From Grant to Website
Oklahoma Periodicals Index: Phase II

A searchable online index to four key Oklahoma periodicals published in and about Oklahoma is now available from the Oklahoma State University Library's Web page at: http://www.library.okstate.edu/database/perindex.htm. The periodicals indexed include: The Chronicles of Oklahoma; Oklahoma Today; Outdoor Oklahoma; and Persimmon Hill. The articles indexed cover people, places, history, culture, wildlife, and natural history in the state with some coverage outside.

The Index is available to anyone and does not require a login or fee to use. Access to these materials have been improved by the following institutions who have added the Index link to their Websites: Pioneer Library System; University of Tulsa; Rose State College; Oklahoma City University; Hennessey Library; Oklahoma Department of Libraries; Tulsa City County Library; OSU-Tulsa; Ardmore Public; University of Central Oklahoma; University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; and the Oklahoma Historical Society. Other libraries are encouraged to add the Index link to their Websites as well.

The Index was developed as a result of a survey sent to a select group of Oklahoma libraries in 2000 with the financial assistance from an Amigos Fellowship Program's grant. Over 70% of the libraries indicated that an index to Oklahoma publications would be useful and that if such an index existed the periodicals would be used more frequently. With this evidence, the four librarians involved with the survey moved forward and received a second Amigos grant in May 2001 to purchase indexing software and hire a student worker for data input.

In July 2001, the indexing software, Reference Manager, was installed on the Library's server and made available to project members. From the software a template was developed using the journal format with key fields selected for data (i.e., title, author, keyword, subject heading, series title).

Standards were established for entering the author names; volume numbers; pagination; titles; subtitles; keywords; punctuation; and capitalization. A decision was made to use uncontrolled vocabulary from keywords found in the articles and a controlled vocabulary, Library of Congress Subject Headings. The Index excludes reviews, photo essays, editorials and some minor articles. The search engine software, Reference Web
Kathryn’s Korner

Libraries do change lives. They change the lives of Oklahomans.

I realize I am preaching to the choir, but I thought these statistics collected from Oklahomans about all types of libraries might be useful as you visit with the people in your community.

For Oklahomans, libraries of all types are imperative. This winter in a public opinion poll funded by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and produced by the University of Oklahoma Public Opinion Learning Laboratory, Oklahomans expressed overwhelming belief in and support of Oklahoma libraries.

- 89% feel that they got good value from their libraries
- 98% consider libraries to be part of the educational process
- 96% believe that checking out books for pleasure reading and for information is important to their community
- 90% said that using library computers is important to their community
- 97% believe that it is important to the community for the library to offer literacy programs for children and adults
- 97% believe that studying or homework assistance done in a library is important to the community
- 97% believe that it is important to the community for the library to offer a place for children’s programs
- 92% believe that it is important to the community for the library to offer a place for teen programs
- 88% believe that it is important to the community for the library to offer a place for adult programs
- 95% believe that it is important to the community for the library to offer electronic reference materials such as encyclopedias and magazines
- 74% think that the state should continue funding to improve existing library buildings
- 77% think that the state should continue funding library building grants to help strengthen rural communities
- 88% think that the state should continue funding library grants to support Oklahoma’s work in helping non-readers learn to read
- 97% feel that the support of libraries is a good use of tax dollars.

The data surrounding school library media centers is equally as staggering. Keith Lance Curry’s original Colorado study found that the size of the library staff and collection are predictors of higher reading scores. Reading test scores were found to be 5 to 15 percent higher across elementary and secondary schools. This study has been replicated and extended in several states. Other predictors have also been identified to improve student achievement. These include:

- the presence of professional librarian is active in an instructional role in a school
- the level of development of the school library,
- the extent to which school librarians engage in leadership and collaboration activities that foster information literacy, and
- the extent to which instructional technology is utilized to extend the reach of the library program beyond the walls of the school library.*

School libraries do make a significant difference for Oklahoma students.

