing theme. The White House Conference was seen as a place to begin to turn around this lack of understanding.

"To lay people we are all librarians . . . . We must support one another."
--Pat Schuman

Russell Shank presented the “ALA Special Committee on Library School Closing Report” to Council which asked for $1.5 million over three years to implement a special project, “Project Librarian Century 21: an Inquiry on Library and Information Science Education.” An attempt at Council III was made to pull out some of the recommendations from theALA Executive Board concerning the document to take to the White House Conference. The chair of the Special Committee was absent as was the Chair of SCOLE which did not help the situation. The wording approach took over an hour and a half in which minute details could not be agreed upon by the principles involved. The afternoon was getting late and many Councilors left while others read, etc. I thought to myself, this might be the problem of librarianship—not seeing the big picture and not being able to move ahead. A continuation of discussion on this document is something to look forward to at Midwinter.

The Accreditation Committee report which addresses library education in the future will be voted on at the 1992 midwinter. There is much concern with the closing of so many library schools about “distance education”. This came up at many caucuses and is of particular concern in the MPLA region with the closing of the Brigham Young Library School.

Intellectual Freedom issues went fairly smoothly, although the documents on “Free Access to Minors” had specific examples in it. A long discussion arose as to whether the examples were needed. The examples were finally deleted from the document. A number of interpretations to the “Library Bill of Rights” was passed. Also passed were two very timely resolutions: 1. Supporting access to information on family planning and abortions. 2. Against the pornography victims compensation act. The interpretations and the resolutions are attached to this report. Both the enclosed “Intellectual Freedom Committee” report and the “Freedom to Read Foundation” report touch upon a number of cases which continually attempt to erode First Amendment rights.

Another hot item at caucuses and at the membership meeting was the case of Kreimer vs. Morristown which has even made the Wall Street Journal. Portions of regulations intended to control the use of the Morristown, New Jersey, Public Library were invalidated by a judge for violating the First Amendment right of a homeless person to receive information. The homeless person had sued the library board. I have enclosed information on this case and will soon have a copy of the Judge’s decision. The New Jersey Library Association is caught between the position of the Morristown Library and the position of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of ALA and the Freedom to Read Foundation. Stay tuned for more on this in library journals and in the general press.

Anne E. Haley wore a police protection vest and a catchers mitt to the podium before presenting her report and resolutions on International Relations. It certainly brought a good laugh! Her three resolutions were: getting IFLA and other international bodies to recognize libraries as partners in providing basic education; the return of the United States to UNESCO; and Censorship in the Middle East including library closures. The third resolution provoked spirited debate over whether “Occupied Territories” should remain in the resolution. It was deleted.

After a lengthy afternoon at Council III, which went on and on, debate became bogged down even further over a seemingly harmless “Resolution for WHCLIS II on Library Education.” This concerned the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act Title II B Library Programs and its funding level. The controversy arose over whether Congress would transfer money from another worthy program such as LCSA and whether “new money” should be inserted. Council could not even vote because those involved could not agree on wording and debate continued much longer than necessary. Finally, the compromise was agreed upon and the resolution passed with “new money” inserted.

Pat Schuman, in her inaugural address, summed up the challenges facing all of us when she said, “What I am asking for is commitment: commitment to spend less time talking to each other about the inner workings of our institutions and our associations; commitment to not splinter ourselves within our profession. To lay people we are all librarians. Our cause is virtuous and powerful. Our task is to work together to tell the full library story to leaders in government, business, education, and the general public . . . We must speak with a unified voice. We must support one another.”
Sequoyah Children’s Book Award

The 1991-1992 nominees offer enjoyment and imagination, humor and wit, and journeys to fictional and fantasy worlds. The stories give us new understanding of what shapes people’s lives as the characters face danger and intrigue, or change and new challenges.

The Sequoyah Children’s Book Award program is open to all Oklahoma students in grades three through six. The first award was given in 1959 to Old Yeller, by Fred Gipson and other winners have included Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh, Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary, The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White, and last year’s winner, Beauty by Bill Wallace. Each year, a new list of nominees is compiled and students are encouraged to read as many titles on the current list as they can before voting in January for their favorite story. The winning author is invited to accept the award at the annual spring meeting of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Information and promotional materials may be ordered from the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Committee, c/o State Department of Education, Library Resources Section, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Promotional materials include brochures, posters, bookmarks, seals, stamps, t-shirts and videotapes.

—Shan Glandon

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TSRT/ART

Do It!! Cataloging Workshop

Library staff who catalog non-routine and strange materials and who would appreciate a better understanding of MARC cataloging formats are encouraged to register for the Technical Services/Automation Roundtable workshop "Do It!! Rising to the Challenges of Cataloging." The workshop will give an overview of MARC formats and discuss specific examples of trying items everyone must catalog including media, computer programs, strange books, periodicals.

