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## FALL WORKSHOPS ARE HERE!

### Finding the Silver Lining: Funding for Libraries in Difficult Times



Every day the news seems filled with more gloomy stories of the economy. Instead of just looking at the storm clouds, the PLD has decided to try to find a silver lining in all this. It is presenting a workshop, **Tuesday, September 29, 2009** at the Mabel C Fry Public Library, on **Funding for libraries in difficult times**. Pat Williams and Vicki Mohr from ODL will share creative uses for state aid, LSTA funds, literacy funding and construction grants.

A panel discussion led by Christina Owens, Anadarko, and Robin Mooney, Tahlequah, will discuss their current makeover plans using the San Jose Way grant funds. Lynda Reynolds, Stillwater, will share her creative ways to cut the budget without cutting critical services. She will also discuss The Big Read, a very successful grant program used by the Stillwater Public Library. Continuing the panel discussion will be Jana Moring, Pioneer Library System, sharing information on grants she has written and offering a few helpful hints to writing a successful grant. Concluding the discussion will be David Pettyjohn, The Oklahoma Humanities Council, explaining the grants available through the OHC.

PLD hopes participants will come away from this workshop with the idea that there are funds out there, monies to improve their libraries and expand or improve their services to their patrons. For more information and a registration form, go to [www.oklibs.org](http://www.oklibs.org).

### CATS Workshop: Come On Down to Story Time!

Story Time is the backbone of library service to young children. It brings children into the library at a young age, and gives us the opportunity to introduce them to everything the library has to offer. The children have fun and play with new friends, and parents have a chance to connect with other parents and to get a short break. But are we taking advantage of the opportunity to begin teaching the pre-reading skills that will help set the children up for success in school? The "Come on Down to Story Time" workshop sponsored by the Children and Teen Services Roundtable will give librarians all of the tools they need to present fun, effective, literacy based story times for any age group. Participants will learn from the experiences of veteran children's services librarians Kathy Logan (Enid Public Library), Valerie Kimble (Pioneer Library System), Jenny Stenis (Pioneer), Kim Zahller (Pioneer) and others.

Workshop participants will learn the six pre-reading skills we should be teaching children, how to incorporate them into story times and library programs, and how to subtly teach parents to incorporate these skills in their reading time at home. They will also learn how to add dance to story time, and how to plan a story time for the whole family. The CATS team will share some of their favorite story time planning resources, and participants will share their favorite story time ideas and themes. So, Come on Down **Friday, November 13, 9:00 to 4:00**, at the Stillwater Public Library.

