8 Resolutions Adopted at Annual Conference

(Editors Note: Actions to be taken in implementing these resolutions will be reported in the July/August issue)

Resolution #1
Promotion of Recycling

Whereas, Americans are becoming more aware of the importance of respecting and protecting the natural environment; and

Whereas, Recycling can be an effective way to address the depletion of natural resources and the problems of landfill disposal; and

Whereas, America celebrated its 22nd observance of Earth Day on April 22 of last week, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Oklahoma Library Association support recycling efforts by
1. Using recycled materials when feasible and encouraging all Oklahoma libraries to do so;
2. Encouraging all conference exhibitors to use recycled materials when possible; and
3. Providing recycling bins for cans and paper at OLA-sponsored events and exhibits.

Resolution #2
Americans with Disabilities Act

Whereas, the recently mandated Americans with Disabilities Act extends civil rights protection to people with physical disabilities; and

Whereas, these rights include equal access to public services and accommodations; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Library Association and the profession of librarianship are vocal supporters of equal access to services, information and opportunities; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Oklahoma Library Association affirm its commitment to ensure handicapped-access to all OLA functions and services.

Resolution #3
Unserved Citizens

Whereas, approximately 600,000 Oklahomans live in areas of the state which do not provide local government funds to support public library services; and

Whereas, Fourteen per cent of Oklahoma's elementary, junior and middle schools do not have centralized school library media centers; and

Whereas, there are inadequate outreach programs to serve many of Oklahoma's economically-disadvantaged, geographically-isolated and other diverse populations, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Oklahoma Library Association encourage its members to promote legislation at all levels of government to help provide library services to all unserved populations in the state.

Resolution #4
Monitoring of 1990 Governor's Conference Resolutions

Whereas, the U.S. Congress authorized a 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services to give citizens, librarians, library supporters and government officials the opportunity to discuss library and information service needs and to make recommendations to improve those services; and

Whereas, all states and U.S. territories were invited to hold Pre-White House Conference activities to consider local and state information services; and

Whereas, approximately 1100 Oklahomans participated in the state's Pre-White House Conference activities; and

Whereas, delegates to Oklahoma's 1990 Governor's Conference on Libraries passed 22 resolutions aimed at improving library and information services in the state; and

Whereas, a national organization known as the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force is charged with monitoring the status of the national resolutions, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the President of the Oklahoma Library Association appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of Oklahoma's 1991 White House Conference Delegates and other appropriate OLA members to monitor Oklahoma's 22 Governor's Conference resolutions, and to make reports to the OLA Executive Committee and the association membership on the status of these resolutions.

Resolution #5
Review of OLA Scholarship Fund Program

Whereas, the Oklahoma Library Association has established a scholarship fund to financially assist persons pursuing library education degrees; and

Whereas, currently only post-graduate levels of study qualify for this financial assistance; and

Whereas, library support staff could also benefit from continuing

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Governor’s Mansion Library Committee - 11:30 a.m.
Sequoyah YA Book Award Committee, ODL-10 a.m.
American Library Association, San Francisco, CA
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Social Responsibilities Roundtable, ODL, Okla. City-10 a.m.
Program Committee/Executive Board - ODL, OKC
Sequoyah YA Book Award Committee, ODL-10 a.m.
*Submit Items for Bulk Mailing to be mailed September 1
*Submit Names of Nominating Committee to Exec. Dir.
Program Committee/Executive Board - Stillwater
*OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN* deadline
Sequoyah YA Book Award Committee, ODL-10 a.m.
OLA/CDL Certification Committee, ODL-1:30 p.m.
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Encyclo-Media, Oklahoma City
OLA/CDL Public Librarian Cert. Reg. Hearing, Ardmore
OLA/CDL Public Librarian Cert. Reg. Hearing, McAlester
"Electrify Your Library" Workshop

The Electrify Your Library Workshop was held on Friday, Feb. 28, at Oklahoma City Community College with 71 people attending. The following is a summary of one of the discussion sessions that took place at the workshop.

