Big changes are under way in the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies. A planning process including input from students, faculty, alumni, the College of Arts and Sciences, the professional community, the business community, and the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation is driving four major new planning initiatives. Four task forces established for the 2000-2001 academic year are working to address issues concerning Recruitment, Distance Education, Specialization, and New Degrees. Attention to these areas will allow the school to recruit and educate new library and information science professionals well-equipped to face the social, technical, and administrative challenges of service today and in the future.

The two emerging degrees are a Bachelor of Arts in Information Studies (BAIS) and a Master of Science in Knowledge Management (MSKM). To date, the new degree programs have been in the forefront, due primarily to university priorities and the administrative schedule involved in establishing new programs.

The BAIS will provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to complete a degree program that emphasizes information technology in a liberal arts and sciences context. Graduates are expected to enter careers as information technology facilitators in business, industry, government, education, and other environments. Information technology facilitators are needed to work in team environments in which their primary role is linking the knowledge base and skill sets of information technology workers and information technology-enabled workers.

Knowledge management is the systematic process of locating, selecting, organizing, representing and presenting information in a manner that contributes to organizational effectiveness. Knowledge management activities help an organization gain insight and understanding from its own experience. Specific knowledge management activities help focus the organization on acquiring, storing and utilizing knowledge for such things as problem solving, dynamic learning, strategic planning and decision making. Knowledge management also protects intellectual assets from decay, adds to firm intelligence, and provides increased flexibility. The MSKM degree will prepare students for leadership careers in knowledge management. The MSKM will be offered jointly at the OU Tulsa Graduate Center, at the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, and at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

Work on these degrees has given the faculty the opportunity to explore the nature and content of the Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) curriculum and its philosophical and intellectual bases. While recognizing that the new degree programs, particularly the MSKM, will help position the School for the future, the faculty view the MLIS as the School’s enduring focal point. The work of the task forces on Recruitment, Distance Education, and Specialization will help define the School’s needs for the future and equip the School to meet the continuing needs of the library community as well as the emerging needs for which the BAIS and MSKM are being implemented.

A University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies Initiatives Table Talk Program hosted by OLA’s CE Committee is scheduled for noon to 1:30 on Friday, April 20, 2001 at the annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association in Oklahoma City. Anyone interested in the future of the School and its programs are encouraged to attend. The faculty of the School look forward to hearing ideas from the Association’s members and incorporating them into the planning process.

Danny Wallace, Director
This winter and spring have been hopping with OLA activities.

As librarians, friends and trustees, we would like to encourage you to assist with recruitment of new librarians. We need to grow librarians—encourage active volunteers and student workers to explore librarianship as a career option, provide scholarships and other incentives, or begin a mentoring program. Think about ways that you can influence young people and those looking for new careers to consider librarianship. Some links for career information are available at http://www.pioneer.lib.ok.us/ola/nif/NIF-Link.html.

The Legislative Day at the State Capitol was phenomenal! Many, many new people came and talked with their senators and representatives. The legislature was in session, but they came out of the chambers when librarians, friends and trustees from around the state sent notes in saying that someone from their district would like to talk with them. Legislators knew that library supporters were there and interested in continuing statewide database funding, a revolving fund for library building construction and renovation, and local control on Internet filtering issues. It was wonderful to see so many nonlibrarians there and willing to take the time to let legislators know the importance of libraries. We really need to be in contact with our legislators all year long, remembering to thank them for their support and inviting them to see what our libraries are doing in schools, on campuses, and in communities.

I'm hoping that some of you will consider going to National Legislative Day in Washington, DC on April 30 and May 1. Librarians and library supporters are needed to let Oklahoma Congressmen know how their decisions impact us. Hot topics on the national front right now are continuing library funding and the recently proposed School Library Media Bill. Intellectual property, e-rate, government information, and appropriations have been ongoing topics during Legislative Day briefings. Issues may change by Legislative Day, but we should be there and have our voices heard. Contact Susan McVey, 521-2502, if you're interested in being a part of National Legislative Day. We need you.

Come to the OLA conference on April 18 through 21. The Planning Committee has top-notch programs available for you. With close parking and food, we'll be set to enjoy and learn at the Myriad in Oklahoma City. Authors, library leaders, and librarians from around the state will provide a good time for rejuvenation and sharing.

Get involved. In your conference packet and an OLA mailing you'll have an opportunity to become more active in OLA. Please send in your preferences for committee assignments next year. Your talents and ideas are needed to make OLA what you and other librarians around the state need from a professional organization. This is your chance.

Wayne Hanway, OLA Vice President/President-Elect, is beginning to make appointments for next year. Let him know how you would like to be active in OLA next year.

