OLANew Membership Committee member Pat Zachary displays conference t-shirt. T-shirts are still available from the Membership Committee. Photo by N. Jurney

Conference 1994 — A Recap

Since July, 1993, the OLA 1994 Program Committee has met monthly to plan an annual conference that all would benefit from and enjoy. As the criteria for developing this program we set: quality of speakers, topics that are vital and timely, a diversity of programs, always some program of interest to all, and as few conflicts as possible. We selected President Jan Keene’s theme of “Let’s Connect” as the conference theme for 1994. The conference was held April 27-April 30, 1994, at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Tulsa.

For the second year OLA offered a pre-conference on the Internet. Cruising the Information Superhighway featured keynote speakers Steve Cisler from Apple Computer; Rick Gales, creator of the Internet Hunt; and Paul Evan Peters, Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI). Over 150 attended, seeing the possibilities for the future as well as the actual practical applications from the present.

Our Keynote speaker for the conference was Chief Wilma Mankiller, Principle Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Although she had to catch a plane for a meeting with President Clinton, she shared many thoughts and experiences from her life with us. Richard Lederer, author of many humorous works including *Anguished English, Get Thee to a Punnery, More Anguished English,* and *Adventures of a Verbvore* gave several programs. Although we invited Vice-President Al Gore to join us, he was not able to attend. The entertainment on Thursday evening was a radio drama “The Case of the Bookstore Basher” presented by the Afghanistan Perceivers of Oklahoma. This wonderful group is dedicated to “keep green the memory of Sherlock Holmes”. After the radio program there was a panel discussion on the mystery novel that became very heated - to the point that best-selling author Bill Bernhardt pulled a gun and shot another panel member. It was then up to the OLA members to determine the “whys and wherefores” in a true Sherlock Holmes manner.

This year both the Children’s and Young Adult Sequoyah Award winners were able to attend the conference. School buses from many parts of the state brought children to hear and see these award winning authors. The newly formed Discussion Groups for Genealogy, Directors of Small and continued on p. 31

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Although it is a little early to be evaluating and closing out the year, this will be my last opportunity to provide this column, and I would like to use it to say thanks to many people who have given of their time, talents, and energy to make OLA as effective as it has been this year.

First, to Kay Boies, Executive Director, who has made my year as President a very pleasant and easy one. When I would call to ask her for stationery and envelopes to mail out invitations to serve on committees, she would say "Oh, I'll do that for you." There were many occasions like that this year. Kay handles hundreds of details for us every year so efficiently that no one even notices. She is surely OLA's most valuable asset.

Thanks also must go to the Executive Board—Bob Swisher, Jonelle Ellis, Ken Bierman, Linda Gann, Dell Hewey, Richard Paustenbaugh, Theresa Dickson, Sarah Haney, Bettie Estes-Rickner, Jan Sanders, Nancy Juryne, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Donna Skvarla, and Gail Miller. The Board has worked well together and each has contributed. Members have been conscientious about attending meetings and providing needed ideas and leadership.

This year's committee chairpersons have likewise been a great group to work with, individually and as a group, in planning the Conference program. A few who need special mention are Marty Thompson, Legislative Committee; Peggy Cook, Membership; Linda Cowen, Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee; and Kathleen Todd, Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award Committee. They have spent many hours carrying on important programs on our behalf.

Jennifer Paustenbaugh and Nancy Juryne have earned our gratitude by providing us with such high quality Oklahoma Librarians for the past two years. That is an important contribution and they have handled it well.

We expected and received great cooperation from these Committee Chairpersons—Annette Duffy, Audit; Steve Skidmore, Awards; Norman Nelson, Constitution & Bylaws; Susan McVey, Continuing Education; Robin Leech, Ethics; Lee Graham, Governor's Mansion Library; Catharine Cook, Intellectual Freedom; Ed Johnson, Interlibrary Cooperation; Ray Lau, Nominating; Wayne Hanway, Resolutions; Pat Weaver-Meyers, Scholarship; and Kathy Hale, Sites. All contributed to this year's work willingly and capably.

