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I have completed painting on the first of the table banners. I took it to the OLA Board to have others look at it and we are all pleased. I will continue to paint!!

The Oklahoma Library Association will be looking at some virtual opportunities for meetings. A committee will be formed to determine which methods enable members to be connected yet save on driving all over the state. Many committees are already using technology to meet virtually. The web page will also host a variety of ways to share information about activities going on around the state.

Professional Development Opportunities in Oklahoma:

October 14th –*Leadership Ethics and Beyond: Taking your Leadership Skills to the Next Level* featuring Pat Wagner. Midwest City Library from 9:30 to 4:30. Focus will be on enabling participants to understand ethical mistakes and how to avoid them, apply steps of at least two decision-making models, know how to check for faulty data, and build political support.

October 24th-*Buy, Borrow, or Steal: Acquisitions and Interlibrary Loan*. Midwest City Library, 9:00-3:30. Purpose is to teach participants how to scientifically collect, analyze and use interlibrary loan data to support acquisitions.

October 30th *The Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books* is a long standing tradition honoring Dr. Mildred Laughlin who taught at the University of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Library Association voted to take on the festival with a matching grant of 50,000 from the Kerr Foundation. The festival will be sponsored by OLA and offered every 2 years. This year's festival will be at the Stillwater Public Library. Featured authors are Jacqueline Woodson, Susan Campbell Bartoletti, and Eric Rohmann.

November 6th-*Support your Support Staff Conference*. Midwest City Public Library. 9:30-4:00. Purpose: Assist the library support staff in becoming familiar with job attitude and change, introduce further educational opportunities, tips for taking care of yourself, and teambuilding.

For information on any of the above professional development opportunities see the OLA web page: