OLA LOGO CONTEST

The OLA Executive Board has authorized a contest to create a logo for OLA. This logo should convey the spirit of OLA and Oklahoma libraries. All members of OLA are invited to submit entries.

The winning logo will be unveiled at the 1993 OLA Annual Conference. The winner will receive free membership in OLA for the 1993-94 membership year AND free registration for the 1994 Annual Conference.

Contest rules are as follows:

1. Entries must be camera ready and submitted on an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.
2. The design should be drawn no smaller than 4", which should allow reproduction in sizes varying from 1/2" square to 18" square.
3. Entries must be submitted in black and white. If desired, a color copy may also be submitted. All entries must be submitted flat, with no creases or folds.
4. Names must not appear on entries. The entrant's name and address must be on a separate cover sheet accompanying the entry.
5. Entries must be reproducible in one color and may not contain more than three colors.
6. The winner will be announced at the First General Session of the 1993 OLA Annual Conference.
7. Members of the Membership Committee and Executive Board are not eligible for this contest.
8. All entries become the property of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Submit entries to:

Logo Contest
Oklahoma Library Association
300 Hardy Drive
Edmond, OK 73013

Jeannine Johnson (l), Chair, OASLMS, presents a plaque to Betty Riley who retired Oct. 1 as Coordinator, Library Media Section, State Department of Education. The plaque was presented at a reception to honor Riley, Sept. 17, at Encyclo-Media, XII in Oklahoma City (More Encyclo-Media coverage on p. 52). Photo by John McGrath

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Last year a record number - 1061 - of individuals joined the Oklahoma Library Association. Encouragingly, membership has steadily increased for the last three years. Such continued growth is not only a healthy sign, it is imperative to the future of your OLA. More members mean a stronger, more active, more influential organization.

Have you renewed your membership yet? If not, please do so. OLA is not a group of persons under the heading of "them;" it is you. You have an important role to play. Have your friends and colleagues renewed their memberships? If you know of someone who has not joined OLA yet or perhaps is undecided, please encourage them to join us in the effort to improve Oklahoma's libraries. Why not try to recruit a new member?

In case you are wondering what OLA does, I recommend you read the OLA 1991/92 annual report. It lists an impressive array of activities and accomplishments. Last year, working together, we provided a record number of successful workshops and programs for our colleagues in cataloging, automation, children's and young adult programming, academic librarians, reference specialists, and the list goes on.

The Interlibrary Cooperation Committee had a particularly successful program entitled "Don't Sit Still - Oklahoma's Access to Electronic Databases" and the Intellectual Freedom Committee won a major award from the American Library Association for its Intellectual Freedom Handbook.

I am confident that 1992/93 will be as successful a year as last year. WE are off to a good start already, but we can not do it without you. It seems that the usual pressures and problems continue to face the library community. Censorship, inflation, low salaries, and legislation are among our ongoing concerns. Together, as a strong organization, we will face these issues effectively. Remember, O.L.A. spells Y.O.U.

-Ed Johnson

Library Certification Hearings

Eight hearings on the draft prepared by the OLA/ODL Joint Task Force on Certification of Public Librarians were held around the state during September.

In the November/December issue, we will attempt to present a balanced commentary on those hearings. If you would like to comment on this issue, please send your signed remarks and a recent photograph of yourself to the editors no later than Nov. 6.

--Editors

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OLA SCHEDULE/HOLIDAYS

October 16
Program Committee/Executive Board - Hardesty Library, Tulsa
October 17
Festival of Books, University of Oklahoma, Norman
October 21-25
ALA/ASLA Annual Meeting, Baltimore
October 22
ODL Basic Skills, OK Library, Workshop, Bartlesville
October 23
American Society of Information Science, Pittsburgh
October 25-29
ODL Basic Skills, OK Library, Workshop, Enid
November 1
OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN deadline
November 3
Legislative Committee - 10 a.m.
November 4
Sequoyah YA Book Award Committee, ODL-10 a.m.
November 5
OLA/ODL Certification Committee, ODL - 10:30 a.m
November 6
ACRL-OKLAHOMA Chapter Fall Conference, Langston University
November 10
National Young Reader's Day
November 13
Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee, ODL - 10 a.m
November 16-22
ART/TSRT Workshop, Oklahoma City Community College
November 18
Children's Book Week
November 19
ODL ADA Workshop - Norman Public Library
November 20
Membership Committee, Edmond - 10:00 a.m.
December 1
Program Committee/Executive Board - Edmond Public Library
December 4
FOLIO Board Meeting, Tulsa West Regional Library - 10 a.m.
December 7
Support Staff RT, Edmond - 1:30 p.m.
December 11
Thanksgiving
December 17
Legislative Committee - 10 a.m.
December 18
FOLIO Board Meeting, Tulsa West Regional Library - 10 a.m.
December 19
Membership Committee, Guthrie - 10:00 a.m.
December 20-21
Program Committee/Executive Board - Guthrie P.L
December 20-27
Hanukkah
December 25
Christmas
LIBRARIANS' LEGISLATIVE YEAR SHOULD BEGIN NOW