Division chairpersons this year were also quite active in the areas of workshops and conference planning. They were Linda Gann, OASLMS; Dell Hewey, College & University; Richard Paustenbaugh, Library Education; Sarah Haney, Trustees; and Theresa Dickson, Public Libraries. Beverly Dieterlen and Gail Miller shared planning duties for FOLIO, a vital partner with OLA in many ways.

The roundtable chairpersons who deserve a pat on the back are David Corby, Automation; Judy Jones, Children & Young People's; Carolyn Torrence, Government Documents; Gerald Hickman, New Members; Ginny Dietrich, Reference; Julia Harmon, Social Responsibilities; Margaret Peeples, Support Staff; and Kathleen Haynes, Technical Services. They all provided leadership in planning workshops and ideas for the Conference.

The OLA Legislative Day effort this year was excellent. Once again we had a large group of volunteers covering the capitol with information about OLA's legislative goals, and the reception at the end of the day was well attended by legislators. It gave us ample opportunity to speak with them informally about library needs. Next year, I hope even more people—librarians, trustees, and friends—will make the trip on Legislative Day and will make connections with their legislators at home. Nothing makes a bigger impression than a turnout of non-paid supporters who are willing to take time to speak out concerning the need for quality libraries throughout the state.

I heard great things about the workshops that OLA sponsored this year. Thanks to those who planned and presented them. Next year, I would suggest planning be started earlier and as a group effort to be sure we cover the topics that need to be presented. Perhaps the Program Planning Committee could devote part of the July or August meeting to doing just that. Continuing education is one of our top priorities, and I feel we need to continue to improve the number of offerings in order to meet the needs of our members.

Overall, I believe it was a good year for OLA and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be the President. I hope you agree.

—Jan Keene
Conference Recap (cont from p. 29)

Medium Public Libraries, and Public Relations all met and are planning future activities. FOLIO again provided a full day of activities for Friends members from across the state. Programs for librarians working in school, special, public and academic libraries were presented, as well as programs with technical and public service emphasis.

There were over 450 registered for the 87th Annual Conference along with over 85 vendors. OLA was able to sell over 300 of Richard Lederer's books with the proceeds going to OLA. The OLA Store was popular again this year with wonderful T-shirts, mugs, bookmarks, and other promotional goodies.

The members of the 1994 Program Committee were Maryella Beck, Kay Boies, Catharine Cook, Peggy Cook, David Corbly, Linda Cowen, Theresa Dickson, Beverly Dieterian, Ginny Dietrich, Bettie Estes-Rickner, Robert Finch, Linda Gann, Sarah Haney, Julia Harmon, Kathleen J. M. Haynes, Dell Hewey, Gerald Hickman, Ed Johnson, Judy L. Jones, Nancy Jurney, Jan Keene, Robin Leech, Susan McVey, Gail Miller, Rosemary Moran, Robert Motter, Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Richard Paustenbaugh, Margaret Peeples, Jan Sanders, Bob Swisher, Marty Thompson, Kathleen Todd, and Carolyn Torrence.

—Sandy Ellison, Chair, OLA Program Committee

Author, professor, and language commentator Richard Lederer signs copies of his book for conference while ODL's Ginny Dietrich assists with purchases. Photo by J. Paustenbaugh

Technical Services Roundtable

On Thursday, April 28, over 30 conference attendees gathered for "Connecting with Retrospective Conversion." Kay Vincent of Stillwater Public Library addressed options available when planning for retrospective conversion and the bid process. Bea LeValley of Northwestern Oklahoma State University discussed the procedures developed in preparing to send the shellist to a vendor and how to resolve problems while maintaining a good relationship with the vendor. Julie Ligon of Western Oklahoma State College described the in-house retrospective conversion process using a CD-ROM product. The panel was followed by a lively question and answer session. Katherine Wong prepared a bibliography on the topic for distribution, and materials from 19 vendors were available.

The Third Annual Cataloging Fellowship was held on Friday with about 20 participants. Additional concerns about retrospective conversion were discussed and several good solutions were offered for small and medium-sized libraries. This meeting was signed for the hearing impaired.

