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In my previous message I reported to the members on our legislative goals and the plans for Legislative Day. I am pleased to report that Legislative Day was a rousing success. Many of our members conveyed OLA's needs to their senators and representatives during the day. OLA was very well represented by those dedicated and articulate members. Legislative Day concluded with a reception at the OU Faculty Club that set a record for attendance by legislators. Over 60 came to the reception and to network with us and their colleagues. There are hopeful signs that at least some of our goals may be achieved.

It is OLA's desire to build upon the legislative program by continuing to present our needs at the Legislative Breakfast. If it is even half as well-attended as the reception in February then we can be very proud of our efforts. The members of the Legislative Committee, chaired by Marty Thompson, and our lobbyist Dick Wheatley, deserve our sincerest thanks.

By the time this issue of the Oklahoma Librarian is distributed, the OLA Annual Conference will be over. I am confident that you will have come away from the Conference feeling good about your association and with optimism for the future of libraries in Oklahoma. An excellent program is planned with an abundance of good topics for everyone. As I write this column, registrations are pouring in at an encouraging rate. The Preconference on the Internet is going to be gigantically successful. Everyone involved, Richard Parker and his Program Committee, Vicki Buettner and everyone involved in Local Arrangements, the Executive Board, our Executive Director Kay Boies, and all the many volunteers are to be congratulated for a job well done!

The Oklahoma Library Association is in good hands now and in the future. Membership in OLA is up for this time of year. The budget is strained, but in balance. The mood of the members is upbeat and, I hope, will have been supportive of the Executive Board's recommendations. In sum, we have many problems and challenges, but OLA is facing them with confidence and optimism. I am pleased to say that it was a great Conference and that I enjoyed seeing you there.

— Ed Johnson

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OLA SCHEDULE/HOLIDAYS

March 31-April 2 Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel, Oklahoma City
April 2 FOLIO Annual Meeting, Hilton Inn West, Okla. City
April 6-13 Passover
April 9 Good Friday
April 11 Easter
April 15 Social Responsibilities Roundtable
April 16 ODL Children's Spring Program
April 17 Sequoyah Children's Book Award Program
April 18-24 National Library Week
April 20 National Legislative Day
May 1 "OKLAHOMA LIBRARIAN DEADLINE"
May 4 Legislative Committee - 10 a.m.
May 7 Support Staff RT
May 14 Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee, ODL - 10 a.m.
May 20 Membership Committee, Stillwater - 10:00 a.m.
May 21 Program Committee/Executive Board - Stillwater
May 27-28 Leadership Conference, Western Hills State Lodge
June 24-July 1 American Library Association, New Orleans
July 15 Social Responsibilities Roundtable
1993 Election Results (cont. from p. 9)

Automation Roundtable
Dan Marmion
Head, Library Systems
Oklahoma State University

Children and Young People's
Roundtable
Sue McAlister
Library Media Specialist
Norman Public Schools

GODORT
C. Denise Stephens
University of Oklahoma
School of Library and Information
Studies

Reference Roundtable
Rachel Butler
Reference Librarian
Oklahoma City Community College

Social Responsibilities Roundtable
Betty Smith
Library Spec./Gov. Docs.
Public Library of Enid/Garfield County

Support Staff Roundtable
Margaret Peeples
Reference Librarian
Northeastern State University

Technical Services Roundtable
Jim Pool
Assistant Librarian
University of Tulsa, McFarlin Library

Please Note: As of March 1, elections had not been held for the following divisions and roundtables: Library Education Division, Trustees, Administration Roundtable, New Members Roundtable, and Special Collections and Archives Roundtable. Results of these elections will appear in future issues.

REMINDER

Request applications now from Kay Boies,
Oklahoma Library Association, 300 Hardy Drive, Edmond, OK 73013 for:

The OASLMS Polly Clarke Award - for an Oklahoma school library media specialist who has demonstrated excellence in establishing an exemplary library media program.

The Barbara Spietersbach Award for Excellence in Teaching - for an Oklahoma classroom teacher who actively practices resource-based teaching.