Participants will have a chance to engage in a small discussion group focusing upon a specific format or searching electronic catalogs. The workshop will close with an update on how Oklahoma is heading toward a network of catalogs based upon MARC records. Featured speakers will include Kathleen Haynes, University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Science, and Denny Stephens, Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

The (9:30a.m.-3:30p.m.) workshop will be held at the Norman Public Library on Friday, Nov. 8, 1991. Registration is $15.00 for OLA members, $30.00 for non-members, and should be sent to Kay Boies, Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013 by October 30. For information, contact Jane Mills, McFarlin Library, University of Tulsa, 600 S. College, Tulsa, OK 74104, (918) 631-2669.

--Jane P. Mills

SSRT

Support Staff 'Casting Call'

A casting call for the Oklahoma Library Association Support Staff Roundtable is currently underway. Auditions are being held for individuals wishing to become a part of the cast of the SSRT production of a fantastic season of workshop and conference planning. Becoming a card carrying member of OLA and joining SSRT places you among one of the most friendly, creative and innovative groups you ever want to meet. Come on in! We want you and welcome you to join us.

The SSRT goals for this year focus on surpassing our membership total of the past year and planning and presenting a fall workshop at ODL which covers setting up Friends’ groups (morning session) and communication skills and self esteem (afternoon session). Watch for details.

New SSRT cast member Retha Evans of OSU-Okmulgee Library was asked what made her join SSRT. Retha stated that after attending the OLA SSRT Conference Programs in April, she “felt a part of OLA”. We are elated to have Retha as a member of our roundtable. The SSRT chair, chair-elect, and membership at large welcome and challenge anyone interested in the welfare and development of library support staff to come on in and take your place as a member of the SSRT production cast. We all look forward to moving “one place on” to make a place for YOU. Questions?? Contact: Susie L. Beasley, Chair, OLA/SSRT, 8143 E. Reno, Midwest City, OK 73110. Phone: (405) 732-4828 FAX: (405) 732-4909.

--Susie L. Beasley
IFLA in Moscow:
A Very Surprising Conference

"Moscow 1991" was the logo for the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference held at the World Congress Center in the heart of Moscow. On the third day of the conference, Monday, August 19, the attendees were shocked to learn that President Mikhail Gorbachev was reported to be ill and the country’s vice president had taken over Gorbachev’s duties.

The nation’s media center, located near our hotel, had been secured by the insurgent military. As our group toured through Red Square that morning, columns of tanks moved into the area, giving the conference delegates and attendees cause for alarm. The broad avenues of Moscow were throttled by the action of tanks and military personnel moving into position to secure strategic facilities in the city.

Despite the military takeover, the presence of cannon-bearing tanks in great numbers, armed soldiers on every corner, blockades and demonstrations by thousands of Soviet citizens, IFLA was still “on” and meetings were held. Our group traveled through this frightening maze of military might to the Congress Center each day. In business sessions, the United States won a victory in the election of the first American, Bob Wedgeworth, as the organization’s president. In addition, Bob Stueart of Simmons College was elected to the executive board.

During the coup attempt, the president of IFLA announced that the last council would not be held and the conference ended two days before it was scheduled to close. It was a fearsome experience — an historical one — from which some of us still suffer remembrances, especially in sleep, in dreams.

—Charlie Lou and Roscoe Rouse

DOCLIBS

by Steve Beleu and Vicki Sullivan, Oklahoma Department of Libraries

This column identifies government publications that are of special importance to librarians. These publications may be available in any of the U.S. or Oklahoma depository libraries throughout the state, or may be borrowed on interlibrary loan from your nearest GPO depository library.


The Toxic Release Inventory is a database on the nature and amount of toxic chemical emissions released each year by manufacturers. This analysis of TRI found that it has become one of the most important sources of environmental information available to the public, but that it needs to include data on emissions from currently-exempt facilities, insist on compliance from 10,000 facilities that have not complied, and verify more of the data on TRI.


These are the proceedings of a conference held between NCLIS and the American Association of School Librarians on incorporating the concept of information literacy into the K-12 curriculum as well as into teacher preparation programs.


This guide to information on minerals in publications and databases includes not only federal sources, but also state agency sources.


This is a synthesis of papers on library networking, including information on the national information infrastructure, the National Research and Education Network (NREN), information property rights in a networking environment, information literacy, federal information policy, and other topics.

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OLA Conference '92 Plans

Everyone on this year's program planning committee has taken President Carol Casey's theme to heart. We have "all moved one place on." By that, I mean we are advancing quickly and are getting lots of plans set for your April 29-May 2, 1992 conference.

