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Report on Bartlesville Dispute

The case of *Brown v. Dunaway et al.*, arising out of the discharge of Ruth Brown as city librarian at Bartlesville, Okla., is now pending on appeal in the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The date for the hearing has not been set.

Although the issue originally concerned matters of censorship and tenure, the sole legal question involved in this case is whether a city library, like a public school, is a matter in which the state has a sovereign interest or whether it is a matter only of municipal concern. The action of the Bartlesville City Commissioners, operating under a new city ordinance, conflicts with the Oklahoma State Library Law. It is

necessary, therefore, for the Supreme Court of the state to decide whether or not the Bartlesville Free Public Library should be administered in accordance with state-wide policy determined by the Legislature. The ALA will consider the possibility of filing an *amicus curiae* brief with the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

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