



Kentucky Public Library Association

Constitution, Bylaws,
Policies and Procedures

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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Name

The name of this Section of the Kentucky Library Association is the Kentucky Public Library Association. Throughout its official documentation, the organization will be referred to as the "Kentucky Public Library Association", "KPLA", the "Association", or the "Section".

Article 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Kentucky Public Library Association are:

1. To encourage professional growth among its members by offering opportunities for study and for participation in professional activities.
2. To promote the improvement of public library service in Kentucky and the nation.
3. To cooperate with other library agencies in improving all types of library service in Kentucky and the nation.

Article 3. Members

Any member of the Kentucky Library Association who is interested in the improvement of public libraries and pays the stated dues may be an active member of the Kentucky Public Library Association.

Article 4. Officers and Terms of Office

Officers are Chair, Vice Chair, and Vice Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The affairs of the section are conducted by the Executive Committee consisting of the Officers of the Section, the immediate past Chair, and one representative appointed by the Library Trustees Roundtable. The Vice Chair-Elect will automatically transition to Vice Chair after one year. The Vice Chair automatically transitions to Chair after one year. The Chair remains in office for one year. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected serve for three-year terms at the annual Spring Conference. All terms of office begin following the close of the KLA Fall Conference. Officers may not serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

Article 5. Vacancies

The Executive Committee fills by appointment all vacancies for the unexpired terms of offices.

Article 6. Meetings

The Section holds meetings at the annual KPLA Spring Conference and KLA Fall Conference and at such other times designated by the Executive Committee. Upon petition by twenty-five percent of the section membership, the Executive Committee shall call a special Section Meeting for discussion of the specific issue of the petition.

Article 7. Amendments

The Constitution may be amended at any Section meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present, if amendments have been proposed ~~in writing~~ to the members at least two weeks before the meeting. ~~Notification of such changes may be delivered through the KPLA website, the KPLA email listserv, and other generally accessible mediums.~~

Article 8. Official Year

The Section's fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end December 31. The fiscal year shall govern all financial activities of the Section.

BYLAWS

Section 1. Order of business

At any meeting of the Section the order of business will be the same as that outlined in the Kentucky Library Association Bylaws. The latest edition of *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* by Alice Sturgis shall be the parliamentary authority.

Section 2. Quorum

A quorum of Section meetings shall be those present. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum for Executive Committee meetings.

Section 3. Nomination and Election Process of Officers

During the KPLA Spring Conference, the Nominating Committee shall present for consideration of the membership a ~~slate of one~~ qualified candidate ~~each for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and for Vice Chair-Elect~~. Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer are presented during the final year of each of these Officers' respective three year terms. Nominations for open offices may be made from the floor. All terms of office begin following the close of the KLA Fall Conference. Officers may not serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4. Executive ~~Board~~ Committee

The KPLA Officers, ~~the immediate past Chair~~, and one representative appointed by the Library Trustees Roundtable constitute the Executive Committee of the Section. The Executive Committee recommends policy for the Section, directs its activities and works for the best interests of its members. The Executive Committee has the power to act for the Section between Section Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year, as scheduled by the Chair. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the meeting.

Section 5. Committees

The Executive Committee may create such committees as deemed necessary in addition to the standing committees of **Advocacy, Awards, Budget, Conference, Continuing Education, Intellectual Freedom, Insurance, Legislative, Membership, Nominating, Public Relations, and Standards**. The KPLA Chair shall annually appoint all committee chairs. Committee chairs may serve consecutive terms. The committee chairs will appoint committee members, unless

otherwise stated. Committee members shall have an active membership with the Kentucky Public Library Association section of the Kentucky Library Association. Exceptions may be made at the request of the committee chair to the Executive Committee. The chair of each committee will report at Executive Committee meetings and membership meetings on committee activities, topics ~~as~~ assigned by the Executive Committee, or other items deemed necessary by the committee.

