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Mountain Plains Library Association
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Librarians in Oklahoma are busy during the hot days of summer. Summer Reading programs have been well attended and customers are flocking to cool libraries!

The Oklahoma Library Association held its Annual Leadership Retreat in Poteau Oklahoma in June. OLA incoming President, Leslie Langley, gathered the community together to welcome 52 librarians with tasty home cooking and down-home kindness. Leslie's OLA theme for the year is **Libraries-the Heart of the Community.**

OLA mourns the loss of long-time friend and library advocate, Bob Motter on June 11. Bob has been the Exhibit Chair for OLA conferences for over 50 years! He took over the position from his father, Bob Motter, Sr. who had been Exhibit Chair since OLA began having conferences! Between the two Bob Motters, librarians in Oklahoma have enjoyed almost 100 years of service from this amazing family!

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries has received a major grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to upgrade broadband and computer capabilities at 44 public library sites around the state. NTIA awarded the state \$2.3 million through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

OLA is once again sponsoring an Information Matrix Camp for campers between the ages of 12-14 in July. The 24 campers from all over the state campers will be touring all kinds of libraries and library events in the Tulsa area this year. What a great way to encourage future librarians!