Oklahoma librarians, library boards, teachers, friends of libraries, etc. should begin the legislative year NOW and not wait until January when the formal legislative session begins.

Groundwork needs to be laid, visits made, and public relations bridges built long before January if libraries of all kinds are to reap any benefits from the Oklahoma Legislature.

The Pioneer Library System has for several years, very successfully, held a legislative breakfast in December. Librarians of all kinds need to hold some similar Fall event to honor and thank legislative members for a job well done for libraries; and to encourage them to work for libraries again in 1993.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is mounting a “See You at the Library” public relations campaign. This is a natural for inviting legislators to libraries. School librarians can thank legislators for supporting school libraries and the State Department of Education’s (SDE) budget; public librarians can be thankful for state aid to public libraries and some of the grant programs which have provided computers, photocopiers, and faxes for public libraries. College and university libraries can be thankful they are included in the upcoming state bond issue for automation equipment, etc.

OLA’s Legislative Committee has been meeting since August and has its work cut out for it.

Support is needed for the SDE’s projected library budget request of $5.00 per pupil. Public libraries will be requesting an increase in state aid to public libraries to $1.00 per capita. This request has been made for several years and not fulfilled, but let’s work so that 1993 will be the year. College and university libraries want to obtain at least 5% of their institutions’ budgets for library expenditures.

Librarians of all types of libraries, library board members, friends of libraries, school faculties, etc. need to unite to support all of the budget requests.

The OLA Legislative Committee is trying to build a database for a library legislative network. Your help is needed! Please fill out the information request form when you get it and mail it back to Kay Boies. You should have gotten that form in the September OLA bulk mailing. The form was also included in the SDE bulk mailing.

Your help in the legislative network will help libraries have letters and phone calls to legislators when letters and phone calls are needed. Libraries simply need a bigger, more active lobby in order to support our requests for more money, changes in library laws, etc. YOUR LETTER AND/OR PHONE CALL MAY BE THE VERY ONE THAT IS NEEDED AT THE VERY TIME IT IS RECEIVED. “Squeaky”, persistent librarians and board members can get what libraries need, if they will just speak up OFTEN AND IN UNITY.

Invite your legislator (state and federal) to your library for coffee, tea, breakfast, a board meeting, to honor him or her. Give your legislator the attention this Fall, and keep calling and writing now and in the weeks and months to come—Libraries Are Worth It!

—Dee Ann Ray, member
OLA Legislative Committee

New Book Provides Lobbying Know-How

Lobby for Your Library
Know What Works

Lisa F. Kinney

Former librarian and State Senator Lisa Kinney provides “insider information” for librarians on how to lobby decision makers. After being lobbied for eight years, Kinney speaks to lobbying that works. People’s mistakes and their winning strategies in dealing with legislators become the lessons from which others can learn.

Aimed at the novice library lobbyist who doesn’t know about lobbying or dealing with the complex political machine, this work makes lobbying sound fun and easy. Kinney defines lobbying as something everyone does without knowing it and shows how to do it thoughtfully instead of inadvertently.

Kinney provides specific chapters on how public librarians, school librarians, state librarians, and academic librarians can lobby most effectively and whom they should lobby. She examines the different lobbying techniques required at the local, state, and national levels—from letter-writing to phone-calling to personal visits. Finally, she takes the neophyte lobbyist step-by-step from a first encounter with a politician through the post-lobbying follow-up.