Advocacy Committee

The ~~Legislative Advocacy~~ Committee shall develop and direct a legislative strategy in ~~conjunction~~ consultation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) for the benefit of Kentucky public libraries. The composition of the committee shall be: KPLA Chair, KPLA Past Chair, KPLA Vice Chair, ~~Legislative Advocacy~~ Committee Chair, and up to fifteen members who are committed to the legislative effort. ~~The members of this committee serve two-year terms and are eligible for additional terms.~~ The State Librarian and Commissioner shall be an ex-officio member. The committee may also request other ~~and may appoint any of the~~ KDLA staff members ~~to the~~ as ex-officio members of the committee. If funds are available and the need is perceived, the membership of the KPLA ~~Legislative Advocacy~~ Committee may contract with a legislative agent. Each year the ~~Legislative Advocacy~~ Committee shall receive \$5.00 in funding for each KPLA registration at the KPLA Spring Conference. ~~The Advocacy Committee may also solicit the membership (and their respective institutions) for contributions. The chair of the Advocacy Committee shall attend ALA's Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., each year with standard travel reimbursement provided by KPLA. The Advocacy Committee shall receive nominations and determine a recipient for the Public Library Advocacy Award each year.~~

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations and select recipients of the awards and scholarships. ~~Some awards and scholarships may be assigned to other committees for selection. In all cases, the Awards Committee shall, however, compile nominations for each award and scholarship before distributing them to another committee for selection. The Awards Committee shall also make selections for awards and scholarships in the event that a committee fails to make a determination.~~ The KPLA membership establishes all awards and scholarships. ~~The respective criteria for each is determined and approved by the Executive Committee.~~

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee members. A budget shall be prepared and filed with the KLA Executive Secretary by June 30th of each year for the following fiscal year. For accounting purposes, the KPLA fiscal year is January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Chair and is responsible for the KPLA Spring Conference. The Chair serves on the KLA Fall Conference Planning Committee. The Vice Chair-Elect will serve on the current Vice-Chair's Conference Planning Committee.

Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee shall have a minimum of five members. A minimum of one representative from KDLA shall serve on the Committee. The committee shall be awarded funds as it is deemed fiscally appropriate by the Budget Committee in order to provide continuing education opportunities for library staff throughout the state. The committee will seek to provide low-cost, high quality opportunities which satisfy the current needs of library workers .

~~The Insurance Committee shall act as the liaison between KPLA and the health insurance agent and report to the membership, while overseeing the welfare of the group. This committee is also responsible for all duties associated with litigation involving the Kentucky Public Library Insurance Association of the Public Library Section.~~

Intellectual Freedom Committee

The Intellectual Freedom Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven members. The committee chair shall try to ensure a regional representation of all areas of the Commonwealth. A minimum of one representative from KDLA shall serve on the Committee. The Committee chair (or co-chairs) shall make the KPLA Chair aware of any intellectual freedom challenges within the state and then keep the KPLA Chair aware of developments within any existing situation. The committee will contact any library involved in an intellectual freedom challenge in order to offer support and advice. The chair (or one co-chair) shall also serve on the KLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the Secretary of the Section. Promotion of membership in the Section ~~and communication with the members~~ are is the major ~~responsibilities-responsibility~~ of the committee. ~~This committee shall also oversee the updating of the KPLA web page on the KLA site.~~

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past Chair and shall have two others members. A slate of proposed officers shall be submitted by this committee at the **KPLA Spring Conference**. The committee will also solicit and accept other nominations for officers from the floor during this meeting.

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, one of whom shall be the KPLA Vice Chair-Elect. This committee shall oversee the KPLA website, all public relations documents created by the Association or its committees, and the use of the KPLA name/logo. Online accounts, usernames/passwords and other documentation related to these activities shall be maintained by the committee chair and distributed to the Executive Committee or other committee chairs upon request. The Public Relations Committee shall

receive nominations and determine a recipient for the Public Relations and Marketing Award each year.

Standards Committee

The Standards Committee shall consist of at least seven members from libraries of varying sizes and ~~two a minimum of one~~ representatives from KDLA. The committee is charged with evaluating and revising the *Kentucky Public Library Standards* ~~every year as necessary, tabulating the results of completed evaluations, and communicating the results of the evaluations to the Director of each institution. and shall devise and implement an annual awards system using the Standards.~~

Section 5. Dues

The Section dues are paid to ~~the~~ KLA as part of the general membership fee or as an additional Section membership.