—Kathleen Haynes
Chair, TSRT

American Sign Language interpreter Jean Schrivner signs for the hearing impaired during the First General Session. Photo by J. Paustenbaugh

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OLA Vice-President/President-Elect
Jan Sanders
Director, Bartlesville Public Library

Trustees Division
Annette Brown
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OLA Secretary
Denyvetta Davis
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Administrative Librarian
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Sr. Assistant Librarian
University of Tulsa

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College and University Division
Beverly Jones
Librarian
Southwestern State University

Reference Roundtable
David Corbly
Systems Librarian
Southwestern State University

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Public Libraries Division
Jane Lilly
Branch Manager
Moore Public Library

Social Responsibilities Roundtable
Fran Austian
Materials Selector
Metropolitan Library System
Support Staff Roundtable
Mary Kirk
Assistant, Library Public Service
Rose State College

Technical Services Roundtable
Julie Ann Ligon
College Librarian
Western Oklahoma State College

OLA Expenses

In a previous issue of the Oklahoma Librarian we looked at income for fiscal year 92/93 as reported to the IRS on federal income tax form 990 (Return of Organizations Exempt From Income Tax). In this article, we will look at expenses as reported on form 990. In fiscal year 92/93 four checking accounts used the OLA Employee Identification Number and are therefore included in the OLA tax return as follows: OLA Checking Account, "Let's Talk About It" Checking Account, OASLMS Checking Account, and Encyclo-Media Checking Account.

Expenditures in fiscal year 92/93 totalled $179,714 as follows:

- Conference/Workshop Expenses $86,130 (48%)
- Salaries (including benefits) $46,400 (26%)
- Printing and Postage $16,121 (9%)
- Divisions, Roundtables, Committees $14,937 (8%)
- Office Supplies, Telephone, Etc. $8,018 (4%)
- Travel $5,108 (3%)
- Legislative Liaison $3,000 (2%)
- TOTAL $179,714 (100%)

The numbers confirm what we all know. OLA spends the majority of its revenue on continuing education for its members. Conference/Workshop Expenses include costs directly attributable to the Encyclo-Media and OLA Annual Conferences as well as Workshops sponsored throughout the year. However, expenses in support of these continuing education activities are also included in Salaries (Kay Boies and Jennifer Kidney), Printing, Postage, Office Supplies, and Telephone.

In summary, OLA's revenue as reported to the IRS in fiscal year 92/93 ($187,964) exceeded expenses ($179,714) by $8,250.

— Ken Bierman, OLA Treasurer

All 1994 OLA election winners will take office in July 1995 with the exception of the OLA president-elect, secretary, MPLA representative and Trustees Chair who will assume their positions in July 1994. The following roundtables have not held or have not reported election results as of May 1: Administration, Children and Young People's, and Special Collections and Archives. The results of these elections will be reported in a later issue.

Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to all who agreed to have their names placed on the election ballots!

Resolutions Presented at Conference

Six resolutions were presented at the Second General Session of the 1994 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference, Friday, April 29. Wayne Hanway, Executive Director of the Southeastern Public Library System, chaired the Resolutions Committee.

Appreciation to Stephen Skidmore

Whereas, Stephen Skidmore has for the past 13 years guided the Ponca City Public Library to new service heights including a noteworthy addition and restoration of its historically significant library building; and

Whereas, during this same tenure Stephen Skidmore's creative, statewide leadership on behalf of library development and librarians in Oklahoma has included service as OLA President, OLA Treasurer, Representative to the Mountain Plains Library Association Board, development of public library planning standards, chair of the Public Library Directors' Council, advanced library legislation, and numerous other Oklahoma Library Association posts; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Library Association and its members are indeed fortunate to have benefited from his talents and dedicated service in many diverse efforts (although many times without benefit of socks); now, therefore be it

Resolved: that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation to Stephen Skidmore for these contributions and wishes him every success in the new library director post he is assuming in the West Chicago, Illinois, Public Library.

