



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Colleagues:

The time of the seasons between Winter and Spring is fascinating. We hope for the newness and promise of Spring, but the threat of severe weather of Winter keeps shaking us back to reality! With an eye to the Spring, the OK-ACRL board has put together an exciting line-up. We're confident that winter will conclude, and we can move on to these activities:

1) **OK-ACRL Spring Workshop.** Entitled "Research on the Web: Not Necessarily an Oxymoron," this hands-on training seminar will be held Friday, March 30 from 9 am - 3 pm at Chambers Library, University of Central Oklahoma. Three speakers will share resources to help librarians empower their users/students to use the web for real research, not just surfing.

- **Linda West** of Northeastern State University will speak on subject guides;
- **Audrey DeFrank** will guide participants through math & science web resources;
- **Abbey Warner** will conclude the day with a command performance of her presentation to the Kansas Teachers of English.

For more information, visit our website <<http://okacrl.okstate.edu>> or register today at <<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/register.html>>. See Page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

2) **Brown bag luncheon at OLA.** Order the "box lunch" on your OLA registration form, and join us on Friday, April 20 (room to be announced) as we discuss by-laws changes and plans for our fall conference. We've discovered that our bylaws make no provision for election tie-breakers. The board will be discussing how to reword the bylaws to allow for tie-breakers (drawing lots, random numbers, rolls of dice, etc.). Come and help us decide how we should handle tie-breakers! The change to the by-laws will be presented for formal vote at the fall Conference.

And speaking of the Fall Conference, we're looking for input. Join us at the Brown Bag as we discuss potential topics.

Hope to see you at both the Spring Workshop March 30 and the Brown Bag Luncheon April 20 at OLA.

Best Regards,

Julia Crawford



SPECIAL COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

WOMEN'S ARCHIVES, OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Women's Archives at Oklahoma State University serves as a central information source about women associated with Oklahoma. Its goal is to preserve the contributions women make to family and community, science and culture, as well as business and government.

Since its establishment in 1995, the Women's Archives has been actively engaged in identifying and soliciting materials from women around the state. In some cases these materials were on the brink of being thrown away by family members who did not realize the value of their grandmother's or great aunt's diaries of establishing the family ranch, helping to build the first school in the county, or recounting the stories of what seemed to be an ordinary life.

In addition to materials from women and women's groups whose names may not be everyday household names, the Women's Archives includes the collections of pioneering ethnohistorian Angie Debo, state legislator and civil rights activist Hannah D. Atkins, the Navy WAVES, and Oklahoma educator Jessie Thatcher Bost, the first woman to graduate from Oklahoma A & M College.

A current emphasis of the Women's Archives is the collection of oral histories from women who lived through the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma. Approximately 200 women will be interviewed during this ambitious three-year project that began in fall

2000. To date, more than 60 interviews have been conducted with women who lived in Beaver, Cimarron, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Texas, and Woodward counties (the targeted counties for the project) during the Dust Bowl years. Participants in the project have ranged in age from 70 to 105 years. The Women's Archives is in the early stages of developing a website that will pull together resources from around the state and region on the Dust Bowl experience in Oklahoma.

Funding for the Women's Archives was put on more solid footing with the completion of a \$250,000 challenge grant in June 2000. The Women's Archives has also been the recipient of a \$50,000 gift, which established the Jessie Thatcher Bost Work Scholarship. Income from this endowed fund will create several paid internships annually in the Women's Archives for upper level undergraduate students.

The Women's Archives is located within the OSU Library's Department of Special Collections and University Archives. For more information call 405.744.6311 or visit our website at: <http://www.library.okstate.edu/DEPT/scua/women/women.htm>

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PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

During the last two elections, some of the races have been particularly close. The OK-ACRL bylaws do not provide for resolution of elections in the case of a tie. At our upcoming **Brown Bag Luncheon** (April 20, OLA), we'll discuss the possible wordings for this bylaws change. We want to select a tie-breaking method that is fair to the candidates for office, as well as a method that is quick to administer (i.e. NOT a run-off election). We propose adopting a wording similar to National ACRL's bylaws <<http://www.ala.org/acrl/bylaws.html>>.

According to the ACRL bylaws Article XIII, Section 2, part (a):

" . . . In the case of a tie vote, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot."

Please join us at the Brown Bag luncheon to discuss this change in bylaws, and our plans for the upcoming Fall Conference. Your input is appreciated!

RESEARCH ON THE WEB: NOT NECESSARILY AN OXYMORON

*Spring
Workshop!*

PRESENTED BY OK-ACRL

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA, EDMOND

CHAMBERS LIBRARY,

Electronic Classroom , Room #226

9:00–9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30–10:30 SUBJECT GUIDES: THE BEST STARTING POINTS ON THE WEB

Linda West, Northeastern State University.

Show your students & faculty how to START their enquiry at a Subject Guide, and they'll always be pointed to valid, useful, reliable information.

10:45–11:45 SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS RESOURCES

Audrey DeFrank, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Learn about the best sources for science & mathematics web discovery.

11:45-1:00 Lunch on your own

1:00–3:00 KEYNOTE: RESEARCH ON THE WEB:

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Abbey Warner, University of Central Oklahoma.

A command performance of Ms. Warner's Workshop recently presented to the Kansas Teachers of English, 2000

Register Online at:

<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/registration.html>

or by Mail at:

<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/workshopregistration.pdf>

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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER ...

Membership Information Update

We are currently updating our membership information. Please send updated information particularly if your name, mailing address, institution, or email address has changed recently. We would especially like to have updated email addresses. We plan to set up an email list to notify our members of upcoming events, and lately we have had many emails returned because of an incorrect address.

You may update your email address or other information by using the form on the website at:

<<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/member.html>>

You may also email Audrey DeFrank directly at defrana@swosu.edu. Thank you for helping us keep our membership records up to date.