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The Oklahoma Library Association and Oklahoma will both celebrate their centennial year in 2007. The coming year will be eventful as everyone works together to celebrate all Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Library Association have to offer. Check the web site http://199.164.253.25/centennial/ to keep up with all the festivities.

The Oklahoma Library Association had its Leadership Retreat at the Noble Foundation in Ardmore. The tranquil setting allowed members to reflect on past years and prepare for the coming year with the theme, "100 Years and New Frontiers." Past OLA presidents shared their experiences and new leaders were encouraged as plans were discussed for the coming year. Dr. Joey Senat, Associate Professor in the School of Journalism and Broadcasting at Oklahoma State University, enlightened participants on first amendment rights and privileges.

The Tulsa Library Trust and Teen Advisory Committee are sponsoring a Teen Art Contest, Creature Feature-design a movie poster @your library, with the winner being announced during Teen Read Week, October 5-21. The contest is for teens between the ages of 13 and 18. Movie posters must be submitted by September 22, 1006. Entries will be displayed on the library's teen web site: http://teens.tulsalibrary.org.

The first Donna Norvell Book Award was given for the book Wild About Books by Judy Sierra and illustrated by Marc Brown. The award honors a book that has made a significant contribution to children's literature for readers through the third grade. The award will be selected by librarians on the committee for the Sequoyah Book Award. Kim Doner, Oklahoma author and artist, designed the medal.