1993 Leadership Retreat

OLAs Leaders Look to the Future

A panoramic view of Ft. Gibson Lake at Western Hills Guest Ranch, Wagoner, welcomed OLA leadership to their annual retreat on May 27-28. The lake, trees, and surrounding wildlife were tempting, but officers, committee chairs, and division and roundtable leaders fought the feeling and stuck with their charge to develop a strategic plan for OLA.

Discussion facilitator was OLA-member emeritus, Don Smith, currently of Northeastern Louisiana State University. Having worked with a number of groups on developing their plan for action, Don was more than qualified to take OLA through the same process. The morning was spent discussing who the stakeholders in the association were, what the

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### OLA President's Message

On May 27, forty of OLA's committee chairs and elected officers gathered at Western Hills Guest Ranch in Waggoner for the annual Leadership Retreat. This year we spent the entire day reviewing OLA's current plan and creating a new long-range plan for the Association. Don Smith, formerly with the University of Tulsa and now Director of Sandel Library at Northeast Louisiana University, led the effort in a very skillful way.

On the 28th, we visited the results of the previous day to do some preliminary planning for 1993-94, especially in the area of continuing education. Susan McVey will chair the Continuing Education Committee this year, and she plans for her committee to be very active this year in assisting committees, divisions, and roundtables to meet the needs of members through workshops.

Of course, the new plan will not become official until it is fully presented to the membership and voted upon next April, but I wanted to share with you the goals and some of the ideas that came from the retreat.

#### Goal I. OLA will facilitate the professional awareness and continuing education of its membership. In order to meet that goal, we will:
- Publish a timely and informative newsletter;
- Offer workshops in different regions of the state;
- Require divisions, roundtables, and appropriate committees to sponsor workshops;
- Create, publish and disseminate information documents for members; and,
- Where applicable, offer continuing education units or staff development units.

#### Goal II. OLA is to play the role of advocate for Oklahoma library issues with the Oklahoma Legislature. Objectives for this goal include:
- Building coalitions with organizations having related interests;
- Increase political participation among the membership;
- Educate the legislature about library issues; and,
- Speak with one voice on a few identified issues.

#### Goal III. Obtain adequate funding to accomplish the stated goals. To accomplish this goal, we spoke of:
- Increasing the merchandising and sale of materials;
- Increasing the number of workshops;
- Setting a specific target for revenue from the annual conference;
- Seeking outside funding and creating an endowment trust.

#### Goal IV. Encourage active participation in the organization by its members. Objectives include:
- Determine current level of participation; hold regional meetings and workshops; establish discussion groups; build upon the OASLMS mentoring program, and develop an incentive program, including institutional outreach.

Obviously, we cannot accomplish all of this in one year, but we did decide to begin with the additional workshops, begin sharing informational documents, encourage more institutional members, set a goal for conference revenues, establish discussion groups that members desire, and encourage more active political participation at least.

I look forward to a productive year, one focusing on member needs, developing a cohesiveness in the Association, and building on our strengths.

-- Jan Keene
OLA President Announces 1993-94 Theme

The OLA theme for 1993-94 “Let’s Connect”, was selected because it seemed appropriate to so much of what I feel OLA is all about, and so much of what was discussed at the Leadership Conference in May. A familiarity and feeling of cohesiveness was expressed as a desire for the Association several times. In thinking about the theme, I thought quickly of many ways it might apply. They are listed here. You may think of others.

LET’S CONNECT IN THESE WAYS:

> With LEGISLATORS, to create ties to elected officials by inviting them to our libraries for programs, coffees, tours, etc.

> With each other via the INTERNET. Through ONENET efforts, we hope to be able to add many libraries of all kinds to the Internet for effective electronic communications.

> With MPLA by adding more members from Oklahoma, increasing participation, and applying for their grants.

> By forming DISCUSSION GROUPS on topics of interest to people throughout the state. Some examples which come to mind are: Collection Development, Genealogy, Small Library Managers, Storytellers, etc. It only takes 10 signatures of persons wishing to participate to start one. OLA will provide communications, a place to meet during Conference, and encouragement in getting started.

