1992 Election Results

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OASLMS
Linda Gann
Library Media Specialist
Jenks High School

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College and University Division
Dell Hewey
Coordinator of Public Services
Rose State College
Midwest City

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Public Libraries Division
Theresa Dickson
Collection Development Coordinator
Pioneer Library System
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In previous messages, I have visited with you about what OLA has been doing this year to accomplish some of its goals and objectives. I have taken an occasional side step to encourage you to join, to ask others to join and to volunteer to actively participate in OLA. At this time I would like to take one step back to move one place on so to speak. Are you still with me?

Several developments have taken place since I first discussed our goal: Legislative Relations. I think it is important to bring you up-to-date now that the Legislature is in session.

The OLA Legislative Committee this year developed the Association’s Legislative Goals:

**Legislation**
- Pass a Library Technology Act based upon the plan developed by the Oklahoma Library Technology Advisory Committee (connecting academic, public and school libraries).
- Support the recommendations of the Legislative Task Force to Study Public Library Laws.
- Amend Article 10, Section 10a, of the State Constitution, to promote libraries by changing the population cap needed to establish single-county library systems and by eliminating the millage cap for library support. (SJR-32)
- Create a statewide revolving fund to extend library services to those county areas with no services and to improve existing services. (SB 747)
- Up-date and revise Title 65, the Oklahoma Library code. (SB 748)
- Up-date and revise those portions of Title 11 pertaining to municipal libraries. (SB 746)

**Funding**
- Increase State aid for Public Libraries to $1 per capita. (It is now 56.9 cents.)
- These funds provide books and other materials, automation, staffing, bookmobile programs.
- $1,591,000 is needed to accomplish this goal.
- Provide an allocation of $5 per pupil to all schools for the purchase of library resources; and provide phase-out funds for schools eligible for 2nd or 3rd year Library Media Improvement Grants. (SB 722)
- A library media collection includes a variety of current instructional resources and is as vital to a child’s education today as textbooks. A line item is provided for textbooks and is also necessary for library materials.
- Many schools have made a commitment to initiate a library media program. Continued funding for these projects would allow completion of planned improvements.
- $5,147,000 is needed to complete this two-part goal.
- Support the measures, ask them why.
- Keep in touch with them.
- Follow through until the session is adjourned. Then be sure and thank your legislators for their support. If they didn’t support the measures, ask them why. Keep in touch with them.
- Don’t forget that this is an election year too. Volunteer to stuff envelopes, canvas neighbors, etc. for your legislators.
- See you at Conference and we’ll discuss this further.

Because action on these goals at this time of the year occurs so quickly, for the latest information on any legislative action call the Oklahoma Department of Libraries 405/521-2502 or 800/522-8116 and ask for Jan Blakely or the Law (Cartwright) Library. They will give you a legislative update. It is helpful if you have the bill number. The bill numbers appear in parenthesis if it made it to the floor out of committee.

The OLA Legislative Committee also organized and hosted a Legislative Power Reception and a Legislative Day in February. If you were at either of these events you know how successful they were. (see summary article on pages 18-19) During the Legislative Day activities, the membership was introduced to Dick Wheatley who has been retained this year by the association as a lobbyist. He has worked for the Oklahoma Library Association on a volunteer basis for a number of years. This year we are hoping with his help to become more effective as an organization in our legislative efforts. Wheatley has made many suggestions and we are following up on them at this time. The Association will be reevaluating this relationship at the end of the Legislative Session and I think you may see some real changes in our procedures next year. Please stay informed and get involved in this process.

In the meantime. Contact your legislators. Ask your friends and patrons to contact their legislators. Mention specific bills and justification for their support. Call and track the legislation. Follow through until the session is adjourned. Then be sure and thank your legislators for their support. If they didn’t support the measures, ask them why. Keep in touch with them.

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See you at Conference and we'll discuss this further.

--Carol Casey
1992 Election Results (cont. from p. 13)

Trustees (Vice Chair/Chair Elect)
Denise Trent
Trustee
Chickasaw Library System
Caney

Automation Roundtable
David Corbly
Public Services Librarian
Southwestern State University
Weatherford

Children & Young People’s Roundtable
Judy Jones
Children’s Librarian
Ponca City Library

Government Documents Roundtable
Carolyn Torrence
Reference Librarian
Southwestern State University
Weatherford

New Members Roundtable
Gerald Hickman
Assistant Librarian
Seminole Jr. College

Reference Roundtable
Virginia Dietrich
Librarian II
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
Oklahoma City

Social Responsibilities Roundtable
Julia Harmon
Branch Manager
Pioneer Library System
Tecumseh

Support Staff Roundtable
Retha F. Evans
Public Services Librarian
OSU-Okmulgee

Technical Services Roundtable
Kathleen J. M. Haynes
Assistant Professor
School of Library & Information Studies
University of Oklahoma
Norman

PLEASE NOTE: As of March 1, elections had not been held for the following divisions/roundtables: Library Education Division, Administration Roundtable, and Special Collections & Archives Roundtable. Results of these elections will appear in the May/June issue.