The Administrator's Award - for an Oklahoma school administrator who has actively promoted school library media services.

DEADLINE for returning any of the applications is July 1, 1993.
GODORT Workshop A Success

On February 5, OLA’s Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT), co-sponsored with the state’s two regional depository libraries, an all-day workshop on U.S. government information in electronic format. The program was organized and hosted by the Government Documents Department at the Oklahoma State University Library.

Eighteen of the twenty federal depository libraries from around Oklahoma sent representatives to gain a further understanding of the basics of government resources in CD-ROM or floppy disk formats. Participants learned about what the U.S. Government is now sending in these formats and what they will be issuing in the future; how to prepare libraries to be able to give access to such information; guidelines on how to use the data found in certain electronic publications; and how to keep abreast of new products and systems.

The workshop started at 9:30 a.m. and concluded at 4:00 p.m. During the last hour, attendees had the opportunity for instruction and hands-on experience with various CD-ROM products.

— Suzanne Latour, Oklahoma State University

“STORYTOURS” To Be Offered This Summer

Two STORYTOURS will be offered this summer. Both include motorcoach tours to literary sites and authors’ visits. Academic credit is optional.

Celtic Connections: A Storytour of Children’s and Young Adult Literature in Ireland will be held July 1-15. Visits will connect today’s Irish literature with Celtic literature of the past. The itinerary includes Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford, Cork, Killamey, Limerick, and Galway. Storytelling and theater will add to the literary lore. The Irish countryside and sites of historical significance will be backdrop to the literary adventure in this country known through song, story, and poetry.

Reading in the Rockies: A Storytour of Children’s and Young Adult Literature in Montana and Wyoming will be offered Aug. 2-14 beginning in Billings, Montana. Participants will explore Yellowstone and the spectacular Grand Tetons.

John Rosenhamer (L), OCCC and OLA GODORT chair, talks with workshop participants Anis Rahman (C) and Shelly Clement (R), both of the OU Law Library.

Highlights of Executive Board Meetings

December 18, 1992

The work of the OLA/ODL joint committee on Public Librarian Certification is to be presented to the OLA Executive Board in February. Members of the committee will be present to answer questions.

Seven entries were received for the OLA logo. The Membership Committee made its selection and sent it to the OLA Executive Board for final acceptance. The Executive Board rejected the recommendation of the Membership Committee. The alternative action to the presented logo was to print new membership forms with no logo on them.

A letter was mailed to state legislators accompanied by a newly-printed brochure asking for support of OLA’s legislative goals.

A letter was read from the Minnesota Library Association asking for OLA’s support in objection to the ALA President’s fund raising project “Bucks for Books” program. No action was taken at this time.

January 15, 1993

Richard Parker, Chair of the OLA Program Committee stated that the Program Committee recommended to the OLA Board that OLA adopt a policy that Conference speaker expenses must be presented for reimbursement within 60 days of the conference meeting. The Board voted to accept this policy.

Jan Keene, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, reported that the weather interfered with the January B Strategic Planning session at Langston University. This planning session will now be held in conjunction with the Leadership Conference on May 27-28 at the Western Hills Guest Ranch at Wagoner.

ALA Councilor Bettie Estes-Rickner stated that she would be reporting at Mid-Winter meeting in Denver the following: (1) results of the task force that deals with public library laws; (2) certification of public librarians; (3) the continued support of OLA/ODL/State Department of Education statewide Technology Network; (4) OLA’s lobbyist; and (5) OLA legislative goals.

After a discussion on the ALA “Billion Bucks for a Billion Books” campaign, the Board voted for Bettie Estes-Rickner to speak on OLA’s behalf at the next ALA Council meeting concerning the project, OLA’s stand being that we have grave reservations about this project. President Ed Johnson will also write a letter to ALA President Marilyn Miller expressing OLA’s concerns about the fund raising project (see facing page for a copy of this letter).

