



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fall has arrived for us in academia. The opportunity to view each academic year as a new beginning has always seemed to me to be one of the “perks” that keeps many of us in this environment. Following that strand, I offer some opportunities for “new” explorations for this new Fall.

- ◆ As we all listen to the rhetoric of another election year, it seems appropriate to consider the national ACRL legislative/public policy agenda. The goal of this agenda is to “educate academic librarians about legislative/public policy issues pertinent to academic libraries and higher education.” The web site constructed to provide information on issues that make up ACRL’s legislative agenda is: <<http://www.ala.org/acrl/legalis.html>>. Here you will find information on such issues as copyright and Internet 2.
- ◆ The May 1998 issue of *Computers in Libraries* was devoted to distance education, and the editor titled her column: *Distance Learning Challenges Us to Adapt Our Services*. How true! The Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL invites you to the annual Fall Conference, Friday, November 13, 1998, at the University of Oklahoma and hear and share discussion about the theme, *From Vision to Reality: Libraries and Distance Education* (see this issue of the newsletter for the registration form). We also invite you to consider this an opportunity to “bring a colleague” to the dialogue, whether a fellow academic librarian, a librarian in an academic or school setting in your community, or an administrator in your college or university. Consider making this an opportunity to encourage a paraprofessional or a potential library school student in academic librarianship by facilitating their attendance at this conference.
- ◆ Consider “getting involved” by being willing to run for an office or board position in the Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL. Contact THOMAS THORISCH at tthorisc@vm.tulsa.cc.ok.us
- ◆ Put the dates of April 8 through April 11, 1999 on your calendar. That is the ACRL National Conference in Detroit, and the theme is *Racing Toward Tomorrow*. A number of the OK ACRL Officers and Board members are planning on attending; consider networking to cut costs. If you’re interested in locating a roommate from Oklahoma for the conference, contact: ANNE PRESTAMO prestam@okstate.edu or 405-744-6309 or STEVE LOCY slocy@okway.okstate.edu or 405-744-3272.

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WHAT'S NEW

- ♦ The Bizzell Library at the **UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA** has undergone some renovations during the summer. New signage has been placed throughout the libraries to help students find their way to the services and collections. The Reference Desk was moved closer to the west entrance to provide better visibility and to integrate reference services with the computer workstations available to the students. Two new reading lounges were opened with couches and stuffed chairs. These lounges were initiated with the support of the President of the University. A third lounge is planned to open during the 1998/99 school year.
- ♦ The Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center of the **LANGSTON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES** has received a grant from the Territory Speakers Program of the Oklahoma Humanities Council to present three programs in the upcoming school year. **PAUL LEHMAN** of the University of Central Oklahoma will present two lectures: American Literature in our Multicultural Society scheduled for Oct. 20. Dr. Lehman will also present Black Americans in Oklahoma History scheduled for Feb. 9. **DR. DANIEL C. SNELL** from the University of Oklahoma will present *What is Islam?* scheduled for Feb. 25. All lectures will take place at the Black Heritage Center on the Langston University Campus in Langston.
- ♦ This summer a number of journals have become available in electronic format as well as in the paper version at **SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**. These have been added to our home page <www.swosu.edu/library>.
- ♦ The staff of the **OSU-OKMULGEE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER** held a reception for all the faculty. The reception was held during the first week of the semester. This was the first semester we have done this. We received many positive comments and it appears this will be an annual event. Our purpose for holding the reception was to encourage faculty to see what resources and services the unit has to offer, and to encourage faculty to use the resources with their students, and help keep the collection current.
- ♦ The Friends of the **OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY** has awarded author **JUDITH VIORST** the H. Louise Cobb Distinguished Author Award for 1998. Ms. Viorist will speak at a black-tie dinner Friday, Nov. 6 in Stillwater. Tickets are available until Friday, Oct. 30. For more information call (405) 744-6322 or visit <www.library.okstate.edu>.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

- ♦ **East Central University** invites applications for a librarian to join a full-time staff of fifteen, including seven professionals. This position will assume responsibility for audiovisual services and library electronic media. Duties also include shared reference (some night and weekend hours), collection development and faculty liaison. The Library is automated with INNOPAC. A new library facility was dedicated in the fall of 1997. Qualifications: ALA-MLS, excellent communication skills, strong public service orientation and computer literacy required. Experience in academic library reference, familiarity with emerging media technologies (e.g., web pages, instructional design) desired. Faculty rank of instructor (non tenure-track); 12-month appointment, 20 days annual leave; standard benefits. Salary minimum: \$25,000.

East Central University is a regional, four-year university (enrollment approx. 4,000 students) located in Ada, Oklahoma. The University offers baccalaureate and selected master's degrees, and is committed to teaching excellence.

