



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The semester is well underway and most of us are out from under the initial rush of class visits and are looking forward to Spring Break. The weather... well, the weather is doing that classic Oklahoma thing of changing every five minutes. But even still, every time the thermometer goes above 40, the return of spring feels that much closer. And with the return of Spring comes your first chance to talk with the OK-ACRL executive board in person.

Grab your lunch and join us! On Friday, March 28th from 12:30 – 2:00, OK-ACRL is holding our now-traditional Brown Bag lunch meeting at the Oklahoma Library Association conference. You can find us on the OLA conference program as “Table Talk – Let’s Meet the Board (OK-ACRL).” The Brown Bag is open to everyone – please remind your non-member colleagues that we’d love to have them drop by as well. We’re looking forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas for Fall Conference topics. In addition, we’re hoping for feedback on the newsletter. Any ideas and/or suggestions are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Speaking of the newsletter, our editors – Sherry Young and Christina Biles – are looking for opinions, feedback, offers to write pieces, news, etc. If you have anything to share with them, you can bring those ideas with you to the Brown Bag, or you can contact them directly. Their contact information can be found on the bottom of page 2.

Even if you can’t make it to the Brown Bag, we welcome your comments and suggestions. You can contact any of the board members at any time (contact information can be found on the web at <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/officers.html>) or you can drop us a quick note by using the comments form on the website (<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/comments.html>). Working in a vacuum isn’t fun – please let us know what we can do for you!

Beth Reiten

CONFERENCE REMINDERS:

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Continuing the tradition started several years ago, the OKACRL Board is hosting a brown bag lunch meeting at the OLA Annual Conference. This year, we’ll be meeting at 12:30 on Friday, March 28th. Bring your lunch and your ideas!

OKDigital:

OKDigital will wrap up its series of regional digitization meetings with a get together at the Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference. This meeting will take place on Friday, March 28th at 8:30 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

ACRL National Conference

This year’s conference, “Learning to Make a Difference,” is in Charlotte, NC from April 10 - 13, 2003. More information about the conference can be found at <<http://www.ala.org/acrl/charlotte/>>

DID YOU KNOW?

Our newsletters, dating back to March 1998, are online at <<http://okacrl.okstate.edu/newsletter.html>>

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Librarian-Legislator Connection:

Why Academic Librarians & State Legislators Need Each Other

Academic librarians and state legislators have mutual interests in keeping in touch. Librarians and library patrons benefit from legislators who make decisions based on in-depth understanding of library needs and issues. Legislators benefit from having information regarding library needs and issues that they can utilize in the legislative decision-making process.

Lawmakers depend upon their constituents for information regarding their needs, concerns, and wishes. Oklahoma legislators who have knowledge of library patron needs are likely to make decisions beneficial to those individuals. State budget difficulties and the reintroduction of UCITA make legislator knowledge of such needs especially important. Librarians can help legislators to understand the positive impact state-wide database access has for students, faculty members, and community members. Librarians also can help legislators to understand the negative impact passage of UCITA would have on academic libraries' ability to provide information in electronic format to patrons. Legislative insight into the importance database access and distribution of information in educational settings have to their constituents provide law makers reasons for them to support state-wide database access funding and oppose UCITA.

Elected officials gain insight into the needs of those they represent when represented individuals successfully convey those needs. Librarians who converse with legislators enable them to make decisions favorable to the educational- and research-related needs of academic librarians and library patrons. So make or renew your connection to your elected officials, and encourage others to do the same! Project Vote Smart, at www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml, enables one to find his or her elected officials by zip code. Look for tips as to how to best catch legislators' attentions in the next OK-ACRL newsletter.

The Problems with UCITA

UCITA, or Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, is a proposed state contract law designed to establish standardized digital information and software licensing rules. If enacted, these rules almost certainly would have negative impacts on software and digital information users and on the libraries and educational institutions that make software and digital information available to researchers. Under UCITA, licensors could write licenses so as to prohibit interlibrary loan, archiving, preservation and other fair use activities standard practice in academic libraries. This proposed law would enable software vendors to reveal and/or change license terms post purchase, rather than prior to purchase as now required, remove vendor responsibility for providing product warranties, and remotely disable or restrict access to software products. If these possibilities sound like nightmares to you, register your opposition to UCITA with your legislators. Visit ALA's web site (<http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/impact.html>) for information regarding UCITA and the reason librarians oppose its passage.

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Put Your Imagination to Work!

OK-ACRL board members want to create a newsletter that best meets the needs of the organization's members. What would you like to read about in future issues? Library collections? Other organizations? Upcoming regional workshops? Statewide database updates? Consider these and other possibilities, and comment via the OK-ACRL comments page at <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/comments.html> or by phoning Sherry at (580)581-2408.

Do YOU have a stash of old newsletters?

We need your help. One of this year's initiatives is to scan the old OK ACRL newsletters to mount on the website. Our digital archive only extends back to March of 1998. We'd love to put older issues up on the website, but we don't have the paper copies to scan. If you have back issues of the newsletter you are willing to lend us, please contact Christina Biles at 405-744-1215, bilescl@okstate.edu, or <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/comments.html>.

