



# Oklahoma Chapter Association of College and Research Libraries

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## President's Address

Summer is here. I hope everyone is enjoying it so far with, hopefully, a little time off.

Your OK/ARCL board members have been hard at work with the fall conference. All three speakers are confirmed for *Friday, October 27*. Please mark your calendars!!

This year's conference theme is: *"Forging Partnerships between Libraries and Information Technology."*

Our speakers will be:

**Phil Moss**, Associate Vice Chancellor of Technology, Oklahoma Board of Regents.

**William Crowe**, Spencer Librarian, Kansas University, and **Dennis Aebersole**, Chief Information Officer, University of Oklahoma.

Please see the following biographical sketches of our speakers on p. 3.

We are still working on a location for the conference, but we'll let you know as soon as we know.

If you have a special collection at your library or college/university and would like to see it featured in this newsletter please contact Darcy Rankin at [drankin@lunet.edu](mailto:drankin@lunet.edu) or Ona Britton at [obritton@ucok.edu](mailto:obritton@ucok.edu).

Also, please note the information about our membership form for 2000. Those of you who belong to ACRL national have up-to-date membership. For those of you that are members of OK/ACRL without belonging to ACRL National, please double check your records to make sure you have a current membership.

Have a great summer!

Susan E. Hahn, *President, Oklahoma ACRL*

## News from around the State

**University of Oklahoma Libraries** Dean Lee reported that Kerry Magruder will be appointed acting faculty in the History of Science. Kerry Magruder will start in June.

After 14 years with the University Libraries, Wilbur Stolt is leaving OU to become the Dean of the library at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, ND.

**Tulsa Community College**, Suzanne Haynes will be the new reference librarian at SE LRC starting in July. She has an M.A. in History as well as her MLIS. She provided Reference and Readers' Advisory service at Tulsa City County Library for the last 10 years. When Tulsa City County Library added computer access for the public, she developed and presented computer training classes for staff and the public.

**Oklahoma Panhandle State University Mc Kee Library** announces the following staff changes:

Director Edward Bryan retired in October, 1999. C. Evelyn Schmidt, MLS University of North Texas, was selected as his replacement beginning November 18, 1999. Ms. Schmidt has held several positions in Texas, North Carolina, and Colorado. Michele Seikel, MLIS from San Jose State University, joined McKee

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### Membership Renewal:

- ◆ Oklahoma Chapter members - \$10
- ◆ OLA / UCD - \$5
- ◆ National members of ALA/ACRL - no additional membership fees (please take the time to register online to help us keep the member roster up-to-date).
- ◆ Use the **online form** at <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/member.htm> to submit the membership application electronically or to print a membership form. Encourage your colleagues to join our association to exchange ideas with other librarians in the state.

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## ❖ *Special Library Feature* ❖

The University of Oklahoma **History of Science Collections** are a part of the University Libraries system and serve students, faculty, and scholars in the history of science. Holdings range chronologically from Hrabanus Maurus' *Opus de universo* (the collections' oldest book printed before 20 July 1467) to current publications in the history of science. As such, they also represent an excellent cross-section for the history of printing and publishing.

The guiding principle in the development of this 87,000 volume research library has been to acquire every edition, including translations, of every book that has been published in science since printing's inception, as well as all scientific periodicals. While this goal has by no means been achieved, the collections possess first editions of most of the landmarks in the history of science and, in many cases, all of the editions.

The Darwin materials illustrate the depth of the collections' holdings. They consist not only of all of the first editions of Charles Darwin's works but more than 430 editions and printings as well, including translations into many languages.

The collections emphasize not only depth in covering the publications of individual scientists but also the social and intellectual context of science, providing such supporting materials as science textbooks, popular works on science, encyclopedias, commentaries, dictionaries, bibliographical works, biographies of scientists, history of science journals, histories of science and of individual sciences, and histories of scientific institutions. There are also substantial collections of portraits of scientists and slides relevant to the history of science.

### The Purposes of the Collections

The purposes of the History of Science Collections are to identify, collect, and preserve the published record of the history of science, and also to provide access for research and teaching.

### Identify and Preserve

With the guidance of the Curator and endowment funding, the collections continue to acquire historical volumes for their holdings. These materials may continue growth of one of the strengths of the collections (such as

the Darwin Collection) or help develop a new area. Secondary sources and reference works are routinely acquired to complement the historical materials. The collections' materials are housed in a very secure state-of-the-art facility that precisely maintains optimal conditions of temperature (55°F) and relative humidity (51%) round the clock. Staff members perform minor repairs, construct boxes for storage of delicate materials, and treat leather bindings with leather preservatives.