Discover what really works in winning the legislator’s vote from the perspectives of the librarian and the politician.


—ALA Books

Editors’ Note: Normally this publication does not review books. Due to the timely nature of this particular topic we are making an exception.

ALA Washington Office Update Available

The ALA Washington Office is now offering free of charge a newsletter in electronic format to replace what had previously been offered on ALANET. Those wishing to subscribe to the ALA Washington Office Update should send a message to: LISTSERV@UICVM. When you are prompted for the subject (SUBJ:), leave the line blank by hitting the carriage return. Then type the following:

Subscribe ALA-WO Firstname Lastname
for example: Subscribe ALA-WO Jane Doe

Then send as you would send any other electronic mail message. You will receive a message acknowledging the receipt of your subscription along with additional information. As of Sept. 1, six issues have appeared.

—Jennifer Paustenbaugh
ENCYCLO-MEDIA XII Sets Attendance Record

A record 2,775 librarians, teachers and school administrators attended Encyclomedia XII, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Education Library Media Section, held September 17-18 in Oklahoma City. Participants sampled from 123 programs and visited vendors at 159 exhibits.

OASLMS Presents 1st Barbara Spriestersbach Award for Excellence In Teaching

Carol Upchurch, a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, Norman, received the Barbara Spriestersbach Award for Excellence in Teaching presented by the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists (OASLMS). The award is to be given annually, if merited, to a teacher who demonstrates resource-based teaching by cooperatively planning and teaching with a library media specialist colleague. Upchurch was nominated for this award by Buffy Edwards, Library Media Specialist at Jefferson Elementary.

The award, presented at the opening session of Encyclo-Media, was created to honor Barbara Spriestersbach, an administrator in the Oklahoma State Department of Education, who has served as an advocate for cooperative teaching between classroom teachers and library media specialists.

Dunmore Receives Polly Clarke Award

Marion Callahan Dunmore, Hans M. Andersen Elementary School, Union Public Schools, Tulsa, was named the winner of the 1992 Polly Clarke Award by the Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists (OASLMS). She says her “goal is to maintain an attractive and useful collection, to coach patrons in discovering it, and to stand aside while they enjoy the freedom.” A colleague notes that Dunmore integrates the teaching of information skills with classroom units of study and “teaches teachers.”

The winner was announced Sept. 17 at the OASLMS luncheon during the Encyclo-Media Workshop in Oklahoma City. The award, given annually, was named for an Oklahoma library educator from Northeastern State University who was a staunch advocate for school library programs in Oklahoma.

Other nominees were: Patricia Ann Cunningham, West and Southwest Elementary Schools, Chickasha; James R. Fox, Ninnekah Public Schools; and Kenie Tyrrell, Fort Gibson High School.

OLA and the OASLMS Division were promoted in many ways at Encyclo-Media XII. In the photo on the left, Judy Johnson answers Gerry Willingham’s questions as she renews her membership. In the background are members selling merchandise from the OLA Store. In the photo on the right, Susan Silva (l) and Leah Jones (r) explain the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Program. (Photos by John McGrath)
OSU Library Dial Access Now Available

The online catalog at Oklahoma State University is now available via dial access. Set your terminal emulation to VT100 and communication parameters to 8 data bits, no parity, and 1 stop bit. Dial 405-744-0012 for 1200 baud or 405-744-0024 for 2400 baud, or 405-744-0096 for 9600 baud. When the connection is made hit Enter. A menu will appear listing several options. Number 5 is LIBRARIES, so type 5 and hit Enter. This will bring up a screen listing various terminal types. Number 2 is DEC VT100, so type 2 and hit Enter.

You will see a screen listing the libraries available. PETE is the OSU library's online catalog. Other libraries will probably be listed as well. If the cursor is not on the line labeled PETE, press Tab until it is. Type a slash (/) on the PETE line and hit Enter. This brings up a menu with various options. The cursor should be on the first option, i.e., S begin or resume a session. Just hit Enter, and you should next see the PETE logo. Hit Enter again to get to the initial search screen.

When you are finished searching PETE, type stop and hit Enter. At the next screen, press Ctrl ^ (ctrl-Shift-6). This will bring up a command-line prompt, at which point you can type logout, hit Enter, and hangup your modem.