"Remote Access to Online Catalogs"

The panel for this discussion included Joe Jaros, Texas A & M Medical Sciences Library; Jane Carvajal, Metropolitan Library System; Donna Davidson, University Center at Tulsa; Jeanette McQuitty, Northeastern Oklahoma University; and Pat Weaver-Meyers, University of Oklahoma. With the exception of Northeastern, all have dial-in access to their catalogs, and Northeastern is nearly ready to offer this service.

Participants mentioned the problem with the great variety of computers and software used to access the catalogs. Library staff cannot be knowledgeable about and provide help with all of these. Questions are often referred to the campus computer center. Jane Carvajal said the public library directs patrons to computer stores and to local computer clubs for help.

The panel seemed to agree that the introduction of an online catalog brings increased demands for "holds" on materials and for more material through interlibrary loan. These services need to be planned for and included in the budget.

All panelists mentioned the need for better statistical information about remote use of their online catalogs. Who uses them? How many searches are successful? Why do searches fail? With more data about how remote access is used, libraries could better plan for assisting patrons who use this service.

—Martha Woltz, University of Science & Arts

OLA Membership Sets New Record

In 1991-92 the Oklahoma Library Association set a new record for membership with 1061 paid members. The previous high was in 1990-91 with 1052 members. Although this only represents an increase of .86% since last year, it is an increase of 28% since the 1980-81 membership year. To quote a well-known advertising slogan, "You've come a long way baby!"

Divisions and Roundtables with an increase in members for this past year include: OASLMS (21.2% increase), Administration Roundtable (5.3% increase), New Members Roundtable (11.1% increase), Reference Roundtable (13.1% increase), Social Responsibilities Roundtable (47.6% increase), Support Staff Roundtable (10.3% increase), and Technical Services Roundtable (11.1% increase).

If you have not renewed your membership for 1992-93, please do so soon. Membership renewal forms were sent out during the first part of June. If you did not receive a renewal form or have misplaced yours, please call the Executive Director.

—Jennifer Paustenbaugh

Morris Steps Down

With the publication of this issue of the Oklahoma Librarian, Karen T. Morris, Okmulgee High School Library, steps down as co-editor. Never one to let the grass grow under her feet, Karen will continue to stay very busy. For starters she is teaching an LIS course this summer at OSU-Okmulgee. Thank you, Karen, for your hard work and a job well done.

Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Oklahoma State University Library, will continue as co-editor and will be joined by Nancy Jurney, Assistant Social Sciences Librarian at O.S.U. Among Nancy's many fine qualifications for the position is the fact that she lives in Edmond near (OLA Executive Director) Kay Boles, our very patient lay-out editor. We are hoping that this will cut down on the time we have to wait for copy to come and go via the U.S. mail. We think this will mean a more timely newsletter for you!
Charges to the General Public in Oklahoma Academic Libraries: Results of a Recent Survey

Rose State College Learning Resources Center has an increasing number of non-student users. With this impact on the collection, staff members were interested in determining whether other Oklahoma academic libraries provided services to the general public and, if so, what charges or limitations were made. A questionnaire was developed to ascertain what charges, if any, academic libraries (both public and private) assess for services to the general public.

In January 1992, surveys were sent to 42 academic libraries in Oklahoma identified through the American Library Directory. Thirty-nine libraries (or 92 percent) responded to the questionnaire. The types of institutions that returned the survey were 26 public, 10 private, and three undesignated institutions.

The survey asked if the general public was allowed to check out materials and, if so, how many. Additional questions inquired if charges were made to the general public for the service, how much, and how the monies were spent. Respondents were also queried as to any other charges to the general public beyond general fees charged to all users such as for copiers.