Ready to "Move One Place On" are (l-r-4): Kay Mades, Debbi Smith, and Erma Stewart of the Edmond Memorial High School Library. The March Hare, Alice and the Mad Hatter were just a few of the folks that showed up on Halloween at the library.

--Photo by John T. Beresford
Intellectual Freedom Committee Wins Award

The OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC), currently chaired by Darcy Rankin, has been notified that Oklahoma has been awarded the State Program Award from the ALA/Intellectual Freedom Roundtable. The award will be presented for the production of the OLA IFC Manual and the work of the committee in helping form FOI (Freedom of Information)/Oklahoma, a network of librarians, media people, attorneys, and other interested citizens.

The award, consisting of a $1,000 prize and a citation, will be given during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco in June and will be accepted by OLA President Carol Casey and past OLA/IFC chair (1989-91) Jan Sanders.

Copies of the OLA IFC Manual are available for $2.00 and can be ordered by calling the OLA Executive Director at (405) 348-0506.

— Jan Sanders

GODORT Sponsors Environmental Resources Workshop

On February 14th, the OLA Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) and the Special Libraries Association co-sponsored a workshop on Environmental Resources at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

The agenda consisted of two speakers followed by an open forum and an environmental information fair. Joyce Williams Bergin, librarian at the Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Laboratory Library in Ada, discussed her role as an information specialist on contract with the EPA. She focused on the materials available at Kerr lab and how persons may obtain documents and updates from the EPA through the EPA’s Center for Environmental Research Information (CERI) and their Public Information Center (PIC) aside from the regular channels. She also discussed the new EPA publication Access EPA, a set of seven directories that provide contact information and descriptions of services available from the EPA. The purpose of this publication is to improve access to environmental information provided by EPA and other public sector organizations. Robert Butnik, Assistant Attorney General (Oklahoma), described the case that he presented to the Supreme Court last year involving the Illinois River and its high phosphorous content upon flowing into Oklahoma from Arkansas. The audience had the opportunity to pose questions to each of the speakers.

The Information Fair consisted of several tables of environmental resources that had been arranged by interest group or publisher area: law, Oklahoma state publications, business and industry, general interest/general public, technical federal documents, electronic sources, and science and engineering.

Evaluation of the workshop by the more than 40 persons who attended was very positive. The workshop provided timely information to a varied audience.

— Suzanne Latour
OSU Library

“Call for America’s Libraries”: An Ongoing Campaign

According to Mary Sherman, Oklahoma’s Media Coordinator for Libraries, the “Call for America’s Libraries” campaign will continue well after National Library Week has come and gone. Although the toll-free number will shut-down at the end of National Library Week (NLW), librarians will have the opportunity to rally support for Oklahoma’s libraries in a variety of ways as they promote the NLW theme “Your Right to Know: Librarians Make it Happen.”

For those attending ALA in San Francisco, there will be a conference within a conference on Sunday, June 28, on the NLW theme. The ALA President’s Program will also tie into the NLW theme. Information about time and locations should be available in the preliminary conference program.

Here in Oklahoma planning is underway for a media training workshop that will focus on teaching librarians to speak out for libraries. Other media events and activities will be planned and announced throughout the coming year.

— Jennifer Paustenbaugh
Reading To Children May Be Best Way To Tackle Illiteracy

What's the best way to attack our nation's growing illiteracy rate? The strategy may begin with a soft lap. "Studies have been conducted on children who read easily and well when entering school," said Kathy Latrobe, an OU assistant professor of library and information studies. "Almost without exception, these children have two things in common — they were read to in their preschool years and they lived in a home where books and reading were valued." Latrobe, who specializes in children's literature, said research shows these youngsters have a head start in developing good reading abilities and "actually choose to read in later years."