To apply, send a letter of application, resume, transcripts, and names of three references to Mr. Dale Hayden, Personnel Director, East Central University, Ada, OK 74280. Review of applications will begin Oct. 1 and continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

ANNUAL FALL

CONFERENCE NEWS:

- ♦ Conference Preregistration for the 1998 ACRL Fall Conference is also possible through the ACRL-Oklahoma Chapter webpage <www.library.okstate.edu/okacrl/intro.htm> **STEVE LOCY** and **ANNE PRESTAMO** have posted a registration form which can be printed and mailed or faxed to Laura Bottoms. Please consider preregistration so that the treasurer can prepare the "Registration Paid" slips for your conference package. Share the information with faculty and staff of your institution who are working with, or are interested in, Distance Education and its impact on library services.



PERSONNEL NEWS:

- ◆ **DAVID CORBLY** is the new Assistant Director of Library Systems at University of Oklahoma's Bizzell Library. Some people may remember David when he was at Southwestern University. He returned to Oklahoma after working at the University of Northern Iowa.
- ◆ At Langston's University Libraries, **KATE CORBETT** joins the staff as Reference/Technical Services Librarian. Connie Hughes was appointed as Technical Services Assistant, while Hollis Sumo joins us as Serials/Government Documents Assistant.
- ◆ The new Library Director at Carl Albert State College is **KAREN NEUROHR**. Her new email address is: kaneurohr@casc.cc.ok.us
- ◆ **MARY EDITH BUTLER** took the position of Library Director at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton as of Aug. 3. Her e-mail is: mebutler@eosc.cc.ok.us. **JOYCE SHELTON** has taken a director of testing and developmental services job.
- ◆ **RICK SAYRE**, former Director of the Phillips University Library, has been appointed Director of Hewes Library at Monmouth College. His business address:
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- ◆ **FRANCINE J. FISK**, has been named as Library Director for McFarlin at The University of Tulsa, as of September 15. Fisk, who has been with TU since 1985, served as the Coordinator of General Services for five years prior to her recent appointment. Fisk is replacing **ROBERT PATTERSON** who retired May 31.

ELECTIONS FOR ACRL CHAPTER OFFICERS:

- ◆ **CANDIDATES:** As in every fall, we are in the process of looking for candidates among current and new ACRL members who would be willing to serve on the board as officers and board members. Participating in the work of the ACRL board presents a great opportunity get to know librarians across the state, contribute to conference preparations with national keynote speakers, and address issues of academic librarianship. The board meets usually once a month at various academic libraries.
- ◆ **ELECTIONS:** Our annual fall conference (November 13) is used to distribute the ballots to our members. ACRL members who are unable to attend the conference will receive the ballots in the mail.
- ◆ **AVAILABLE POSITIONS:** We need to fill the positions of President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member. Our bylaws state that the chapter should post two candidates for each position if possible.

The President-Elect is a 3-year commitment (1 yr. as pres.-elect, 1 yr. as president, 1 yr. as past-president assisting the board in its tasks); Treasurer and Secretary are 1-yr. appointments. These 3 officer positions are required to hold a full membership with National ACRL. The board member serving 2 years can be a member of the Oklahoma Chapter only.

- ◆ **NOMINATIONS:** The President-Elect heads the 3 member nomination committee. We already have a number of interested candidates, but we are still looking for "a few good librarians" willing to be candidates.

Please contact Thomas Thorisch if you are willing to serve and interested in participating on the board. Don't be shy to present yourself as candidate and potential board member.

If you can think of a colleague who would be interested or would make a good candidate for board member, send us his/her name. We would contact your colleagues and ask them personally if they would consider running for office.

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PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY UPDATE:

- ♦ The **PTS LIBRARY** consists of a collection of over 140,000 resource items and serves the Phillips Theological Seminary students, faculty, and staff, as well as the University of Tulsa campus. It currently consists of three main collections: The Phillips Seminary Collection located in McFarlin Library (University of Tulsa); the Sheridan Collection located in the QuikTrip Corporate Headquarters Building in Tulsa; and, the Enid Collection located in University Place Christian Church and a store front storage facility in Enid.

MICHAEL STRICKLAND, Theological Library, is in charge of the Phillips Seminary Collection and provides reference help, bibliographic instruction and collection development for the total library. **ROBERTA HAMBURGER**, Director of the library, manages the Sheridan collection as well as providing the cataloging and processing of all the materials. A full-time staff person is also at the Sheridan site for periodical control and acquisitions work. Norma Lansberry, Head of Public Services (in our previous life), manages the Enid collection.

Interlibrary loan lending has had to be suspended for the time being. We hope to have a classroom/library building within the next two to three years. At that time, the collection will be rejoined and we can again resume ILL lending.

Our motto for the duration is: "On the road to ONE Library, ONE Collection."