Librarians across our state use their collective leadership, wisdom and tenacity to serve those who need library services now more than ever. Need us for what you might ask? To find a job, to escape from reality for just a moment, to imagine, to learn, to suspend disbelief, to ponder, to question, to celebrate. We celebrate living in a place where every person, any person, all people—all generations, all cultures—can enter a library and find information, ponder, and question. Libraries do change lives.

Keep building library communities

-Kathryn Lewis

The Western Plains Library System announces that Jane Janzen, who is Assistant District Librarian for WPLS, will become District Librarian when Longtime District Librarian, Dee Ann Ray, retires at the end of March.

Janzen has been with WPLS for 20 years plus, and holds the Master of Information and Library Science Degree from an ALA accredited Library School, which is required by Oklahoma Law to hold the District Librarian's job. Janzen is a native of Washita County. "Jane is an asset to the Western Plains Library System and will do an excellent job for the area," states Dee Ann Ray. "I am pleased about her appointment by the WPLS Board to succeed me, because I know she will run a good library. I plan to use the library a lot when I retire, you see."

Janzen started working for the Western Plains Library System as Bookmobile Librarian some 20 plus years ago. She attended the O.U. School of Information and Library Science and obtained her Master's degree there. She previously had held a Bachelor's degree in Education.

"Jane has worked as our Reference Coordinator, has done yeoman service on the E-Rate discounts for WPLS and currently is Assistant District Librarian," says Ray. "We have worked very closely together on the change in automation software WPLS made in January, so Jane has wonderful job experience and the confidence of the WPLS board and staff."

Ray will have worked for WPLS almost 37 years when she retires, and has worked in libraries for almost 47 years total. Ray is a native of Tulsa and came to Western Oklahoma to work in 1966 when the two county library demonstration, which later became the four county Western Plains Library System started. "I've been through a lot of changes in the library world," explains Ray. "I am looking forward to having time to do some reading not related to work or doing programs. I also have some personal research and writing projects I have delayed until retirement. When things settle down some, I hope to do some volunteer work for WPLS with indexing the old area newspapers, a job we could never afford to hire anyone to do, but which needs doing. However, before the end of March, we have a lot of work ahead of us to make the change in library software and migrate our databases. We have been working and planning for this change for several years. It is an advancement we believe our library patrons will like and certainly will make the library even more accessible through the WPLS web-page (http://www.wplibs.com) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

OLAS Press Release

December 20, 2002

- Approved a salary increase of $40/year for the Let's Talk About It Oklahoma program director.

January 17, 2003

- Approved and endorsed OLA publicity ad hoc committee proposal of a statewide literacy campaign, Read Ya'll.
- Accepted OSU's offer to house OLA archives
- Approved to take membership at annual conference dues schedule changes. Budget Committee proposed a 5% dues increase for 2003-2004 and another 5% increase for 2005-2006. They also proposed a 100% increase in the cost of division and roundtable memberships from $1 to $2.
- Approved no roundtable membership fee for first-time members of New Members Roundtable

February 26, 2003

- Approved the Endowment Ad Hoc Committee's proposal of establishing an endowment fund. Committee's proposal is to set a fund goal of $1 million to consist of two components: a capital campaign for $250,000 and an endowment campaign for $750,000. Objective of the capital campaign is to purchase office space for OLA. The $750,000 endowment would be used to help provide OLA with income. The principal would not be spent. And until the $750,000 is raised, no more than 5% of the interest can be spent.
- Approved $1000 to be used as seed money to develop and print a brochure and possibly work with a consultant to plan an OLA endowment campaign.
- Approved addition to membership form to allow contributions to the endowment to be paid along with dues.
- Approved submission of the bylaws changes at annual conference
- Approved Legislative Day brochure and statement of support for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to be included in Legislative Day packets.
- Approved with revision statement developed by OASLMS regarding HB1480 (change in standards for school library media specialists to be disseminated as needed in the name of OLA
- Approved to establish an OLA account for ODL/OLA public librarians certification program funds. Administration of funds of this account would still be administered by the Certification Board.
- Approved the list of items to be included in the annual conference packets
- Adopted the long range plan prepared by the Long Range Planning Committee
- Authorized Executive Director to begin negotiations with the National Center for Employee Development (Postal Training Center) in Norman for the 2005 annual conference