Section 6. Amendments

~~Amendments to the Bylaws shall be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee.~~ The Bylaws of the Kentucky Public Library Association may be added, deleted, or revised by the Executive Committee. If a change is made which does not meet with the approval of a particular member, a written statement of concern should be sent to any member of the Executive Committee. Upon receipt, the Executive Committee will discuss the concern and decide upon its response. A written response will be delivered to the member within ten working days.

If the member is not satisfied with the decision of the committee, then the following procedure will be observed:

- Any member of KPLA may present to the Executive Committee a written petition, signed by at least fifty members, stating specific objections to a policy and the desired change;
- The Secretary will determine if the petitioners are KPLA members;
- If there are sufficient valid signatures the Secretary will prepare a ballot for the membership presenting both the concern and the Executive Committee's response (the ballot and responses may be delivered electronically, as long as it is generally accessible to the entire membership);
- Members will be given a reasonable deadline to make their decisions;
- A simple majority of those members returning their ballots by the stated deadline shall resolve the issue.

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1. Duties of the Officers

The Chair

- Presides at all meetings;
- Represents the Section on the Kentucky Library Association Board and reports to the KLA Board on ~~PLS~~ KPLA activities;
- Serves on the KLA Library Awareness committee;
- ~~• Represents the Section on the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives Board of Review during an appeal by a construction grant applicant;~~
- Represents the Section at the annual ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., along with the Past-Chair;
- Appoints KPLA representatives for vacancies on KLA standing (~~Funding Raising~~, Member Services, Professional Development, Strategic Planning ~~and Organizational Review~~; ~~Recruitment, Mentoring and Diversity~~; ~~Scholarship and Minority Students~~; and Communication) and special committees;
- Appoints chairs for KPLA standing committees ~~each year~~;
- ~~Serves on KPLA Advocacy Committee and KPLA Budget Committee;~~
- Serves as an ex-officio member of the Kentucky Library Trustees ~~Association Round Table~~ and ~~on the board of~~ the Friends of the Kentucky Libraries;
- Serves as the official spokesperson for the Executive Committee and the Section;
- Plans and implements programming for the Section at the annual KLA conference;
- Informs the KLA President of any official meetings of the Section;
- Prepares a report of the KPLA-sponsored programs at the KLA annual conference and submits it for inclusion in *Kentucky Libraries* by the Friday following the conference;
- Maintains a list of persons eligible for KLA office and submits this list with recommendations to the KLA Nominating Committee when requested;
- Signs all contractual agreements for the Section.

The Vice Chair

- Presides in the absence of the Chair;
- Serves as the Chair of the Conference Planning Committee for the KPLA Spring Conference following election;
- Represents the Section on the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Board of Review;
- ~~Serves on KPLA Advocacy Committee and KPLA Budget Committee;~~
- Serves as parliamentarian for the Section;
- Undertakes such special duties as assigned by the Chair;
- Attends KLA Board Meetings as a nonvoting invited guest.
- ~~• Attends PLA or ALA~~

The Vice Chair-Elect

- Attends, with standard travel reimbursement provided by KPLA, a national library conference;
- Serves on the current Vice-Chair's Conference Planning Committee and will assume the role of Vice Chair upon completion of the current Vice Chair's term;
- Serves on the KPLA Budget Committee and KPLA Public Relations Committee;
- Attends, as a non-voting member, KPLA Executive Committee meetings.

The Secretary

- Keeps accurate minutes of all meetings;
- Prepares all correspondence and notices of all Section and the Executive Committee meetings;
- Serves as the Chair of the KPLA Membership Committee;
- Serves on the KPLA Budget Committee;
- Keeps an updated list of members;
- Maintains a list of award recipients;
- Maintains all KPLA official documentation and turns this over to the new secretary at the end of office. (Older documents are archived at KDLA.)

The Treasurer

- Receives and expends funds for activities of the Section upon approval of the Executive Committee;
- Keeps and reports accurate records of same at all Section and Executive Committee meetings;
- Serves on the KPLA Budget Committee;
- Obtains from the Chair and Vice Chair all speaker agreements for the Spring and Fall Conferences and approves payment to the respective speakers;
- Responsible for all duties related to registration for Spring Conference.

