

OCALD Membership Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Recorded Meeting:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QLm_FCmuCk3Qj8Rej5ToIHclDtS-paip/view?usp=sharing

Introductions – Lynn Wallace, Chair

- Attendance and institutional updates posted here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O9vV2giPhfrOR4IrdZdR6WM5-g3DU0XtiluW56eR7Q/edit?usp=sharing>

Attendance:

Members

Ann Raia, Oklahoma City Community College
Jenny Duncan, Oklahoma State University-Institute of Technology
JJ Compton, Oklahoma Christian University (OC)
Dana Belcher, East Central University
Jon Goodell, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
Suzanne Rooker, Redlands Community College
Ona Lou Britton-Spears, Connors State College
Paula Settoon, Tulsa Community College
Victoria Swinney, Oklahoma City University
Kaitlin Crotty, Rogers State University
Shannon Leaper, Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Nancy Draper, Randall University
Habib Tabatabai, University of Central Oklahoma
Lynn Wallace, Oklahoma State University-Tulsa
Emily Patterson Harris, Langston University
Andrew Soliven, Rose State College
Sheila Johnson, Oklahoma State University

Advisors and Guests

Natalie Currie, Director, Oklahoma Department of Libraries
Brad Griffith, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Brittany Blake, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Samuel Karns - Oklahoma Broadband Office
Clarke Iakovaskis, President of OKACRL
Jennifer Hulseay Campbell, Outreach Coordinator of OKACRL
Sarah Robbins, OU-Norman (on behalf of Denise Stephens)
Angela Sample, Oral Roberts University (on behalf of Mark Hall)

Approval of minutes of last meeting – Suzanne Rooker

There were no objections. Jon Goodell moved to approve the minutes, and JJ Compton made the second. The minutes were approved.

OCALD Executive Committee Report – Lynn Wallace

The current Chair-Elect position is vacant. Suzanne Rooker has offered to move from Secretary-Treasurer to the Chair-Elect position, pending approval. Thus, a new secretary will need to be named. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for Secretary-Treasurer Position, please fill out the form below by October 20th.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HclpKknoNE6iMM34sn4ZZIKSvjfw6dGvGZOvKfena1UM01JQktESzBTSVRXUF13ODNWS1hNVzAwTC4u>

ODL Report – Natalie Currie

- See Attachment A: ODL Report/State Report & Federal/National Report
- See Attachment B: Final 2023 Legislative Session Tracking Report
- See Attachment B: Interim Studies of Interests

- Paula Settoon requested the name of the social media group that is posting threatening messages and Natalie said they are called Libs of TicTok and that they repost information they find on Facebook, X and other social media platforms.

OSRHE Report – Brad Griffith

- Brad reported that OSRHE has revamped and launched their website which can be found at <https://okhighered.org/>

- Blueprint 2030 a new strategic plan is underway and can be viewed at <https://okhighered.org/state-system/strategic-plan/> Brad said that he would appreciate us viewing the plan and giving him feedback on it.

- The OER Summit is taking place on November 3rd at Rose State College. Proposals are being accepted until October 13th at 5:00pm. Those wishing to submit a proposal can go to the following link. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WRTcwe8eZemNW71SWo5DzHTFzphArqDi/view?ts=6509fa3a>. Registration is about \$45 to attend the event in person or you can attend virtually for free. There is monetary support for registration and travel for member institutions of OCO (Online Consortium of Oklahoma). Theme is “cultivating a climate of collaboration”.

- 2023-24 OER textbook incentive grants are available and can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DI2MkwNhx6FbgZoBMvScCLDOhr17Izau/view?usp=drive_link

- OER 101 training grants are also available and can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ISUZkYVAZ1dtf3IykEyFIF6pl3dnu3_T/view?usp=drive_link. The deadline to apply for the grants is December 1st. Brad said his department offers \$50 training completion incentives as well as offering to do onsite visits virtually or face-to-face at our institutions.

- Dana asked if OSRHE and OEO would continue to provide money so institutions could have access to Pressbooks. Brad replied that they would and then explained that OPEN OEO Pressbooks provides faculty, staff and students with the ability to have unlimited access to create book products using Pressbooks for free. Further information can be found at <https://open.ocolearnok.org/>

OK-ACRL Conference – Clark Iakovakis

- Clark presented information on the OK-ACRL Conference scheduled for November 10th at Oklahoma State University – Edmon Low Library. There will be two free virtual preconference sessions one on November 6th will be an Academic Library Careers panel and another on November 8th will be a virtual lightning round.

Proposals for full sessions and lightening rounds can be submitted until October 2, 2023. You can submit your proposal at <https://okacrl.wufoo.com/forms/zo8vx8t0c33knb/>. To register for the conference you can go to <https://okacrl.wufoo.com/forms/m7548ew1uqjwi4/>. Full further information about the conference you can go to <https://www.okacrl.org/conference/> or you can also join OKACRL Listserv at <https://lists.onenet.net/mailman/listinfo/okacrl-members>.