Please be aware that there is currently a problem with the software that provides dial-up access to the system. Once you are in PETE, the software adds an extra carriage-return/line feed to every screen, with the result that the top line scrolls away and the cursor appears to be one line below the search prompt. This is not a problem, so just ignore it and continue to search and display records normally. The University Computer Center is working to correct this problem.

The other libraries available at this time are OULIN, the University of Oklahoma Library, and TCC-LIB, the Tulsa City-County Library. Others may be added at a later date, and any of them (other than PETE) could be unavailable at a given time. In any case, you can access and search these library catalogs in the same manner as with PETE.

—Dan Marmion, OSU Library

Log On To OU SLIS Bulletin Board

The OU School of Library and Information Studies invites state library practitioners to try its toll-free electronic bulletin board. Services include a national job-line and a scholarship and financial aid alerting service. Topical message areas include the Oklahoma Library Association. Two MS-DOS CDs-ROMs offer tons of shareware; a MAC disc is on order too. FidoNet, K-12 Net, Internet messaging are also available through the bulletin board.

From the Oklahoma City dialing area, call 325-7535 (three local lines). From elsewhere in the state, call 800-685-3345 (two 800 lines). Modern settings are B-11, full duplex. A variety of standard terminal emulators are available.

Join your OLA colleagues who are already keeping up to date the online way.

—Bob Swisher, Director, OU SLIS

Editor's note: Those wishing to submit items for the Oklahoma Librarian may address them to Jennifer Paustenbaugh on the OU SLIS Bulletin Board.
Jean Thesman, winning author of the Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award was present in Tulsa at the OLA conference. R. J. Lasek, student from Childers Middle School in Broken Arrow, presented Thesman with a special plaque. Plainview High School students Derrick Harvey, Betsy Brown, Jason Ashford, and Megan Todd gave a readers’ theater presentation of Thesman’s book: *Appointment With a Stranger.*

The following is a transcription of her acceptance speech:

You honor me very much by inviting me to come here as you honor my book too. And the wonderful readers’ theater has honored me. It was just marvelous. Thank you. I get more mail about this book than any other I have written. And about half of the mail is from adults and they ask me pretty much the same question. They want to know if the story is true.

I don’t write autobiographical material and I don’t write about real people. I think there is a sort of cruelty in that and if I wrote about friends well, perhaps they wouldn’t want their privacy invaded. I don’t think I’ve ever disliked a person so much.

So the book isn’t true. But there are elements of the book that are true. Is there such a place as Cascade? Well, I didn’t know it at the time, but more and more of my books ended up being set in a small town setting around the Cascade Mountain foothills and there was sort of a message in that. One day my husband decided that what I was trying to do was to foretell the future—so we started looking for the town. A year ago we moved and so I live by the pond. The river runs along our property line and in the spring the deer come drink and they look in my window.

That much came true afterward.

Was there a Keller? Not really, but my mother had asthma all her life and it killed her. The things that happened to Keller in school that hurt her so much were things that my mother had told me about. Asthma is the biggest reason for absenteeism in grade schools and more people die of it now that died fifteen years ago. Which gives us a lot to think about.

People ask me about Drew. Was Drew real? Well, that specific Drew was not real, but let’s face it. We all know there are Drews in this world. There are Drews in our classes. How could we get through school without having a Drew in our classes? How could we work in an office without a Drew? How could we come out to Tulsa without a Drew to entertain us? And I was greatly blessed by having two of my three children being Drew types. They are grown up now, nevertheless, they never lost the magic. So yes, Drew is real in that sense.

Regarding Tom Hurley, I’ve received a lot of letters asking me if I ever had that experience. And I’m not going to tell them. About a year ago, I taught at a conference and at the end of the session, I recommended a number of absolutely wonderful young adult books (None of these were my books). I talked about the characters in these books and the plots and my mind was filled with these things. So I went out into the hall. I was not thinking about my books. It had been a while since I’d written *Appointment with a Stranger.* A woman I didn’t know came up to me and said, “I will never forgive you for what you did to Tom Hurley.”

“What, what is there a Tom Hurley in class? What did I do?”

“I just can’t believe what you did to him.”

“What?”

“In *Appointment with a Stranger,* you killed him!”

“He was already dead when I met him.”