Most of the libraries (69 percent) allowed the general public to check out materials. Eighty percent of the public institutions responding granted circulation privileges to the general public. Over one quarter of the respondents (11 libraries) indicated that annual charges were assessed to general public users for circulation privileges; six of these were public institutions. The annual fees ranged from $5 to $50. One library charged a one-time fee of $20.

Monies received from the fees were utilized in various ways. Four libraries indicated that receipts were mingled with the institution's general fund. Three said that monies were received into the library's general fund. A foundation received two of the libraries' fees. Other libraries used funds for materials and petty cash.

Almost one-fourth of the respondents indicated that the general public was charged for other services. Database searching was mentioned by six respondents. Interlibrary loan and fax services were also specified by two of the libraries as services for which the general public may pay additional fees.

Survey results indicated that most academic libraries in Oklahoma permit the general public to check out materials. The public is apparently willing to pay for circulation privileges. Most of the libraries that charge fees benefit directly by the fees collected. Services beyond circulation are extended to the general public on a cost-recovery basis. A copy of the survey results may be obtained from the author by calling (405) 733-7323.

—Sharon A. Saulmon, Head Librarian
Rose State College Learning Resources Center

Office of Management Services to Sponsor Conference on Library Fee-based Services

The Association of Research Libraries Office of Management Services is sponsoring the 3rd International Conference of Library Fee-based Services to be held on Oct. 8-10 in Tempe, AZ. The theme of the conference will be "Quality Assurance: Bringing Business Practices to Bear on Nonprofit Service Delivery."

OMS staff is working with consultants Helen Josephine, Director, FIRST, Arizona State University, and Lee Ann George, George Washington University and Chair, ACRL Discussion Group Fee-Based Information Service Centers in Academic Libraries (FISCAL) to design an overall program of interest to the managers and operators of library fee-based information services centers (current and potential) as well as to library staff interested in the issues surrounding quality management and the operation of library fee-based services.

Planned as a two-day conference, speakers and program sessions first will explore conceptual foundations and theoretical issues related to quality management of library fee-based service operations in the 1990s. The second day's sessions will emphasize practical information exchange and basic skills involved in the successful operation of library fee-based services.

Conference attendance will be limited to 250 participants, so early registration is encouraged. The registration fee for the two-day meeting is $225. For information contact Annette C. Verna or C. Bridget Welch, Office of Management Services, (202) 232-8656.

CUD Minimum Salary Survey

The policies of the Oklahoma Library Association require each OLA division to submit annually a recommended entry-year salary. Because there is no state-wide faculty or librarian salary scale for colleges and universities and because salaries vary widely from institution to institution, a survey of the CUD membership was conducted to determine what the Division wanted to recommend.

Eighty-two percent of the members who returned surveys approved of the following statement and, therefore, it is the recommendation of the College and University Division to OLA: "The minimum entry-level salary for Oklahoma academic librarians with an MLS or equivalent degree, depending on whether a librarian has academic rank, should be equivalent to an entry-level faculty instructor with a master's degree or to entry-level teaching faculty with the same rank. The dollar amount will vary from campus to campus, and the salary should be adjusted to 12 months if the contract is for 12 months."

Twelve percent of the respondents favored recommending the national average for entry year academic librarians with an MLS as published annually in Library Journal. One member wanted the figure of $26,000 to be recommended.

—Martha Woltz, Chair
College & University Division
FOLIO Holds Annual Meeting at Conference

The 1992 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma was held at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel in Tulsa on Friday, May 1st, during the Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference.

The FOLIO theme for this year was "Through the Looking Glass with Friends." The purpose of our meeting was to look at the different programs and projects sponsored by various Friends groups throughout Oklahoma and to give these groups helpful information, suggestions, and ideas to take home with them to use with their local Friends group.

After our registration, coffee and donuts, we listened to Judy Moody from Tulsa speak on how to build and keep membership. Then Julia Ratliff from Tulsa presented fund raising ideas for participants' local libraries and projects.