> Among ALL TYPES of libraries. Why not get better acquainted with more of the other libraries in your area, not particularly through OLA, but on each person’s initiative. I always learn something when I meet with academic, school, or special librarians and just visit.

> Via the OCLC-based Group Access Capability for cataloging and other cooperation.

> By SHARING PRINTED MATERIALS with one another. Again, each individual could take the initiative to send copies of bibliographies or program fliers which his library generates to others in the state—perhaps on a regional basis.

> By sending information and articles to the OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN. We all need to be more conscious of sharing via our newsletter. Let’s help Jennifer Paustenbaugh and Nancy Jurney by giving them lots with which to work.

> By recruiting NEW MEMBERS. We have numerous librarians in the state who are not now involved with the Association. If each officer would recruit just two new members, it could make a big difference. It would also be great if we could all work on getting our institutions to join.

Festival of Books Announces Speakers

David Wiesner, Phyllis Naylor, and Diane Stanley will be featured speakers at the University of Oklahoma’s fourteenth annual Festival of Books on Saturday, October 2.

The theme of this year’s conference is Sharing the Vision. The advance registration is $33. For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Latrobe at the University of Oklahoma, School of Library and Information Studies, 401 West Brooks, Room 120, Norman, OK 73019. (405-325-3921)

> By adding to attendance at the CONFERENCE. If we put on a conference full of programs on topics of vital interest to people, people will find a way to come. Being aware of this as we begin to plan may keep us focused on the kinds of meetings we should be placing on the agenda.

> By forming COALITIONS with others of like interest or help to us in increasing our political “clout” or visibility in the state.

> By HELPING ONE ANOTHER in an informal way. By being available to help others on projects like automation, getting on the Internet, putting on programs, and solving problems. How can we let one another know we are available??

Thanks for your help with the goals of the Association this year. I’m really looking forward to it!

—Jan Keene

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Woodrum Begins Terms as PLA President

Pat Woodrum, executive director of the Tulsa City-County Library System, is the new president of the Public Library Association (PLA). She was inaugurated in New Orleans on June 30 at the annual conference of the American Library Association. Her term as president of the 7,300-member association began July 1.

Woodrum has been an active PLA member since 1965, and has chaired the 1986 National Conference and the By-Laws and Constitution committees. She has served on the PLA Board of Directors as well as the PLA Partners Committee. Woodrum is also a member of the American Library Association, Oklahoma Library Association, and Mountain Plains Library Association.

She serves as chairman of the University Center at Tulsa Board of Trustees, and was the first woman chairman of Downtown Tulsa Unlimited, Inc. Woodrum received the Tulsa Women in Communications Newsmaker Award in 1989, and Leadership Tulsa’s Paragon Award in 1987. Woodrum has been with the Tulsa City-County Library System for 29 years and has served as executive director for 17 years.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL and the OLA College and University Division will co-sponsor a workshop on Friday, November 5, at Rose State College, “Oklahoma’s Academic Librarians at the Crossroads: From Professional Growth to Professional Leadership.” Speakers will be Tom Gaughan, Editor of American Libraries and June Lester, Director of OU SLIS. Registration information will be mailed in September to all OLA and OK/ACRL members.

Resolution:  
OLA Representation on OneNet Board

Whereas, The Internet is a valuable information and communication resource for Oklahoma Libraries; and

Whereas, OneNet, the state’s official organization for access to the Internet, has encouraged library representation on the OneNet board; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Oklahoma Library Association should seek ex-officio membership on the board of OneNet as an official representative of Oklahoma libraries of all types and sizes.

Adopted by the OLA Executive Board, July 16, 1993.

Surf’s Up: Riding the Internet Wave

(Editors’ Note: Dan Burgard’s column on the Internet will be a regular feature of the Oklahoma Librarian. Comments and suggestions for column topics should be sent to him at the address below or to Dan Burgard, OSU Library, Stillwater, OK 74078-0375.)

