

Library conference to be held in May

A Tribal Librarians' Institute for School Readiness workshop will be held during the week of May 14 - 20, 1995 by the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma. It is designed to increase the number of Native American tribal librarians with skills to help prepare Native American children for school readiness. Experienced library specialists, most of whom have worked in Native libraries,

will share materials that they have used for library programs.

Participants will plan preschool library activities and develop portfolios of materials to use with young children in their own libraries.

Expenses for attending the Institute will be paid by funds from a US Department of Education Higher Education Act Title IIB library programs grant. Applicants who are Native American and are currently working in a tribal li-

brary have preference. Institute developer, Dr. Lotsee Patterson said in a telephone conversation with the Alaska State Library that she hopes to see applications from Alaskans. Dr. Patterson toured the state in 1986 studying library services in Native communities.

For application forms or more information, contact the Anchorage Center for the State Library, 344 W. 3rd Avenue, Suite 125, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 269-6569.