


Oklahoma Heritage Association celebrates 35 years and more than 100 titles

35 YEARS OF PUBLICATIONS CELEBRATE STATE'S HERITAGE

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Telling the story of Oklahoma takes more than 100 books.

There are too many legends, heroes, villains and good stories to write about, said Gini Moore Campbell, publications and education director for the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

"Fact is much more entertaining than fiction most of the time," she said.

This year, the Oklahoma Heritage Association marks the 35th anniversary of its publishing program. More than 100 books have been published so far, and many more are in the works, Moore Campbell said.

"With each book we do, when I'm editing that book, I think, 'Oh my gosh — this is my favorite. This is the best we've ever done,'" she said. "Then the next one comes along and I think, 'This is the best one we've ever done.'"

The association donates most of the books to high school libraries, Moore Campbell said. The goal is to connect students to role models and give them a sense of state pride.

"Our history is about our people," she said. "That's why we're here. That's what makes us who we are."

Moore Campbell works with many authors who have covered a laundry list of people and topics.

A prolific author, Bob Burke, said he writes about the famous and not-so-famous history makers because of his love of Oklahoma.

"Oklahoma's incredible story is not about places and events," he said. "It's about our people."