The Past Chair

- Chairs the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee;
- Provides copies of the KPLA and KLA Manuals of Policies and Procedures to newly elected officers of the Section;
- Reviews the KPLA Manual of Policies and Procedures annually and recommends to the Executive Committee any needed changes;
- Serves on the KLA Library Awareness committee;
- Serves on the KPLA Advocacy and KPLA Budget Committee;
- Represents the Section at the annual ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., along with the Chair;
- Selects the conference site for the next KPLA conference subject to the ratification of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Financial Policies

No one representing the Section shall incur any expenditures beyond a budget item without prior written approval of the Executive Committee. KPLA fiscal year is January 1 through December 31. Each year the Legislative Committee receives \$5.00 funding for each KPLA registration at the KPLA Spring Conference.

The Section will recognize the following travel standards:

- Travel of 150 miles one way is required for reimbursement of room expense;
- Rooms are reimbursed at the standard, single occupancy room rate;
- Food expenses are reimbursed at the state per diem rate;
- Reasonable allowance for baggage handling, tolls, cab fares, gratuities, etc.;
- Allowance for mileage and/or coach class air fare, whichever is less;
- Entertainment and other personal items will not be reimbursed.

The Section will reimburse the following Executive Committee expenses:

- Travel and room expenses of the Chair and Vice Chair to attend KLA Board Meetings;
- Expenses incurred for a KPLA Executive Committee meeting;
- Travel expenses of the Chair, Past-Chair, and a trustee representative or designates to attend ALA's annual Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. ~~(The chair of the Advocacy Committee is also designated to attend ALA's Legislative Day with standard reimbursement provided by KPLA.)~~
- Travel expenses for the Chair to attend the annual KLA conference;
- KPLA Conference registration, room, and meals for the Executive Committee. Rooms will be paid through master billing and meals at the standard per diem state rate.
- Travel and room expenses of the Vice Chair-Elect to attend PLA or ALA

Expenses ~~occurred~~ incurred during conference planning or committee work ~~are allowed~~ will be reimbursed if accompanied by ~~with~~ appropriate receipts.

Section 3. Awards and Scholarships

The Kentucky Public Library Association ~~gives~~ recognizes ~~four awards and scholarship recipients and as many continuing education scholarships as fiscally possible each year~~ at the KPLA Spring Conference Awards Luncheon. These recipients are ~~also~~ recognized at the KLA Fall Conference Awards Luncheon.

Section 4. Revision and Recall Procedures

~~The policies of the Kentucky Public Library Association may be added, deleted, or revised by the Executive Committee. Membership may set aside any policy by the following procedure:~~

- ~~• Presentation to the Executive Committee of a written petition, signed by at least fifty members, stating specific objections to a policy and the desired change;~~

- ~~The Secretary will determine if the petitioners are Section members;~~
- ~~If there are sufficient valid signatures the Secretary will prepare a mail ballot to the membership presenting all sides of the issue;~~
- ~~Members will be given a reasonable deadline to make their decisions;~~
- ~~A simple majority of those members returning their ballots by the stated deadline shall resolve the issue.~~

The policies of the Kentucky Public Library Association may be added, deleted, or revised by the Executive Committee. If a change is made which does not meet with the approval of a particular member, a written statement of concern should be sent to any member of the Executive Committee. Upon receipt, the Executive Committee will discuss the concern and decide upon its response. A written response will be delivered to the member within ten working days.

If the member is not satisfied with the decision of the committee, then the following procedure will be observed:

- Any member of KPLA may present to the Executive Committee a written petition, signed by at least fifty members, stating specific objections to a policy and the desired change;
- The Secretary will determine if the petitioners are KPLA members;
- If there are sufficient valid signatures the Secretary will prepare a ballot for the membership presenting both the concern and the Executive Committee's response (the ballot and responses may be delivered electronically, as long as it is generally accessible to the entire membership);
- Members will be given a reasonable deadline to make their decisions;
- A simple majority of those members returning their ballots by the stated deadline shall resolve the issue.

