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Oklahoma Board Report: October 2006

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*Sent emails to new MPLA members welcoming them. Gave Keith Jemison one of the MPLA bags.

* OLA web master added the MPLA logo as well as links to my email and Why Join MPLA to the home page

*Endowment and CARS event

The main fundraiser was the opening of CARS in Oklahoma City with Michael and Suzanne Wallis present. In August they were presented the Governor's Commendation by OLA President Pat Weaver-Meyers and past president Lynn McIntosh. October finds the endowment fund working towards the next \$100,000 dollars.

*Legislative Items

TABOR is off the table and so is the 65% solution as of today. With the coming election there will be many new faces at the legislature and OLA members will be encouraged to make contact with their representatives.

*Centennial Plans

The OLA Conference will be held Monday April 2 through Wednesday, April 4, 2007. Plans are to have 100 vendors for our 100th year to include starting a Bob Motter Award for outstanding vendor which will be nominated and voted on by the membership.

Libraries around the state are encouraged to create a collage of their library/libraries to show changes over time. Collages will be displayed at the conference.

Representatives from different types of libraries around the state have formed a Centennial Reading Committee to promote reading throughout the state. Reading promotions will begin in the spring.

Career Recruitment & Retention committee received a grant to encourage high school students to consider library degrees. Ninety mid-high students over the next 3 years will visit libraries and learn about library careers.