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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



As the new president of the ACRL\ Oklahoma Chapter I invite all members to take an active part in the chapter's 1999 events. Our recent presidents made great strides in improving communication among chapter members. Discussion list (acrl@slis.lib.ou.edu) and chapter web pages are alive and well thanks to past and current board members from OU and OSU. Visit us at "<http://www.library.okstate.edu/okacrl/intro.htm>". Membership forms, upcoming events and a window to "Talk to Us" are posted as part of the web page.

One of this year's main issues will be the question of incorporating vs. merging with the state library organization. We are currently in the process of evaluating our options which will be presented to the chapter members and put to a vote at a later time.

The second main point on our agenda is the annual fall conference. As professional organization we try to address topics of interest or concern to colleagues from universities and colleges, both private and public. The new millennium is approaching rapidly. And with it new challenges for us as professional librarians and our libraries as institutions.

Yes, our libraries will be more technology oriented.

Yes, traditional librarianship will undergo changes.

Where is the place for professional librarians in this picture? Will we become mere 'technicians', or 'cyber facilitators' concerned with hyperlinked computers that allow remote distance learners access to audiovisual sensory enhanced virtual databases?

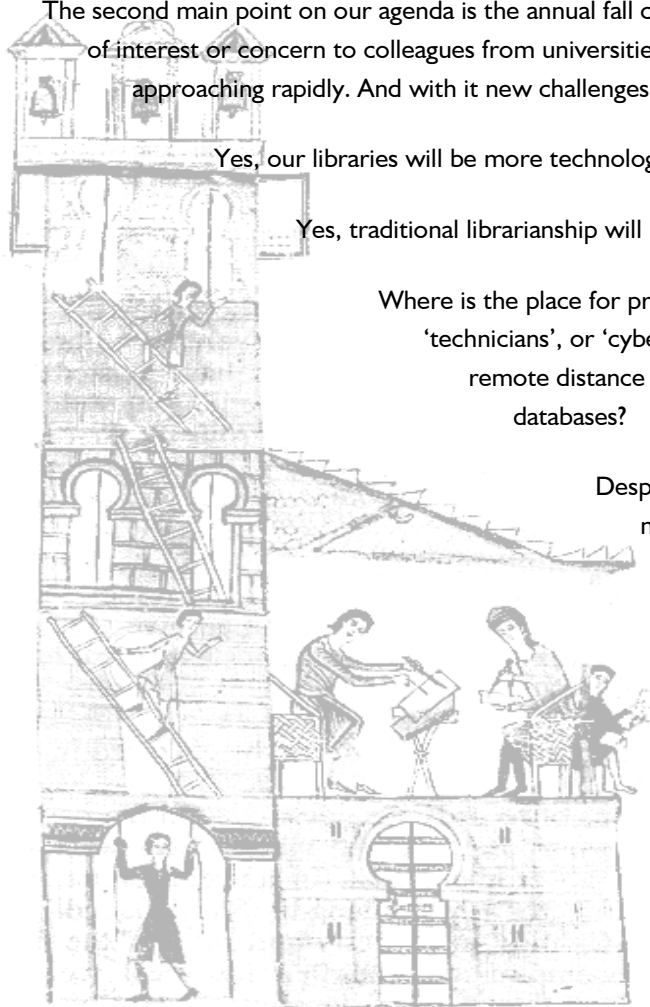
Despite the overwhelming orientation towards technology in the next millennium, or perhaps because of it, the board is exploring the aspects of the "human factor" in academic librarianship as a conference topic.

Stanford University President G. Casper said that "the essence of higher education institutions is the promotion of rational discourse" and future technologies are just a means to that end, I might add. If we see ourselves supporting this tenet, future LIBRARIANS will be as essential in academia as they were at the time of the great library of Alexandria.