Adopted

Appreciation to Rosemary Moran and Local Arrangements Committee

Whereas, Rosemary Moran, Chair and the Local Arrangements Committee planned and organized the provision and usage of all of the facilities for the 1994 OLA Conference; continued on page 40
Internet Preconference: Something for Everyone

Just as the network of computer networks known as the Internet literally contains something for everyone, OLA's "Cruising the Information Superhighway" preconference was full of informative programs for librarians of all interests and skill levels. Internet authorities Steve Cisler, Paul Evan Peters, and Rick Gates teamed with several in-state librarians and officials to present a full day of Internet action. Sessions covered basic and advanced functions, training and management issues, and state and national Internet politics.

Steve Cisler at the opening program of OLA's "Cruising the Information Superhighway" Preconference (NJ)

Steve Cisler, Apple Computer, Inc. librarian, began the day by presenting an "Internet Travel Tour." Highlighted by some high-tech wizardry, he exhibited various unusual and advanced features of the Internet. His talk and "tour slides" generated much excitement and helped set the tone for the rest of the day.

Afternoon sessions covered basic telecommunications, introduction to the Internet, basic and advanced searching, and how to teach Internet use. Oklahoma librarians David Corbly, Pat Davis, Louise Manes, Dan Marmion, Marty Thompson, and Deborah Willis covered the spectrum from Archie to FTP to WAIS to Internet resources for elementary education.

In addition, a fascinating series of meetings concerning Oklahoma Internet politics and developments took place. Jon Walker of the Tulsa City-County Library System presented an up-to-date review of ONENET, Oklahoma's connection to the Internet. Paul Evan Peters, head of the Washington, D.C. based Coalition for Networked Information, discussed theoretical and practical inside-the-beltway issues of the Clinton/Gore National Information Infrastructure Initiative. OSU librarians Stephen Johnson and Carrie Ottow discussed federal government policies affecting access to Internet information.

A panel discussion among State Representative Danny Williams, Corporation Commissioner Cody Graves, Oklahoma Telephone Association representative Barry Moore, and Pioneer Library System director Mary Sherman capped off the afternoon. The lively debate focused on the political and financial barriers to providing inexpensive Internet access to all parts of Oklahoma.

The day concluded with a banquet and an after dinner talk by Paul Evan Peters. The wide ranging, humorous talk focused on ideas and people Peters believes have been important to the development of the Internet. He urged attendees to be active in promoting and protecting the role of libraries and librarians in the expanding electronic environment.

—Dan Burgard, Oklahoma State University

Deborah Willis discovers FTP. (NJ)

Rick Gates searching "Breadcrumbs and Twisty Passages". (NJ)
Mankiller: I Am An Optimist

For 45 minutes, OLA conferees at the first general session listened with rapt attention as Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, wove a highly personal story of humble beginnings, social action, bold leadership, and abiding optimism.

Mankiller’s story began in rural Adair County, Oklahoma where she was born into a large and very poor family. Her father is a full-blooded, bilingual Cherokee, her mother Irish and Dutch. She grew up in a family of readers lead by her father who possessed both an avid love of reading and books on a broad range of topics. As an adult, Mankiller became interested in solving some of the problems she saw around her and with which she lived. She gradually became involved in community action programs. This involvement forced her to develop courage and self-confidence to be able to speak out at meetings. Mankiller soon realized that “the world won’t come to an end if you say something stupid and you won’t be the first person to have said something stupid.” These early experiences in community action efforts also instilled a deep belief in her that “poor people have a much greater capacity to solve their own problems than people give them credit for.”

When Mankiller ran for deputy chief of the Cherokee Nation it was the first time she remembered ever facing outright opposition because she was a woman. The nature and the strength of this opposition came as a “total and complete shock” to her. Mankiller noted that, “I had never been told that I couldn’t do something because I was poor, or Cherokee, or a woman. Some people said that the Cherokee Nation would be the laughing stock of all the tribes if they elected a woman as a leader.” Mankiller continued, “I wanted to ignore gender issues and focus on important issues, but it was very difficult to do.”

Despite the apparent opposition, Mankiller was elected in her first bid and is now completing a second — and according to her, the last — term as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. After serving over a decade in leadership positions within the tribe, Mankiller observed that women bring unique qualities to leadership.