March, 2003—No Board Meeting
Looking Ahead: 2007 and the Centennial

Andy Peters, OLA's wonderful web manager, has established areas in OLA's website (www.oklibs.org) through which the Centennial Committee is planning to share lots of great information and bibliographies especially designed to assist librarians participate in the state's and OLA's centennial which both occur in 2007. It is beginning with a monthly series called "Focus on Libraries" that will feature a library or two each month over the next 5 years. It is a great opportunity to share a photo and short history of YOUR library. We want to include academic, public, school, and special libraries. Take a look at the ones that are up now for a tip on what to send. A photo is an important part! Tanya Finchurn is coordinating the project. Contact her for help in getting started at tanya@okstate.edu or by phone at Edmon Low Library, OSU.

Future additions to the site will include Sarah Haney's History of OLA, a list of OLA officers and award winners; adult and juvenile bibliographies about Oklahoma; a list of Oklahoma-related materials that every library should own; and much more. We thank Andy and others for developing this rich resource for all librarians. Please take advantage of it as we move toward 2007.

Jan Keene

DID YOU KNOW...

How Many People Work in Libraries?
The library work force includes librarians and other professionals, paraprofessionals, clerical and technical personnel. Statistics are not available for each category of personnel in each type of library. The chart below summarizes the latest available statistics on the two major categories — librarians and other professionals, and other paid staff — in the three types of libraries for which reliable national figures are available.

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Comparable figures for employment in special libraries (e.g., libraries serving businesses, scientific agencies, hospitals, law firms, and nonprofit organizations) are not available. However, based on information available from several related associations we estimate that approximately 15,307 librarians work in special libraries, bringing the total number of librarians to 140,460. At this time, it is not possible to estimate the number of the other paid staff in special libraries. As of December 2000, there were 58 graduate programs in library and information studies in the U.S. and Canada accredited by the American Library Association. Each year more than 4,500 persons receive the master's degree from these programs - the accepted professional degree for librarians.

ALA 10/2002

How Many Libraries Are There in the United States?
There are an estimated 117,418 libraries of all kinds in the United States today. No annual survey provides statistics on all types of libraries.


Figures for special libraries, armed forces libraries, and government libraries come from the American Library Directory™, which is a two-volume set currently published by Information Today, Inc. Find out more about this publication at the Information Today, Inc. Web site, at: www.infotoday.com/catalog/direct.html#ald

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3,658  
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2,220  
93,861  
76,807  
17,054  
9,170  
329  
1,326  
117,418

*The number of central buildings is different from the number of public libraries because some public library systems have no central building and some have more than one.
**Special libraries include Corporate, Medical, Law, Religions, etc.

ALA 10/2002
The Oklahoma Library Association passed a resolution supporting the ALA "Resolution on the USA PATRIOT Act and Related Measures That Infringe on the Rights of Library Users" at its annual membership meeting on March 28, 2003.

Resolution on the USA Patriot Act and Related Measures That Infringe on the Rights of Library Users