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Ms. Marilyn Miller
President
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Oklahoma Library Association, whose Executive Board recently asked me to convey our concerns to you regarding the billion dollar fund-raising program you have proposed for the American Library Association. In doing so, we wish to add our voices to those you have received from several quarters, including recent correspondence from the Minnesota Library Association, whose concerns echo our own.

The Oklahoma Library Association does not support your proposed campaign. We believe it is a very bad idea for several reasons. The campaign is not well-conceived and does not support ALA’s long-range plans. Further, OLA is opposed to the idea of using children to market this plan by assessing a sort of poll tax on them for reading books. Finally, we want to express our disagreement with the concept of involving ALA’s state chapters in raising money for ALA. The Oklahoma Library Association is badly short of the funds it needs to accomplish its urgent local goals without taking on the enormous burden of assisting ALA in such an extremely ambitious program. It is simply beyond the resources of an organization such as ours and would interfere with our own priorities.

OLA recommends that you reconsider the billion dollar fund-raising campaign, acknowledge that it is too ambitious at this time, and table it while the appropriate groups within ALA accurately assess ALA’s ability to raise funds and determine more realistic financial goals for our national organization. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Johnson
President

cc: OLA Executive Board
    ALA Board
    OLA Chapter Councilor
    ALA Chapter Relations Committee
The Oklahoma Legislature began its 44th Session on Monday February 1. OLA Legislative Day was held Monday afternoon, March 8, 1993. Approximately 120 librarians and FOLIO members gathered at the State Capitol for a mini-workshop on effective lobbying. A status report was given on pending legislation important to libraries.

Recommendations for legislation are:

- a line item allocation of $5 per pupil for school library programs
- a two-year phase-out of Library Media Improvement Grant Funds
- increasing academic library expenditures and volumes per student to meet the national norm
- financing the Revolving Fund for Countywide Public Library Media Specialists Kay Mades (l), Edmond Memorial High School, and Caradith Craven, Central Mid High School, Edmond, visited the State Capitol office of State Senator Mark Snyder, District 41, during OLA’s 1993 Legislative Day.

Christina Mueller, law librarian at Conner & Winters, Tulsa, chats with State Senator Gene Stipe at the OLA Legislative Day reception at the Faculty House.

Library Services

- increasing State Aid to Public Libraries to $1 per capita over a two-year period
- continued progress in implementing the Oklahoma Library Technology Network Plan.

Marty Thompson, Chair of the Legislative Committee was the “MC” for the early afternoon program which was a mini-workshop on lobbying for novices. Dee Ann Ray, District Librarian for the Western Plains Library System, wrote a skit titled “Don’t Lay the Trash on Me” which demonstrated how not to lobby harried legislators. Marty Thompson portrayed the legislator and Dee Ann Ray and Jane Janzen were the lobbying librarians. Richard Wheatley, OLA’s Legislative Liaison, presented a status report on key legislation important to libraries and informational services which had been introduced in the 1993 Legislative Session. Following the work-
Western Plains Library System Board Chair Sara Harris (l), greets State Representative Bill Widener, District #57 at the State Capitol on Legislative Day.

shop and orientation, attendees visited with legislators in their Capitol Offices and attended several legislative committee meetings. A reception honoring the Legislators was held at the Faculty House from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Sixty-three of the 151 members of the current legislature attended the reception where refreshments were enjoyed and attendees were able to meet informally with the legislators. "Many interesting conversations were observed during the reception, which Richard Wheatley, our legislative liaison, stated was one of the most successful he had attended."