During the FOLIO luncheon, we asked the groups to respond to the Roll Call of Friends by reporting what their group's projects were for the past year and tell us of their successes. This is a popular part of the luncheon and always gives everyone lots of new ideas. This year 20 libraries responded to the roll call. They were: Tahlequah, Moore, Bristow, Guthrie, Pryor, Crescent, Poteau, Enid, Okemah, McAlester, Kingfisher, Bartlesville, The Village, Oklahoma County Metropolitan, Altus, Muskogee, Henryetta, Tulsa City-County Library, Ardmore, and Sapulpa. Five of the libraries have installed new librarians within the past year.

Betty Hardin, Bartlesville, announced the results of the "Big Event" Contest. She awarded the First Place ribbon, certificate and $50 check to the Buckley Public Library at Poteau for their innovative Junior Friends Group. Honorable Mention was awarded to Tahlequah for printing their outstanding Creative Writing Awards Book that includes all of this year's winning entries. It was prepared before the winners were announced and then sold at the Awards Ceremony. Betty also thanked the "Big Event" judges for donating their time and expertise. The judges this year were: Lillian Norberg, Lois Brown, and Dr. Hope Harder.

FOLIO's afternoon session featured a panel discussion that highlighted outstanding programs and projects in Friends groups and libraries across the state. The panel moderator was Dr. Arthur Buswell from Kingfisher. Panelists were: Elizabeth Neff and Leslie Langley from the Buckley Library speaking about their Junior Friends Group; Marion Donaldson from Lawton describing their annual Ethnic Festival participation; and Clifton Bencke from the Bartlesville Friends speaking on Personal Computers for Libraries.

Lee Brawner, Legislative Chair from Oklahoma County Metropolitan, reported on Legislative Day and how important it is for FOLIO to participate to keep the legislators informed and to show our interest in the pending legislation. He distributed recommendations to modernize Oklahoma Library laws: SJR-32, SB746, SB747 and SB748.

Lois Brown sent her report that 287 letters were sent to non-members of FOLIO who had attended the Governor's Conference on Libraries. Her goal for 1992-93 is to increase membership by twenty-five percent.

Dr. Arthur Buswell, Outreach Chairman, reported that these seed grants totaling $275 were given to libraries at

![FOLIO panelists: (l-r) Marion Donaldson, Clifton Benke, Dr. Arthur Buswell-moderator, Elizabeth Neff, and Leslie Langley](image)

Chandler, Poteau, and Warner to help start Friends groups.

Lillian Norberg, Nominations Chairman, gave the nominating report. Elected for a three year term to the board were: Mary Lu Atkinson, Oklahoma City; Mary Austin, Oklahoma City; Maryolla Beck, Tulsa; Gretchen Bennett, Oklahoma City; Mary Brosius, Crescent; Ernestine Clark, Oklahoma City; Betty Hardin, Bartlesville; Julia Ratliff, Tulsa; Bob Segal, McAlester; Craig Stephenson, Enid; Bruce Stone, The Village; Mary Pinney, Eufaula; Ken Tracy, Tulsa; Pat Westmoreland, Bethany; Irene Wickham, Tahlequah.

The following officers were elected for 1992-93: President-Bevery Dieterlen, Tulsa; 1st Vice-President-Gail Miller, Altus; 2nd Vice-President-Dr. Arthur Buswell, Kingfisher; Secretary-Carolyn Purvine, Henryetta; Treasurer-Irene Wickham, Tahlequah. The dates of the FOLIO Board Meetings were announced as follows: June 5, 1992 (10:00 a.m.) Stroud Public Library; Sept. 11, 1992 (10:00 a.m.) Bartlesville Public Library; Dec. 4, 1992 (10:00 a.m.) Tulsa West Regional Library; January or February - Legislative Day at Oklahoma State Capitol; April 1993 - Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City.