Oklahoma Broadband Office – Samuel Karns

- See Attachment C: OBO Presentation 2023

Samuel discussed the reasons the Oklahoma Broadband Office – Grants Office for Digital Opportunities was recently established to provide Oklahomans in rural or underserved communities the opportunity to access internet services.

He explained that just under twenty percent (about 728,000) of Oklahomans do not have access to high-speed internet and many others don't have quality internet. The reasons for lack of internet is largely due to cost and lack of availability of Wi-Fi or devices. Other barriers include the lack of knowledge for using the devices or feeling they don't need the internet. Goal is to have high-speed internet available to all Oklahomans by 2028.

Various types of grants are available. Samuel is asking for our help to create proposals for where the money should be spent. The federal government hopes to see the state governments establish their own digital equity plans, so if we wish to make our own he asks that ours be submitted to him to ensure that they align with the other plans in Oklahoma.

For those that wish to attend the Digital Equity Coalition meets every other month & their next meeting is October 17, 2023.

Samuel would love our feedback on the Initial Proposal Vol. 1 and if we would take the Asset Survey https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a0dbba18a1314c1db1396c470b36926c?portalUrl=https://Sanborn.maps.arcgis.com&fbclid=IwAR2_UlxYdQuuIQiqxtiu7sIO-HXvzD_wq221aoJyYwdk7RCCuStvisNTff8_aem_AeNYyiLzHQOAYstnHPzbjkaVT3vxqkWUfaMKJYrRXIkt-JU11vL6CkazP29ojpJSE4.

Further information can be found at <https://oklahoma.gov/broadband/grant-programs/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment-program-.html> or by contacting Samuel at samuel.karns@broadband.ok.gov as well as on Linked In and Facebook.

New Business:

- Request has been made by the Executive Committee to update the By-Laws, in particular to include in it documentation regarding the OCALD Listserv. Lynn Wallace said she will contact Joy Summers-Ables to discuss the matter.

OCALD Executive Committee Report – Lynn Wallace

Committee Reports and Discussions

- By-Laws, Joy Summers-Ables (unable to attend)
- Cooperative Library Services and Standards, Jason Dupree (unable to attend)
- OK-Share, Nancy Draper – sent survey out regarding OK-Share statistics via her work email. Please respond by October 31, 2023. Let Nancy know if you did not receive it so she can update your contact information.

- Website updates, Suzanne Rooker – no report
- Cooperative Collection Development & Resource Sharing, Victoria Swinney – no report
- Archives, Jenny Duncan – the MOU was signed. Jenny plans to contact OSU to determine where to take the physical OCALD documents she currently has. If you have any physical OCALD documents please contact Jenny.

OLA Report – Dana Belcher

- See Attachment D: OLA Report
 - Dana encouraged OCALD members to submit proposals for OLA.
 - If anyone would like to present at the OLA event, please contact Dana by September 22nd.

Other Business:

- Agenda Items for this Year: Proposal was made for a Director's Institute
 - Suggestion was made to use networking opportunities and advocacy training by Amigos as a face-to-face workshop or during OCALD meetings.
 - Dana mentioned OLA's advocacy state committees and lobbyists would be able to come train us or speak to us for free. She suggested speaking to Kim Johnson the current chair of the committee or Lisa Wells who is chair-elect.
- Shannon Leaper asked if anyone is using Brainfuse for their tutoring service. Dana said she sends those needing it to the public library. Ann's mentioned it to her tutoring center to replace Tutor.com, but nothing has been decided.

Dana Belcher moved to adjourn, and Shannon Leaper made the second. The meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Rooker

Institutional Report Summaries – as submitted on Google Doc

ECU - dealing with:

- 23K reduction in student wages
- Mid-year budget reductions since enrollment goal not met
- Possible librarian and staff resignations this spring
- Little administrative support for OER
- Several administrative positions being added during time of low budgets
- Grateful for a great supportive and invested staff!

OC

- New President Dr. Ken Jones is looking at every area on campus
- New Provost Dr. Brian Starr has started, learning the campus and faculty, allowing Deans to make decisions
- JJ has a new MOU to be Interim Director through December, the position for Director should be posted in January per this new MOU
- North Institute for Teaching and Learning has a new part time Educational Technologist
- Enrollment goals were not met and the Admissions Director was fired, a new director has been named, Amy Roberts, who began this week. The library hasn't been asked to make cuts yet, but I am anticipating this could happen
- David Grann, author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*, will be speaking on campus in October. Tickets are free and open to the public, they just have to be reserved. So far there has been an overwhelming public interest in

the lecture. The library coordinated with the department hosting to create a research guide and promote the event. <https://www.oc.edu/events/killers-of-the-flower-moon-author-david-grann?date=17-10-2023>

RSU

- All staff received at least a 5% raise this fiscal year, and minimum salary across campus has been raised to \$30k.
- Opening for First Year Experience & Instruction Librarian – New and established librarians encouraged to apply if you know anyone!
- Library project being highlighted during [RSU's Giving Week](#) – Native American Music Digitization & Preservation Initiative. (Feel free to share if you know anyone who would be interested in supporting this project!)
- We have been informed that we should to be getting 20 new computers in the library to replace severely outdated tech that has been giving students issues for over a year now.

