

## Director's Report

**Legislative Session is off to the Races.** Since our last Board meeting, there has been a lot of activity relating to the start of the legislative session. At this point, we have made two presentations to appropriations committees on the ODL budget and we have another scheduled for next week. I am including some of the handouts that we distributed in these presentations for your information.

In addition, the bills introduced for next legislative session have been my reading material every morning. Two bills directly affecting public libraries have been introduced. I have included the text of both bills following this report. I will update you at our Board meeting on these and any other bills that relate to agency operations.

**Continuing Education.** Along with Judi Knapp and Duchess Bartmess, Vicki Sullivan and I attended a workshop on the Open Meetings/Open Records Act offered by Drew Edmondson, Attorney General, and his staff. It was an excellent program and we learned some things that we will be implementing in our procedures. The workshop was held on one of the few really miserable winter days we've had so Judi and Duchess deserve special recognition for attending this event.

**Under Construction.** There are some wonderful projects under development at ODL. One of them is the creation of a database and web site that will allow identification of programs and locations for public libraries and other organizations in Oklahoma. It is being funded by a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services that we received as a national leadership grant.

Another interesting project is the Oklahoma Authors database. It is collaboration by the Oklahoma Collection and the Oklahoma Center for the Book staff. We have had requests for many years for this type of resource. We will be demonstrating this during our Board meeting.