WHEREAS, The American Library Association affirms the responsibility of the leaders of the United States to protect and preserve the freedoms that are the foundation of our democracy; and
WHEREAS, Libraries are a critical force for promoting the free flow and unimpeached distribution of knowledge and information for individuals, institutions, and communities; and
WHEREAS, The American Library Association holds that suppression of ideas undermines a democratic society; and
WHEREAS, Privacy is essential to the exercise of free speech, free thought, and free association; and, in a library, the subject of users' interests should not be examined or scrutinized by others; and
WHEREAS, Certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, the revised Attorney General Guidelines to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other related measures expand the authority of the federal government to investigate citizens and non-citizens, to engage in surveillance, and to threaten civil rights and liberties guaranteed under the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights; and
WHEREAS, The USA PATRIOT Act and other recently enacted laws, regulations, and guidelines increase the likelihood that the activities of library users, including their use of computers to browse the Web or access e-mail, may be under government surveillance without their knowledge or consent; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association opposes any use of governmental power to suppress the free and open exchange of knowledge and information or to intimidate individuals exercising free inquiry; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association encourages all librarians, library administrators, library governing bodies, and library advocates to educate their users, staff, and communities about the process for compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act and other related measures and about the dangers to individual privacy and the confidentiality of library records resulting from those measures; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urges librarians everywhere to defend and support user privacy and free and open access to knowledge and information; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association will work with other organizations, as appropriate, to protect the rights of inquiry and free expression; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association will take actions as appropriate to obtain and publicize information about the surveillance of libraries and library users by law enforcement agencies and to assess the impact on library users and their communities; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urges all libraries to adopt and implement patron privacy and record retention policies that affirm that "the collection of personally identifiable information should only be a matter of routine or policy when necessary for the fulfillment of the mission of the library" (ALA Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights); and, be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Library Association considers sections of the USA PATRIOT Act are a present danger to the constitutional rights and privacy rights of library users and urges the United States Congress to: provide active oversight of the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act and other related measures, and the revised Attorney General Guidelines to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; hold hearings to determine the extent of the surveillance on library users and their communities; and amend or change the sections of these laws and the guidelines that threaten or abridge the rights of inquiry and free expression; and, be it further
RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Attorney General of the United States, to Members of both Houses of Congress, to the library community, and to others as appropriate.

Initiated by: Committee on Legislation
Cosponsored by: Committee on Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee
Endorsed by: OITP Advisory Committee, LITA
Endorsed in principle by: ACRL, ALTA Executive Board, ALSC, ASCLA, AASL Legislation Committee, Intellectual Freedom Round Table
Adopted by the ALA Council, January 29, 2003
HOUSTON, HERE I CAME!

What an opportunity I had the first week of April. Through a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries I was able to attend the Texas Library Association annual conference. It took eleven hours to get to Houston but it was worth the trip and getting up at 4:30 in the morning.

The conference started off with a bang, a laugh and a cry when Dr. Bill Cosby was the speaker for the first general session. The huge assembly hall was filled to overflowing with Texas Library Association members. He walked out on the stage dressed in a sweatshirt (with Rice University on it), sweatpants and sandals. He spoke about his new book, Friends of a Feather, which was illustrated by his oldest daughter. He also spoke of one of his elementary teachers who was very mean to him (in his opinion). She had gone to school with his mother and the two women conspired to keep Bill in line. When this teacher died none of her family wanted anything to do with her so Bill received her ashes and has them sitting on the mantle of his home with the ashes of his mother. He made me laugh and cry all in a few short minutes.

The second general session featured futurist, Robert Cringely. He spoke of his start in the computer business working for Apple computers and the changes he has seen in the computer industry. He got teary-eyed when he spoke of his friendship with Mr. Rogers who died recently.

While at the conference I attended sessions on public values, time management, leadership and troubleshooting the problem maker. One special session I attended was on "Mysterious Women" that included Carolyn Hart and Marion Hill, both from Oklahoma, and three authors from Texas: Sujuta Massey, Chris Rogers and Barbara Smith. There were over 70 authors signing autographs including Joan Lowery Nixon, Eve Bunting and our own Frank Keating and Mike Wimmer. The exhibit hall was full of over 400 exhibitors ranging from A to Z.

It only costs thirty dollars to be an out-of-state member of the Texas Library Association so it would be worth your time and money to become a member and attend the 2004 conference in San Antonio.

Mary Arthur

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Poster was already available from the Library’s server.