Oklahoma City University

We are hiring for 2 positions: [Music and Performing Arts Librarian](#) and [Circulation Technician \(Sunday-Thursday 3 pm - 12 am\)](#). We did eliminate one position, but reorganized duties and everyone got a raise.

Connors State College

Mr. Chris McBeath was appointed VPAA for Connors State, and for the first time in many years a feeling of hope prevails on the campus

The library purchased and added 9 Hotspots to our equipment checkout. They are very popular

The library personnel got permission to conduct a day-long retreat that was very productive. We have a slate of activities for the fall and spring mapped out based on the retreat

A building renovation forced several classes to move to library spaces in Warner. We have enjoyed having more students in the library, who stay to study

Rose State College

- Dr. Christie Smith, Dean of the Learning Resources Center and Library, vacated her position in June to go back to Mid-America Christian University. Her position will not be filled.
- The library director is now overseeing the duties for our Academic Testing Center and our Tutoring Center within the same building.
- For FY24, professional library staff received a \$2,000 raise. Classified library staff received a \$3,000 raise.
- Through our Friends of the Library funds, the library was able to purchase two Microsoft Surfaces and stands for students to make study rooms reservations.

Redlands Community College

- Jena Marr was appointed President of Redlands Community College on August 28, 2023
- The library began loaning laptops in August 2023

OSU-Tulsa Library

Is an organizing partner for a community read entitled *Deep Greenwood*. Events follow sets of chapters from Victor Luckerson's best seller "Built from the Fire."

Across a series of five events over the next year, *Deep Greenwood* will examine the 118-year history of Greenwood step by step, with each event capturing a different era. The series will begin by exploring the racist politics in Tulsa that preceded the massacre, and end with an opportunity to imagine new possibilities for Greenwood's future. In between attendees will learn more about Greenwood's vibrant culture and nightlife, the impacts of urban renewal, and the legacy of activism in the neighborhood. The events will incorporate musical performances, photo exhibits, and more to go beyond the boundaries of a traditional book talk.

Link: <https://humanities.utulsa.edu/deep-greenwood/>

Other sponsors include Tulsa City-County Library, The Big Ten Ballroom, University of Tulsa's Oklahoma Center for Humanities, and All-Souls Unitarian Church. Our first event in the series takes place this Thursday September 28th at 6:30 PM. Books will be available for sale by Magic City Books.

OSU Center for Health Sciences

Our satellite campus OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation (OSUCOM-CN) will graduate its first class of 54 medical students in May 2024. They started in August 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two new librarians will start in December on the Cherokee Nation campus.

Our longtime Library Technical Assistant for Cataloging is retiring in December.

Four librarians have gone through the Medical Library Association Systematic Reviews Service Specialization Level 1 program (www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=42). It's very good and I recommend it.

**ODL Report for OCALD
September 21, 2023**

ODL Report

- Absent Governor’s action, appropriations increase for SFY 24 of \$500,000 became law. Budget request was \$825,945. Total increase of 11.02% from \$4,536,315 to \$5,036,315. Highest figure since 2016.
- Absent Governor’s action, \$17,605,000 from the new Legacy Capital Financing Fund for renovations to the Allen Wright Memorial Library became law as of today. Conversations have started with OMES on renovation planning.
- ODL Board approved the agency’s State Fiscal Year 2025 Budget request on September 8, 2023:

Summary of Operational Requests (Continuing)	
Restore State Aid to Public Libraries to 2010 level (\$2,485,650) adjusted for inflation (\$3,431,825). (SFY 24 level = \$1,489,277).	\$1,942,548
Estimated cost for adding back 10 known needed positions. Allows the agency to implement findings of the Classification, Compensation and Organizational Study planned for January through June 2024.	\$1,000,000
Estimated cost for implementing modern technology to administer the State Archives and Records Management programs. <i>Includes estimated recurring annual fee for the digital State Archives program (\$70,000) and estimated recurring annual fee (\$40,000) for the State Records Center and State Archives inventory systems.</i>	\$110,000
Known increase in operational expenses, bills (accounts for 5% inflation on current expenses)	\$300,000
<i>Total Operational</i>	<i>\$3,352,548</i>
Summary of Supplemental Requests (One-time)	
Estimated one-time set up costs for the digital State Archives program and State Records Center and State Archives inventory management systems.	\$50,000
<i>Total Supplemental</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
Total SFY 2025 Operational and Supplemental Budget Request	\$3,402,548