Beginning readers, who range from kindergarteners to second-graders, also learn to read more easily if parents follow the completion of a book with an activity, Latrobe said. For example, the parent and child can ask questions about the book, act out the book, or use a character from the book as a model for a puppet or drawing. "Once children hear the exciting and wonderful things that are in books, you'll find they want to read," she added.

How a parent reads to a child also affects the child's reading experience, Latrobe said. "If a parent races through a book and the child is expected to go to bed five minutes later, then the effect of the book is minimized," she said. Latrobe advises parents to read in a leisurely manner and give children time to study pictures. She also suggests that preschool children should have an opportunity to hear stories at least two times a day.

When selecting children's books, parents should consider quality first. "There are many wonderful books available," Latrobe said. "Why offer a child anything less than the best?" Latrobe conceded that in today's market, choosing good children's literature can be confusing and expensive. Research by the national publishing industry indicates that only 40 percent of American households buy at least one new book each year. Homes don't have to be wealthy to buy books. Latrobe encouraged parents to use their local library, where children's librarians have kept abreast of the market and have carefully selected books. Also, by using the public library, parents can ensure their children read a variety of books.

"Children are going to have favorite books they want to hear again and again, and that's fine," Latrobe said. "But parents also will want to give children an opportunity to hear other titles. Variety helps children strengthen their imaginations and develop new interests." Young readers should be exposed to the whole spectrum of literature including poetry, fiction and fables. However, Latrobe encouraged parents to share books and stories they themselves enjoy and that are appropriate for the child's listening level.

Without a doubt, reading is vital to a child's development, both cognitively and emotionally. "However," Latrobe added, "its main purpose is pleasure."

—Anne Barajas
OU News Services

1992-93 Sequoyah Lists

Each year members of the Sequoyah Children's and Young Adult's Book Award committees of the Oklahoma Library Association read through a consideration list of books cited for their literary excellence to compile a new slate of nominees. These nominees represent books that have literary merit, have qualities of originality, imagination and vitality, have an element of timelessness, have sound values, have a theme or subject worth imparting to and of interest to children or young adults, and have factual accuracy and clarity and readability.

Children's Book Nominees
Birdseye, Tom. Tucker
Carris, Joan. Aunt Morbelia and the Screaming Skulls
Conrad, Pam. Stonewords: A Ghost Story
DeFelice, Cynthia. Weasel
Ferguson, Alane. Cricket and the Crackerbox Kid
George, Jean. On the Far Side of the Mountain
Golenbock, Peter. Teammates
Gruenberg, Linda. Hummer
Hubbell, Patricia. A Grass Green Gallop
Kamen, Gloria. Edward Lear: King of Nonsense
Kudlinski, Kathleen. Hero Over Here
Radin, Ruth. Carver
Say, Allen. El Chino
Seabrooke, Brenda. Jerry on the Line
Slote, Alfred. The Trading Game
Stevenson, Laura. Happily After All
Taylor, Mildred. Mississippi Bridge
Yolen, Jane. Dragon's Boy
Zeier, Joan. The Elderberry Thicket

Young Adult Book Nominees
Avi. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Baczewski, Paul. Just for Kicks
Bennett, Jay. Sing Me A Death Song
Cannon, A. E. The Shadow Brothers
Hamm, Diane Johnston. Bunkhouse Journal
Johnston, Norma. The Time of the Cranes
Klause, Annette Curtis. The Silver Kiss
Myers, Walter Dean. The Mouse Trap
Paulsen, Gary. Canyons
Service, Pamela F. Under Alien Stars
Tolan, Stephanie S. Plague Year
Wrede, Patricia. Dealing with Dragons
Zettner, Pat. The Shadow Warrior

--compiled by Shan Glandon
and Sandy Romo

Send us brief writeups and photographs of your tales of triumph from National Library Week or School Library Media Month for the May/June issue. Deadline is May 1.

--Editors
The Oklahoma Library Association and FOLIO (Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma) sponsored two legislative events during the first week of the Oklahoma Legislative Session: a "Legislative POWER Reception" and Oklahoma Library Legislative Day. These events were planned and coordinated by a very hard working OLA Legislative Committee.

The POWER Reception was held at Faculty House from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4 and was attended by over 20 legislators and almost 50 librarians and library friends. Only a few minutes south of the Capitol, Faculty House was the perfect location for a legislative event. The legislators attending made the OLA reception their first stop after leaving the Capitol. Representative Carolyn Thompson, Senator Bernice Shedrick, and Senator Ed Long spoke briefly at the reception. Representative Thompson stressed the importance of a "No" vote on State Question 640 and Senator Shedrick reinforced that opinion. Both were supportive of library issues, but made no predictions. Senator Long, co-chair of the Task Force to Study Public Library Laws was optimistic about the passage of the legislation recommended by that group. The Reception, the first sponsored as a part of Legislative Day activities, was coordinated by OLA Legislative Committee member Lee Brawner of the Metropolitan Library System.