Both of us were caught up in the fantasy. And people standing around us thought we should be carted off.

When I write I get caught up in books. I don’t start writing until the central character speaks to me. Sometimes it takes a while until I hear her. Sometimes her voice is not particularly grammatical. Sometimes she’s very tough the way Rachel Chance was. Other times she’s like Keller. I can’t write until I hear her. And one by one all the other characters become real to me until finally, (I think this is common to writers) finally, the book is more real to me than the life I’m living. When the book is done, then the story is done and I put it aside and I go on to another world I have created. I’ve never been able to think of myself as a real author because that is so grand. I see them at conferences and I think “Oh, gee, that’s really something to be with a real writer.” I’m not that, but I am a story teller. It’s a very old tradition and I can’t separate myself from that.

I am a storyteller, that’s what I do and that’s why it’s possible for me to lose track sometimes. When you people read my story it was a marvelous experience for me because it seemed like it wasn’t mine anymore. It was just wonderful.

I’m not a wonderful public speaker because a few things scare me very much: Airline terminals for the very obvious reason—anyone rational is afraid of airline terminals. I’ve been trying to invent this thing. I can’t get the airlines interested at all. A giant hook that they can lower from the plane and pluck me from my room. The other thing is a roomful of strangers and I’m not going to tell you the third thing. That is a secret like Tom Hurley. I thank you so much.

—prepared by Kathleen Todd,
Sequoyah YA Book Award Committee
ON CONFERENCE

Learning to be a Library Leader

Lee Brawner, Edward Johnson and Susan McVoy were presenters of a program, "Learning to Be a Library Leader," at the 1992 OLA Annual Conference. The following is a list of some of their tips.

◊ Assess your career to date: inventory your skills, strengths and interests. Determine what you want to learn from your next position, then begin to fortify yourself with other skills that will help you do that.

◊ Try new things.

◊ Volunteer for new experiences and opportunities to learn from others.

◊ Chart your career path

◊ Describe career goals to your supervisor and ask for input.

◊ Don't be title oriented; be skill oriented.

◊ Invest time in staying up to date on media and literature in your career choice. Write authors of articles of interest.

◊ Be prepared to attend professional association meetings at your own time and expenses if necessary. It is not always possible for institutions to underwrite all expenses.

◊ Don't hesitate to take on positions and responsibilities within an organization that seem a little awesome at first, such as local arrangements chair. You will make invaluable contacts if you take advantage of those opportunities.

◊ Don't get overcommitted in association work. Be very selective and use your area of specialization and interest and devote your time to only one or two areas. If you get too broad you are not going to be effective.

◊ Get outside library profession. Learn public speaking skills. Take a course in writing, particularly technical writing. Read outside your profession—national daily newspapers, one national monthly publication. If you are interested in management, subscribe to and read American Management Association publications, Harvard Business Review, etc.

◊ Don't hesitate to make suggestions to your supervisor in your present position, suggestions for improving efficiency and extending services. Be sure they are well thought out.

◊ Identify a mentor—someone you would like to emulate, someone you admire, someone you think has something to teach you.

◊ Be honest with yourself when thinking about the future.

◊ What are you good at. What are you not so good at?

◊ Don't just jump at a job because it pays more, is in your own hometown or home state. If a job doesn't fit into your ultimate career plans, don't take it.

◊ Devise a strategy for yourself to achieve what you want.

◊ Look for a library where things are happening.

◊ Seven common threads of leadership: 1. Develop a good reputation. 2. Believe in yourself, but don't take yourself too seriously. 3. Pay your civic dues—locally, regionally. Volunteer for things in your library. Be active in your profession. Volunteer in your community—service clubs. 4. Cultivate a network. Cultivate relationships with colleagues, superiors, subordinates. 5. Be a role model. 6. Be courageous. Accept change and try to manage change and manage risk. 7. Empower others to do their best.

◊ Tips to convince supervisors to allow involvement in professional organizations: Make contacts for future cooperation.

◊ Take risks

◊ Promote association management and leadership development by talking about your own experiences to others.

◊ All leaders are self-made.

◊ Learn to articulate

◊ Present yourself for success—dress and act for the level at which you want to be.