State Report

- See attached Final 2023 Legislative Session Tracking Report
- See attached report on Interim Studies of Interest
- Broadband Expansion and Technology Adoption
 - o Exploring project proposals to submit to the Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO) to increase internet speeds in public libraries
 - o Advising OBO on statewide approach to digital skills building for State Digital Equity Plan.
- 8/23/2023 KOSU: [‘We will bomb every school in the Union district’: Tulsa school threatened for ‘woke ideology’](#)

Federal/National Report

- New Federal Legislation Tracking
 - o [H.R.3804 - Workforce and Education Partnership Act of 2023](#). Rep. Bice, Stephanie [R-OK-5]. House - 06/05/2023 Referred to the H Com. on Education and the Workforce.
- Watching talks over federal budget negotiation. A government shutdown would stop our ability to draw federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- 5/12/2023 Press Release: [Bice Demands Biden Answers for China-Based Firm's Purchase of US Education Platform](#) Tutor.com was purchased by Chinese private equity firm Primavera Capital Group. Bice is concerned about possible data sharing with the Chinese government. She specifically mentions concern due to Tutor.com contracting with K-12 schools and the military.
- 9/12/23 Minnesota Reformer: [US Senate hearing on book bans probes censorship attempts in local libraries](#)
 - o [Link to hearing recording from US Senate Committee on the Judiciary website](#)
- 9/19/23: [Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ryan Walters testifies at the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Hearing on "Academic Freedom Under Attack: Loosening the CCP's Grip on America's Classrooms"](#)
- 9/15/23 [ALA Intellectual Freedom Blog](#)
- News from other states:
 - o Alabama
 - 8/21/23 CBS 42: [Alabama \[state\] library board requesting attorney general's opinion due to concerns over books](#)
 - 9/6/23 Alabama Today: [Gov. Kay Ivey sends letter expressing concern over 'inappropriate' books in Alabama libraries](#)
 - o Arkansas
 - [August 2023: An update from Central Arkansas Library System Director Nate Coulter regarding Act 372](#)
 - [8/22/23 Arkansas Times: Pointing fingers and drawing lines: Saline County's library fight draws a crowd](#)
 - o Missouri
 - (Still waiting on ruling) 2/23/23 [ACLU Missouri; Professional Library Organizations Challenge Government Censorship and Book Removals in Schools](#)
 - o Montana
 - 7/11/23 Montana Free Press: [Montana State Library withdraws from national association](#)
 - 7/13/23: [American Library Association Responds to Montana State Library Commission's Decision to Withdraw Montana State Library's Membership](#)
 - o Texas
 - 8/18/23 Publisher's Weekly: [Stakes are High as Judge Hears Motion to Block Texas Book Rating Law](#)
 - 9/19/23 Publisher's Weekly: [In Blistering Opinion, Judge Officially Blocks Texas Book Rating Law](#)
 - o Wyoming, 8/24/23 Casper Star Tribune: [Gordon, state library, call on library association to open discussions about group's direction](#)



OKLAHOMA Department of Libraries

59th Legislature – Tracked bills grouped by broad theme

Affecting ODL

- [HB2557](#), McBride: Authorizes the Dept. of Libraries to utilize up to \$27 million in appropriated funds for relocation, remodeling and construction projects at buildings they control including The State Library.
 - Failed deadline.
- HB1004x, Wallace and Thompson: General Appropriations bill. ODL received \$500,000 in increased appropriations.
 - Became law absent Governor's action.
- HB1014x, Wallace and Thompson: Appropriates \$17,605,000 from the new Legacy Capital Financing Fund for renovations to the Allen Wright Memorial Library.
 - Became law absent Governor's action.

Shell Bills – all failed the deadline

- [HB1128](#), Speaker McCall: Creates the Oklahoma Public Libraries Reform Act of 2023.
- [HB1129](#), Speaker McCall: Creates the Oklahoma Public Libraries Reform Act of 2023.
- [HB1817](#), Rep. Conley: Creates the Oklahoma Libraries Act.
- [HB1818](#), Rep. Conley: Creates the Oklahoma Libraries Act of 2023.
- [HB1819](#), Rep. Conley: Creates the State Libraries Act of 2023.
- [HB2568](#), McBride: Creates the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Act of 2023.