Each librarian chose an individual periodical title to index and in August began entering the citations starting with the year 2000 issues onward. The principle investigator reviewed the citation records for quality control and met to discuss questions and problems. In October, the Index databases for the individual periodicals were uploaded and test searches were successful.

In January 2002, the members met to discuss promoting the Index and development of the Index’s homepage begins. Later in the spring, the Library faculty previewed the Index. An official URL address from the Digital Library Systems Department was provided. It was decided that the Index link would reside under the Library’s Web page “Indexes and Databases.” The project members agreed that before making the Index available to the public that all 2001 issues had to be completed.

A student worker was hired in April 2002 and began entering retrospective issues starting with the 1999 issues on back. The student entered the basic citation information of title, author, volume and issue number, and paging. Project members are gradually assigning keywords and subject headings to these older issues while fully indexing current issues. In June 2002, the Index was made available to the public.

The Index has been well received in the library community. In the future, project members will consider the possibility of adding other Oklahoma periodicals to the Index. The members involved in this project would like to thank those institutions that have provided a link to the Index from their Websites and to the Amigos Library Services for their financial support.

Janet H. Ahrberg, Tanya Finchum, Suzanne Holcombe, Michael Kim
Calling All “Would Be” Editors!

After being editor of the Oklahoma Librarian since August 2000, the time has come for me to step down and let new blood and ideas take over. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to edit a newsletter, now’s your chance!

Being editor of the Librarian is not brain surgery. It does demand some time and forethought but overall I found it to be a lot easier than I thought. Occasionally you may have to solicit articles but more often the articles appear without you begging for them. I was really surprised that I didn’t have to arm twist anyone for articles. OLA’s membership is always helpful in writing articles or submitting one asking you to publish.

Additionally, the Librarian will be moved to being web-based starting with the July/August 2003 issue. You will be working with OLA’s web-master. A print version of the Librarian will still be produced but the issue created will be used in both formats.

The position of editor is a two-year commitment. I plan to remain editor through the May/June 2004 issue and thought it would be easier on my successor to work with them the last year of my editorship and their first. The position then can continue as a co-editorship if you wish with you finding your replacement for your second year.

If you think you’d like to know more or want to be the new editor contact me. Pat Williams, editor

The Librarian is changing.

Oh, you’ll still be able to get your Oklahoma Librarian in hard copy if that is what you wish, but starting with the July/August 2003 issue the Librarian will be published online at OLA’s website (www.oklibs.org).

Your issue of the Librarian will no longer be sent to you by “snail” mail…unless you tell us differently. Over the past two years it has been the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee that the Librarian investigate and move to being published online. This will allow those nasty postage costs to be minimized and save the organization some much needed dollars. The executive board voted to go to this format at the November meeting.

The Executive Board realizes that a hard copy still needs to be produced for those institutions that subscribe and for those of the membership that do not have easy access to the Internet or who are not as comfortable with this new process. We just need to know who and where you are.

Therefore, if you prefer to get your copy of the Oklahoma Librarian starting with the July/August issue in paper format please let us know, otherwise you will no longer get it in the mail. We need your feedback by the end of June 2003.

Complete the form below and send it to us by mail, fax or e-mail. This is a big step forward for the Oklahoma Librarian and for the organization. We hope you will like it. We’re also hoping this new format will allow for more graphics and better reproduction of pictures from all those great workshops and of course, conference.

Pat Williams, editor

I still prefer to get my issue of the Oklahoma Librarian by regular mail.

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T-shirt and lapel pins now!
During the Oklahoma Library Association Annual conference 2003 a very enthusiastic Publicity Ad Hoc Committee introduced the Read Y'all literacy campaign. Read Y'all lapel pins were distributed to attendees and the first poster of the project, featuring Governor Henry and First Lady Kim Henry, was unveiled. The overwhelming success and popularity drives the committee’s decision to offer the T-shirt and lapel pins for sale.

The t-shirts will be ordered in early June and will be mailed to you in July.

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READ'Y ALL $3.00 each Number of lapel pins ordered: __________________________

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