Library Legislative Day began with registration, coffee, and exhibits at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5. Exhibits were provided by the Jenks Public Schools for the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists; the OU School of Library and Information Studies; Pioneer Library System; the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (demonstrating American Memory, an interactive multimedia collection of Library of Congress special collections); and Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma. An example of an online network of state library holdings was provided by Bela Foltin of Northeastern Oklahoma State University and Jim Beavers of Rose State College. The exhibits were coordinated by Theresa Dickson of the Pioneer Library System and Desiree Webber of the Moore Public Library.

OLA President Carol Casey and FOLIO President Beverly Dieterlen welcomed attendees at a 10:00 a.m. orientation session. Speakers included Bettie Estes-Rickner with a Governor's Conference Update, Lee Brawner with a Report on the Legislative Taskforce to Study Public Library Laws, Denny Stephens with an update on the Oklahoma Library Technology Network and a report from the OU School of Library and Information Studies by Michael Havener, Assistant Director of the OUSLIS.

The 1992 Library Legislative Goals were explained by Bob Clark, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Bettie Estes-Rickner, Administrator of the Library Media Section of the State Department of Education; and Jim Beavers, Chair of the Oklahoma Academic Libraries Council. The OLA Legislative Committee recommended and the Executive Boards approved two goals for legislation and three funding goals. Recommendations for legislation are to:

1) Pass a Library Technology Act based upon the plan developed by the Oklahoma Library Technology Advisory Committee, and
2) Support the recommendations of the Legislative Task Force to Study Public Library Laws.

Funding goals recommended are to:

1) Increase State aid for Public Libraries to $1 per capita - it is now 56.9 cents (requiring $1,591,000);
2) Support the recommendations of the Legislative Task Force to Study Public Library Laws.

Other legislative/issues of interest to libraries are

1) Provide State funding to replace federal funds which have been depended upon to support the statewide interlibrary loan network (known as OTIS).
2) Provide funding for library technology projects within the Library Technology Act.
3) Oppose elimination of the personal property tax unless lost funding can be replaced.
4) Monitor the possible effects of the pipeline protests (which would make protested payments unavailable to schools and libraries).
5) Replenish the ad valorem tax exemptions reimbursement fund (which provides funds to schools and libraries by replacing exemptions given to firms new to the state).
6) Oppose State Question 640.
7) Restore full-day instructional programming on OETA.

The audience responded very positively to the last speaker for the morning, Dick Wheatley, lobbyist for the Oklahoma Library Association. Wheatley gave suggestions for the make-up of the OLA Legislative Committee, stressing the importance of involving members who have access to legislators representing the larger metropolitan areas as well as those legislators in leadership positions in the House of Representatives.

OLALobbyist Richard Wheatley (c) discusses legislative issues with Pat Woodrum (l), Tulsa City-County Library System, and Robert L. Clark (r), Oklahoma Department of Libraries.
Activities

Representatives and the Senate. One of his objectives as lobbyist, he said, is to train a cadre of organization lobbyists. Although the goals of the organization could not be realized in one year, with that cadre of effective lobbyists working over a period of years the possibility of achieving our goals would be greatly improved.

Packets of information and gift books for the legislators' local libraries were delivered to each legislator's office and to the office of the Governor by members of the Legislative Committee and those attending Library Legislative Day. The gift books were donated by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and special book plates were designed and printed by the staff at Northeastern State University.

Members of the Legislative Committee are John Augelli, Stillwater Public Library; Donna Bigbee, James Dennis Elementary School, Putnam City Public Schools; Lee Brawner, Director, Metropolitan Library System; Donna Denniston, Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Theresa Dickson, Pioneer Library System; Gerald Hickman, Boren Library, Seminole Junior College; Melba Kirkpatrick, Southern Oaks Library, Oklahoma City; Carolyn McElroy, Will Rogers Elementary School, Ardmore Public Schools; John McGrath, Putnam City Public Schools; Bela Foltin, John Vaughan Library, northeastern State University; Christine Mueller, Conner & Winters, Tulsa; Desiree Webber, Moore Public Library; Donna Skvarla, Federal Relations Coordinator, Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Jan Blakely, Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Consultants to the Committee are Robert Clark, Director, Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Bettie Estes-Rickner, State Department of Education; Jim Beavers, Academic Libraries Council; Kay Boies, Executive Director, Oklahoma Library Association; and Carol Casey, President, Oklahoma Library Association.

