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Would you like to become more active in helping OLA meet its goals?

Sometime in the last few weeks you received a form on which to indicate your preference in how to volunteer your time and talents to OLA. If you have already returned that form, thanks for sending it in promptly. If you have not, it is not too late. If you still have the form, just pull it out and complete the information now. If you cannot locate the form, just call or write President-Elect Bob Swisher or Executive Director Kay Boies and tell them what you would like to do. It is not difficult to become involved, and OLA needs new people every year in addition to those who regularly volunteer to be among those planning and implementing the activities of the Association.

The Divisions are OASLMS (School Media Specialists), College & University, Public Libraries, Library Education, and Trustees. Each year they elect a Chair-Elect and a Secretary, and they need members to help plan and sponsor workshops and help with conference planning. The chair of each division also serves on the Executive Committee.

The Round Tables have similar elections each year and invite one and all to join. They are interest groups which have formed around a topic or area of expertise. They include Administration, Automation, Children & Young People, Government Documents, New Members, Reference, Social Responsibilities, Special Collections and Archives, Support Staff and Technical Services. There is a place to mark your interest in joining any of these on the membership form. It only costs $1. You might find valuable help from knowledgeable colleagues in one of these groups.

Committees needing volunteers include Auditing, Awards, Budget, Constitution and ByLaws, Continuing Education, Ethics, Intellectual Freedom, Governor's Mansion Library, Interlibrary Cooperation, Legislative, Long Range Planning, Membership, Nominating, Scholarship, Sites, Sequoyah Children's Book Award and Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award. The chair of many of these committees also serves on the conference program planning group, and the members provide valuable skills and actually carry out much of the work of the Association. Members of these committees have opportunities to meet others in the state, and to contribute to OLA's ability to strengthen the quality of libraries, library services, and librarianship in Oklahoma.

There are also now a few Discussion Groups forming, which are less formal groups intended to permit the exchange of ideas, problem solving discussions, and informal networking between participants. The Directors of Small Public Libraries Group has been formally established, and two other groups—Genealogy and Public Relations—are in the process of gathering the names of ten people interested in joining. Again, just let Kay Boies or Bob Swisher know of your interest. Active participation in your professional association can be very rewarding and everyone is welcome.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been involved in this year's activities. Librarians are busy people, and I know the effort required in finding time to work for OLA. But it takes our best efforts to make the Association vital and useful to its members. We look forward to a conference and pre-conferences which promise many opportunities for learning, discussing issues, and hearing outstanding speakers. All of the planning was done by volunteers, and we thank you for all your special efforts. Well done!

—Jan Keene

OLA President's Message

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Phyllis Reynolds Naylor has won the 1994 Sequoyah Children's Book Award for her book *Shilah*. Linda Cowen, Chairperson of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee, said that over 60,000 children participated in voting this year. The Sequoyah Book Award, established in 1959, is the third oldest "children's choice" book award in the United States.

The Sequoyah Children's Book Award program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association, encourages children in grades 3 through 6 to read books of literary quality. A masterlist of 23 titles was compiled on this year's masterlist by the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee.

The Sequoyah Award honors Sequoyah for his unique achievement in creating the Cherokee alphabet, the eighty-six symbols representing the different words in the Cherokee language.

—Desiree Webber, Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee

### Shusterman Takes Sequoyah YA Award

Author Neal Shusterman has won the 1994 Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award for his novel *What Daddy Did*. Shusterman will accept the award at a presentation on Friday, April 29, at the Oklahoma Library Association's Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association, encourages Oklahoma students in grades seven through nine to read books of literary quality. A Masterlist of titles is compiled each year by the Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award Committee. To be eligible to vote for his or her favorite book, each student must have read at least three titles from the Masterlist. Voting takes place each January. Over 4,000 students participated in the voting this year.

The 1994 Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award Winner, *What Daddy Did*, is a powerful and unforgettable story about love and forgiveness. In the book, Preston Scott's seemingly normal family is shattered when his father, in a jealous rage, murders his mother. Preston must learn to come to grips with the tragedy and find a way to forgive his father for what he's done. *What Daddy Did* is based on a true story and copies of the book are available at bookstores and libraries through the state.

The Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award Committee is made up of Public and School librarians working in Oklahoma. Committee members are appointed for a three-year term and read hundreds of books to select the few titles named to each year's Masterlist. The Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award was established in 1986, and is named for Sequoyah, a native Oklahoman and the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet. Previous Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award winners include authors Gary Paulsen, Jean Thesman, and Annette Curtis Klause.

