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DEE ANN RAY NAMED TO LIBRARY LEGENDS LIST

In 2007, both the state of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Library Association will turn 100

years old. In honor of that occasion, the Oklahoma Library Association has compiled a list of 100 names of librarians, library trustees and others "who made a difference in the development of libraries and library service for Oklahoma". The list was compiled by an anonymous committee which judged the list based on biographical information and accomplishments submitted by libraries, librarians, library trustees and others.

The list was announced at the Oklahoma Library Association meeting held at the end of March in Tulsa.

Dee Ann Ray, retired WPLS Library Director was named to the list. Ray has been a member of the Oklahoma Library Association for 52 years. She attended her first OLA Meeting in 1957 when the group celebrated its 50th anniversary. She recalls that although she was a student at the time working in libraries, she borrowed a hat to wear to events at the meeting, because hats were a standard part of the dress outfit. "You were expected to wear dresses or suits, high heels, hats and gloves," she remembers.

Ray has previously been honored in many ways by not only the Library Association, but also other organizations for community service as well as library deeds and for her historical writing. She held every office of the Library Association except Secretary at one time or another and chaired just about every committee of the association. She also served on the Oklahoma Image Committee, two Governor's Conferences on Libraries

committees; the Caldecott-Newberry Committee of the American Library Association, the ALA Governing Council; was Co-Chair of the City of Clinton Centennial Committee; twice chaired the Clinton Regional Hospital Board; served for 12 years on the Oklahoma Historical Society Board, elected by membership; and has aided in many historical endeavors. Ray also has been given two awards by the Oklahoma Heritage Association for her historical articles and slide/tape shows. One of these was in conjunction with the Clinton Daily News for a series of articles on the history of Clinton and western Oklahoma.

In regard to being named a library legend for Oklahoma, Ray says, “I am pleased and much honored, of course, because libraries and books have been a great love of my life. I tried to do all I could to foster the development and growth of libraries and the love of reading and using library materials and services.”

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