Library Administration and Operations

- [SB5](#), by Sen. Kevin Matthews, D-Tulsa and Rep. Monroe Nichols, D-Tulsa. Request bill from TCCL. Amending 65 OS 2021 Section 155, which relates to city-county library commissions; modifies language related to city-county library commissions. It reduces the number of times the commissions must meet from at least one meeting each month to no fewer than six times per year.; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB261](#), Howard: Request from Oklahoma Library Association. Defines Public Libraries as political subdivisions under the Governmental Tort Claims Act.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB521](#), Pugh: Request from the State Regents for Higher Education. Exempts libraries within institutions of higher education from filtering out certain digital or online database resources when the primary purpose of the resource is for educational research. ([HB3702](#))

- Failed deadline, but language was added to [SB 322](#), which became law absent governor's signature.
- [HB2618](#), Humphrey: Permits counties that participate in multi-county library systems to vote on adoption of procedures relating to overall budgets, estimates of needs, and purchase approvals.
 - Failed deadline.

Related to Obscenity, Parents Rights, Restricting Access to Materials Based on Content

- [HB1810](#), Conley: Prohibits certain materials from school libraries, requires parents involvement in determining whether materials are sensitive, compels the State Board of Education to provide implementation guidance.
 - Failed deadline.
- [HB1811](#), Conley: Prohibits certain materials from school libraries and requires a written policy for challenging school materials.
 - Failed deadline.
- [HB2002](#), Conley: Establishes standards in statute of obscene material harmful to minors and adjusts the definition of obscene material to include written and drawn mediums.
 - Failed deadline.
- [HB2186](#), West: Prohibits adult cabaret and drag queen story hours anywhere in proximity to children, violators to be guilty of a misdemeanor.
 - Failed deadline.
- [HB2535](#), by Rep. Danny Williams, R-Seminole and Sen. Blake Stephens, R-Tahlequah, modifies the definition of the term "obscene," removing "average person applying contemporary community standards" and replacing it with "a reasonable person." It exempts from the reasonable person standard when an adult knowingly provides material that qualifies as obscene material.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB95, Standridge](#): "No public school district, public charter school, or public school district or public charter school employee may provide any sexually explicit material including but not limited to any book or other written medium containing sexually explicit material to a student enrolled in the public school district or public charter school without written consent from the student's parent or legal guardian."
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB397](#), Hamilton: Original version required public and school libraries to conduct inventories and designate all materials with one of the following ratings: elementary, junior high, under 16, and juniors and seniors. "Beginning July 1, 2024, public libraries shall place print and nonprint materials and media designated as "juniors and seniors" in a section of the library only available to staff." Individuals under the age of 18 can only access if they present a written consent from a parent or legal guardian.
 - A substitute was introduced that removed this language and instead instructed the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to create procedures to be approved by the Legislature and adopted by school districts for the review and acquisition of collection materials.
 - Failed deadline.

- [SB503](#), Bullard: Prohibits political subdivisions from allowing or permitting a public display of lewd acts or obscene material where minors could be present, intentional violators to be guilty of a felony.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB872](#), Bullard: Forbids school libraries from containing certain materials, requires an annual audit of materials and public database of available materials, and outlines procedures for removing books.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB935](#), Jett: Creates the Stop the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees (Stop W.O.K.E.) Act prohibiting the teaching of or inclusion of teaching materials that promote critical race theory.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB988](#): Sen. Jett: Prohibits the targeting of minors with content or messages containing obscene material or sexual conduct under the Consumer Protection Act.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB1017](#), Jett: Prohibits school surveys from including coverage of gender or sexuality and limits school library materials from including any materials on LGBT topics or recreational sexualization.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB1056](#), Sen. Standridge: Defines standards and conditions for obscene content. Permits community polls and news outlets as reference. – DA doesn't want this to be heard either.
 - Failed deadline.

General Interest

- [SB139, Dahm](#): Adds required reading to certain high school classes: Bill of Rights, the Anti-Federalist Papers, the Articles of Confederation, the Gettysburg Address, George Washington's Farewell Address, the 1777 version of the New England Primer, and The Law by Frederic Bastiat.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB119, Bergstrom](#): Right-to-Start Act. Creates the Office of Entrepreneurship in the Department of Commerce. "The Office shall work with stakeholders and organizations supporting entrepreneurship to enhance learning and skills, provide technical support, and expand access to resources for entrepreneurs across this state."
 - Failed deadline.
- [HB2420](#), Alonso-Sandoval. State Department of Education to develop best practices and recommendations for instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy. Involve librarians.
 - Failed deadline.
- [SB509](#), Matthews. Authorizes Oklahoma Historical Society to create the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant Program.
 - Became law absent Governor's action.
- [SB 621 by Sen. Pugh, Rep. Hill, Rep. Archer, and Rep. Lepak](#). Creates the Oklahoma Workforce Commission. Gives them the authority to create a nonprofit that manages the state's WIOA funds. This entity will set and coordinate the state's agenda for workforce development.
 - Signed by Governor.