National Library Week is April 1-7. The American Library Association will be kicking off their national campaign "@ Your Library." The State Department of Libraries is working on a statewide campaign to begin then, as well. Each of us needs to have a library awareness program during National Library Week in our libraries. Toot your own horn about the plethora of services and activities available in your library.

After all, we're out there navigating the information future.

—Sharon Saulmon
All Under One Roof and 3 No-Conflict Times

Those of you who attended last year's conference can attest to the fact that each OLA conference gets bigger and better. This year's conference at the Renaissance-Myriad in Oklahoma City features everything under one roof. From the pre-conference agenda, the opening session featuring keynote speaker Dr. Robin Myers, to Friday night's all-conference banquet, there is something for everyone.

We should point out with the expansion of Bricktown, and the surrounding OKC area, parking is at a premium and can get downright frustrating. Traffic may also be a little heavier as the 19th is the anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing.

You might want to arrive early as Myriad Event Parking fills up fast. We highly recommend parking at the Myriad or Santa Fe Parking Plaza (Renaissance Hotel) at Main and E.K. Gaylord. They are the most convenient, and according to hotel officials most likely to have adequate space.

Additional parking is available nearby at Galleria Parking at Sheridan and Robinson, and at Bricktown's Power Alley on E. Sheridan. Maps to downtown parking areas and their respective fees are in your OLA Conference Preview. A map is also available for the Trolley Transit System. Additional Oklahoma City and downtown parking information is available at www.myriadevents.com, www.okc-cityhall.org, and www.bricktown.com.

Most of you will only have an hour to eat so Bricktown may not be your best choice for grabbing lunch. Box lunches will be available for those attending noontime programs. Pre-register using your registration form.

To further assist you in your visit to Oklahoma City a local information table and message board will be located in the registration area and staffed by Friends of the Metropolitan Library System and Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma. We urge all of you to take full advantage of this year's conference and come to the exhibit hall whenever you have free time, especially during the three (3) no-conflict times, to view products and visit vendors. Keep in mind, you may not be the person who makes purchases for your library, but you need to identify good products to recommend to your library.

Don't forget to visit the OLA Store located on the second floor of the Myriad in the registration area. It features many new items this year. Books written by conference speakers will also be available. It's a great time to buy books and have them autographed. Your purchases help fund OLA operations and keep membership dues down.

All conference registrants are invited to a complimentary continental breakfast with the vendors in the exhibit hall on Thursday and Friday, and everyone is invited to the All-Conference Reception for food and fun on Thursday evening.

With OLA guiding the way, there is much to be seen, heard and do as you "Navigate the Information Future" in a conference jammed packed with educational opportunities.

—Bill Petrie-ODL

Don't Miss these Speakers...

Challenge your thinking with a smorgasbord of programs at the OLA Conference, April 18-20, 2001 in Oklahoma City! Learn new skills, meet friends, make new contacts, scour the vendors for ideas. Be inspired by our diverse group of presenters whose sessions will fill you in on critical issues and nuts and bolts.

Particular highlights will be our keynote speakers.

- The Thursday morning Opening General Session will be keynoted by Dr. Robin Meyers, Senior Minister of Mayflower Congregational Church, Oklahoma City and Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Oklahoma City University. Dr. Meyers is both an author and a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops across the country. He was a stand-out panel member at the First Amendment Congress co-sponsored by OLA in Oklahoma City several years ago. Dr. Meyers has written two books, many articles in the field of human communication, and has been a guest radio talk show host. His book Morning Sun on a White Piano: Simple Pleasures and the Sacramental Life, talks about living a simpler and more sacramental existence and is endorsed by television journalist Bill Moyers. Come and be inspired by Dr. Meyers' thought-provoking and motivating talk on this year's theme Librarians: Navigating the Information Future. Refresh your professional spirit.

- Look forward to a wonderful wind up to this year's conference—Friday night banquet speaker Dr. Jim Boren, Northeastern Oklahoma State University. Kick back and get perspective on your profession and life with Jim Boren, a full-time professional humorist for 25 years. He has a unique perspective on bureaucracies of all types. Author of 6 books and many articles, he has gained insight from his long careers in politics, education, government and business. In 1972 Jim ran a 170 mile race with the U.S. Mail; in 1991 he repeated the race from Muskogee to Tahlequah (25 miles) using canoe, joggers running backwards, clog dancers, etc., etc. Ask him how the race finished up! This man knows librarians and has spoken to national meetings of the Canadian Library Association, ALA, Special Libraries Association and many state association conferences. Get ready to laugh! Wows audiences wherever he goes! Dr. Boren's speech is supported by a grant from the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

Between these keynote speakers fill your mind and refresh your professional spirit with new knowledge, laughter, tips and inspiration. If you haven't seen a Conference Preview, you can get the information off the OLA web pages at http://www.pioneer.lib.ok.us/ola/lib.html We invite you to join us!

