

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Well, here we are again. It's officially Fall, the weather has started to turn, and we're looking around blinking and thinking to ourselves, "Where did the first six weeks of the semester go?" It seems as though life just keeps speeding up, leaving us less time to reflect and plan. Reaction is a common method of coping, rather than deliberate action. I personally find that my problem solving has been negatively affected by the pace of my life, being reduced to the most obvious or easy answer. Because of this, I'm really looking forward to our Fall Conference, "Creativity in the Workplace: How to be Your Creative-Best in Today's Challenging Information Environment." Dr. Gerard Puccio will be giving us hands-on practice in how to incorporate creative thinking into our lives. You'll find more details about the conference both in this newsletter and on the OK-ACRL website at <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/fallconference.htm> I hope you'll strongly consider joining your OK-ACRL, OK-SLA and GOAL colleagues at what promises to be a fascinating and informative day!

The other big part of Fall for OK-ACRL is the election of the Executive Board for the upcoming year. In this issue of the newsletter, you'll find brief biographies of all of the candidates who are standing for office this year. These bios will also be available on the website at <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/election03.htm>. Ballots will be mailed to OK-ACRL members at the end of October. I'd like to publicly thank Vice President/President Elect Jason Dupree for his hard work on the elections this year.

I hope to see you on November 14th at OSU-OKC for the Fall Conference!

Beth Reiten, OK-ACRL President

## OKACRL FALL CONFERENCE

### **Creativity in the Workplace:**

### **How to be Your Creative-Best in Today's Challenging Information Environment**

Friday, November 14th, 8:30-4pm at OSU/OKC Student Center, 3rd floor in Conference Room North

Our presenter is Dr. Gerard Puccio, Director, International Center for Studies in Creativity, Buffalo State, State University of New York, <http://www.buffalostate.edu/centers/creativity>.

This interactive and experiential day-long workshop will introduce the concept of creative thinking and allow participants to practice proven methods for enhancing creative problem solving skills.

The day's activities will focus on the creative process. We will learn how to understand both creative and problem solving styles. Unlocking our creative potential leads to being more creative in our working environments. Current research shows that creativity adds great value to our lives and our health. "Creativity is universal...everyone has the potential to become a creative powerhouse," Gerard Puccio.

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For more information, please visit <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/fallconference.htm>

# OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC LIBRARIES ON THE MOVE TO INCREASE STUDENT USE

Oklahoma's academic librarians are taking actions to attract students to the library and encourage them to visit often. Several libraries have either relaxed or eliminated their "no food and drink" policy. Oklahoma City University Library now houses a student lounge that enables students to prepare hot drinks in a microwave oven.

Several libraries have upgraded seating areas, re-carpeted and re-painted. Saint Gregory's University Library said "goodbye" to its 1960s-era green and gold carpet, and Cameron University Library purchased, framed, and hung fine art reproductions throughout the building. Oklahoma Panhandle State University relocated collections and installed couches in order to create "informal" study areas.

Libraries are hosting special events designed to appeal to students. East Central University Library held a reception in celebration of the new library building's fifth anniversary, complete with harp music, refreshments, and a display that chronicled

the new facility's history. Eastern Oklahoma State College hosted a photo contest and a pumpkin carving contest, and has a book signing program in the works. Cameron Library will be celebrating the next National Library Week with a student pizza party and gift give-a-way. University of Oklahoma hosted a tea and classical guitar performance and has increased the number of exhibits on display.

Other unique activities underway to encourage and facilitate student library use include maintaining a student library friends group, proactively sending library information to the school newspaper on a regular basis, and indexing the student newspaper (Rose State College). Several libraries are redesigning web pages to make them more user-friendly and hanging or posting "welcome to the library" banners and signs on campus.

If your library has done something unique not mentioned here, or if you would like to elaborate on an activity that is mentioned here, email me, Sherry Young at [sherry@cameron.edu](mailto:sherry@cameron.edu) with the details!

## CONFERENCE REMINDERS:

### **OKACRL Fall Conference:**

Creativity in the Workplace: How to be Your Creative-Best in Today's Challenging Information Environment - November 14<sup>th</sup> at Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City.

For more information, please visit <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/fallconference.htm>

### **OLA Workshops:**

"Just the Facts, Ma'am": A Practical Guide to the USA PATRIOT Act" Nov 10 at OU Health Sciences Center, OKC

"Copyright Law in the Digital Age" Dec 10 at Norman Public Library & Dec 11 at Stillwater Public Library.

For additional information, contact Kay Boies at 405-348-0506 or [kboies@coxinet.net](mailto:kboies@coxinet.net).

## NEWS

### **Retirements:**

Dr. Dorothy Davis, Library Director, Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Dr. Edward Johnson, Professor and Dean of Libraries, Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University

### **New Librarians:**

Ben Johnson is East Central University Library's new reference coordinator. Ben holds the Master of Library and Information Studies from University of Oklahoma.

