

Explore the Possibilities

*"The future belongs to people who see possibilities before they become obvious."
Theodore Levitt (1925-2006)*

Can it be possible that Summer is over? The students have returned to our library in astonishing numbers, so it must be Fall again, but what happened to Summer? For me it seemed to last only an instant. As someone once said, the length of a minute depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on. But in my case the minutes, days and weeks have flown by for one reason: OLA!

One of the advantages of serving as this association's president is getting invited to meet with so many interesting groups of people. Over the summer I've had the opportunity to work with folks in many OLA committees, round tables and divisions, and summer passes quickly when you are having fun!

And it is fun! What makes it fun is the enthusiasm, intelligence, generosity, good humor and dedication of every single member of these different groups. I am always impressed that no matter what type of library we're from, whether we're academic, public, school, or special, we're each focused on ensuring the success of all libraries in our state through our support for and participation in the work of the Oklahoma Library Association.

That's why I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to get actively involved in the work of OLA. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. The membership form may be downloaded from the website (www.oklibs.org). Encourage others at your library to renew their memberships or to join if they're not already members. Then, join a committee, roundtable or division and become involved in their work! That doesn't mean you have to go to every meeting. Just let the chair of your group know that you're interested in helping and, trust me, they'll find something for you to do. Subscribe to the OLA discussion list! There is no better way of keeping up with the activities of the association or of staying informed about the serious issues that impact Oklahoma libraries.

And above all, please feel free to contact me anytime you have questions or concerns about the association.

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Let's look forward to Fall! The new OLA website will go live on the first of September. For the first time OLA will be using a content management system, allowing each division, roundtable and committee to create, manage and maintain it's own web presence. This will free our webmaster, the awesome Tiffany Benson, to concentrate on developing a number of new technology-related initiatives. We can't promise this process will be 100% glitch-free, so we appreciate your patience.

Do you need CEU credits, or simply want to network with fellow Oklahoma librarians and learn new techniques at the same time? See this issue of Oklahoma Librarian for details on four great fall workshops. You're sure to find something that piques your interest.

Please join me in "exploring the possibilities" of education and service that OLA offers all of us, and have a wonderful Fall!