- [HB1568](#), by Rep. Marilyn Stark, R-Bethany and Sen. Dave Rader, R-Tulsa, creates a sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property or services to a nonprofit organization, created pursuant to the provisions of Oklahoma law or authorized to conduct activity in Oklahoma pursuant to the nonprofit entity law of another state, having exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, in good standing and having gross revenues not to exceed \$3.0 million during the tax year ending on the date immediately preceding the first date after the end of such tax year upon which the entity seeks to make otherwise taxable purchases of tangible personal property or services. It exempts purchases of alcohol or tobacco by the nonprofit entity.
 - Failed deadline.



OKLAHOMA

Broadband Office
Samuel Karns, Digital Opportunities

The Need

<https://broadband.ok.gov>



- As highlighted by the pandemic, all Americans need reliable high speed broadband service for:
 - Working from home
 - E-Commerce
 - Homework and research by students
 - Healthcare (telehealth & smart devices)
 - Online dating
- Almost 20% (728,000 Oklahomans) do not have access to high-speed internet
- Affordability and lack of availability are the two most cited reasons for not having internet

National Vision

<https://broadband.ok.gov>



- Part of nationwide investment in infrastructure.
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - Embraced by both the legislative and executive branch
- 100% of Americans must have a widespread and reliable communications infrastructure to ensure success in the 21st Century

Oklahoma's Vision



- Ensure Oklahomans have universal access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband service by 2028
- Oklahomans will have access to the information, resources, and skills needed to participate in society to the fullest and to remain competitive in a digital marketplace.

Governing Board

Advisory Council

Broadband Office

Who We Are

Structured for Success

- House Bill 3363 (2022) created three entities for broadband expansion
- All will end on June 30, 2028



Making It Happen

<https://broadband.ok.gov>



-
- We are moving aggressively to complete our mission
 - Set up a new state agency
 - Hiring additional staff
 - Strong accountability mechanisms with federal and state oversight
 - Asset mapping
 - Outreach
 - ARPA Grant Program
 - BEAD Five-Year Action Plan
 - BEAD Initial Proposal Volumes 1&2
 - Digital Equity Plan



Funding

- Over \$1.3 billion in broadband expansion funding that OBO will distribute
- Multiple other federal grant sources
- OBO-administered programs can be broken down into two specific types:
 - Infrastructure funding
 - Digital opportunity funding

 OKLAHOMA Broadband Office	ARPA - SLFRF	CPF	BEAD	DEA
Purpose	Fund last-mile, critical broadband infrastructure in areas lacking access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet	Fund critical broadband capital projects that will directly enable and promote work, education and healthcare	Fund construction of broadband to unserved and underserved homes and businesses	Promote digital education and access, so all communities have needed skills and technology to benefit from the digital economy
Administering Agency	Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO)	Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO)	Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO)	Oklahoma Broadband Office (OBO)
Eligible Recipients	Internet Service Providers, Tribal and municipal governments	Internet Service Providers, Tribal and municipal governments	Internet Service Providers, Tribal and municipal governments, Community Anchor Institutions	Community Anchor Institutions, non-profits, Tribal, state and local governments
Funding (State Allocation)	\$382 million	\$167.7 million	\$797.4 million	\$882,000 (additional funding opportunity TBA in 2024)

Federally Administered	TBCP	ReConnect	ACP
Purpose	Support Tribal governments bringing high-speed Internet to Tribal lands, promoting telehealth, distance learning, and affordability	Fund construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide high-speed internet service in eligible rural areas	Ensure qualifying low income households can afford broadband for work, school and healthcare
Administering Agency	National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Eligible Recipients	Tribal governments	Internet Service Providers, corporations, Tribal, state and municipal governments	Internet Service Providers
Funding (National Allocation)	\$3 billion	\$1.9 billion	\$14.2 billion

