

ST-9 Oklahoma State Report

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MPLA Activities

- Attended OLA Monthly Executive Board Meeting on May 12th

Oklahoma Library Association News

- The OLA Library Association Annual Conference was April 24th-26th at the National Center for Employee Development in Norman, OK. The conference had very strong attendance, with around 550 paid attendees. There were also a record number of paid vendors at this year's conference.
- OLA's biennial technology conference, iCon, is scheduled for August 10th-11th, 2017. Proposals for presentations at iCon are currently being accepted at: <http://www.oklibs.org/page/iCon2017Programs> iCon is sponsored by OLA's Information Technology Roundtable.
- The Oklahoma Legislature recently passed a budget for the 2018 fiscal year. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL) recovered a 4.8% cut. The OLA Legislative Committee considers that a victory since ODL was asked to prepare budget scenarios for cuts of 5%, 10% or 15%.
- OLA has formed a transition committee to explore options to handle continuity in the absence of an Executive Director and make recommendations to the Executive Board on a future staffing structure for OLA.

My thanks to all of you who responded to my requests for information about the organizational composition of your state library associations. If you didn't have an opportunity to respond yet I am still collecting data.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Miller, Oklahoma Representative