One of the latest rages in the library world is the Internet. In this column, I will briefly explain the Internet and its capabilities. So, don’t be an “Internot”. Read along and surf the Internet waves with us.

Basically, the Internet is a global web of computer networks. It comprises millions of computers and many thousands of databases. This patchwork quilt of ever-changing sites and databases can be confusing, but is a rich source of information.

In spite of its size and range of resources, using the Internet boils down to three basic functions. They are remote database access, electronic communication (e-mail), and computer file transfer. In a few minutes on the Internet, you can hook into a grade-school-level, NASA database; search one of hundreds of online library catalogs; send a message to librarians around the world; or transfer the entire text of Alice in Wonderland from a remote site to your desktop computer.

So, what do you need in order to begin using Internet resources? All it takes is a computer, a modem, communications software, a phone line, and an Internet access phone number. You can telephione into the Internet through a commercial online service such as Compuserve or, in a more limited way, through the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies or the Library at the University of Tulsa. A project is currently underway to provide inexpensive, full capability access to all Oklahoma libraries by the end of 1993.

If you want to know more, consult one of the many new Internet books or Jean Armour Polly’s “Surfing the Internet: an Introduction” in the June 1992 “Wilson Library Bulletin”. You can also contact me by phone at 405-744-6309 or by e-mail at DANBURG@OKWAY.OKSTATE.EDU.

—Dan Burgard, Oklahoma State University
1993 ALA Annual Conference Council Report
by Bettie Estes-Rickner

July in New Orleans provided ALA Annual Conference attendees with heat, humidity, and daily afternoon thunderstorms. Neither these nor the lure of the legendary French Quarter and Bourbon Street or the rolling, lyrical Mississippi River affected the enthusiasm of 17,139 conference-goers as they attended over 2,000 programs, numerous committee meetings, and visited 1,350 exhibit booths at the American Library Association’s 112th Annual Conference. Most everyone did manage to sample a variety of New Orleans’ fantastic foods and do a little sight-seeing in addition to the more purposeful conference events. From the Friday pre-conferences to the Wednesday equipment break-down this chapter councilor experienced it all and will share here a little of the flavor of the annual summer meeting.

Former President Jimmy Carter arrived late for his scheduled speech at the first general session due to a deluge which flooded streets in the area of the New Orleans Convention Center. Neither his enthusiasm nor that of the standing-room only crowd was dampened however, as he was greeted with a standing ovation. In his well-remembered southern drawl, he charmed and visibly affected the 9,500 attendees as he related the worldwide humanitarian efforts of the Carter Center and left the stage to another rousing ovation.

Earlier in the opening general session four winners of the “Write for America’s Libraries” campaign were introduced. They included a mother from Minnesota who credited the library for helping her gain hope and understanding after her son was born with Down’s Syndrome, an eight-year-old who said the library changed her life when she checked out her first book at age four, a 66-year-old literacy student who cried when she received her first library card after only recently learning to read, and a public library security guard who was inspired by the librarian to complete his education and become a librarian himself. The four were guests of honor at the New Orleans Conference.

During the course of the conference, important and sometimes highly-volatile issues dominated the agendas of committee meetings, open forums, and council documents. Of grave financial concern was ALA’s projected budget shortfall of $200,000 in 1994 and $500,000 in 1995. During the Planning and Budget Assembly, input was solicited from members and staff about ways to overcome this shortage. There was strong support for increases in registration for the mid-winter and annual conferences, reduction in travel reimbursements for committees attending meetings at the Chicago home office, an “exhibits-only” registration fee, and full conference registration and membership fees for international members. The Committee on Program Evaluation and Support identified priority areas for Executive Board consideration. They included the crucial nature of ongoing support for ALA’s Washington Office, the Office of Intellectual Freedom, public information efforts, access to Internet/NREN, and the electronic networking of the Chicago home office.

The recommended closing of graduate library programs at UCLA and UC Berkeley prompted circulation of petitions and fact-sheets, and garnered solicitations of support from conference attendees. The ALA Council also passed resolutions urging reconsideration of the closings which would devastate access to library education in California.

For the first time, a National Library Week theme will be used two consecutive years. “Libraries Change Lives” will be the theme for NLW April 17-23, 1994. Committee Chair Donna Dufault encouraged participation in the Grolier NLW grant project which includes an award of $1,000 for an outstanding local or state campaign based on the theme.

The ALA Council spent much time in caucuses and on-the-floor debate dealing with social issues and the role of libraries. Much verbage was exchanged as the Israeli censorship issue was again revisited. The Presidential Task Force established as a result of this issue to look at the conduct of meetings and ALA values will report to the executive board in October. Council passed an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights regarding access to library resources and services regardless of gender or sexual orientation. The Intellectual Freedom Committee did not recommend an amendment to the Library Bill of Rights because in this light, it would limit everything not named, e.g., financial status, language barriers, disabilities, etc. Wording included already covers access issues for all individuals, and a concern over the necessary revision of local policies prompted this action. The feeling of the majority of Council seemed to follow this quote by Councilor Bernie Margolis, “Social issues are important, but library issues are more important.”

Council also changed ALA membership meetings to be held during the first two days of Annual Conference so that a quorum would be easier to attain. Upon the recommendation of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Council also voted to establish that 1% of ALA personal members must be present at the membership meeting to constitute a quorum. This year, as well as in the past, most attendees had departed the conference prior to the Wednesday morning membership meeting, leading to confusion as to the procedure when a quorum is not present.

Up-to-date information regarding ALA’s Self-Study and the search for a new executive director were shared during council sessions. The Organizational Self-Study Committee outlined plans for an extensive effort to provide members and chapters the opportunity to participate in the self-study. In the coming year, members of the committee will be able to visit, at no cost to ALA, 17 individual chapter and four regional association conferences to meet with chapter members and solicit their views on ALA and its organizations and programs. The search committee for the new executive director has been expanded to 20 members to include executive board members, and will get into full swing following the conference.

My first year as Oklahoma’s representative on the ALA Council has been an interesting and enlightening one and I have learned so much about the interworkings of our professional parent organization. When asked to describe my experience on Council, I would have to quote a fellow councilor, “Democracy is sometimes messy and doesn’t happen quickly.”
The OLA Executive Board carries out the official business of the association. It meets monthly, usually on the third Friday. Agenda items include reports from the president, treasurer, and executive director, as well as from division chairs, the ALA Councilor, MPLA and State Department of Education representatives, and the Federal Relations Coordinator. The board authorizes expenditures and discusses and formulates action on current issues. To schedule an item on the agenda, notify the president or executive director 10 days before a board session. Highlights of recent board meetings usually appear in the Oklahoma Librarian.

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Program - Sandy Ellison (ODL)
Resolutions - Wayne Hanway (SEPLS)
Scholarship - Pat Weaver-Meyers (OU)
Sequoyah Children's Book Award - Linda Cowen (Norman)
Sequoyah YA Award - Kathleen Todd (Ardmore Higher Ed)
Sites - Kathy Hale (Southern Prairie)

**LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES!**

"As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her ... When she warned that some of these books were too old for me, I told her they were for my mother. I have never regretted my dishonesty."

--Erma Bombeck
association's strengths and weaknesses might be, and what the "OLA Vision" should be. Needless to say, there was a lot of talk and opinion, and not a lot of consensus. This proved, however, to be a part of the solution not the problem, as leaders faced the fact that often OLA does not speak with one voice and this indeed might be a big part of the issue. "Diversity" became a catch-word for the day as it was named as both a strength and a weakness of the organization. While no printed strategic plan culminated these efforts, members present seemed to feel that there were common goals on which all divisions, roundtables and committees should be working. These included having OLA speak as the official voice for Oklahoma's library issues; defining and supporting a common legislative agenda; improving communication among OLA's divisions, roundtables, and committees; facilitating professional awareness and continuing education; and obtaining adequate funding to accomplish OLA's goals.