—Beth DeGeer, Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award Committee

### 1993's Most Challenged Books

The ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom has announced its 1993 list of most challenged books. According to ALA OIF director Judith Krug, the topic of homosexuality was the number one reason why books and other library materials were challenged in 1993. Krug noted that "there has been a steady increase in complaints about materials having to do with homosexuality or gay lifestyles. There is no doubt that homosexuality is at the top of the target list for many conservative, religious pressure groups." Of the 697 reported challenges to books and other library materials in 1993, 111 focused on homosexual themes.

The top ten most challenged books, in no particular order except first and second, were:

1. *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite
2. *Sex* by Madonna
3. *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman
4. *The New Joy of Gay Sex* by Charles Silverstein
5. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
6. *Forever* by Judy Blume
7. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
8. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
9. *More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwarz
10. *The Witches* by Roald Dahl
Awards Nomination Form

Please place a check by award for which person is being nominated:

___ Carl Gauner Exhibitors Award  ___ MPLA Legislative Leadership Award  ___ MPLA Literary Contribution Award
___ MPLA Distinguished Service Award  ___ MPLA News Media Support Award  ___ MPLA Beginning Professional Award

Name of Nominee: ____________________________________________________________

Title: ____________________________ Institution: ________________________________

Business Address: _____________________________________ Telephone Number: __________

Is the nominee a member of MPLA? ______________ For how long has the nominee been a member? ____________

What MPLA positions has this person held? ____________________________________________

Nominated by: _____________________________________ Institution: ____________________________

Business Address: ____________________________ Business telephone: __________ Home phone: __________

Please attach documentation which explains why this person/company/institution deserves an award from MPLA. Please limit length of letters of recommendation to four paragraphs, and number of letters to four.

Guidelines:

1. Nominations may be submitted by any MPLA member.

2. All librarians must be a current member of MPLA.

3. MPLA awards are presented when merited, and may therefore not be presented every year.

4. Normally, only one award will be given in each category. However, the Awards Committee has the option of awarding multiple awards when merited.

5. Deadline for awards is May 1, 1994.

Please send nominations to:

B. J. Kim
Hilton M. Briggs Library
South Dakota State University
Box 2115
Brookings, SD 57007-1098

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Carl Gauner Exhibitors Award: To be given to the individual or company whose positive support of the MPLA is demonstrated by constant conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees, and professional activities.

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mtn Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

MPLA Legislative Leadership Award: To be given to an individual or group (state legislature, city council, board of education, etc.) in recognition of exemplary legislative leadership or support for growth and development of a library or libraries in the MPLA area within the last two years.

MPLA News Media Support Award: To recognize the news media organization in the MPLA region making the strongest effort, either in a single presentation, or in on-going coverage, within the past two years, to promote libraries and library activities to the community. Criteria will include amount and effectiveness of coverage and manifestation of a positive commitment to generate public interest in a library or libraries.

MPLA Literary Contribution Award: To be given to an author whose published writings are most successfully furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Mtn Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Nominees will be evaluated on basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award: To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service within the first five years after receiving a library/media specialist degree. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.
LMI Grant Update

Over the past 16 years, all 77 counties in Oklahoma have received funding for library media centers through the Library Media Improvement Grant Program from the Oklahoma State Department of Education's Library Media Section. One thousand one hundred thirty-three schools have received over $32 million in funds ranging from $10,000 to $20,000 a year for three years to improve the quality of their collections and to implement new programs. Listed below are the number of grants each county has received.


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Owen M. McKinney, Louisville, Ky.

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Library Media Summer Workshops Focus on Integrated Skills and Cooperative Planning

The Library Media Section of the Oklahoma State Department of Education with the various curriculum areas is planning a series of five summer workshops to promote the teaching of information skills combined with curriculum area skills as outlined in the new curriculum document, Priority Academic Students Skills: A Core Curriculum for Our Children’s Future (P.A.S.S.). The summer workshops which will be located around the state as listed below will present information skills as integrated curriculum to be taught in conjunction with math, science, social studies, language arts, reading, etc. Research has proven that these skills are best taught as a result of cooperative planning and teaching within instructional units.

Participants for the workshops will work in teams of three representatives from a school led by the library media specialist. Other team members may be teachers and/or administrators. Up to eight teams will be selected for each workshop. Approximately three trainers will also be selected from among media specialists working in their particular area of the state. Selection criteria for becoming a trainer will be evidence of interest and skill in planning cooperatively with teachers to integrate curricular and information skills. Teams who wish to apply for the summer workshops will find an application in the Library Media Section’s April Newsletter. Deadline for the applications will be around May 1, and participants will be announced early in May.

