

July 2013

Oklahoma Report

I have kept the tri-conference before the OLA membership in the form of emails and notices sent via the OLA electronic discussion list and Facebook postings.

I gave a detailed report of the upcoming conference and what's happening in MPLA to the OLA Program Committee and Executive Board.

The Oklahoma Library Association officially welcomed Lynda Reynolds, Director of the Stillwater Public Library, as the new president at the July 18th Program and Executive Board meetings.

- Planning for the 2014 conference (to be held in Tulsa) is now officially underway
- Several workshops were approved by the Executive Board
- A new, free to librarians, Presenters Showcase was approved and will be offered in September
- iCon, a two-day technology conference, will take place in early August
- Online work for the participants of the OLA Leadership Institute will soon be underway as they prepare for the November Institute.

Public libraries are recovering from the Summer Reading Program. Due to new IMLS reporting, librarians are 'digging out from under' reading with the new forms that must be submitted.

Oklahoma's newest legislator, 2nd Congressional District Representative Mark Wayne Mullin, devised a summer reading program for the 2nd district. Public libraries in this district were encouraged to participate and so used this in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries SRP.

Congressman Mullin will wrap his SRP up this week and prizes will be awarded from his office to children across the district.

Oklahoma libraries bade a fond farewell to Dr. Anne Prestamo this month. Formerly Associate Dean for Collection & Technology Services at Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University, Dr. Prestamo is now Dean of Libraries at Florida International University, Miami Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

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