◊ Develop negotiating skills

◊ Learn to compromise

◊ Take stock of your environment—what credentials do you need, what skills do you need, what is expected of you

◊ Be positive and optimistic

◊ Keep changing, keep growing

◊ Find satisfaction in job. Work around negative elements or move on to a better environment.

◊ Take advantage of opportunities

◊ Follow through on commitments

--Excerpted from an audiotape of their presentation by Kay Boies

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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.


An informational packet containing a variety of resources such as sample schedules, ideas for implementation, reprints from other schools, and annotated bibliographies.


This lists 8,997 genealogies cataloged by the Library of Congress since 1986, contains cross-referenced list of family surnames, and a list of genealogies that have been converted to microfilm and area available for sale from the Library at $30 per reel.


CD-ROMS, electronic bulletin boards, videodiscs, online sources of U.S. government information—these are new formats for information from the Government Printing Office which are considered and reviewed in this congressional hearing.

**Special Resources for Research.**


These are guides to special collections which can either be searched at the Library of Congress or have been photographed and are also available on microfilm for purchase from the Library.


Compiled to assist administrators and library media specialists in the development of library media programs in their local districts, this publication addresses standards which have a direct impact on school curriculum and instruction. Mandates from H.B. 1017 related to these standards are highlighted.


These are verbatim transcripts of the WHCLS open forum along with an appendix of written statements from many of those who spoke and additional statements from participants who did not.

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**GODORT NEWS**

GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable) held a general membership meeting on Aug. 14 at ODL. The discussion focused on our continued existence and what type of meetings would be beneficial to our membership and to Oklahoma librarians. We decided we needed to continue as a roundtable and to hold two working membership meetings a year, one at each of our regional U.S. Government Depositories. At each meeting, after a short introductory business meeting, sessions on librarians’ concerns with government documents will be held. These would be hands on, practical discussions led by the selective and regional librarians. These meetings are open to any interested Oklahoma librarian. So, if our topic interests you, show up and be welcomed.

The hot topic was CD-ROMs. In the last year the Government Printing Office has offered over 130 to the depository libraries. So, our first general meeting, this Spring, will cover CD-ROMs — how to access them, which are valuable, what type of information is found on them, etc. One major problem is there is no agreed upon protocol for searching the CDs. Each government agency sets its own protocol for its own product and GPO is not getting this information to the libraries in a speedy manner.

Our (early) Spring Meeting will be held in Stillwater on Friday, Feb. 5. We will begin at 10 a.m., have lunch brought in (approximately $3-4) and finish between 2 and 3 p.m.

We are also co-sponsoring with the Automation, Reference, and Technical Services Roundtables the Pre-Conference to the OLA Annual Conference on Internet. We will be offering two programs at the OLA Conference: Oklahoma Documents for small and medium libraries with Vickie Sullivan of the Oklahoma Clearing House and Census 1990 with Jeff Wallace of the Oklahoma State Data Center.

—John Rosenhaner, Chair, GODORT
AMIGOS
Supporting Libraries in Oklahoma

AMIGOS members vary greatly in size and degree of resources available for automation. Whether you have a staff of one or dozens, AMIGOS and OCLC offer efficient ways of providing library services.

Resource Sharing
SharePAC maximizes resource sharing and minimizes costs! It is the only CD-ROM resource-sharing package with a link to the OCLC ILL system. If you are planning a union catalog, look into SharePAC today to discover the benefits for you and your resource-sharing partners.

Reference
The FirstSearch Catalog is affordable, comprehensive and simple to use. Innovative block pricing eliminates database connect-time charges. A menu-driven system allows library patrons to search the OCLC Online Union Catalog and a growing list of subject-specific databases on their own. Free up your time, try FirstSearch!

DiscLit: American Authors is a full-text CD of the 143 volumes in the Twayne’s United States Authors Series. Search across the full series easily on DiscLit’s one CD. And DiscLit: British Authors is coming soon.

The EPIC service, OCLC’s online reference system, provides complete subject access to the OCLC Online Union Catalog, a 25-million-record database. Virtually every word in this database is indexed and searchable to help find the sources needed, even some unknown ones! A growing list of subject-specific databases is now available.