Mankiller offered that, “Women have a way of viewing things in a uniquely interconnected way. Women see the relationship between good health care and business. Women will say that preparation for higher education should begin with good prenatal care. This type of view is desperately needed by society.” “Women also bring a sense of collaboration, teamwork, and consultation to leadership. Women are much less likely to make unilateral decisions than their male counterparts,” noted Mankiller. “These skills and qualities are needed in every sector of society today,” she opined.

Some of the milestones the Cherokee Nation has achieved under Mankiller’s leadership are: the largest growth in enrollment in any period of Cherokee history (from less than 10,000 in 1977 to over 156,000 in 1994); the establishment of their own Head Start center; a daycare subsidy program; the development of a children’s village for childcare; foster care licensing; administration of Cherokee adoptions; the completion of five primary health care clinics with two more on the way; and the development of jobs for over 1200 people

through the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Industries.

In concluding, Mankiller remarked, “I am an optimist. I’m not only optimistic about where the Cherokee Nation is going, but also where Oklahoma and the nation are going. We can’t look at national problems and say that they are going to solve the problems. We have to take responsibility for solving our own problems. We know best what’s right for our own communities. I can’t change what’s going on in Bosnia, but I can change what’s going on in Adair County, Oklahoma.”

Mankiller added, “I hope my being here today will help eliminate your stereotypes about what Indian Chiefs look like.” The standing ovation she received indicated that, at least with this audience, she had succeeded.

—Jennifer Paustenbaugh

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Cutlines
1. Baker & Taylor representative Charlene Edmondson (R) chats with another vendor at the conference exhibits. (Photo by JP)
2. OASLMS luncheon speaker Theodore Taylor describes the real-life event that inspired his classic work, The Cay. (JP)
3. Mary C. Howard delights her audience with the retelling of a Chinese fairy tale. (JP)
4. Former state representative Carolyn Thompson Taylor speaks at the OLA Legislative Breakfast (Photo by D. Kerley)
5. Sequoyah YA Award winner Neal Shusterman signs books at the Sequoyah YA Booth. (NJ)
6. Ethics Committee members-turned-actresses Sarah Brick Archer (L) and Peggy Cook (R) square off in a censorship drama (JP)
7. Marion Dunmore is greeted by Clifford outside the exhibit area. (NJ)
8. OLA President Jan Keene (back) watches as incoming MPLA Representative Patsy Stafford (R) draws the winning entry for a free one-year MPLA membership from outgoing MPLA representative Jan Sanders. (JP)
9. Judy Jones (L) and Arleen Ritcheson (R), elementary library media specialists from Ponca City, examine books at the Festival of Books. (JP)
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13. ONENET Board Chairman Mike Erhart discusses plans for statewide networks. (JP)
14. Gerald Hickman was the winner of a VCR, one of the many great door prizes awarded at the OLA Membership Meeting. (JP)
**Shusterman Accepts Sequoyah YA Awards**

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

In his acceptance speech, Shusterman spoke about how and why he became an author and spoke at length about the winning title. *What Daddy Did* is based on a true story. Preston Scott, a teenage boy, must come to terms with the fact that his father has murdered his mother and learn to forgive him.

Shusterman became acquainted with the family through his wife and spent several months interviewing them. When Danny Scott murdered his wife, her parents were given custody of Preston, age 12, and Tyler, age 5. They knew they had to find a way to lead the family through the tragedy and try to avoid as much psychological damage to the boys as possible. Since they were religious, they went with what they believed and found a way to forgive Danny for what he had done. When Danny was released from prison, his in-laws accepted him back into their family.

Forgiveness was never easy for anyone in the family and was especially difficult for Preston. In real life, Preston and Danny had never discussed why Danny had murdered Preston's mother. In writing the book, Shusterman placed together interviews with Danny and Preston and invented a reconciliation between the two of them. When the real-life Preston and Danny read Shusterman's book, it brought about a real reconciliation, and Preston was finally able to forgive his father.

Shusterman spent a great deal of time answering questions from the audience and stayed nearly an hour after the presentation to sign books, including copies of his latest title, *The Eyes of Kid Midas*.

Each year Oklahoma students in grades seven through nine read books from a masterlist compiled by the Sequoyah Young Adult Book Award Committee. Students who read at least three books from the masterlist are eligible to vote in January for a favorite book on the masterlist. Over 4,000 students participated in the voting this year. *What Daddy Did* received more votes than any other title on the 1994 masterlist.

