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Chief Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Chief Mankiller:

I want to thank you on behalf of the Oklahoma Library Association for your wonderful presentation as our keynote speaker. Our evaluations have been compiled and there were a number of comments that said "Excellent speaker" and "Thank you for inviting her to speak" and "I liked her emphasis on you can change things - just do it". However, I must also share the most unusual format of a comment I have ever seen on these evaluation - a poem.

-I came expecting the usual
But, received more than the same
A contemporary woman leader
Spoke to us with flair
A leader among her people
But, had something for us all to hear
The Principal Chief of the Cherokees
A person whom I greatly admire
Ohhh what a thrill!

I saw your picture with President Clinton in the paper, so knew you had made it to Washington. I hope your conference went well. I do appreciate you keeping us on your busy schedule. The stories you shared and the ideas you presented were exactly the start we needed to our 87th Annual Conference. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sandy Ellison, Chair
1994 Program Committee