— Beverly Dieterlen, FOLIO President
Annual Conference Highlights

Resolutions (cont from p. 25)

education courses to enhance their value to library organizations, and

Whereas, more trained librarians will be needed in the future to meet
the mandate of House Bill 1017 and the proposed public
librarian certification standards, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the OLA membership ask the OLA Executive Board
to review the requirements for scholarship qualification and
consider expanding the scholarship program to offer financial
assistance for other library education programs and
degrees, including Library Technical Assistance (LTA) certi-
fication.

Resolution #6

Academic Library Funding

Whereas, Oklahoma’s academic libraries receive their funding from
their individual institutions, and

Whereas, the Association of College and Research Libraries has
indicated its concern about the inadequacy of academic
library budgets, and

Whereas, the ACRL recommends that academic libraries receive at
least 6% of their institutions annual budgets to fund library
services, and

Whereas, the funding of Oklahoma’s academic libraries does not
meet this 6% standard, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Oklahoma Library Association send official
letters to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Educa-
tion, and the individual board of regents for the various
colleges and universities, to urge them to fund academic
libraries at this minimum 6% ACRL standard, and that this
OLA action be reported to the State Legislature and the
media.

Resolution #7

Capital Improvements Bond Issue for Higher Education

Whereas, the physical facilities of Oklahoma colleges and uni-
versities are aging and in dire need of repair and renovation, and

Whereas, these institutions of higher education must have adequate
facilities to meet the educational needs of the 21st Century,
and

Whereas, a capital improvements bond issue for higher education
has been proposed by Governor Walters and is currently
being considered by the State Legislature, now therefore
be it

Resolved, that the Oklahoma Library Association urge the State
Legislature to submit a capital improvements bond issue for
higher education to a vote of the people

Resolution #8

Resolution of Appreciation to Mary Sherman

Whereas, Oklahoma Library Association member Mary Sherman
fearlessly entered the Library Jungle for a period of four
years as the Association’s ALA Chapter Councilor, and

Whereas, Mary has diligently presented regular sel ian reports to the
CLA membership, and

Whereas, her unique perspectives and sense of humor have always
made for interesting and informative reports on ALA issues
and personalities (i.e. “library beasts”), and

Whereas, Mary’s final selian report at the 85th Annual OLA Confer-
ence was a stellar example of her ability to see both the
jungle and the trees, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Associa-
tion extend its appreciation and gratitude for these four
years of exemplary service, and welcome Mary back to
civilization with a standing ovation and a ROAR of ap-
pause.

Top Photo: Charlene Edmondson (l) of Baker & Taylor
presents Laura Ann Dillard (r) with the Baker & Taylor Grass-
roots Grant Award.

Middle Photo: Author Harold Keith was on hand to autograph
copies of his latest book, The Sound of Strings.

Bottom Photo: Lee Brawner, Director of the Metropolitan
Library System, speaks on "Learning to be a Library Leader."
Scholarships Awarded OU Students

The Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) awarded scholarships to five graduate students of library and information science at the annual OLA convention in Tulsa on May 1.

Karen Williams, first place winner, received a $750 scholarship to complete her program of study at the University of Oklahoma. Williams is a media center specialist at Westwood Elementary School in Stillwater.

Kathleen Todd, second place winner and recipient of a $700 scholarship is currently attending the University of Oklahoma and is a library media specialist at Plainview High School in Ardmore.

Suzanne Haynes, third place winner, received a $550 scholarship. Haynes is a University of Oklahoma student attending at Tulsa and working as a library associate with the Tulsa City-County Libraries.

Sally Bratton, fourth place winner and recipient of a $500 scholarship, is a former home economics teacher who is continuing her graduate education in library and information science at the University of Oklahoma.

Thomas Messner, fifth place recipient of a $400 scholarship, is a former businessman now attending the University of Oklahoma at Tulsa to complete his degree in library and information science.

The OLA Scholarship Fund is supported by individual donations and association activities such as an auction at the Annual Conference.

—Kay Britton

Top Photo: Kathy Hale presents Ken Tracey, President of the Tulsa Friends, with the Citizens' Recognition Award. At lower right is OLA President Carol Casey.