The five locations and dates are planned as follows:

June 13 Woodward
June 15 Lawton
June 17 Oklahoma City
June 20 Tulsa
June 22 McAlester
School Library Legislation
Needs Your Support NOW!

Our school library media centers are facing a serious situation this year. Funding is desperately needed to implement and/or upgrade their collections, equipment, and technology. Even with 16 years of Library Media Grants, 688 schools have not received any of the special funding to improve their media centers, and all the schools that previously received grant funds are no longer eligible for further aid. Thus, after this year, 1701 schools will be without funds from the state for their media centers. At this time, their collections have grown out-dated, equipment has worn out, and newer technologies are being demanded.

Our students are faced with an ever-growing need for the technology to access information that can give them the ability to compete in today's telecommunications world. Especially in our more isolated, economically depressed, or crime-ridden communities, school provides the only route a child has to change his circumstances; it is probably his only possibility for gaining some equality in life. Information, knowledge, and education are the keys to it all, and we must provide the access.

Over the next two months, it is urgent that you make contact with your legislators asking them to support the current legislative goals for our school library media program. These proposals which are to be written very soon will be found in the Education Appropriation Bill. The goals are: >a line-item allocation of $5 per pupil for all schools to purchase library materials to meet student needs for instructional resources, and >one-year phase-out of LMI Grants.

You are needed to make phone calls, write cards and letters, and personally visit each of the legislators in your area to make sure that they understand the importance of these proposals and know what to expect when the bill comes before them.

—OASLMS Legislative Committee
In order to continue to support our Legislative Committee's activities at the State Capitol and in Washington, D.C., we are requesting contributions to OLA's Legislative Fund. We believe that our efforts are becoming more effective and unified year by year, and we need to keep that momentum. Please be as generous as you can be. Send a check today to Kay Boies, OLA, 300 Hardy Dr., Edmond, OK 73013. Your Legislative Committee works hard on your behalf. This would be an excellent way to say "thanks."

Government Documents and Reference Roundtables Sponsor

Business Reference Workshop

On March 2, 45 librarians from around the state gathered at the Tulsa City-County Library's Aaronson Auditorium to learn how to better serve their business communities. Librarians as well as business people provided useful insight into what businesses need and want from their local libraries. Speakers from chambers of commerce serving two different size areas (Tulsa and Weatherford) told how they utilize libraries and also how they have been "educated" by librarians at these libraries about the wealth of free information available to businesses both in the form of government documents and very traditional business reference sources. Bill Hancock, Executive director of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that in many of the smaller to mid-size towns in Oklahoma the chamber of Commerce is the primary economic development agency. This makes libraries and chambers of commerce natural allies.

A panel of reference librarians consisting of Ann Blakely (University of Tulsa), Karen Curtis (Tulsa City-County Library), and Suzanne Latour (Oklahoma State University) described some business resources available at their libraries and then negotiated pre-arranged reference questions from several librarians who played the role of patrons. Most in the audience were amazed by the wealth of sources available to answer any particular question as well as some of the turns these questions took. Ann Blakely provided useful information on helping someone find company information to prepare for a job interview, noting that it was typical to get questions like this one hour from when the interview was to be held.

During the afternoon session, attendees had a chance to visit with librarians and others who provide a wide variety of specialized business information and get some hands on experience in using online and CD-ROM databases. Participants left with great handouts, bibliographies, service brochures, and lots of ideas of ways to extend valuable library services to their business community. Another timely OLA workshop!

--Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Oklahoma State University
PROBLEMS ACCESSING U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AT THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

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For records from 1976 (and before) through the last year: OCLC and OLTN
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Volume 1 reflects the most recent revisions in labor force, employment and unemployment data for the State of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) for the years 1950 through 1992. Volume II contains historical data for payroll employment and wages for the State of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Included are average workweek and hourly and weekly earnings for selected industries.


This publication contains statistics for the State of Oklahoma, the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), and each of the seventy-seven counties of the state. Included are tables reflecting Total Population and Population by Minority Status and Gender for specific geographical areas; Occupations by Dictionary of Occupational Title Codes of Employment Service Applicants registered on May 31, 1993 in local area offices; Labor Force Information by Minority Status and Gender, including total civilian labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for a specified geographical area; Occupations of Civilian Labor Force by Minority Status and Gender for a specific geographical area.