Having totally taxed their brains all day long, OLA leaders took a break at sunset to enjoy an old-fashioned hamburger cookout followed by a hayride through the woods and hollows. High water kept the route to the more "civilized" parts of the park, but deer, bunnies, and various birds and amphibians were sighted by those diligent enough to look closely.

Friday morning, sessions continued as Jan Keene defined the theme for the year as "Let's Connect." (see related article in this issue.) Since "diversity" had been the order of the day on Thursday, the theme met with rousing approval as it was viewed as a natural tie-in (no pun intended) to the goals determined for the association.

Leadership retreat is always a welcome time to come together and begin thinking about the year's direction for the association. Leaders share ideas, frustrations, and goals, and begin to become a cohesive and working group, not a collection of divergent individuals. And this year was no exception.

—Jan Sanders, Bartlesville Public Library

Sequoyah Young Adult Committee Announces 1993-94 Masterlist

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"What gets me started writing, people ask. It could be anything... a thought, an image, a mood, a line of music, and I love it when it comes bursting out in a torrent and I can't stop writing and it's bubbling over and it's just brilliant, but it's not always like that. It's hard work, actually, sometimes sitting there when the light is green, going, "Oh, God what comes next?" And what's worse is the editing because well, you already know what's gonna happen so it's not a surprise anymore and you've got to do it. You've got to hone that writing and get all the words perfect and get rid of all the garbage. And so, now, I bribe myself with ice cream—Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream. It's real good"

—1993 Sequoyah YA Award Winner Annette Klause (from the Sequoyah YA Awards presentation)

LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES

"As a child, I loved to read books. The library was a window to the world, a pathway to worlds and people far from my neighborhood in Philadelphia. And even today, as I travel around the world, I often visit places I used to dream about because of the books I'd read. The library made a difference in my life." Ed Bradley, Broadcast Journalist
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ENCYCLO-MEDIA XIII SLATED

The Oklahoma State Department of Education's ENCYCLO-MEDIA XIII—SPANNING THE FUTURE, will be held September 9-10 at the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Encyclo-Media has a tradition of excellence and this conference should be no exception. Over one hundred sessions will be presented by librarians, teachers, and administrators on topics dealing with curriculum and instruction, literature or reading, technology, and library administration.

The keynote speaker for Encyclo-Media XIII will be David Thornburg, Director of the Thornburg Center for Professional Development. He conducts research and provides staff development in the areas of multimedia and whole mind education throughout North America and Brazil. He is also effective in helping others think intelligently about the future and is exploring ways that new technologies will change the face of education. The topic of Thornburg's address will be "Surfing through Cyberspace: Education at the Edge of Time."

OASLMS luncheon guest this year will be Caldecott medalist Gerald McDermott. He is highly regarded for his culturally diverse works inspired by traditional African and Japanese folktales, tales of the Pueblos, and the mythology of Egypt, Greece, and Rome. McDermott will also present a two-hour session on "The Power of Myth." In addition, Keith Lance will share the results of the Colorado study, The Impact of School Library Media Centers on Academic Achievement.

Hazel Rochman, assistant editor of Booklist, will highlight her new book Against Borders: Promoting Books for a Multicultural World. Carol Wilson, Language Arts teacher in Topeka, Kansas, will focus on utilizing the library as a part of a composition classroom. The Internet and its use in K-12 classrooms will be the topic of Ken Brumbaugh, Assistant Professor at the University of North Texas. The featured speaker for the OAGCT luncheon is Nathan Levy, an internationally known expert on thinking skills and gifted and talented education.

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New Faces/Positions at TCCL

Mary Waidner has been named coordinating librarian, adult and young adult resources for the Tulsa City-County Library System. Waidner has worked as a subject specialist librarian in the Readers' Services department at Central Library since 1991. She replaces Nancy Pearl, who took a job as director of the Center for the Book at the Seattle Public Library. Waidner holds a Ph.D. in English literature from the Library System. Waidner has worked as a subject specialist managing librarian for branch services, and Soon earned a MLS from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge since 1991. She replaces Nancy Pearl, who took a job as director of the Center for the Book at the Seattle Public Library. Waidner holds a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Tulsa, has taught writing and literature courses at TU and Tulsa Junior College, and is also co-author of the book "Earth Child".