# ELECTIONS

The following is the slate of Candidates for the 2004 elections of the Oklahoma chapter of ACRL officers and board vacancies. The ballot will be mailed out separately. Please vote and either bring your ballot to the OKACRL Fall Conference or mail to the address on the ballot. The ballot must be post-marked on or before November 24, 2003. Write-in votes must have the consent of the nominee.

## Vice President/President Elect

LAUREN DONALDSON

Lauren Donaldson is the Government Documents Librarian at the University of Central Oklahoma. Prior to this she held positions at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Metropolitan Library System. She is currently a member of OLA Legislative Committee and has served as chair of OLA Government Documents Roundtable and secretary of OLA New Members Roundtable. She earned her M.L.I.S. in 2000 from Kent State University.

DAVID OBERHELMAN

David Oberhelman is an Instructional and Reference Librarian at Oklahoma State University. David is currently Chair of the Council for Oklahoma Information Literacy (COIL) and has been an OK-ACRL member since 1998. He also holds office in the Oklahoma Library Association, serving as Chair of the University and College Division, and is Secretary of the Mountain Plains Library Association.

## Treasurer

ADRI EDWARDS-JOHNSON

Adri Edwards-Johnson is the Serials and Electronic Collections Librarian for Al Harris Library at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Adri earned her M.L.I.S. in 1999 at the University of Oklahoma. She is an active member in ALA, ACRL and OLA, where she serves on a Technical Services Roundtable. Adri recently became a certified trainer in serials cataloging through the SCCTP (Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program), which is sponsored by the Library of Congress.

STEVE LOCY

Steve Locy is the Assistant-Department Head of the Humanities/ Social Sciences Division, Oklahoma State University, and has been treasurer for ELLSA (Edmon Low Library Staff Association) since 2000. He has an M.L.I.S. (1989) and an M.A. in Biology (1982). He also has served on the OK-ACRL Chapter Board from 1996-1998 as President-elect/ President/ Past-President. Steve is currently serving as Treasurer of OK-ACRL.

## Secretary

BONNIE MCNEELY

Bonnie McNeely is the Executive Director for Chambers Library at the University of Central Oklahoma. She was formerly the Assistant Director of Resource Management at the University Library, Univ. of Texas-Pan American for six years. She is an active member of ALA, LAMA, ACRL, LITA, LRTS, OLA and OCALD. She currently serves OLA as Chair to the Administration Roundtable, member of Career Retention & Recruitment Committee and the Ad Hoc Leadership Committee.

SUSAN F. WALKER

Susan F. Walker is the Head of the Fire Protection Publications Library, International Fire Service Training Association, Oklahoma State University. She is a member of OK-ACRL and is past president of OK-SLA, currently serving as secretary. She has recently been named Chair of inFIRE, an international organization for librarians in fire-related libraries. She earned her M.L.S. from Indiana University.

## Board Member

DOUGLAS AMOS

Douglas Amos is the Technical Services Librarian at OSU-Oklahoma City. Prior to his current appointment, Douglas worked as the Interlibrary Loan Borrowing Technician and Interlibrary Loan Office Manager at the University of Oklahoma and as the Government Information Technician at the University of Central Oklahoma. He earned his M.L.I.S. in 2002 from the University of Oklahoma.

ONA BRITTON

Ona Britton is a Reference and Instructional Librarian at the University of Central Oklahoma. Most recently, she contributed two chapters on library research to the book *Speak Your Mind*, a textbook developed by the UCO English Dept. She has been active in COIL, as well as in national ACRL. Ona was an OK-ACRL Board member from 1999-2001. She earned her M.L.I.S. in 1994 from the University of Oklahoma and has a M.A. in English from the same institution.

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DEBBIE L. NELSON

Debbie L. Nelson has been a Reference and Distance Learning Librarian at Cameron University since Nov. 2002. Her duties include reference, BI, and the online Blackboard class "Accessing Library Resources." As the library's representative on the Faculty Senate, she will be involved in the development of Cameron's Recruitment Committee. Nelson is pursuing a M.S. in Behavioral Science-Psychology at Cameron University. She received her M.L.I.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. With a wide range of work and volunteer experience, including ALA Student Chapter Chair, Debbie Nelson is eager to serve the OK Chapter of ACRL.

DEBORAH THOMPSON

Deborah is a Reference Librarian and Instruction Coordinator at the University of Central Oklahoma. She was formerly the Science Reference Librarian at the University of Oklahoma. Deborah is a member of OLA and serves on the Local Arrangements Committee and she has been a participating member of COIL. She earned her M.L.I.S. in 1992 from the University of Oklahoma.

WOODS WHEELER

Woods Wheeler, current OK-ACRL Board Member, is Assistant Director of Library Services at OSU-Oklahoma City. Her specific areas of interest are information literacy, effective public services, and delivery of services and instruction to distance education students. She earned her M.L.I.S. in 1998 from the University of Oklahoma.