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- Information Sources and Services: 1:00-4:10 M,W, 5:30-8:10 M,W
- Biomedical Bibil. and Reference: 9:00-12:10 T,R
- Select of Print & Non-Print Materials: 1:00-4:10 T,R
- Social Science/Humanities Information Sources: 5:30-8:10 T,R
- Microcomputer in Information Services: 6:00-9:10 F,Sat
- Library Internship: TBA
- Directed Reading: TBA
- Directed Research: TBA
- Research for Masters Thesis: TBA
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For additional information call (405) 325-3921

STILLWATER (OSU)
Certification program is being phased out, no new students may enter.
- June 6 - July 29
  - Reference Materials: 6:00 T,R
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- Adult Services: 5:30-8:10 T,R
- Multicultural Librarianship: Fri, Sat, Sun
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- Library Internship: TBA
- Directed Reading: TBA
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—Rich Paustenbaugh
JoAnne Hope

BE IT RESOLVED . . .
One of the aspects of the upcoming conference that sometimes receives only slight attention is the opportunity to present resolutions. Wayne Hanway is chairing that committee this year, and will be happy to work with anyone interested in putting forward a resolution at the conference. You may contact him whenever you decide what you would like to do—before or during the conference. Resolutions may be used to offer formal thanks to someone or a group, to offer ideas for Executive Board consideration, or express concerns. Wayne will help you with format and timing questions you might have.
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PEOPLE & PLACES

The Tulsa City-County Library System recently recognized thirty-three staff members who celebrated significant anniversaries in 1993. OLA members honored included: Jan Keene, 30 years; Keith Jemison, 20 years; Nita Mitchell, 15 years; and Lola Todd, 5 years.

Suzanne Barnes is the new reference librarian at the (TCCLS) Martin East Regional Library.

Pat Woodrum, TCCL executive director, was inducted into the Oklahoma Women’s Hall of Fame in December. Woodrum was one of eight inductees honored by Gov. David Walters.

The Pioneer Library System has launched its online catalog, nicknamed “Explorer.” Over 300,000 items appear in the catalog, which is modern accessible and also has a magazine article index.

TCCL Receives Grant

The Scripps Howard Foundation has awarded a grant totaling $7,500 to the Tulsa Library Trust, announced Bill Donahue, vice president and general manager of KJRH News Channel 2, a Scripps Howard television station.

The money will be added to the Tulsa Library Trust’s literacy endowment to benefit the library’s Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service. Specifically, it will pay to train new volunteers to be tutors, to purchase training manuals, workbooks and supplies for tutors and students, and to buy new high-interest/low reading-level books that are housed at all library locations and checked out by students, tutors and the general public.

Tulsa City-County Library’s literacy service offers one-on-one, free tutoring to adults who are functionally illiterate. Volunteer tutors are trained to teach adult students who want to learn to read. Volunteers are asked to attend a 15-hour training session and make a commitment to work in the program for one year.

About 500 students are currently matched with 500 tutors. In all, more than 2,600 adult students have been taught through the service.

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Study Tour to Ireland Announced

The School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has announced its 1994 study tour for library personnel and their families and friends. The tour, which will take place July 26-August 5, includes traditional music, folk dancing, guided tours of bogs, storytelling sessions, and visits to castles. For more information and/or registration forms, contact tour leader Linda Mundt at (608) 263-4452 (days) or (608) 255-0651 (evenings) or write to her at SLIS Continuing Education Services, 600 N. Park Street, Madison, WI 53706.

ALA Council Candidates from the OLA/MPLA Regions

The following persons from the OLA/MPLA regions are petition (P) or nominee (N) candidates for ALA Council. Inclusion on this list does not imply that these individuals are members of OLA or MPLA.

- Nann Blaine Hilyard (P)
  Director, Fargo (ND) Public Library
- Margaret L. Kirkpatrick (P)
  School Library Media Specialist
  Wichita (KS) Public Schools
- Thomas W. Leonhardt (N)
  Director, Library Technical Services
  University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK
- Tony W. Miele (N)
  Director, Library Extension Division
  Arizona State Library, Phoenix, AZ
- Deborah K. Tuma (Nerud) (P)
  Lincoln (NE) City Libraries

Information received from ALA Chapter Relations Office, 3/94.

OLA Welcomes New Members

- Bobbie Sue Crumb, Student, OU
- Linda J. Estes, Student, OU
- Sasha M. Gilbert, Student, OU
- Mark Goetz, Tulsa City-County Library
- Catherine G. Hays, Student, OU
- Terrence Heeney, Ingram Library Services
- Gayle Lawrence, Limestone Elementary, Sand Springs
- Rolanda Rogers, Davis Middle School
- Darcus D. Smith, Metropolitan Library System
- Yvonne Wallis, Southeastern Public Library System
- Judy Williams, Student, OU
- Sue A. Williams, Student, OU
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