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Oklahoma Library Association had their 105th Annual Conference March 28-30 in Norman, Oklahoma.

It was a great conference with about 600 registrations. Speakers included ALA President, Molly Raphael and Library Superstar Will Manley. It was a great honor to welcome Kevin Gover, Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian at our Tribal Libraries Luncheon. The Tribal Libraries Committee of OLA headed by Jan Bryant, Director of the Muskogee Public Library, has been a remarkable addition to the organization. The keynote speaker was Jason Young, President, LeadSmart, Inc. and author of Culturetopeia: the Ultimate High Performance Workplace. Jason's experiences at Southwest Airlines gives him a unique customer service perspective. Our All Conference Event was Mocktails, Cocktails & Literary Tales w/ Barry Switzer. OLA members shared their original beverage recipes and equally original literary tales that inspired them.

The OLA Endowment Fund increased by \$8,000 this year thanks to the generosity of Oklahoma librarians. They bought accolades for each other at the conference and generously donated to the organization.

Our OLA President, Cheryl Suttles, has made many positive changes to the Oklahoma Library Association this year. The Association has contracted to use Affiniscape to help streamline renewals, invoices and registrations. This has been a difficult transition, but it will make the organization better and stronger. We are looking forward to incoming president, Sarah Robbins, who will take over in July.