Digital Equity Act

<https://broadband.ok.gov>

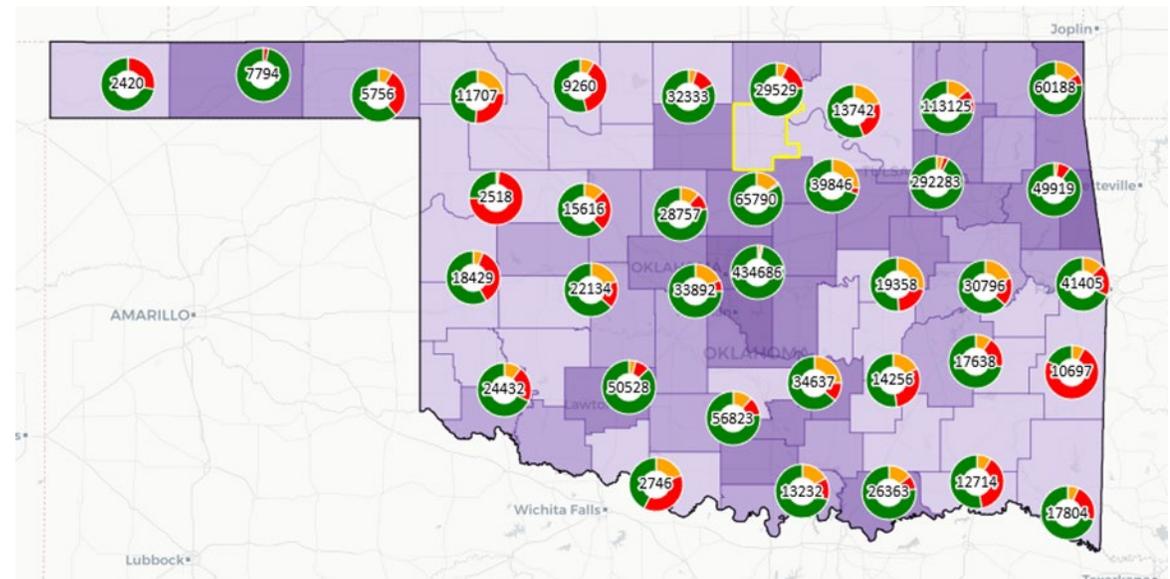


- Passed in 2021 as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to ensure that Oklahomans can access, afford, and use the internet
- OBO will receive funds from the Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program to support digital inclusion opportunities in the state
- OBO is drafting a Digital Opportunity Plan
 - Will be published for public comment before being submitted to NTIA



Asset Mapping

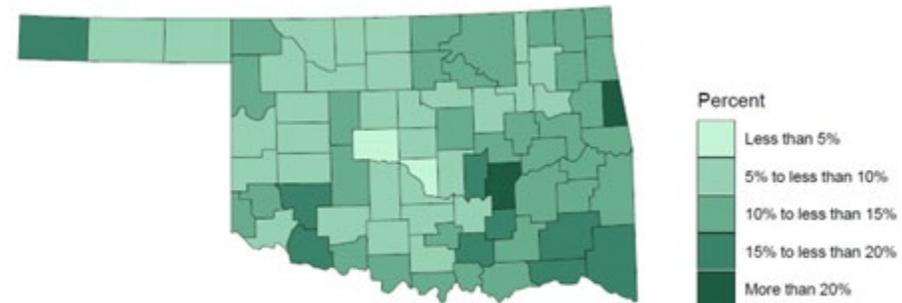
- Create and maintain a detailed map of broadband service
- Create database of community anchor institutions and digital equity services





Barriers

- Affordability and Access
 - Two most cited barriers
- Device access
 - Some counties have upwards of 20% of households without internet enabled devices



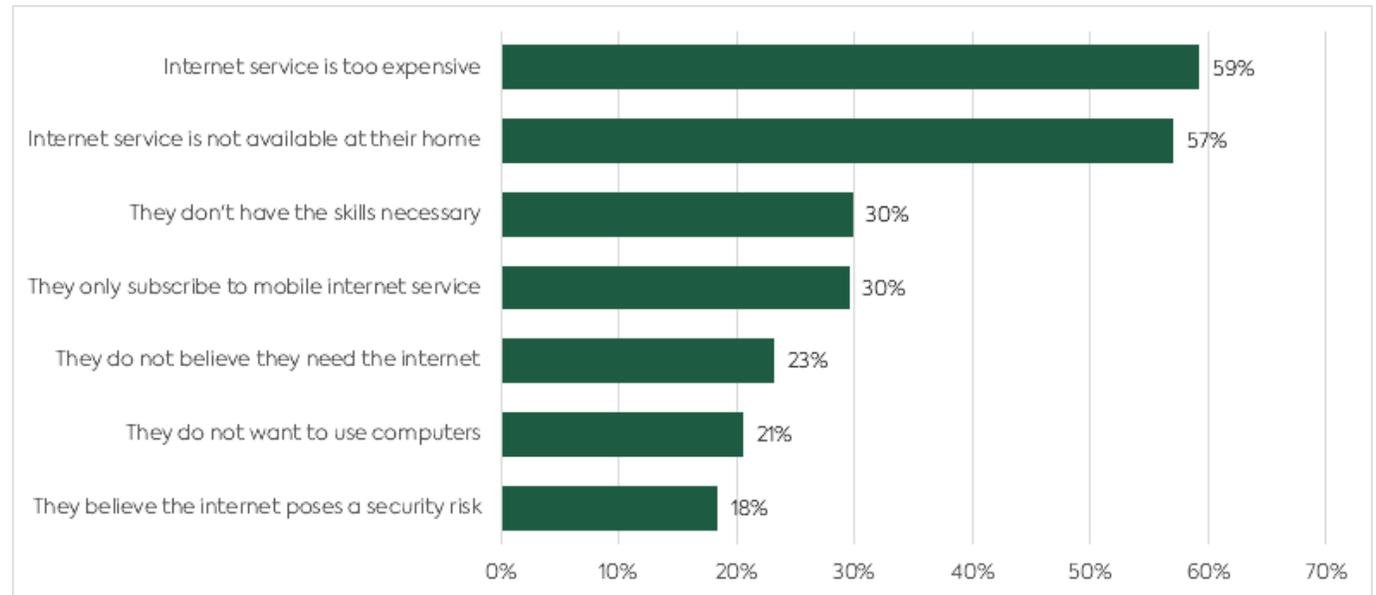
Based on 2017-2021 five-year ACS estimates