—Beth DeGeer, Sequoyah YA Award Committee

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**Woodrum Provides Food for Thought**

Pat Woodrum, Executive Director of the Tulsa City-County Library System, addressed OLA New Members Roundtable at their luncheon, Friday, April 29, 1994. Woodrum encouraged her audience to make connections with their professional associations during their careers.

According to Woodrum, participation in professional associations is a professional responsibility. Participation also assures opportunities for personal career development and growth. She urged new members to seek appointments to professional committees, to persist in doing so, and to never turn down an invitation to serve in any assignment offered. Regardless of the assignment, association work offers an opportunity for professional growth. Other skills librarians are urged to develop include writing for publication or newsletters. Whatever format is available, librarians need opportunities to develop this important communication skill.

Beyond career enhancement benefits of association involvement, Woodrum assured members that participation is really fun! She confirmed this by recalling humorous incidents from her own involvement in professional associations.

Pat Woodrum, listed in *Who's Who in America*, is a graduate of Kansas State College, Pittsburg. She received her MLS degree from the University of Oklahoma. Beginning her professional career in the Tulsa City-County Library System in 1964 as a branch librarian, she advanced to increasingly responsible positions until she was appointed to her present position as TCCL Executive Director in 1967. A past president of the Oklahoma Library Association, she currently serves in a national association leadership role as President of the Public Library Association.

Luncheon participants enjoyed both professional fellowship and delightful musical entertainment by Gary and Gayle Boyle, who performed both classical and traditional melodies on the harp, the hammered dulcimer, and the mandolin.

New Members, motivated by Pat Woodrum's luncheon remarks to make connections with their associations, had an opportunity to do so immediately following the luncheon. More than ten new members joined in the annual business meeting, chaired by Kathy Huber, NMRT Chair for the forthcoming year. Many ideas discussed for next year's activities suggest that NMRT will be increasingly visible in OLA programs.

—Gerald Hickman, Chair, NMRT
OLA Recognizes Excellence

Ten librarians, citizens, and groups were recognized by OLA at the Second General Session of the 1994 Annual Conference for their outstanding contributions to Oklahoma libraries. The following awards were presented:

- **OLA Scholarship winner:**
  Sasha Gilbert, an OU senior who will begin her MLS in June ($750)

- **Citizen's Recognition Awards:**
  Sally Frasier, Chairman, Tulsa City-County Library Commission
  State Senator Ben H. Robinson (D), Oklahoma 9th Senate District

- **Certificates of Appreciation:**
  Edmond Educational Endowment, Inc.
  Jeffrey L. Edwards, Principal, Sequoyah Middle School
  Stillwater Public Library Board
  Metropolitan Library System Citizens for Library Support: Karleen Krywucki, Roy Brock, Ralph Espach

- **Outstanding New Librarian:**
  Beth DeGeer, Youth Services Librarian, Bartlesville Public Library

- **Special Meritorious Service Award:**
  Edward R. Johnson, Dean of Libraries, Oklahoma State University
  Robert Swisher, Professor and former Director, University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies

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Baker & Taylor Books Grassroots Grant recipient Bambi Williams (L), ALA/OLA NMRT Affiliate Ilia Grice (C) and OLA President Jan Keene (R) Photo by J. Paustenbaugh

**Grassroots Grant Awarded**

Bambi Williams was awarded the 1994 Baker & Taylor Books Grassroots Grant at the First General Session of the 87th Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Library Association. The Grassroots Grant is a $250 cash award given by Baker and Taylor Books to a library science student attending a state library association conference for the first time. The certificate of selection was presented to Williams by Charlene Edmondson, on behalf of Baker & Taylor Books, and by Ilia Grice, selection committee chair of OLA New Members Roundtable.

Williams is a student at the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies working towards a Masters degree with School Library Media Certification. Williams plans to graduate from OU this coming July, 1994. She received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from OU in 1992. She presently works part-time in the Children's Department of the Moore Public Library. Williams told the selection committee that she was inspired by Linda Cowen, media specialist in the school in which she did student teaching, and by her children's literature professor to pursue an advanced degree in library science.