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Executive Board Highlights
July 17, 1992

Executive Director's Report: Kay Boies gave a brief update on “Certification of Public Librarians.” As a result of the OLA-ODL Task Force’s findings, there will be eight hearings at sites around the state. Kay, as well as numerous other Board members, reported on the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. Kay suggested that all committee chairs be notified that all requests from OLA groups for donations be channeled through the Executive Director’s Office to avoid duplication.

President's Report: Ed conducted a Summer Leadership follow-up session prior to the Board meeting for those who were unable to attend the Leadership Conference in May. Ed plans to stress legislative work this year in OLA and to work closely with the Legislative Committee.

Program Committee: Richard Parker, chairman, reported that the 1993 OLA Conference is March 31-April 3 in Oklahoma City at the Radisson Hotel (formerly Hilton Inn on South Meridian). The Program Committee has adopted the theme “Discover the Future: Explore Oklahoma’s Libraries.” Possible keynote and banquet speakers are being contacted.

Budget and Finance Committee: The Board adopted the 1992-93 budget with a total anticipated income of $116,869.52 and total anticipated expenses of $116,735.00.

Sequoyah Children’s Book Award Committee: Donna Norvell, ODL Children’s Consultant, distributed an update for the 92-93 procedure manual for this committee.

Membership: The Board accepted the proposal of the committee to conduct a contest to obtain a new logo for OLA. The winner will receive two prizes to be presented at the 1993 OLA Conference: 1) membership dues for 1993-94; and 2) conference registration for 1993-94.

Federal Relations Coordinator: Donna Skvarla reported that appropriations recommendations for FY93 are not definite at this time.

State Dept. of Education: Bettie Estes-Rickner reported that there were 140 new library grant applications for 92-93, about the same as last year. Favorable responses have been received from administrators on the OLTN and additional interest is being shown.

ALA Councilor: Mary Sherman distributed several reports concerning current issues of ALA.

MPLA Representative: Jan Sanders presented information about the MPLA Joint Conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

“Let's Talk About It”: Jennifer Kidney distributed materials which included the LTArt sites and themes. There are 17 LTArt series scheduled for Fall '92.

ALA IFC Roundtable State Program Award: Jan Sanders presented the framed award that the OLA IFC Committee received. OLA also received $1,000 with this award.

New Business: Johnson and OLA IFC Committee were directed to draft a letter to Wilson Library Bulletin expressing dismay and disapproval of the action taken regarding the Will Manley censure.

—Carolyn McElroy
OLA Secretary
Early Renewal Prize Winners

The following prize winners for renewing OLA membership dues before June 30 were selected in a drawing at the August Executive Board meeting:

**Marewaine John**, Trustee, Grandfield Public Library, is the winner of a free hotel room on Thursday night, April 1 at the Radisson Inn Hotel in Oklahoma City during the 1993 Annual Conference.

**Nita Mitchell**, Catalog Editor, Tulsa City-County Library System, will receive complimentary registration for the 1993 Annual Conference.

The winner of the $15 gift certificate at the OLA Store at the 1993 Annual Conference is **Helen Katherine Hill**, Access Services Coordinator, Northeastern State University.

**Argie Lynn Willis**, Library Media Specialist at McLoud Elementary School, is the recipient of the prize awarded to an OLA member who renews membership in OLA and OASLMS prior to June 30. She received complimentary registration at the University of Oklahoma Festival of Books, October 17.

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**People & Places**

**Daniel W. Chaney** assumed duties as Assistant Social Sciences Librarian in the OSU Library on Aug. 17. Chaney received the B.S. degree in Political Science from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, in 1987; he was awarded the M.A.L.S. from the same institution earlier this year.

**Carolyn M. Ottow** joined the OSU Library as Assistant Documents Librarian on Aug. 3. She holds the B.A. degree in French and English from the University of Wisconsin, Madison (1989), and the M.A.L.S. from the same institution (1991).

**David L. Robinson** began duties as Interlibrary Loan Librarian in the OSU Library on Aug. 3. He received the B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1985 and was awarded the M.A.L.S. degree from the same institution in 1989. Prior to joining the OSU Library, Robinson served for three years as Acquisitions and Interlibrary Loan Librarian in the Linscheid Library at East Central Oklahoma University in Ada. He currently chairs OLA’s New Members Roundtable.