Center Photo: Debra Engel, Assistant Director of the Pioneer Library System (l.), and Judy Harmon, Tecumseh Branch Manager, present a poster session on "Circulation by Mail."

Bottom Photo: Lana Cross, AV Specialist at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (center left) demonstrates the proper way to repair a videotape.

Scholarship Winners (l-r): Kathleen Todd (2nd place); Thomas Messner (5th place); Suzanne Haynes (3rd place); Sally Bratton (4th place); and Karen Williams (1st place).

Thanks to our roving conference photographers Daphane Kerley and Karen Morris for photos on pp. 29-31.
101 Year Old Gets First Library Card

Oscar Catlege, born September 24, 1890, in McGee, Oklahoma Territory, has been a devoted reader since childhood and decided it was about time to get a library card. It may have taken over 100 years, but on April 23, 1992, Catlege received his first library card from Glenda Lamb, branch manager of the Purcell Public Library, a branch of the Pioneer Library System.

"I've never seen so many books," Catlege said of his visit to the library. Jim Catlege, age 58 and youngest of the nine Catlege children, accompanied his father to get the library card. "Dad has always been a reader," the younger Catlege said. He reads the newspaper every day "starting in the upper left hand corner right through to the end. But now that he reads two or three books every couple of weeks," it was time to go to the library for a near unlimited supply.

His favorite authors are Louis L'Amour and Ben Green. Catlege especially likes reading westerns and books about Oklahoma history. He likes to see if "they're accurate." His advice for young readers today is "the more reading the better, rather than doing something you shouldn't."

The Catlege family originally settled in Trousdale in Pottawatomie County where his father built a log cabin after the land run of 1891. According to Pottawatomie County Oklahoma History and writers C. Cooper and J. Nack, "On November 20, 1891, the family came to this new land. Esther (Oscar's sister) was riding beside her father on a crib-load of corn, pulled by oxen, one called Old Blue. Behind in a buggy, driven by Martha (Oscar's mother), lay baby Oscar on the seat."

In 1895, young Oscar started school in a one-room school house with 140 other children where he enjoyed everything "except spelling." Oscar married Oma Hudson in 1912 and they were married for 73 years. At age 26, Catlege was an oil field worker who saw the first Skelly oil well come in "around 1916." Farming was the family business until 1963, when Catlege moved to Lexington. "Dad really knows the land and was always prepared with plan B during the planting season if something went wrong," Jim Catlege said. During his lifetime, the sly Oscar Catlege also served as a Cleveland County Deputy Sheriff, Lexington city councilman, and Mayor of Lexington.

Long life is nothing new to the Catlege family. Oscar's mother lived to be 105, while his sister was 103 when she passed away. When asked the inevitable question of his secret for long life, Catlege smiled and said, "Never smoke, drink, and stay away from doctors."

--Bob Tormey, Pioneer Library System
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Highlights

February 21, 1992
Kay Boies reported on a successful Legislative Reception (February 4) and Legislative Day (Feb. 5). A total of forty-five librarians participated in the Legislative Reception at the Faculty House in Oklahoma City, with twenty-six legislators in attendance. Legislative Day was cosponsored with FOLIO for the first time, and over one hundred attended.

Mary Sherman attended ALA Midwinter and reported on the ALA training on "Media Training", organized by ALA President Pat Schuman. Mary served as the representative from the Oklahoma Library Association. She can be contacted at the Pioneer Library System (405) 321-1481 x142, for information on media training.

Steve Skidmore reported that the MPLA joint conference will be held in conjunction with the Wyoming Library Association, September 30-October 3, 1992, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Jennifer Kidney from "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma" reported that the American Library Association has funded a $3,000 grant with $1,000 matching funds from OFH for a Columbus quincentenary program on "Sovereign Worlds," which will be held at the Jacobson House during summer 1992.

