



## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Does it really matter whether we are entering the new millennium in a few days, have entered it already, or will have to go one more year until 2001? As academic librarians, we constantly face turning points in our professional lives. Technologies change, our academic institutions emerge in new shapes and forms, new "information providers" show up on the horizon (see for yourself and ask Jeeves at <http://www.ask.com/index.asp>). Libraries are not what they used to be. Or is there a constant hidden in all this? Libraries provide information, regardless of format, for people who are in need of it. But without trained professionals - librarians, cybrarians, knowledge managers, real people that is - most would be lost. In the words of **LARRY HARDESTY**, President of National ACRL, it's "personal contact, personal contact, and thirdly, personal contact". The human element proves most important. This was confirmed in our conference evaluation forms with many librarians noting that they took the conference as an opportunity to "network" and meet colleagues from around the state.

Visit our chapter website ("<http://okacrl.okstate.edu>") to find yourself and your colleagues in the many photos, that **ANNE PRESTAMO** took during the conference. Continue the networking by joining our chapter in a board member or officer function.

Real librarians made our fall conference the annual highpoint. Librarians contributed ideas, experience, imagination, personal connections, know-how, and a few dozen other skills, humor included. I am deeply grateful to the members of this year's ACRL board. **SUSAN HAHN, JULIA**

**CRAWFORD, RHONDA TAYLOR, LAURA BOTTOMS, BETSY TONN, DARCY RANKIN, ANNE PRESTAMO, and ED WILES**, many thanks for your help and commitment that made 1999 a successful year for our chapter.

Speaking of accomplishments: the process of incorporating our chapter is almost finished (minus some paper work). The membership voted overwhelmingly in favor of this option. We have maintained a close relationship with our colleagues from OLA's University and College Division, and some cooperative projects with other library organizations have been set up for next year, as the next newsletter will detail. Our chapter Webpage, with its own domain name "[okacrl.okstate.edu](http://okacrl.okstate.edu)", has become a stately window to the (cyber) world. The new board members and chapter officers are in place to assume their duties for the next year. Millennium or not - here we come!

**THOMAS THORISCH**

1999 President,  
Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL





## MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

### VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

(3year term)

#### ♦ **JULIA CRAWFORD**

Present position: Assistant Professor, Patent & Trademark Librarian , Patent Library, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Previous Positions: Medical Librarian, St John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, MO.

Education: M.L.I.S., Magna cum laude; University of Oklahoma B.S., Mathematics, cum laude; Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO.

Professional Organizations/Service: ALA: New members round table, Government Documents Round table; ACRL. Patent & Trademark Depository Library Association (Secretary 99-00). Patent Information Users group. National Inventive Thinking Association. Patent Documentation Society. Oklahoma Chapter/ACRL (Secretary 99-00). Oklahoma Library Association: University & College Division, Government Documents Round Table.

### SECRETARY (1yr term)

#### ♦ **JIM WINTERBOTTOM**

Present Position: Reference Librarian/Health Sciences Resource Coordinator, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK

Previous Position: Contract Position, oversaw the day-to-day operations and supervised one part-time employee Cambrian College Health Sciences Library, Sudbury, Ontario.

Education: M.L.I.S., University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

B.A., Honours, History/English, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario.

Professional Organizations/Service: ALA, OLA

### TREASURER (1yr term)

#### ♦ **AUDREY DEFRANK**

Present Positions: Reference/Government Documents Library Technician, Al Harris Library, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford , OK

Previous Position: Library Internship, Bird Library, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK

Education: MLIS University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

B.S. Marketing, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK

Professional Organizations/Service: AILA (American Indian Library Association), OLA, OK/ACRL, OLA Government Documents Roundtable (secretary, 1997-89), Beta Phi Mu

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#### ♦ **MOLLY MURPHY**

Present Position: Assistant Professor, Document Delivery Librarian, Bizzell Library, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Previous Position: Acting Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Bizzell Library, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Education: M.L.I.S., University of Oklahoma M.P.A. (Masters of Public Administration), University of Oklahoma

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Professional Organizations/Service: ALA, OLA



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Present position: Reference/Instruction Librarian, Chambers Library, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

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Professional Organizations/Service: ALA, ACRL, OBI

Our new Officers and Board Members join those continuing:

- ♦ **SUSAN HAHN, PRESIDENT**
- ♦ **TOM THORISCH, PAST PRESIDENT**
- ♦ **DARCY RANKIN, BOARD MEMBER**
  
- ♦ The Board also welcomes **GWEN DOBBS**, the new OBIC Chair. Gwen is a Reference/Instruction Librarian at Chambers Library, University of Central Oklahoma. (B.F.A. University of Oklahoma, 1991, M.L.I.S. University of Oklahoma, 1998)
  
- ♦ Retiring Officers and Board Members are
  - ♦ **RHONDA TAYLOR (PAST-PRESIDENT)**
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## 1999 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE REPORT

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### **THE MILLENNIUM LIBRARIAN: INFORMATION MEDIATORS STILL NEEDED!**

- ◆ Friday, November 12, 1999  
 Center for International Trade Development  
 Oklahoma State University-Stillwater
- ◆ **CLAIRE MCINERNEY**, Assistant Professor, SLIS, University of Oklahoma titled her presentation "Cybrarians, Ontologists, and Knowledge Managers: A Brave New Century for Librarians." She identified several critical social trends that are affecting our profession, including the increase of knowledge-based work, growth in lifelong learning and virtual libraries, information economics and commerce, many rapid changes in the social fabric, and the World Wide Web. Librarians may move into new roles because our skills involving an understanding of data, information and knowledge are in demand. University Library and Information Studies programs are changing to meet the challenges, adding courses in areas such as systems, information ethics, instructional design, and the economics of information. To meet the future, we must try to find the opportunities that exist in many new areas of information management.
- ◆ **ED MEACHEN** is a former academic library director who is currently the Associate Vice President for Learning and Information Technology, University of Wisconsin System. He spoke on "Finding Order in Chaos: Academic Libraries in an Age of Change." He discussed the cultural differences between academic libraries and administrative computing centers before the rise of networks. Meachen discussed a study of the UW System which found that if Chief Information Officers came from a library background, they were more successful than if they came from administrative computing. The key issue seems to be an understanding of the relationship between technology and the mission of the institution. As the role of the academic library

changes, as it certainly will in the near future, we must "think outside the box" while always focusing on the services we provide. New librarians will have a good general education and public service philosophy; be technologically literate; be a translator between technology and teaching; and will assume management and leadership roles when the digital convergence occurs at their institutions.

- ◆ The final speaker was **LARRY HARDESTY**, Library Director at Austin College in Sherman, Texas and current president of ACRL. His presentation focused on faculty attitudes and culture regarding the academic library, and relationships between faculty and librarians. Unfortunately, the values of faculty culture may preclude seeing librarians as partners. Faculty culture values research and content of knowledge in a subspecialty over teaching and the process of learning. Other faculty characteristics are the need for professional autonomy and academic freedom, and resistance to change. They resist the idea of bibliographic instruction either because they don't even think of it, or they don't want to give up control and feel they must cover a large amount of material within their own disciplines. They also believe that librarians have lower status than faculty, and they are not self-critical enough to see what library instruction could add to their courses. He discussed several methods of reaching out to faculty, and emphasized that overwhelmingly, the most important factor is personal contact.

Visit the **OK-ACRL Website** to view the Conference Report. The page includes links to the presenters, and Conference photos.

<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/conference99/index.htm>