**Stephen K. Johnson** joined the OSU Library as Assistant Patent and Economic Development Librarian on Aug. 31. He holds the B.A. degree in Political Science/Business from Gustavus Adolphus College (1981) and the M.A. in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa. (1992)

**Karen Williams**, Media Center Specialist at Westwood Elementary School in Stillwater, was one of five library school students from across the U.S. to receive a scholarship enabling her to attend LITA’s third National Conference, Sept. 13-16 in Denver. She was the first place winner of the 1992 OLA Scholarship, and is an August, 1992 graduate of OU SLIS.

**Louise Manes** is the supervisor of Tulsa Junior College Learning Resources Center’s new Access Office which centralizes multi-campus responsibilities for assessment and maintenance of electronic technologies, interlibrary loan, document delivery, and inter-institutional networking agreements. Louise was the senior librarian in Technical Processing for 15 years. She has a BA in Education, an M.Ed., and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Oklahoma. Louise also owns ComCon and Company, an automation consulting business.

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**OLA Welcomes New Members**

Diane Ackerman, Boley Public Schools
Linda Barton, student, OU
Debbie Beasley, Tuttle Public Schools
Sharon Bromlow, El Reno Public Schs.
Gordonna Chaney, Locust Grove P.L.
Marsha E. Clovis, Fairfax Public Schools
Mary Lynda Deibel, Okla. City Pub. Sch.
Victoria Dixon, student, OU
Linda Dodd, Bartlesville Public Schools
Wanda Duncan, Trustee, Locust Grove
Debbie Howard, Eufaula Public Schools
Jill M. Jascha, student, OU

Stephen K. Johnson, Okla. State Univ.
Chester Jack Kinzie, Tulsa Junior College
JoAnn Kopp, student, UCO
Kathleen Lienke, Okla. City Pub. Schools
Donna L. Linke, Velma-Alma Schools
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Phil Maull, Harrah Public Schools
Pam Maxwell, Moore Public Schools
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Zelma Phillips, Trustee, Locust Grove
Kay Puffinbarger, Noble Public Schools
Sherry Ross, Trustee, Locust Grove
Edith A. Schneberger, student, OU
Sally Jo Shelton, student, OUlibr., 1st United Methodist Church, Tulsa
Patti Sisson, Earlsboro Public Schools
Helen Spoon, Maud Public Schools
Marsha Thompson, Midwest City P.S.
Treasa Walker, Sapulpa Public Schools

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Author Madeleine L’Engle (l) receives the Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Reader's Literature from young Tulsaans Elizabeth Griffin and Aaron Borders (at podium). The award, presented through the Tulsa Library Trust and named for Zarrow (seated by the podium) in honor of her lifetime commitment to children and literacy, included a crystal engraved book and $3,000.
Wilson Information System News

WILSONDISC: Software Version 2.4

The newest version of Wilson's microcomputer-based reference tool is now available. WILSONDISC is updated regularly with the latest bibliographic records. The program includes a database of over 40 million bibliographic records and includes both print and electronic resources.

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The new workstations are designed for use with Intel-based microcomputers. They include all of the software features of the previous system, but are designed specifically for the needs of academic libraries.

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This new edition of the Senior High School Library Catalog includes updated and revised content. It is designed for use by high school librarians.

Sears List of Subject Headings:


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This revised list of subject headings is designed for use by Canadian libraries.

New Reference Works

Booktalk! 4

By John Richard Banta

This new edition of Booktalk! features new and updated information on a wide range of reference works.

Congressional Voting Guide

Fourth Edition

By Victor W. Brackett

This new edition of the Congressional Voting Guide includes information on the voting records of all Members of Congress.

Mother Goose Time

Library Programs for Babies and their Caregivers

By Jeannine Montag and Donna L. Booth

This new edition of Mother Goose Time includes updated content on library programs for babies and caregivers.

Nobel Prize Winners

Supplement 1987-1991

By Paul McLean

This new supplement includes updates on Nobel Prize winners from 1987 to 1991. It includes biographies and other information on these individuals.

Old Worlds to New

The Age of Exploration and Discovery

By José Padilla, and Steve Sawyer

This new edition of Old Worlds to New includes expanded coverage of the Age of Exploration and Discovery.

Spanish American Authors

The Twentieth Century

By Angel Flores

This new edition of Spanish American Authors includes updated content on authors from the 20th century.

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