Electronic version of our newsletter

Tired of waiting for the OK-ACRL Newsletter in your mailbox? Like to save our organization some money? You can receive future issues of the newsletter via email in PDF! Email me (slocy@okstate.edu) your request to receive the newsletter through the web. If you are completing the OK-ACRL membership form, simply check the box requesting our newsletter be delivered to your email address. Steve Locy, Treasurer

NEWS:

From Alan Lawless at Rogers State University:

The library building under construction at Rogers State University will more than double the library's current space. Construction began in the fall and is expected to be completed during the Spring 2004 semester. The building will contain 45,000 square feet, with the library occupying 28,000 square feet on the building's second and third floors. Features planned for the new library include reading rooms on the second and third floors, expanded student seating and study areas, a classroom, campus meeting rooms and consolidated offices for library staff. Another planned feature is a coffee bar adjacent to the reading room on the library's main floor. The building was designed by Garber & Imel Architects of Tulsa, and the construction bid was awarded to Loerke Construction Group of Tulsa.

From Danelle Hall at Oklahoma City University:

The Deans Council of Oklahoma City University recently donated close to \$1,000 for books for the Dulaney-Browne Library in honor of the inauguration of Tom J. McDaniel as the 16th president of Oklahoma City University. These funds purchased 46 books for the library. The titles will be on the shelves and available for campus use and interlibrary loan shortly.

From Jon Sparks at Oklahoma Baptist University:

Oklahoma Baptist University students have been enjoying 10 new research stations since January.

From Don Gilstrap at Southwestern Oklahoma State University:

SOSU moved to Endeavour in January.

From Chuck Perry at East Central University:

The Linscheid Library, East Central University, is in the process of establishing a music listening library within the main library facility. The listening library will house musical scores, as well as LPs and CDs, all of which are presently kept in the Music Department. Planning for the listening library includes expanding and upgrading the music listening stations to a total of eight, each equipped with turntable and CD player. Musical scores will be shelved in the area and music media may be checked out at the adjacent Circulation department.

From Gina Minks at the University of Tulsa:

June 16 - 20 there will be major exhibition of James Joyce materials held by the McFarlin Library at the University of Tulsa. This exhibition will coincide with the 2003 North American James Joyce Conference that will also be held at the University of Tulsa.

The Department of Special Collections has begun digitizing many of its WWI holdings in preparation for launching a WWI site later this spring. One cornerstone of this project is the Lisle & Grace Billington Correspondence, a series of letters between a husband and wife during his WWI experience.

From Sherry Young at Cameron University:

Cameron University students are the contented users of sixty-six new Pentium 4 flat panel display computers. The popular new computers replace slow, inadequate ones in the library's classroom, lab, and catalog/database area.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From Chuck Perry, Library Director at East Central University,

"Librarian/Instructor, non-tenure track, 12-month position available May 1, 2003. East Central University is a regional, four-year university located in Ada, Oklahoma with an enrollment of 4,100 students. The Library is automated with INNOPAC Millennium. Duties: supervision of library reference and interlibrary loan; shared reference and bibliographic instruction; faculty liaison and collection development in assigned subject areas. Qualifications: ALA-MLS, excellent communication skills, strong public service orientation, and computer literacy, including html. To Apply: Send a letter of application, resume, names/addresses/phone numbers of three references, and copies of all graduate and undergraduate transcripts to: Mr. Dale Hayden, Personnel Director, East Central University, Ada, OK 74820. Applications review will begin on March 27, 2003 and continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE."

NEW LIBRARIANS:

MARY MARCUM EVANS was appointed Head of Access Services at **McFARLIN LIBRARY** last spring. Evans received her MLS and PhD from the University of Oklahoma. She was employed at East Central University's Linscheid Library as Public Services Librarian from 1983 to 2002.

August 1, 2002 **CYNTHIA (BRUNO) MONTGOMERY** joined the professional staff at the **UNIVERSITY OF TULSA McFARLIN LIBRARY** as Cataloging/Database Librarian. Previous responsibilities have included the Directorship of the Robert S. Kerr Environmental Research Laboratory Library in Ada, Oklahoma under an information services contract with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, reference and acquisitions work at Metropolitan Libraries in Oklahoma City and bibliographic instruction and computer lab management at the graduate school of the University of Oklahoma. Her M.L.I.S. was obtained from the University of Oklahoma and doctoral fellowship work done at the University of Pittsburgh.

On January 13, 2003 **TAMRA STANSFIELD** joined the professional staff at the **UNIVERSITY OF TULSA McFARLIN LIBRARY** as an Information Literacy Librarian. She earned her MLIS at the University of Missouri and her JD at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Her previous responsibilities have included assistant professorships as a reference librarian at both the University of Nebraska College of Law and Oklahoma State University.

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY welcomes **DR. ALLEN W. MCKIEL** as its new director of libraries. McKiel brings more than 24 years' experience to his position with NSU. Most recently he served as library director for Ivy Tech State College in South Bend, Indiana.

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY welcomes two new librarians, **MICHELLE WILLIAMS** and **CATHY ADAMS**. Michelle Williams joined the library as Serials/Government Documents Librarian from Simmons College in Massachusetts. Cathy Adams, an OU Graduate, is the new Head of Public Services.

The **UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – TULSA** welcomes **JUNIE JANZEN**, Technical Services/Electronic Resources Librarian. Junie joined the library in a newly created position on November 1. She was previously employed at OBU in Shawnee.