—Rachel Butler
First-timer conference attendee shares her experience of OLA Conference 2000

I was so excited to attend my first OLA conference last April. I had just completed my first year of library school. The first thing I would like to do is thank everyone who was responsible for the breakfast. There was no way I would have made it to the First Timers Orientation without the coffee. I thought the signature sheet they gave us was hokey but after being a Girl Scout for most of my life I was used to this type of thing.

My next stop was the exhibits. Being a student with little experience in the business, I wasn’t sure how I would be received. Some of the vendors ignored me but most were happy to explain their different products or give me advice. This made a big impression on me. If I’m ever in a position to influence purchases, they will probably get looked up first. One thing I do wish that they had was a bag check. I didn’t have a room or a car in which to put all my vendor stuff and by the middle of the day I thought my arm would fall off.

By afternoon, I decided it was time to attend some sessions. I decided on “Reference Sources on the Internet” where I learned what a table talk is and “Accessible Libraries” where I learned how to improve my web sites. By this time, I was ready for something different. I had heard in Orientation that if you went too close to the OLA Store you would be put to work so I went there to volunteer. They were happy to have me and I enjoyed helping. In fact, I liked it so much that I did it the next day too.

I scooted out of the store in time to go to the OUSLIS Alumni Reception, where I had heard that they would be serving wine. That was how I found out that librarians are not as stuffy as people think and that they know how to have a good time with their friends. By the time of the All Conference Party, I had made several new friends. The party really impressed me. I had felt kind of alone and that I would not fit in as a librarian, but after the party I felt just like one of the gang.

By the second day, I was getting into the swing of things. I went to the presentation “But You Said ... Vendor Relations,” which I found very interesting because I had just finished my Selection/Collection class. I skipped out on some of the sessions I was going to attend to have lunch on the square with some of my new friends. I realized that getting to know other people around you was just as important as going to the sessions.

I rushed back from lunch to cheer on two of my friends in the OUSLIS Student Presentations. I wish more people could have attended because personally I think they had excellent presentations and I learned a lot I could use for comps. My last official attendance was at the Membership Meeting, which I attended just to see if I would win the first timers drawing and I did. As it turned out, by the end of the meeting, I was actually interested in what was on the agenda. Overall, I found the conference a wonderful experience.

—Kari Moore

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As individuals in the field of Libraries and Information we are all too familiar with the misconception that *everything* is online and soon we will have a *paperless society*. However we know better—but we also know that a lot more information is making its way to the Internet and many of us feel obligated in assisting patrons in locating online information.

So why am I telling you something you already know? Because, the U.S. Congress really has taken the idea of online information and all it has to offer to heart and for the past few years has been incorporating these notions into everyday government activities, including legislation. Recently Congress issued a House Report, which stated that the Government Printing Office (GPO) should be "streamlining the distribution of traditional paper copies of publications which may include providing online access and less expensive electronic formats."

Those of you who do not have masochistic tendencies and did not take that Introduction to Government Documents course in library school may be asking what this means to you. It means, that materials distributed to the Federal Depository Libraries across the nation will be arriving less in paper, microform, CD-ROM, etc and instead will only be available on the Internet. This transition to a more electronic based depository system has its pros and cons, and you can ask me, or one of your local depository librarians, about specifics later. I am here to tell you how my library is assisting the Federal Government in its endeavor to become more electronic.

On October 23, Gil Baldwin, Director of GPO's Library Programs Service, announced formation of a partnership between the University of Central Oklahoma's Max Chambers Library Government Information Department and GPO. In this partnership UCO will maintain and coordinate the GPO Access (http://www.gpo.gov) service known as Browse Topics (http://library.ucok.edu/gov/browsetopics/). This online service contains a list of over 150 subject webographies to Government Information that includes Accounting, Career Education, High School Debate Topics, Immigration, Native Americans, Weather, Zip Codes, and many more. Librarians and other experts have developed and still contribute to many of the webographies. Anyone can submit sites to be added to a webography and they are also encouraged to find a topic of interest and become the sole contributor of it. By assuming responsibility for Browse Topics UCO is becoming one of a growing number of institutions, which is partnering with government agencies, to ensure the public reliable access to government information.