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APPENDICES

~~Public Library Section~~ Kentucky Public Library Association Chairs

- 2010 - JC Morgan
- 2009 - Kristi Tucker
- 2008 - Sara King
- 2007 - Geneva Huttenlocher
- 2006 - Lisa Rice
- 2005 - Nanette Eichell
- 2004 - Debra Oberhausen
- 2003 - Alisa Carmichael
- 2002 - Susan Eubank
- 2001 - Kay Morrow
- 2000 - Linda Kompanik
- 1999 - Jim Powers
- 1998 - Brenda Macy
- 1997 - Pamela Federspiel
- 1996 - Harriett Henderson
- 1995 - Judith Gibbons
- 1994 - Wayne Onkst
- 1993 - Lori Schecter
- 1992 - Jeff Sauer
- 1991 - Jan Banks
- 1990 - Becky Croft
- 1989 - Cindy Brown
- 1987-88 - Karen Turner
- 1986 - Earlene Arnett
- 1985 - Judy Burdine
- 1984 - Pyddney Jones
- 1983 - Raymond Nienaber
- 1982 - Jim Powers
- 1981 - Phil Carrico
- 1980 - Ed Klee /Beverly Schneider
- 1979 - Margaret Trevathan
- 1978 - Michael Averdick
- 1977 - Bill Bolte
- 1976 - Mary Grace Pettit
- 1975 - Anne Rogers
- 1974 - Ellen Hellard
- 1973 - William Garnar
- 1972 - Lillian Noe
- 1971 - Christine Burgan
- 1970 - Pearl Greer
- 1969 - Reunelle Riley
- 1968 - *NO DATA*
- 1967 - Homer Hall
- 1966 - John Frey
- 1965 - Barbara Miller
- 1964 - Clo Era Sewell
- 1963 - Robert Allender
- 1962 - Arthur Ricketts
- 1961 - Grover Page
- 1960 - Gay Cummins
- 1959 - Robert Wallace
- 1958 - Mary Wilson Eldred
- 1957 - Florinne Krammerer
- 1955-56 - Virginia Hayes
- 1954 - Edward Dax/Herbert Bushelman

Conference Scholarship

Purpose

This scholarship, established in 2009, is provided to assist staff members of Kentucky public libraries to attend the Kentucky Public Library Association annual conference. This award will pay up to \$500 of conference costs, including registration and lodging.

Criteria

- The nominee must be a current member of the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association.
- If you have received the award in the past 3 years you are not eligible to reapply.
- The form must be completely filled out with all questions answered completely.
- Only those staff who would not be able to attend without this scholarship should apply.
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the above criteria will be disqualified.
- Selection will be made by the KPLA Continuing Education Committee and forwarded to the KPLA Awards Committee.
- Multiple scholarships may be awarded, with the permission of the Executive Committee, if sufficient funds are available.

Award Winners

Continuing Education Scholarship

Purpose

These scholarships are provided to assist staff members of Kentucky public libraries to seek library higher education and Kentucky certification for public libraries.

Criteria

- The nominee must be a current member of the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association.
- If you have received the award in the past 10 years you are not eligible to reapply.
- The form must be completely filled out with all questions answered completely.
- Only those holding a position that requires certification need apply.
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the above criteria will be disqualified.
- Selection will be made by the KPLA Continuing Education Committee and forwarded to the KPLA Awards Committee.
- Multiple scholarships may be awarded, with the permission of the Executive Committee, if sufficient funds are available.

Award Winners

James E. Gugeler Outstanding Library Trustee Award

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions of an individual who is currently serving as a trustee for a Kentucky public library. This award is named in honor of James Gugeler. Mr. Gugeler was appointed to the Jessamine County Public Library's board in 1990 and served until his passing in 2007 at which point he was the vice-president. Mr. Gugeler was an outstanding library advocate; he served as President of KLTA, represented the Trustees in Frankfort and Washington, D.C., and he attended most of the Trustee Institutes. Mr. Gugeler's dedication and commitment have greatly benefited trustees around the state who have long been inspired by his relentless efforts to promote and improve Kentucky's public libraries.