Paula Settoon has been chosen to fill the Reference Librarian position at Hardesly South Regional Library. Settoon earned a MLS from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Other appointments announced by Pat Woodrum, executive director of the library system, are Marilyn Shackelford to managing librarian for branch services, and Rosemary Moran to coordinating librarian for young adult services.

Donna Schwarz, Head of the Curriculum Materials Laboratory of Oklahoma State University, has accepted the position of Assistant Social Sciences and Humanities librarian at OSU effective August 1. She has been with the OSU Library since July 1984.

Copies of "Insight," a local public affairs program that focuses on issues of concern to minority communities, are now available to the public for check out at Tulsa's Central Library. The program is produced by KJRH-TV NewsChannel 2. "Insight" airs at 9 a.m. every other Sunday on KJRH-TV 2. Program topics range from literacy to hate crimes. For more information about the "Insight" programs, call the Media Center, 918-596-7933.

Ken Bierman, Assistant University Librarian for Technical and Automated Services at Oklahoma State University, was elected vice-chair of the Amigos Board of Trustees for 1993-94. Amigos is one of the largest resource sharing networks and a leader in library automation. The 350+ AMIGOS member institutions are located primarily in the southwestern United States.

Jan Keene, Assistant Director, Tulsa City-County Library and OLA President, was elected to a 3-year term as a delegate to the OCLC Users Council.

A $10,000 grant from the Sarkeys Foundation of Norman has enabled the Metropolitan Library System serving Oklahoma County to finance the construction of 40 handicap accessible bookcases, to be located in outreach sites throughout the county. The library system maintains 130 sites throughout the community. Dana Morrow, head of Outreach Services, hopes to equip each site with a handicap accessible bookcase in coming years.

Jon Walker, Manager of Technical Services and the Central Library at TCCL, has been appointed to a three-year term on the OneNet Board. OneNet serves as the state of Oklahoma's gateway for access to the NSFRet/Internet.

Carol Casey is the Library Media Specialist at the new North Edmond High School. She previously was a library media coordinator for the State Department of Education.

Kay Leslie, former director of the Guthrie Public Library, is the new library media specialist at Windsor Hills Elementary in Putnam City. Sybil Connolly, who was at Windsor Hills, is now at Kenneth Cooper Middle School.

The late David L. Perry, known to many as "Mr. Aviation," will long be remembered by Oklahoma County residents thanks to a $10,000 contribution from Perry's estate recently presented to the Metropolitan Library System Endowment Trust. Due to a $150,000 matching grant received from Edith Gaylord Harper, Perry's gift to the library endowment fund will be doubled in size. The total $20,000 has been designated the David L. Perry Fund, said executive director Lee Brawner. Interest from it will be earmarked exclusively for books and materials on aviation and related subjects. The books will be available to all Oklahoma County residents through the library's computerized catalog of materials and system reserves.

Winners of the Early Bird Renewal

Persons who renewed their OLA membership or joined for the first time prior to July 14th were eligible to have their names placed in the Early Bird Prize drawing held at the July 16 Executive Board meeting. Lucky winners were: Nancy Dunlap, Trustee, Ardmore Public Library - Free Hotel Room @ Adams Mark Hotel for Thursday night, April 28, 1994; Karen Anderson, Holdenville Public Schools - Free 1994 Annual Conference Registration; Keith Jemison, Tulsa City-County Library - $15 gift certificate at OLA Store at 1994 Annual Conference; Marilyn Kay Gage, Elgin Public Schools - Festival of Books Registration. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do it now!

In Memory

Thomas Ballard, formerly a reference librarian at the Tulsa City-County Library, died April 18, at age 61. Ballard and another librarian were shot by a disturbed library patron during the grand opening celebration of the new location of Sacramento Library's Central Library. Police investigators have no evidence that the assailant specifically targeted the two librarians. Ballard was known by colleagues as a reference librarian who served his clientele, not only with professionalism, but also with passion.
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