Members of the Legislative Committee are John Augelli, Stillwater Public Library; Lee Brawner, Metropolitan Library System; Dorothy Davis, Southeastern State University; Phil Dessauer, Tulsa City-County Library; Janette Ellis, Enid Public Schools; Retha Evans, OSU-Okmulgee; Katherine Hale, Southern Prairie Library System; Gerald Hickman, Seminole Jr. College; Yvonne Hinchee, Shawnee Public Library; John Lolley, University of Central Oklahoma; Kay Mades, Edmond Memorial High School; John McGrath, Putnam City Schools; Christine Mueller, Conner & Winters; David B. Norris, Southeastern Public Library System; Dee Ann Ray, Western Plains Library System; Mary Sherman, Pioneer Library System; Clinton M. Thompson, Jr., University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; and Phil Woolverton McLeod High School. Ex-Officio members are Kay Boies, Oklahoma Library Association; Robert Clark, Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Bettie Estes-Rickner, State Department of Education; Edward R. Johnson, Oklahoma State University; Donna Skvarla, Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Richard Wheatley, Tulsa.

—Christine Mueller, Kay Mades, Nancy Jurney

Carolyn McElroy, Elementary Media Specialist for Ardmore City Schools discusses library legislation issues with Representative Al Sadler, District # 48.

Discussing Legislative Day activities at the reception at the Faculty House are (l. to r.) Richard Wheatley, OLA's Legislative Liaison; Clinton M. (Marty) Thompson, Jr., Director of the OU Health Sciences Library and Chair of OLA's Legislative Committee; and Cheryl Sutles, Librarian at the Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City.
Cynthia DeFelice has won the 1993 Sequoyah Children's Book Award for her book *Weasel*. Two children, representing the boys and girls of Oklahoma, will present the award to her. The presentation will take place on Saturday, April 17, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. at the Putnam City High School, 5300 NW 50th. She will also autograph books during this time. Hardcover and paperback copies of the winning title will be available for purchase.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association, encourages boys and girls of Oklahoma in grades three through six to read books of literary quality. A Masterlist of notable fiction and nonfiction books is compiled each year (see this page) by the Young Adult Sequoyah Committee which is made up of public and school librarians.

To be eligible to vote, a student must have read or heard at least two titles from the Masterlist. The voting takes place each January in junior highs and middle schools throughout the state. The winning book and author are announced early February after the committee has tabulated the ballots. The first Sequoyah YA Award was presented in 1988.

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**Sequoyah Winners 1983-1992**

**Sequoyah Children's**

1983  *A Dog Called Kitty* by Bill Wallace
1984  *The Cybil War* by Betsy Byars
1985  *Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub* by Jamie Gilson
1986  *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary and Just Tell Me When We're Dead! by Eth Clifford
1987  *Night of the Twisters* by Ivy Ruckman
1988  *Christina's Ghost* by Betty Ren Wright
1989  *Sixth Grade Sleepover* by Eve Bunting
1990  *Fudge* by Charlotte Towner Graeber
1991  *Beauty* by Bill Wallace
1992  *The Doll in the Garden* by Mary Downing Hahn

**Sequoyah Young Adult**

1988  *Abby, My Love* by Hadley Irwin
1989  *The Other Side of Dark* by Joan Lowery Nixon
1990  *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
1991  *Sudden Silence* by Eve Bunting
1992  *Appointment with a Stranger* by Jean Thesman

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OLA Ethics Committee Case Study
(from November/December 1992):

Larry Loser and Peter Perfect are middle school students with an interest in Nazi Germany and Hitler. One night a swastika and anti-Semitic graffiti are painted on the wall of the middle school. The police and the principal approach the librarian the next morning wanting to know the names of students who have checked out materials about Nazism and Hitler.

Response:

"This case study clearly involves the Privacy Law and the Confidentiality of Library Records Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. The Confidentiality of Library Records affirms the right to privacy of library users (regardless of age) and prohibits libraries from using record keeping systems that reveal the names of users for any purpose other than routine record keeping needed by library administration. The Privacy Law restricts public libraries (including school library media centers) from disclosing to any person library records that identify items 'loaned to or used by an identifiable individual or group' except for purposes of library administration, or to someone authorized in writing by the individual/group, or by order of a court of law.