Ilia Grice, ALA Affiliate of the OLA New Members Roundtable, chaired the selection committee for the Baker and Taylor grant. Applicants for this award submit letters and applications, academic records, and recommendations according to criteria established by Baker and Taylor Books and the New Members Roundtable of the American Library Association. OLA NMRT was particularly pleased to present Bambi Williams with this year's award.

—Gerald Hickman, Chair, NMRT

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**A BIG THANKS to everyone who contributed articles and photographs to our conference issue!!**

---Editors
Resolutions (continued from p. 33)

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Whereas, this committee then spent many hours turning these plans into a very smooth-running conference with many dozens of meetings and events; now, therefore be it

Resolved: that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association extends its thanks and appreciation for the excellent meeting arrangements made by Rosemary Moran and the Local Arrangements Committee.

Adopted

Appreciation to Sandy Ellison and the Conference Program Planning Committee

Whereas, Sandy Ellison, Chair and the Conference Program Planning Committee have developed many timely and imaginative ideas into well planned and presented programs; and

Whereas, this committee spent many long hours of hard work turning those plans into the 1994 OLA Conference; now, therefore be it

Resolved: that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association extends its thanks and appreciation to Sandy Ellison and the Conference Program Planning Committee for an excellent 1994 OLA Conference.

Adopted

Appreciation to Bob Motter and the Exhibitors

Whereas, the exhibitors have supported OLA’s programs, goals, and purposes for many years; and

Whereas, they have been very generous with their time and money in the varied interests of OLA; and

Whereas, Bob Motter, Chair, has worked with the exhibitors for many years at the annual OLA conferences; now, therefore be it

Resolved: that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association extends its thanks and appreciation to Bob Motter and the exhibitors for their dedicated support of OLA and its programs.

Adopted

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The following responses represent two divergent views of how the ethical situation presented in the January/February 1994 issue of the Oklahoma Librarian should be handled. Thanks to both respondents for their thoughtful consideration of this difficult case study.

What should “Joanne Sanderson do? Obey the law protecting the privacy of the student-as-library-user. Sect. 1, Chapter 81, O.S.L. 1985 (65 O.S. Supp. 1985, Section 1-105), mandates her to refuse the request of “Ann Buckman” unless “Ann” presents her with a valid order from a court of law.

This “Confidentiality of Library Users’ Records” Act was sponsored by the OLA Intellectual Freedom Committee in 1984-85, with language drafted by me, and was spearheaded through the state legislature by Anne Million and me.

I believe you would do your readers a great service, even if this letter is too late for your stated deadline, if you reproduced a copy of the small poster (enclosed [text in box below]). It would be nice to see it in every library across the state — including high school, college, university and public libraries. Some frightened legislator amended the original law to exempt middle and elementary school libraries about a year after we got this one passed. But the rest of us connected with libraries must obey the law. It is our professional duty. If “Joanne” lacks the courage to deny the misguided request of “Ann Buckman,” she does not deserve her job, nor does husband “Bruce.” Neither does “Ann.”

—Duane H. Meyers, Associate Director for Management Services (Rel.) Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City-County

Oklahoma Law Protects the Confidentiality of Library Users’ Records

The records of library materials you borrow or use cannot be disclosed to anyone except:

1. Persons acting within the scope of their duties in the administration of the library;
2. Persons authorized to inspect such records in writing, by the individual or group; or
3. By order of a court of law.

Section 1, Chapter 81, O.S.L. 1985 (65 O.S. Supp. 1985, Section 1-105) applies to any library supported in whole or in part by public funds except middle and elementary school libraries, which were exempted from this law as amended.

Resolutions (continued from p. 40)

Reaffirm the Association’s Inclusivity

Whereas, the Oklahoma Library Association is an organization of librarians and library supporters from all sizes and types of libraries and from all parts of the state; and

Whereas, this Association and the state’s librarians require the widest kind of support and advocacy in their mission; and

Whereas, this Association and the state’s libraries have greatly benefited from the dedicated service of many hundreds of non-degree librarians and support staff over the years; and

Whereas, this Association needs to be recognized as “The Oklahoma Library Association” rather than “The Oklahoma Librarians’ Association”; and

Whereas, the Association has restricted the eligibility for its most prestigious award to a professionally-degree subset of its membership; now, therefore be it

Resolved: that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association reaffirms the Association’s inclusivity and requests that its awards be reviewed and revised so as not to imply second-class status for any of its members.