If you are interested in knowing how you may become a contributor or want to know more about creating a partnership with a government agency please do not hesitate to contact Adriana Edwards-Johnson, UCO Government Publications Librarian at 405-974-2904 or by email aedwards@ucok.edu. Also, be sure to visit us online at http://library.ucok.edu/gov.

--- Adriana Edwards-Johnson
American Library Association
Midwinter, 2001 – Washington, D.C.

I've been a member of ALA for 30 years and, so far, have managed to avoid Council meetings. When you elected me your Chapter Councilor I wondered what I had done to be punished. Seriously, I just returned from my first ALA Council meeting as Oklahoma's representative and it was a better experience than I had anticipated. In some ways it was just as I envisioned. Council can be very contentious and picky about perceptions of ALA changed somewhat as a result.

Council dealt with many matters, some new some old, some controversial some routine. The two hottest topics were the proposed policy for certification of post-masters degree librarians and a recommended experimentation with electronic meetings. What generated the most heat in Council was the Executive Board's proposal to create a new organization that would be a partner or some sort of subsidiary of ALA with its own governing body. This body would be a 501c(6) organization called the ALA Certification Program for Librarians. Like most of my Council colleagues I supported the notion of a voluntary certification program but had many questions and reservations about such a new governing body. After very lengthy debate Council approved a substitute motion which allows ALA to proceed somewhat but requires it to give much more detail about a 501c(6) organization to the next Council meeting. The Task Force on Electronic Meeting Participation ran into a large number of questions and concerns about such meetings violating ALA's open meeting policy. The Task Force merely proposed experimenting with the idea of using technology for participation in ALA, such as starting a chat room. With much debate the Task Force's recommendation finally passed but Council expects much more discussion of how this would relate to the organization's long-standing commitment to completely open meetings.

At the end of the last of three Council meetings I came home with about three or four inches of paper. If you would like to see copies of any of these documents or reports, let me know at librerj@okstate.edu. My job description as ALA Councilor is to communicate to the Oklahoma members so if you have questions, want to make suggestions, have a concern, or want to discuss my vote please contact me via email, snail mail, telephone, or any other medium of communication.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to represent Oklahoma.

—Ed Johnson, ALA Councilor

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Greetings from your Mountain Plains Library Association Representative.

I am very excited to be part of both OLA and MPLA. This has been a growing experience! First of all, let me explain that Mountain Plains Library Association is made up of librarians like you and me. We are working hard at our jobs, trying to stretch budgets, personnel and time. MPLA members are not only hard working, but fun loving, friendly and practical. MPLA gatherings feature informal dress, good jokes, great food and friendly chat. You can be assured that Oklahoma librarians share many of the same library issues as other librarians in the MPLA states.

MPLA states are Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. MPLA is the regional association for these states, working with the local state associations to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities.

Joining MPLA is easy and fairly inexpensive. You can log on the website at www.usd.edu/mpla. The cost is roughly a dollar for every $1,000 of your salary. The benefits include MPLA’s Newsletter, access to MPLA’s Jobline, Professional Development Grants and annual conferences. Or you can call me at 405-701-2632 or e-mail me at basha@pls.lib.ok.us, and I will send you a membership form.

This is the MPLA Vision Statement:

**MPLA members and the greater library community will receive opportunities for education, networking, communication, leadership and advocacy resulting in the development and enhancement of library and information services.**

This year, the MPLA Executive Committee, with the participation of the MPLA Board has been working on a Long Range Plan for 2000-2004. This plan seeks to:

* Address continuing education needs of members.
* Establish and maintain liaisons with library educational programs.
* Take a leadership role in the library community.
* Improve communications with members and national and state associations.
* Strengthen existing partnerships and initiate new partnerships.
* Utilize technology to bridge distances both for continuing education and networking.
* Stay informed about library political issues and be encouraged to participate in political activities.
* Ensure that MPLA will be administered efficiently and effectively.

If you are interested in the MPLA plan, contact me and I will be glad to send the entire document.

—Basha Hartley

### OLA Board Activity and Actions

**December 15, 2000**

- Approval of workshop by Reference Roundtable called "Creating CyberSeniors" for March 30 with limited enrollment and registration cost of $35.
- Approval of Membership Committee’s two logo proposals for OLA store items for conference.
- Adams Mark in Tulsa was designated as the conference hotel for the 2002 and 2004 annual conferences.
- Annual 2001 conference fees of $85 for full conference attendance with a sliding scale of other activities was approved along with $250 charge for an exhibitor booth (connectivity will be extra).

**January 19, 2001**

- Petition was approved for formation of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) discussion group. An organizational meeting will be held at conference.

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### Did you know that......