### Research and Teaching

The materials are preserved in order to be used for research and teaching, and a variety of people use the collections. The University of Oklahoma's history of science faculty members, graduate students, visiting and adjunct faculty, visiting scholars, and collections personnel actively use the research facilities. The collections are also available for use by those studying other topics, such as the history of printing or illustration. Areas of particular research strength in the history of science department include Science and Cultural Exchange in the Pre-modern World; Medieval and Early Modern Science in Islam and Europe; Natural History & the Field Sciences; History of Science in America; and Modern Social and Biological Science. Resident graduate students in the history of science use the collections on a regular basis for class assignments, along with thesis and dissertation research. University use is not limited to those directly connected with the history of science. Local faculty members in such other disciplines as history, English, the sciences, and library science find the collections a valuable resource. In a one-year period, visiting scholars from various parts of the United States (from Alaska to Florida) and from Latin America, Europe, the Near East and Far East have used the facilities. Nor is the use confined to scholars—the collections regularly serve undergraduate students and interested lay persons.

The unique interrelationship between the collections with its resources, and the department with its teaching and research faculty, has been maintained since the original agreement with DeGolyer. Today the department offers a broad spectrum of courses in the history of science, culminating in master's and doctoral degrees that draw on the collections as an important resource.

(<http://libraries.ou.edu/depts/histsc/index.htm>)

Marilyn Ogilvie, Curator

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*Conference Key Note Speakers "Forging Partnerships between Libraries and Information Technology".*

**Phil Moss** is Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, providing state system leadership in instructional technology, electronic media, and distance education, with particular responsibilities related to their applications over OneNet. Responsibilities include working with academic programs, planning, and policy as they are applied to electronically-enhanced instruction, and serving as staff liaison to institutional representatives for off-campus and electronic media delivery and the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors. He formerly served as Dean of Information Services and Distance Education at Western Oklahoma State College. Moss holds a Ph.D. in Adult & Higher Education with an emphasis in Distance Education from the University of Oklahoma, and an M.Ed. in Educational Technology. He is active in state and regional distance education organizations, including the Oklahoma Distance Learning Association (President, 1999-2000), Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Electronic Campus Steering Committee, and the Western Governors University States Advisory Council.

**Dennis Aebersold**, an educator and information technology expert with 20 years of experience managing computer operations at colleges and universities, has been named chief information officer (at the University of Oklahoma).

"Dr. Aebersold is widely recognized as a national leader in the field of information technology", President Boren said. "He brings not only a keen understanding of information technology opportunities for the future, he is also an outstanding scholar who understand the academic mission of the university."

As chief information officer at OU, Aebersold will lead efforts to develop and carry out strategic plans for information technologies as it pertains to instruction, research and administration and will represent the university with industry, government, the Oklahoma system for higher education, and other academic institutions.

Aebersold comes to OU from the College of William and Mary, where he has served as associated provost for information technology and as adjunct professor of chemistry since 1997. Prior to that, he spent seven years at Gettysburg College, starting there as professor of physics and associate provost for continuing education and later serving as a member of the President's Senior staff and as vice president for Strategic Information Resources.

He also served as director of Academic User Services and director of Communications and Academic Computing at Williams College and in several capacities at Bennington College. Early in his teaching career, he was a research associate at Duke University, a visiting professor at the University of the Pacific and an instructor at Brown University.

Aebersold earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Occidental College and his Doctoral Degree in chemical physics from Brown University.

**William J. ("Bill") Crowe** became Spencer Librarian at the University of Kansas in July 1999. He is responsible for the university's rare books, manuscripts, regional history and archival collections and services in the Kenneth Spencer Research Library, as well as for the Robert J. Dole Archive in the Dole Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. He was KU's Vice Chancellor for Information Services for the three previous years (since 1996) in addition to his role as Dean of Libraries, to which post he had been named in mid-1990.