Our keynote speaker will be John Berry, III, of Library Journal fame. You may sometimes take issue with Berry; at other times you may wish to lead a parade in his honor; but seldom will his views elicit no reaction at all! It promises to be an intriguing session.

Other programs being planned include the ever-popular ALA/MPLA leaders and issues forum and a return engagement by the ever-opinionated Frosty Troy.

There is talk of lots more--but it is too early to give you all the details. You will just have to wait and wonder for a while. I will offer one hint: Remember the conference theme has been taken from the mad Hatter's Tea Party. Picture your OLA leaders in the Queen's Garden; what do you think will happen???... To be continued.

--Jan Sanders, 1992 Conference Program Chair

Linda Cowen Wins 1991 Polly Clarke Award

"I hope all of you can stand in my shoes and receive this some day," beamed Linda Cowen as she accepted this year's award. Cowen, currently at Harry S. Truman Elementary in Norman, has been a library media specialist for 19 years.

The Polly Clarke Award is given annually by OASLMS to honor an outstanding school library media specialist in the state who exhibits professional involvement, curriculum support, integrated library/information skills instruction, and cooperative planning of instructional units incorporated into an exemplary library media program. Eleven Oklahoma school library media specialists were nominated this year.

Other nominees were: Linda Brower, El Reno High School; Sybil Connolly, Windsor Hills Elementary, Putnam City; Janice Crump, Chickasha Junior High School; Mary Lou Divelbiss, Coolidge Elementary School, Enid; Janelle Lee, Putnam City Central Intermediate; Jo Millard, Woodward High School; Jean Hinson Rabb, MacArthur High School, Lawton; Ronda Scribner, Leisure Park Elementary, Broken Arrow; Beverly Smith-Edwards, Central Upper Elementary, Moore; Erma Stewart, Edmond Memorial High School.
HR 2707, FY '92 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill. Sen. Tom Wirth (D-CO) will offer a $677 million education amendment to this bill. The amendment directs the budget authority to certain high-priority education and child-centered programs, including Chapter 1 aid to disadvantaged school children. The Senate bill has a higher total for library programs than the House; but for education as a whole, the Senate version is more than $1 billion less than the House passed bill. The Wirth amendment would prioritize the education established by the Senate when it included the "Homefront Budget Initiative" in the FY '92 budget resolution. Library of Congress received a 5.6% increase for FY '92. This brings their funding to $322,228,000.

HEA Reauthorization Bill Introduced
Reps. Dale Kildee (D-MI), Major Owens (D-NY), and Jack Reed (D-RI) introduced a bill to reauthorize Higher Education Act Title II library programs. The bill, HR 3181, tracks exactly the recommendations developed by ALA and the Association of Research Libraries and transmitted to Congress in April. The ALA Council on July 3 adopted a Resolution on Higher Education Act Reauthorization (CD #77), which reaffirmed and summarized the recommendations. (The three Senate sponsors deserve thanks from library constituents.) HR 3181 and several other bills reauthorizing parts of the Higher Education Act introduced by various members of the House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee are expected to be combined into one HEA reauthorization bill later this year.

GPO WINDO Bill Gains Support

National Literacy Act Signed Into Law
The National Literacy Act (HR 751), which originated in bills sponsored by Rep. Thomas Sawyer (D-OH) and Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL), was signed into law on July 25 by President Bush who called it "an historic national commitment to literacy." PL 102-73 amends existing programs as well as creates new ones. Libraries with literacy programs may find in the Act some opportunities for assistance, either directly as grant recipients, or as partners with agencies or organizations who are applicants. Among the provisions is a requirement that the state library program be represented on the state advisory council on adult education and literacy. Amendments to the LSCA VI Library Literacy Program create priorities for projects in areas of greatest need (that is, areas with high numbers of adults without a high school education, with low per capita income, or high unemployment), and for applications demonstrating coordination with other literacy providers.

WHCLIS Recommendations Published
The 97 recommendations adopted by the delegates to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services have been published in the August issue of DISCOVERY, the official newspaper of the 1991 WHCLIS. Anyone may request a copy from the WHCLIS office at 1111 - 18th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, or call 1-800-942-5472. The 97 recommendations include 31 passed after debate, 60 passed through a consent calendar process, and six petitions adopted by delegates.

1991-92 Nominating Committees
OLA's Nominating Committee this year is selecting candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, ALA Chapter Councilor (4 year term), and Representative to the Mountain Plains Library Association (2 year term). Chair of the Nominating Committee is Linda Chapman, Marlow Elementary/Middle School, 405-658-3216.