Jan Sanders announced that the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee received the state award for creating the Oklahoma Intellectual Freedom Manual in 1991. An award of $1,000 will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

March 20, 1992
Kay Boies reported that a press release in opposition to SQ640 (approved by the OLA Board in the February meeting) was distributed to 250 newspapers in the state and to each OLA member prior to the March 10, 1992, election.

The OLA Board approved the organizational membership of OLA in FOI (Freedom of Information) Oklahoma.

Jan Sanders reported that the Program Committee has finalized arrangements for the OLA Annual Conference scheduled for April 29-May 2, 1992, in Tulsa.

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Metropolitan Holds Staff Development Day

Business cards for every full-time staff member and some part-timers were a high point of the Metropolitan Library System’s (Oklahoma County) fourth annual Staff Development Day. The cards, brainchild of executive director Lee B. Brawner, successfully noted the importance of every staff member and the integral part each plays in helping MLS fulfill its mission of quality service.

Staff Development Day is held each President’s Day. All MLS libraries close and all full-time staff members and any part-time staffers who want to attend gather at an Oklahoma City conference center to participate in a learning experience.

Quality Service was the focus of Staff Development Day 1992. The agenda also included several skills portraying, with humor and originality, the function and work routine of such departments as Cataloging, Outreach Services, Volunteer Services, and Marketing and Development.

“The day also presented a golden opportunity to recognize several staff members whose performance has been above and beyond,” Brawner said. Receiving well-deserved accolades and standing ovations were Business Manager Joan Jester and public service librarian Susie Beasley, who were presented with Awards of Excellence. The Maintenance Department also garnered a standing ovation and a Golden Hammer Award for its diligence in keeping the libraries shipshape. Outstanding Training Awards went to circulation clerks Mary Hume and Gwen Thompson; and library manager Melba Kirkpatrick received a Purple Schedule Award for her support of MLS’s inhouse training opportunities.

The day ended on a hilarious note with a Lee B. Brawner Roast. It was witty, sarcastic, funny and, at times, as corny as an act by The Three Stooges. Of course, good-humored Lee took it all in stride; then, with a grin, informed the performers that they were already enrolled in a new library exchange program and should expect to be shipped out to Sibera on a moment’s notice.

For information about planning your own staff development day, contact Paul Little, chief of Planning Services for MLS.

—Julia Fresonke, Metropolitan Library System.

The Pioneer Library System Board of Trustees recently approved the appointment of Peggy Cook as branch manager of the Norman Public Library. In addition to her library duties, Cook heads a Task Force on certification for the state’s public librarians, serves on the Advisory Board for the “Let’s Talk About It” program, and is active in ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Roundtable Awards Committee.

Mary Jane Hamilton, Ardmore Higher Education Center librarian since 1982, has been promoted to assistant director of the Center.

OSU Patent Collection Moves

The Oklahoma State University Patent Collection has been moved from the Edmon Low Library to a new permanent location in OSU’s Center for International Trade Development. “The new location offers a number of advantages over our previous site,” stated Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Patent and Economic Development Librarian. “For the first time all of our patent materials will be together in one physical location, so patrons can do their search and look at any full-text patents they may want to see without having to leave our office. Also, we now offer free parking right behind our building.”

The new facility is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some Saturday hours are also available. Patent and trademark search assistance will continue to be offered on an appointment basis. For additional information, call (405) 744-7066.

OLAs Welcomes New Members

Carole Fountain, Del Crest Jr High
Melodye Griffin, Chickasaw Library System
Jeanette Hale, Purcell Elementary School
Kathy Huber, Tulsa City-County Library
Susan Jeffries, Northwestern State Univ.
Berta Lee Johnson, Sterling Public Schools
Roberta C. Joseph, student, OU
Dixie King, Owasso-Mills Elem. School
Steven Locy, OSU
Laquita Laddner, Chickasaw Library Sys
Reene McBride, University of Oklahoma
Pat Merkley, Northeastern State University
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