—Anne Masters, Chair
OLA Legislative Committee
Photos by John McGrath

Katherine Hale(I), Southern Prairie Library System, Altus, presents a book to State Senator Robert M. Kerr.

FOLIO President Beverly Dieterlen welcomes librarians and friends of libraries at the Legislative Day orientation session.

OLA members assembled in the Chambers of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for the legislative briefing.

Getting ready to visit their state legislators are (l-r) Pat Davis, Enid Public Schools; Linda Gann, Jenks Public Schools, and Jonette Ellis, Enid Public Schools.
This column identifies government publications that are of special importance to librarians. These titles may be available in any of the U.S. or Oklahoma depository libraries throughout the state, or may be borrowed on interlibrary loan.


A great deal of U.S. government information is not distributed through the Depository Library Program of the U.S. Government Printing Office. This examines the problems that U.S. citizens encounter when attempting to access this information and what needs to be done to assure that it is sent to depositories.


More and more U.S. government information is available in electronic formats. This planning document details how GPO plans to distribute electronic products, many of which were previously available only through expensive online services.


These are the 95 recommendations adopted at the White House Conference and recommended to the President. They include every aspect of library and information services from literacy services to the National Research and Education Network (NREN).


This congressional hearing was held in conjunction with the White House Conference listed above, and examines the same issues.


This describes 35 years of growth and change in 50 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) libraries in their holdings and staff size and composition.


This examines the nature of research about Congress, including the development of significant themes in the study of Congress, the library and archival sources of Congressional information, the nature of Congressional biographies, and the nature of the media coverage of Congress.

The 1991 edition of the Oklahoma Statutes is the sixth Official Edition of the Statutes published under the modern systems of Titles, alphabetically arranged, adopted in 1941. Completely revised and updated every ten years, Oklahoma Statutes 1991, Official Edition replaces Oklahoma Statutes, 1981, Official Edition and Oklahoma Statutes 1990 Supplement. The text covers all laws of a general and permanent nature in force, including all amendments and new enactments of a general character passed by the First Extraordinary and First Regular Sessions of the 43rd Legislature, which sessions adjourned January 18 and May 31, 1991, respectively. This six-volume set also includes the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, the Organic Act of Oklahoma, the Enabling Act of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Constitution. The Master Index is contained in volume six, along with tables for Session Laws 1931 to 1991: Revised Laws 1910; Compiled Statutes 1921; and Oklahoma Statutes 1931. The cost is $185 per set, delivered, for a period of one year following the approval and certification of these statutes by the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma.

**Best Buy of Conference—OASLMS Morning with Food!!**

Friday morning, May 1, can be a morning with OASLMS and we'll even start out by feeding you! Join us at our 9:45 business meeting and hear an update on the OASLMS election, meet the newly-elected officers, get an ALA, State Department, and legislative update, and ask any questions that you may have about your organization. And, during all of this, you can enjoy the snacks to be provided by SIRS, Inc.

After the business meeting, a wonderful program will be presented by Letty Watt. Many of you already know Letty and are aware of how vivacious and informative she is. After Letty's program, grab the luncheon ticket you purchased and join us for the OASLMS luncheon with Liza Ketchum Murrow, an author of both elementary and young adult books.

Now, what could be better—food, education, friends, entertainment, and information all in one morning with OASLMS. See you there!!!

—Jonette Ellis, OASLMS Chair
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President's Report: Carol Casey reminded division chairs that there is a charge to the divisions to submit minimum salary recommendations to the OLA Board. Carol reported that the New Members Roundtable held a successful reception at UCAT for OLA members and library school students the previous evening.

Sites Committee: Bob Motter reported the recommended sites for the 1995 and 1997 annual OLA Conferences. The 1997 OLA Conference is a joint meeting with the Mountain Plains Library Association. There will be approximately 150-200 additional people attending from MPLA states. The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Sites Committee. The Doubletree in Tulsa is the site of the 1995 OLA Conference, and Shangri-La is the site of the 1997 joint OLA/MPLA Conference.