To nominate individuals for OLA Division and Roundtable offices, contact:
Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists
John McGrath, Putnam City Public Schools, 405-495-5200
College and University Division
Jim Beavers, Rose State College, 405-733-7323
Library Education Division
Sydney Pierce, OU School of Library and Info. Studies, 405-325-3921
Public Libraries Division
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Highlights

July 19, 1991

President's Report: Carol Casey thanked Jan Sanders for hosting the 1991 OLA Leadership Conference.

Sequoia Children's Book Award Committee: Bethia Owens, Chair, proposed: 1. Eliminate position of Treasurer of Committee. Committee chair will assume responsibilities. 2. Chair Designate will continue to serve as a member of the Book Selection Subcommittee, but will no longer serve as chair. Both proposals were approved. Owens also presented a proposal from Follett Book Company, to print Sequoyah Winner Posters through a loan from Follett which would be repaid by OLA over a period of four years. Concerns were noted and the Board voted to reject the proposal.

State Department of Education Coordinator: Betty Riley discussed the new certification standards for school library media specialists.

ALA Councilor: Mary Sherman reported on the 1991 ALA Conference.


President's Report: Carol Casey reminded division, committee and roundtable chairs that a review of their charges and possible changes are to be reported at the Oct. Board meeting.

Program Committee: Jan Sanders reported the Program Committee will discuss conference fees in Sept.

Budget and Finance Committee: Carol Casey reported the committee met on Aug. 1 and distributed a proposed budget for FY92. Total proposed income is $135,993 and total proposed expense is $126,295. The proposed budget was adopted with the following changes: 1. 4% salary increase for the Executive Director, and 2. Increase the travel budget of the ALA Councilor to $1,000.

Federal Relations Coordinator: Donna Skvarla reported that the library program bills are now in the Senate Subcommittee. LS5CA Title I has been restored to $83M. LS5CA Title II has been restored to $19M.

MPLA Representative: Steve Skidmore reported there are now 65 Oklahoma members of MPLA.

Unfinished Business: Steve Skidmore investigated the ethics question which was posed at the July Board meeting about printing Sequoyah posters by a publishing company. The concern was about mixing a prestigious association award with a for-profit business. Steve spoke with Judith Krug at ALA who said that her personal opinion was that it was inadvisable. However, she said that it could probably be done as long as it was clear that the award and the printing of the poster were separate entities.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Public Relations: Carol Casey asked Wayne Felts to pursue corporate contacts to fund PSAs.

FOLIO Proposal: Kay Boies reported FOLIO proposes to appoint a liaison member from each organization's board who would serve as a liaison to the other board. The appointment would not be a voting position. The proposal met with favorable discussion. Carol will appoint a member of the OLA Board to the FOLIO Board.

OASLMS Proposal for new Elective Position: Jonette Ellis has proposed to OASLMS that a new five-year-term AASL Delegate position be added. OASLMS will fund travel costs.

Other: 1. Ed Johnson has received a suggestion for the establishment of a new Interlibrary Loan Roundtable. 2. Betty Riley informed the Board that she is working with the Cherokee Nation in continuation of printing Sequoyah Children's Book Award bookmarks.

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Patricia Pugh has resigned as president of FOLIO to accompany her husband to Norway. Pat recently represented Oklahoma library supporters at the White House Conference on Library and Information Science. Best wishes, Pat!

David Robinson, Acquisitions and ILL Librarian at East Central State University, has been elected chair-elect of OLA's NMRT (New Members Roundtable).

Karen Morris recently moved to Okmulgee, where she is now librarian at Okmulgee High School. Quite a change after 10-1/2 years at the OSU Library in Stillwater! She continues as co-editor of the Oklahoma Librarian.

Louise Robbins, former librarian at East Central State University, would like to hear from her Oklahoma friends. She is now at the University of Wisconsin at Madison School of Library and Information Studies, Helen C. White Hall, Madison, WI 53701.

City Declares “Betty Jain Day” for Librarian

Betty Jain, Branch Manager of the Moore Public Library for the past 21 years, retired from the Pioneer Library System branch on June 18, 1991.

Moore Mayor Dan Link said “men and women, boys and girls, alike, have Betty to thank for the successful operation of the library, furnishing books and other media of general and specific interest, special efforts and projects for the disabled, interesting and informative programs for children, and many other projects and programs that have made Moore Library one of the most well-used facilities in the system.”

Jain joined the library staff in October 1969, and became Manager of the Moore Branch in January 1970.

Mary Sherman, Library System Director said, “During that time, she has overseen the remodeling and expansion of the Moore Library including the problems of bankruptcy with the builder and many delays. She has been involved in two millage elections and the bond election to expand her building. Betty has seen circulation increase from 91,820 books in 1970, to over 253,000 today. We will sincerely miss Betty and her dedicated and loyal service.”

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