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Oklahoma Library Association Selects Amigos Library Services for Association Management Services

Dallas, TX & Oklahoma City, OK, October 13, 2017 – Amigos Library Services and the Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) are pleased to announce that the OLA's Executive Board has approved their Transition Committee's recommendation to hire Amigos Library Services (Amigos) for professional association management services in the wake of Executive Director Kay Boies' retirement. Amigos will assist OLA in membership management and administrative, event support, and communications services. Moreover, Amigos will support OLA leadership in executing workshops and the annual conference of the Association. The 111th Annual Conference of OLA will convene at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa, OK on April 23-25, 2018, and OLA is excited that Amigos will provide extensive support to the planning committees for this major event.

Linda Pye, current OLA President and Transition Committee chair, commented, "We are excited to have contracted Amigos Library Services as OLA's association management company. We feel that the experience that Amigos has in working with the Missouri Library Association and other library related organizations will significantly benefit our organization as we make the transition away from being managed by an Executive Director and embrace the association management model. We look forward to a strong and successful partnership with Amigos Library Services." The Transition Committee was also pleased to report that this new partnership will not affect the current membership dues schedule. Not only that, but this new partnership will be a great asset in ensuring that OLA members consistently benefit from their membership in the organization.

Alan Kornblau, President and CEO of Amigos Library Services added, "We look forward to our partnership with the Oklahoma Library Association. Our knowledge and understanding of managing associations will definitely be a positive force in helping OLA move forward and continue to provide quality services and programs for members."

Together, OLA and Amigos are confident that they will successfully achieve OLA's mission of supporting Oklahoma librarians by strengthening the quality of libraries and library services throughout the state.

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About Amigos Library Services

Amigos is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and one of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States. For more than 40 years, Amigos members have collaborated to obtain affordable services and shared library resources and knowledge. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services in the library community; pursue opportunities for continuing professional education; and leverage their buying power. This collaboration strengthens each member's ability to serve and lead its community in the creative and effective use of information resources. www.amigos.org

About Oklahoma Library Association (OLA)

Originally founded in 1907, OLA is a 501(c)(3) organization that works to strengthen the quality of libraries, library services and librarianship in Oklahoma. It is run by members who serve their communities through inspired library service. Members of OLA work in public, school, academic and special libraries of all sizes and include professional, paraprofessional and clerical library staff, library trustees, Friends, students, volunteers, vendors of library products and services, and many others. In addition to providing networking and training for librarians and library staff, OLA monitors and advocates for library funding and support and for local control for both school and public libraries. It is OLA's belief that strong libraries create informed citizens and improve the lives of people every day by providing relevant informational resources and access to internet based services. www.oklibs.org