OLA Conference Sites are:
1993: Hilton Inn West, Okla. City
1994: Westin, Tulsa
1995: Doubletree, Tulsa
1996: (Site not yet selected)
1997: Shangri-La

Program Committee: The conference budget was presented. Motion by Joan Jester, second by Steve Skidmore, to accept the budget as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

MPLA Representative - Steve Skidmore recently talked to Corkey Walters, President, MPLA. Walters expressed her appreciation for the contribution by the Oklahoma Library Association to the Continuing Education Project of MPLA.

Let's Talk About It - Jennifer Kidney reported that $1,300 has been raised from private donations for Let's Talk About It. In addition, the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities funded a $15,000 grant for LTAI. This award was made based on the joint application submitted from the Oklahoma Library Association/Oklahoma Department of Libraries/Pioneer Library System.

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Robert C. Brown assumed duties as Assistant Archives Librarian in the OSU Libraries on Mar. 2. Brown received the BA degree in History from the University of Tulsa in 1990 and was awarded the MLIS degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1991.

Steven M. Locy joined the OSU Libraries as Assistant Science Librarian on Mar. 16. Locy holds a BA degree in Zoology from the University of California, Davis (1973) and the MA degree in Biology from California State University, Sacramento (1982). He received the MLIS degree from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1989. Prior to joining the Oklahoma State University Libraries, Locy served for four years as a Reference/Government Documents Librarian in the Science and Technology Department of the Houston Public Library.

Tym Parsons began duties as Assistant Documents Librarian in the OSU Libraries on Mar. 16. He received the BS degree in Philosophy from the University of Utah in 1986 and was awarded the MLIS degree from Brigham Young University in 1991.

Mary M. Evans, Public Services Librarian at East Central University, and Mary A. Sherman, Director of the Pioneer Library System are 1992 candidates for ALA Councilor-at-Large.

Karen Ruddy began March 23 as Director of the Chickasaw Library System. Ruddy earned her MLS (1981) in Library and Informational Studies from Texas Woman's University (TWU), Denton, and her PhD (1990) from the TWU School of Library and Informational Studies. Previous positions include Coordinator of Library Instruction at Texas Tech-Lubbock University Libraries and Director of the Barton County Community College Library in Great Bend, KS. In 1990, she was the editor with Dr. Bernard Schlessinger of Basic Business Library Core Resources, 2nd ed.

Sue Anne Harrington, Director of Library Technical Services at the University of Oklahoma Libraries, will be retiring June 30, having a total of 26 years service.

Jim Pool, formerly a Technical Library Specialist with the Oklahoma City Schools, has recently accepted the professional combined Reference/Catalog position at the McFarlin Library, University of Tulsa.

Ed Johnson (r) tours the Kameoka Public Library on a recent trip to Japan to visit the OSU-Kyoto campus. At left, is the library director and in the center is an interpreter. A librarian from OSU will be travelling to Japan later this year to help with further setup of a library at OSU-Kyoto.

Booksale Grosses $99,300

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System (Oklahoma County, Oklahoma) raised $99,300 during BOOKSALE, the volunteer group's annual fundraiser benefiting the Metropolitan Library System. The total represents a $6,000 increase over the amount collected in 1991.

The fundraiser, in its twelfth year, was held Feb. 21 through 23. It included a pre-sale for Friends members. Shoppers from the Oklahoma City area flocked the sale. Others came from throughout the state and some drove in from other states. All in all, they purchased approximately 100,000 volumes.

Dollars raised from the sale will be given to the library system, which serves Oklahoma County, for special projects and programs.

OLA Welcomes New Members

Robert Armstrong, Ames Public Schools
Hiltraut, Benham, Tulsa, Student
Nick Callen, Roosevelt, Inactive
Nancy Casey, Southwestern State University, Weatherford
Mark E. Cotner, Tulsa, Student
Cynthia J. Frankenfield, Oklahoma City, Student
Daniel Roy Gibbs, Chickasaw Library System, Ardmore
Marilyn B. Hamlin, Duncan Public Library
Wayne E. Hanway, Southeastern Public Library System, McAlester
Tom C. Messner, Tulsa, Student

Karla D. Moore, Western State College, Altus
Mindy Carol Moore, University of Tulsa
Amy Norman, Tulsa City-County Library
Lessley Price, Southwestern State University, Weatherford
Marianne Price, Geary Public Schools
Karl R. Schaefer, Sand Springs, Student
Janet L. Uppendahl, Pioneer Elementary School, Chickasha
Rebecca A. Westfall, Norman, Student
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Jonathan Woltz, Chickasha, Student
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