



In celebration of Oklahoma's centennial year and to promote awareness of our 'Oklahoma Images' online database, Metropolitan Library System customers can start collecting monthly limited edition bookmarks.

OKLAHOMA IMAGES

Collector's Bookmarks

We know this series of 12 unique bookmarks chronicling moments from Oklahoma County's past will be popular with readers of *info* because the "Oklahoma Images" column, written by Downtown librarian Larry "Buddy" Johnson is one of the magazine's most popular features.

Each bookmark features an image from the Metropolitan Library's 'Oklahoma Images' database, accompanied by a short explanatory caption. One collectable bookmark will be released every month for the duration of 2007.

"This centennial year is an ideal opportunity to emphasize these wonderful photographs," said Kim Terry, Manager of Marketing & Communications. "Our collection contains over 750 historic photographs of people and places within Oklahoma County. Many of the images also have wonderful and entertaining essays that provide an historical context for the photo."

"For the bookmarks, we adapted some of the stories from the online file," said collection curator Larry Johnson. "We've spent the last several years identifying the library system's invaluable photos, and I've written several essays explaining how each particular picture fits into the history of central Oklahoma, and why each is of such interest to professional and amateur historians."

Johnson, who grew up in the western part of the state and comes from a long line of Oklahomans, comes by his interest in Sooner state history honestly, an interest that is reflected in the care he has given to the Oklahoma Images project. "Sometimes it's been real labor, but it's always been a labor of love."

The Oklahoma Images Centennial Bookmarks began distribution at all MLS libraries in February.

To view more historical photos of Oklahoma County's past, visit 'Oklahoma Images' on the Metropolitan Library System's website at www.metrolibrary.org.