THOMAS THORISCH

President

Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL





ACRL/OK BROWN BAG LUNCH MEETING

AT OLA CONFERENCE

♦ Friday, March 26 — 11:30 AM-1:00PM

♦ Check the Final Conference Program for room assignment

All ACRL-OK members are being asked to attend and to offer input on two issues, one a proposal involving a change in our bylaws and the other a consideration of the direction for the future of our organization. The proposed bylaw change needs to be voted on by as many members as possible. Please take this opportunity and stop by. We promise to keep the meeting as lively, short, and non-legalistic as possible.

1) Bylaws - Currently ARTICLE X. Nominations and Elections. Section 2 of the ACRL-OK bylaws deal with elections of the Board of Directors. Rhonda Taylor, 1998 ACRL-OK President, has proposed changes to allow voting of the Board members during our annual conference. The ACRL-OK Board has noticed a large percentage of ballots returned if ballots are distributed during the day of the conference. At the last two Annual Conferences ballots were collected the day of the conference and were also accepted by mail. ACRL-OK Chapter members who did not attend the conference were mailed ballots. Keeping in mind this approach to increasing membership participation in the election process, the Board has agreed to the following changes in the Bylaws: Current Reading: "Ballots shall be mailed by October 15 and returned by November 15."

Proposed Bylaws Change: "Ballots shall be provided to members present at the annual Fall Conference for on-site voting; members not present will receive a ballot by mail. All members will be offered the opportunity to return ballots by mail. Ballots must be returned and counted by November 30."

2) Incorporation - The ACRL Board at their 1998 Annual Meeting has stated that each ACRL state chapter must incorporate or belong to an incorporated state association by the end of the year 2000. There has been some discussion at the ACRL-OK Board meetings about the issues associated with being incorporated or joining OLA. Though several ACRL state chapters are affiliated with their state library association, most notably Texas, the ACRL-OK Board members would like your opinion how to proceed since it may necessitate a change in our bylaws and organization.

♦ **If you want your opinion known, please contact any Board member and/or come to meeting.**

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

- ♦ If you belong to ACRL National you are automatically a member of ACRL-OK. We receive a list of national members from ALA/ACRL annually, but would appreciate it if you would return the membership form enclosed in the newsletter to ensure that our records are up to date.
- ♦ If you are not a member of ACRL National you can join the ACRL-OK Chapter for \$10 per year. OLA-UCD members are eligible for a special \$5 per year membership. Please use the enclosed form to join, or to renew your membership. Or, use the form on the ACRL-OK website: <http://www.library.okstate.edu/okacrl/member.htm>



NEWS:

- ◆ From **BEVERLY JONES & DAVID SCOTT** at Southwestern Oklahoma State University:
New Electronic Resources:
 - Marquis' Who's Who
 - CliniSphere (aka Facts and Comparisons)
 - Goodman and Gillman's
 - Windows version of Newsbank
 - 13 new workstations (350 MHz Pentium II w/ 64 MB of Ram)
 - Access to PsycInfo via Searchbank
 - Project Muse
 - Additionally we took 15 older terminals and created a teaching room where the students can get hands on practice after a bibliographic instruction session. We also are allowing faculty to reserve the room for presentations using the library databases, thus freeing up our main terminals for regular library patrons not here with a class. This has proven quite effective.
 - We are using our web page (<http://www.swosu.edu/library>) as a means to inform patrons of our updates. This page has grown quite lengthy!
- ◆ From **MARY EDITH BUTLER**, Library Director at Eastern Oklahoma State College: We have a new, snazzy web site. The address is: www.eosc.cc.ok.us/library
- ◆ From **JEANIE CAVETT**, Coordinator of Reference Services at Rose State College Learning Resources Center: Rose State College Learning Resources Center in Midwest City, Oklahoma has moved into the 21st Century with its bibliographic instruction. It has opened a new training/computer lab for usage in orientations. Twenty-four computers allow students to have hands-on experience while the instructor demonstrates using an infocus camera. Among some of the databases offered are: EBSCOhost, SIRS, SearchBank, FirstSearch, the online catalog, Ethic NewsWatch, several newspapers, and the Encyclopedia Americana. The number of computer assistance requests in the Reference Area following orientations has been measurably reduced.
- ◆ Congratulations to **MELISSA CAST**, former ACRL-OK Board Secretary and librarian at NEOSU. She has joined the staff at the national ACRL offices as Membership Director. We will miss Melissa and wish her all the best!
- ◆ OSU welcomes **TAMRA STANSFIELD**, as a new humanities/social sciences librarian.