- Lack of digital skills



Barriers

Source: Oklahoma Broadband Office "Let's Get Digital: Oklahoma Broadband Tour", 2023





Implementation Plan

- Access
 - Widespread internet availability
 - Free or low-cost devices
- Affordability
 - Affordable Connectivity Program
 - Low-cost high-speed plans
- Advancement
 - Skills building
 - Local technology/digital equity plans
 - Technology support

<https://broadband.ok.gov>

How To Help

<https://broadband.ok.gov>



-
- Take our [asset survey](#)
 - If you offer digital equity resources or programs, we want to know about it!
 - Join the Digital Equity Coalition
 - Meets every other month (next meeting October 17th)
 - Helps the OBO meet DE goals
 - Comment on the [Initial Proposal v1](#) and DE Plan
 - The Initial Proposal v1 is live and includes the list of community anchor institutions
 - DE Plan is going live next month
 - Sign up for announcements at broadband.ok.gov

How To Help

<https://broadband.ok.gov>

Oklahoma's Digital Promise

Affordability • Access • Advancement



OKLAHOMA
Broadband Office



October 3	1:00-3:00pm	Hobart	Hobart Public Library, 200 S. Main St.
October 5	1:00-3:00pm	Muskogee	Muskogee Public Library, 801 W Okmulgee
October 11	6:00-8:00pm	Krebs	Pete's Place, 120 S West 8th St
October 12	11:00am-1:00pm	Burns Flat	SWODA, 420 Sooner Dr.
October 17	1:00-3:00pm	Atoka	Atoka County Library, 279 E A St.
October 19	6:00-8:00 pm	Oklahoma City	Cattleman's, 1309 S Agnew
October 24	11:00am-2:00pm	Okarche	Eischen's, 109 S 2nd St.
October 25	1:00-3:00pm	Duncan	Duncan Public Library, 3785 US-81
October 26	12:00-2:00pm	Watonga	Roman Nose State Park, 3236 S Hwy 8A
November 9	10:00-12:00 pm	Ponca City	Ponca City Library, 516 E Grand



Thank you

-
- Questions? Email me!
samuel.karns@broadband.ok.gov
 - Find us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#)

<https://broadband.ok.gov>

**OCALD
OLA Report
9/21/2023**

Conference

- OLA24 – Mar 6-8, 2024 – Tulsa, Hyatt Regency Downtown
 - Expect increase in registration
 - \$300/\$250 early bird for members
 - \$430/\$380 early bird for non-members
 - \$450 On-site for all
 - Hotel rooms
 - \$135
 - Links for regular and GSA rate on OLA website
 - Program submissions due by September 30th - see OLA website
 - 64 as of 9/19
 - OU SLIS submitting one showcasing their program - Come meet faculty members from SLIS and hear about the work they do outside of the classroom! In addition, discover the faculty **research interests**, learn about program offerings, **internship opportunities**, the student organization, and much more.
 - Keynote – Alan Gratz
 - President’s Program – John Herrington
 - Preconferences:
 - ½ day Lights, Camera, Action: Proactive Media & PR Interview Skills for Libraries – PR Consultant and Media Strategist from Media Insiders
 - Full-day Stewart’s How to Get a Library Job

New partnership w/OUSLIS

- OLMP (Oklahoma Librarian Mentorship Program) opportunities still available
 - Link to sign up as a mentor – https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_026gSrv6ex0htNs
 - Link to sign up as a mentee – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYVGe-_IhxDv_usB1_aqRtX2PYvw8zKpd9b4jGob-t1H3DOQ/viewform

Dues

- Not expecting increase this year

More Communication – communicate the great work your libraries are doing! Send your stories to:

- <https://www.oklibs.org/page/LibraryStoryForm>
- marketing@oklibs.org

Other news:

- Bylaws, constitution, and handbook are being updated – lots of streamlining and redundancy elimination happening
- Policies are being reviewed
- OLA GOLD Leadership Institute – fall 2025 – sponsorships available