

of the public benefited from a host of training opportunities. Topics included: using the state-wide information resources, finding government information, administering a local literacy council, learning a new software program, assessing a library collection, managing government records, and exploring the needs of tribal libraries. *Funded with state and federal dollars.*

Partnerships

ODL reaches out to different partners to bring services to Oklahomans. A partnership with the **Office of Management and Enterprise Services** is expanding access to electronic government information through the new web portals *Documents.OK.Gov* and *Forms.OK.Gov*. ODL works with the **Department of Human Services** to provide literacy services to TANF clients. The agency partners with **OETA**, the **Kruger Charitable Foundation**, and **Rotary International** on a *Ready to Learn* project for pre-schoolers, distributing 2,000 books each month to at-risk children. **Sonic Corporation** has co-sponsored statewide summer reading efforts for 16 years, ensuring that youngsters have a bag to tote all those books home!

Targeting Federal Grants

ODL uses its annual Library Services and Technology grant, other federal library grants, and some private funds to make a difference in the quality of services libraries can offer to Oklahomans.

Because of federal funding:

- **Statewide online databases are available to all Oklahomans** through all types of libraries, providing resources smaller libraries could never afford, and freeing up local dollars in larger library systems;
- Interlibrary Loan and information sharing among all types of libraries **provide residents in many small communities access to the world-wide library catalog** and other information access services;
- Funding Summer Reading allows even the smallest libraries the ability to offer a **quality program for their young patrons**;
- **Higher broadband and video-conference capabilities** are now available in 44 rural libraries;
- Oklahoma is a national leader in **addressing the training and networking needs of tribal libraries and archives.**