REMINDER-OLA PRE-CONFERENCE

- ◆ Wednesday, March 24
- ◆ 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Library Support for Distance Learners
- ◆ Sponsor: University & College Division/Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors
- ◆ For those who attended the ACRL-OK Fall conference here's another opportunity to hear Dr. Richard Madaus, Director, College Center for Library Automation and Chair, Steering Committee for Distance Learning of the Florida Distance Learning Library Initiative. The initiative is a cooperative effort of Florida's public state university and community colleges, as well as public libraries through the State Library of Florida to support emerging distance education programs in Florida. The program will include a reactor panel of university administrators and public and university librarians.

OBIC NEWS

- ◆ OBIC met Friday March 5 at the Dulaney-Browne Library at Oklahoma City University. The program was a discussion of library service and bibliographic instruction for international students. The next meeting was set for the Oklahoma City Community College Library on Friday April 30. Any program suggestions are welcome. The topic for the next meeting has not been chosen. OBIC members are encouraged to attend the OLA Conference Program on BI on Thursday and the workshop on April 29. From **EDWIN WILES**, OBIC Chair

VISIT THE ACRL-OK WEBSITE

- ◆ <http://www.library.okstate.edu/okacrl/intro.htm>



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LIBRARIANS' CHANGING ROLES—WEBSITES CITED

Following the inspiration of Oklahoma ACRL President **THOMAS THORISCH**, several of the Board members searched the Internet for examples of some of the changing roles of librarians as a result of technology. Here are some of the areas of change that they found.

The ALA has interpreted its Library Bill of Rights in terms of access to electronic information. Take a look at its page titled "Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights" at <http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/electacc.html>). In it, the ALA asserts everyone's right to the freedom of speech and the related right to receive all types of information. "Libraries and librarians exist to facilitate the exercise of these rights by selecting, producing, providing access to, identifying, retrieving, organizing, providing instruction in the use of, and preserving recorded expression regardless of the format or technology." This document emphasizes the rights of users to information access, confidentiality, and privacy, and specifically includes users who are minors.

Another issue that has become especially important in academic libraries is "information literacy." ACRL has a link on its web site with many resources on this topic. See <http://www.ala.org/acrl/infolit.html>. The Institute for Information Literacy, <http://www.ala.org/acrl/nili/nilihlp.html> has been established with three goals in mind. The first is to train instruction librarians, the second to develop and provide programming for library administrators on information literacy issues, and the third is to support ACRL and the National Forum on Information Literacy in various higher education initiatives. This site has a collection of links to academic institutions and other organizations that have established goals for information literacy competencies. There is also an article about integrating information literacy into the curriculum at college and university libraries. Other links are to reports from the ALA Presidential Committee on Information Literacy. The Institute is sponsoring a week-long Immersion Program with intensive training for instruction librarians this summer.

Continuing with the information literacy theme, the National Forum on Information Literacy has a home page of interest to librarians. See <http://www.infolit.org/>. This is a coalition of 75 educational, business, and government organizations working to promote awareness of the need for information literacy and encouraging activities leading to its acquisition. Members include ALA, ACRL, and other library organizations. This site includes a useful bibliography of print and video sources as well as links to related Internet sites.

Copyright is another topic that librarians need to keep current on. An upcoming teleconference sponsored by ARL and other groups will address recent changes in copyright requirements. "Copyright in the New Millennium" will be presented on Friday, May 21, and is announced on the site arl.cni.org/dmca/video.html. It will include a panel of experts discussing the implications of the new laws for libraries, archives, and educational institutions. Site registration is required for the broadcast, and it is hoped that at least some libraries in Oklahoma will offer this teleconference.

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