Referred to OLA Executive Board
"Passport to the Moon!" is the theme of the Tulsa City-County libraries' annual summer reading program for children. The theme ties in with the national celebration of the 25th anniversary of man landing on the moon, July 20, 1994. The reading program begins May 16 and continues through Aug. 20 at all 23 libraries in Tulsa County and the bookmobile. Children who complete the required reading and library visits will earn a medal of achievement and free passes to the Tulsa Zoo. The ice, and a game of bowling. Younsters ages 6 to 12 years old who complete the program will have earned the chance to enter their names in a drawing for a trip for a family of four to Washington, D.C. to see the National Air and Space Museum, courtesy of American Airlines and Thrifty Car Rental.

Kathy Latrobe and Michael Havener, faculty members in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, are the 1994 recipients of the Frances Henne/Voices of Youth Advocates (VOYA)/Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Research Grant. The $500 grant, donated by VOYA, provides seed money for small scale projects which will encourage significant research that will have an influence on library services to young adults. Latrobe and Havener received the grant for their proposal titled "An Exploratory Study of the Information Seeking Behavior of High School Honors Students." Their research will be conducted as a case study of a group of high school students in Norman.

Hitachi Computer Products (America), Inc., Norman, recently donated $7,000 to help fund children's summer programs in the Pioneer Library System. "We sincerely appreciate Hitachi's continued interest and support of our effort to promote reading in central Oklahoma," said Mary Sherman, Director of the Pioneer Library System. "Together, the library system and Hitachi have continued their active partnership to enrich the lives of many children." The grant will help PLS libraries conduct, "Summer Yummers: Come to the Book Banquet," a reading and educational program for children beginning in June. This is the fifth year that Hitachi Computer Products (America), Inc. has donated to the library system reading program. This brings the total donation to over $31,000 for the five year period.

In honor of their 20th "birthday," the Assistance League of Norman recently donated $7,500 to the Norman Public Library, a branch of the Pioneer Library System. The grant will help the library system purchase a CD-ROM Tower that provides electronic database support for such items as a nationwide telephone directory, electronic encyclopedias, medical information, and atlases. "We wanted to make a donation that would benefit all the citizens of Norman," said League President Pam Clinton, "as a way of saying thank you to Norman for all the support we have received over the past 24 years.

Opening ceremonies for the new South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut, were held Monday, April 11. The South Broken Arrow Library is the 23rd library location in the Tulsa City-County Library System and the second in the city of Broken Arrow. Total budget for land, construction, furnishings and architect fees was $811,000. Theresa Fowler has been named supervising librarian of the new library.

Kathleen J. M. Haynes conducted a TSRT business meeting on Friday at Annual Conference. The 1994-95 officers were introduced: James Pool, Chair; Julie Ligon, Chair-elect; and Charlene Rezabek, secretary.

The library media program at Memorial High School was recently honored by the American Library Association. At its Midwinter Conference in Los Angeles, 50 libraries from across the country were selected by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust for providing exemplary programs and services for youth. Two hundred and twenty-one proposals were submitted from school and public libraries nationwide reflecting a diversity of programs and services. Ten libraries will receive a special monetary recognition. The projects of all fifty winners will be profiled in a book to be published by ALA this summer. Memorial's honored Cooperative Networking program allows the sharing of materials between libraries of all types. By providing information which would otherwise not be accessible either because of expense, space, or subject, this information exchange is a valuable help to Memorial's students and faculty as well as participating libraries across the state. Heavy users of the MetroNetwork and Oklahoma Library Technology Network, Memorial patrons find research fun and exciting when they are successful in locating information. EMHS librarians Erma Stewart and Kay Mades were humbled in their excitement of the award announcement and at the same time pleased to be able to meet information needs of students and teachers now and in the future.

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