- Americans go to school, public and academic libraries 3 times as often as they go to movies......
- There are more public libraries than McDonald’s - a total of 15,994, including branches.......
- Americans spend more on potato chips and snack foods than on public libraries ($5.2 billion).......
- Research shows the highest achieving students attend schools with good library media centers.......
- Students visit school library media centers almost 2.3 billion times during the school year - more than twice the number of visits to state and national parks........
- Academic librarians answer about 112 million reference questions each year - 3 times the attendance at college football games

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*Board approved the Sequoyah Procedures Manual. The manual fully describes the book award division, provides a script for answering questions on list selection criteria, and gives sample letters for committee use.

*OLA’s Long Range Plan was approved referring board comments and suggestions for future changes to the next Long Range Committee members.

*Kay Boles relayed to the board that the ALA Chapter Relations Office is submitting a grant to IMLS to create eight regional leadership training programs patterned on Snowbird, Tall Texans, etc. A letter of support will be sent.

*Let’s Talk About it coordinator, Jennifer Kidney, requested and received board approval to write a grant to NEH for $10,000 (in coordination with ODL) for the Oklahoma Connection program for the purpose of program/theme development.

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*—ALA Office for Research & Statistics
Heather M. Lloyd, 59, passed away peacefully in her sleep February 19. A memorial service was held at the Bennett Memorial Chapel on the Oklahoma State University campus on February 24.

Heather was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on November 24, 1941 to David and Sara Fister MacAlpine, and her family moved to Stillwater in 1947. She graduated from Stillwater High School in 1959, and earned degrees from the University of Kansas the University of California at Los Angeles, and Oklahoma State University.

Returning to her hometown of Stillwater from UCLA with a master’s in library science she was looking for a temporary job before joining the Peace Corps. Her temporary job turned into a 33-year career at the Oklahoma State University Library. After 21 years as head of General Reference and 12 years as head of Special Collections and University Archives, Lloyd retired at the end of April, along with her husband, John P. Lloyd, an OSU civil engineering professor. Lloyd, whose mother had also been an OSU Librarian, said, “I planned on working here for six months before leaving for the Peace Corps, but Dr. Rouse, the library director, persuaded me to make a longer commitment.

It was a good offer, so Lloyd planned to put the Peace Corps off for two years. Then life got in the way. She married and the next thing she knew she had been head of general reference for 21 years. She said it wasn’t a hard decision to stay in Stillwater. At the time her father, an OSU civil engineering professor, was still alive and living in town, and she met her soon-to-be-husband, who, ironically enough, was her father’s replacement in the civil engineering department. “I guess I had to keep the department tied to the family somehow.”

Reflecting on her years as a reference librarian, she said the big change was, of course, computers. “It’s funny, I remember when the Library had one computer in an office on the fourth floor, and it was only for librarians to use. Now there are more than 300 computers in the main building alone.” She noticed that time was flying by when an English assignment required students to find issues of newspapers published on the date of their births. "When students starting asking for papers published in 1967, 1970, 1972, I realized I had been here long enough that I was helping the children of students who were on campus when I started my career.” Of students today she said, “They are savvier about finding information and knowing what should be available. School librarians are obviously doing their jobs.”

In 1987, Lloyd received was asked to create the Special Collections/University Archives Department. “Up to that point General Reference Desk included interlibrary loan, microform and media, maps, library instruction, exhibits, photocopy service, and special collections. There were no policies or procedures or formal preservation guidelines for any of the Library’s special collections. I had a lot of work to do.” Lloyd provided much need cohesiveness for the new department. She pulled together various collections, including a large one of university archives. Lloyd, who received a master’s in history from OSU in 1976, proved to be an invaluable resource for the authors writing the OSU Centennial Histories Series. Her near legendary knowledge of the university’s past, including where to locate information, photographs and artifacts was of great benefit to researchers.

Although Lloyd processed numerous collections over the years, her favorite one was that of Dr. Angie Debo, an historian of national prominence and also one-time curator of maps for the OSU Library. “Although Miss Angie retired in 1955, I spoke with her regularly over the years. She was a smart and funny woman.” When Debo bequeathed her estate to the OSU Library, Lloyd undertook the project to have Debo’s papers accessible to future researchers. She said, “When you work with people’s personal papers you feel you know a person and you develop an affinity with their work.”

During her long career, Lloyd belonged to numerous organizations including the Oklahoma Library Association, Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, Oklahoma Conservation Congress, Society of Southwest Archivist, American Library Association, Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Payne County Historical Society.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the OSU Foundation David MacAlpine Scholarship or to the Judith Karman Hospice Inc., P.O. Box 818, Stillwater, OK 74075.