"Since neither the police nor the principal in the case study have any authorization given under either the Privacy Law or the Confidentiality of Library Records, they cannot be given the names of students who have checked out materials about Nazism/Hitler or any other subject. The librarian should cite these two laws/acts and explain to the police and principal that s/he is not allowed to give out such information on materials currently checked out (without proper authorization or a court order) and that the library does not keep records of the names of individuals who have previously checked out any specific library materials. The librarian should keep on file copies of both documents. More importantly, both documents should be part of a library policy and procedures manual that has been approved by the school administration and school board. If the librarian has any problems, s/he should seek support from the Library Media office at the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

"The librarian should also take several preventative steps now to avoid any future confrontation. Making certain that the library's check-out procedure adheres to both the Privacy Law and the Confidentiality of Library Records is an important first step. In addition, the librarian should be certain that both documents are part of a board-approved policy and procedures manual. Then, s/he should communicate with the principal on a regular basis to be certain that s/he is aware of these policies."

—Linda Gann,
Jenks High School Library

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The Tulsa City-County Library recently honored staff for years of service. OLA members receiving recognition were: Karen Curtis (15 years); Lisa Hansen (5 years); Rosemary Moran (25 years); Richard Parker (15 years); Robert Sears (5 years); and Suzi Smith (15 years).

Sheila Grant Johnson, Assistant University Librarian for Reference, Instruction, and Collections at Oklahoma State University, was selected to participate in the Executive Development Program for Senior Managers of Academic Research Libraries at UCLA. The three-week program, which will be held July 14 - August 6, is designed to broaden and stimulate leadership ability and prepare library managers to move into positions as heads of major university/research libraries.

Amy Norman has taken a position at the Tulsa Junior College Library. Formerly, she worked as Readers Services Librarian at Tulsa City-County Library.

The Jenks Library re-opened in December after being closed for nearly six months for a construction addition totalling 2,170 square feet. Improvements to the facility included: making the building completely handicapped accessible; doubling the size of the community meeting room, a lighted and expanded parking lot; and new paint, carpeting, and furnishings.

Marion Donaldson, Librarian for the City of Lawton and Chair of OLA's Public Libraries Division, was awarded with the Citizen of the Humanities Award by the City of Lawton on February 5. The award was presented to her in recognition of her commitment to life-long learning and making books, information, and the opportunity to learn available to all within the Lawton community.

OLA Welcomes New Members

Kristin Alstad, Winnebago Software
Loyd M. Bishop, Ponca City Library
Colleen Brady, Tulsa City-County Library
Dee Ann Comer, Moore Public Library
Nora Ellen Eberle, Smithville School
Kathleen Gatlinn, Student, OU
Elinor H. Hill, Ponca City Library
Ann Ivester, McAlester Public Schools
Elaine C. Johnston, Tulsa City-County Library
Judy Kishner, Trustee, Tulsa City-County Library
Janice L. Mobley, Student, UCO
Carolyn Ottow, OSU Library
Mary (Beth) Walls, Newcastle Public Library
Bambi L. Williams, Moore Public Library

SKIDMORE NOMINATED FOR MPLA PRESIDENCY

Steve Skidmore, City Librarian at the Ponca City Library since 1981, has been nominated for president of the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). Skidmore is a Past President of OLA and a former state representative to the MPLA Board of Directors from OLA. The Oklahoma Library Association is MPLA's newest member.

Skidmore noted that he has been "very much impressed by the wide range of activities and services which MPLA provides to its members" including annual joint conferences with member states; travel, research, and professional development grants; a jobline; and an excellent newsletter. Most recently Skidmore has served as a key member of MPLA's Long Range Planning Committee. He stated that "as a road map for MPLA's future development, this plan (adopted by the MPLA Board at the 1992 Wyoming Library Association/MPLA Conference in Cheyenne) can be a key component to our effectiveness over the next few years. The Association and the Board's commitment to its implementation is crucial to growth in MPLA and to our profession in the region. My commitment would be to insure that MPLA's mission is fully realized."

OLA wishes Steve the best of luck in this effort! MPLA membership information can be obtained from OLA's MPLA Representative Jan Sanders, Bartlesville Public Library (918) 337-5353.

---Jennifer Paustenbaugh

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