Bill, a Bostonian by birth and college education (B.A. in European history, with a minor in French language and literature from the predecessor of the University of Massachusetts-Boston), earned his master's degree in library service at Rutgers University in 1969. After two years as a cataloger, then assistant acquisitions librarian, at the Boston Public Library, Bill's interest in the academic world took him to the Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington. In 1976, he accepted a year's special internship with the library director at the University of Michigan, after which he returned to Indiana to earn his doctorate. His area of research interest is library history, in particular studying the work of library leaders to effect change. In 1979, Bill moved to Ohio State University, to become assistant to the director and then assistant director of libraries for administration and technical services, before leaving for Kansas, in 1990.

Bill counts himself a Kansan not only because of his appointment at KU, but also by marriage. In the mid-1970s he met his wife, Nancy Sanders, a fifth-generation Kansan, in the doctoral program at Indiana. Bill, Nancy and their daughter, Katherine, visited the Sanders family in Lawrence many times over the years before they came to make their home in Lawrence. Bill and Nancy have built their home on the site of the farm, near Lawrence, that Nancy's family first settled a century ago. Kate entered KU in fall 1999, as a third generation Jayhawk.

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Library as Reference, Serials and ILL Librarian in April, 2000. Ms. Seikel was previously employed in the Serials and Acquisitions Department at Stanford University. Mc Kee Library is currently completing the conversion to the Endeavor Voyager automated library system. As part of the OSU A&M Library System, OPSU is looking forward to expanded services and accessibility.

C. Evelyn Schmidt, Library Director

The **Joe E. White Library at Carl Albert State College** in Poteau recently implemented the Sirsi Unicorn Academe library automation system, migrating from another library automation system. Karen Neurohr, Library Director, said that Unicorn is very user friendly and will enhance communication with distance learners. The library's new URL is <http://www.casc.lib.ok.us>.

Dr. Jon Sparks, Dean of Library Services at **Oklahoma Baptist University**, attended the annual conference of the Association of Christian Librarians held, in San Diego, California, June 12-16, 2000. Michael Gorman, president of the Library and Information Technology Association, division of ALA, provided the keynote address on "Library Values." Junie Janzen, Serials and Government Documents Librarian of Mabee Learning Center, OBU, will be attending the "Institute on 21st Century Librarianship", sponsored by Stanford University and the California State Library, this August.

An "Electronic Resource Computer Center" will be developed this summer in the Mabee Learning Center of Oklahoma Baptist University. The Library has already subscribed to several new online full-text databases for our students. A new digital text center in cooperation with Project Gutenberg will also begin this fall.

Jon Sparks, Dean of Library Services.

**University of Central Oklahoma**, Max Chambers Library. Dean of the Library, John Lolley, will retire as of June 30, 2000. Dr. Lolley has served since 1980 as Director and later Dean of Chambers Library and Archives & Special Collections. During his tenure, the Library moved from a traditional card catalog to an automated

environment in 1983 with the installation of NOTIS. In 1997 Dr. Lolley presided over the festivities as the Library opened its doors to the new 9 million dollar expansion and renovation. During Lolley's nineteen years at the helm, the library grew in service and collections, with the overall materials collection growing from 605,000 to over 950,000 items. Dr. Lolley was honored by the Office of Academic Affairs Friday, June 16 with a plaque and reception. The Office of Academic Affairs has appointed Carol Barry, Director for Public Services, as the interim Library Director until a new Executive Director is in place.

In July 2000, the Library's ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS will move from Evans Hall (the University's original library building) to a newly remodeled space on the Library's 2nd floor. A "grand opening" for the new location will be held in the Fall.

A very special collection of artworks will be on exhibit in the Library beginning in September. A collection of fiber art, sculpture and photographs by Oklahoma artists that was on permanent exhibit in the Murrah Building at the time of the bombing has been in storage for 5 years. Most of the works survived the bombing. The collection will be on extended loan to Chambers Library. An opening and reception for the collection will be held in the Fall.

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University** is losing its library director, Beverly Jones, to retirement! Best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement. The Library has recently added NetLibrary and JStor. They are being added to Ebsco Online, added earlier this spring and Project Muse, added years ago.

Jeanie Moss will be the new Government Documents librarian.

#### **OSU-Tulsa Library**

Sandy Wickberg, Reference & Instruction Librarian at OSU-Tulsa relocated to Dallas with her family.

Tom Thorisch started his position as the new Reference & Instruction Librarian in late May. Thorisch served in that function at the SE campus of Tulsa Community College from 1995 until last month.

Library Hotline reported that **Dr. Lotsee Patterson, OUSLIS**, will be a Visiting Scholar for 2000-2001 at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia.

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