Criteria

The nominee must currently be serving as a public library trustee and demonstrate a commitment to library advocacy on a local, state, and/or national level. The nominee must be a current member of the Kentucky Library Trustees Roundtable.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone employed in a library.
- Nominations should be concise and address the above criteria, including no more than two pages of narrative and up to three pages of supportive material (newspaper articles, photos, etc.).
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the above criteria will be disqualified.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.
- All nominations must be signed. No anonymous nominations will be considered.

Award Winners

2009 - Jim Wyrick (Lexington Public)

2008 - Paul Poland (Scott County)

James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Services Award

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize and emphasize the achievements of a bookmobile/outreach librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and implementation of bookmobile/outreach services in the local community.

Criteria

- The nominee must be an individual member of the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association or be employed by a library holding institutional membership, and hold certification from the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians. Any level of certification is acceptable.
- The nominee must have held the position in the past 12 months.
- Accomplishments of the nominee in the areas of:
 - Outreach library services.
 - Outreach programming and community service.
 - Public awareness of library outreach.
 - Community partnerships and support.
 - Innovative implementation of unique ideas.
- Accomplishments of the nominee in working with all ages of the community.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone in the library field (staff, trustees, friends).
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.).
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. If no application meets the criteria above, no award will be given.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.
- All nominations must be signed. No anonymous nominations will be considered.

Award Winners

- 2009 - Ann Schoenenberger (Kenton County)
- 2008 - Darlene Sargent (Scott County)
- 2007 - Tom Durbin (Bowling Green)
- 2006 - Jim Tucker (Casey County)
- 2005 - NONE
- 2004 - Kay Peterson (Marion County)

- 2003 - Wilma "Babe" Hughes (Pulaski County)
- 2002 - NONE
- 2001 - Sherry Jenkins (Estill County)
- 2000 - Michelle Robinson (Grayson County)

Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize achievements by certified county and regional library staff who have made outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of public library service on the **local level**. This award is named in honor of Miss Margaret F. Willis, former state librarian, because of her interest in and emphasis on county public library service.

Criteria

- The nominee must be an individual member of the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association and hold certification from the State Board for the Certification of Librarians. Any level of certification is acceptable. This award is not limited to library directors.
- Accomplishments of the nominee in the areas of:
 - Library service.
 - Community service.
 - Library programming.
 - Achievement of community support.
 - Professional development.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone in the library field (staff, trustees, friends).
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.)
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the criteria above will be disqualified.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.
- All nominations must be signed. No anonymous nominations will be considered.

Award Winners

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| • 2009 - Michele Lawson | • 2001 - NONE |
| • 2008 - Brendy Macy | • 2000 - NONE |
| • 2007 - Helen Williams | • 1999 - Virginia Green |
| • 2006 - Iris Garrott | • 1997 - Mike Averdick |
| • 2005 - Joan Tussey | • 1996 - Jean Nagel Lillie |
| • 2004 - Geneva Pullen | • 1995 - NONE |
| • 2003 - NONE | • 1994 - NONE |
| • 2002 - Karen Gillespie | • 1993 - NONE |

- 1992 - Marjorie Bow
- 1991 - Jarrett Boyd
- 1990 - Othelia Moore
- 1998 - Mary Ann Mongan

- 1989 - Jan Banks
- 1988 - Fleeta Thacker

“Miss Pickle” Outstanding Children’s Services Award

Purpose

To recognize and emphasize excellence in developing and providing children’s library services in the local community. This award is named in honor of Wanda Brown, former children’s librarian in Meade County, Kentucky, because of her love for children and dedication to their unique library needs.

Criteria

- The nominee must be an individual member of the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association or an employee of a library holding institutional membership, and hold certification from the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians. Any level of certification is acceptable. The nominee must have held the position in the past 12 months.
- Accomplishments of the nominee in the areas of:
 - Innovative children’s services (up to age 16) in the library.
 - Innovative children’s outreach library services (up to age 16).
 - Cooperative involvement on the local and regional level.
 - Public awareness.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone in the library field (staff, trustees, friends).
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.)
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. If no application meets the criteria above, no award will be given.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.
- All nominations must be signed. No anonymous nominations will be considered.

Award Winners

- 2009 - Rebecca Watson (Woodford County)
- 2008 - Janet Cline (Warren County)
- 2007 - Patti Richards (Kenton County)
- 2006 - Carol Sexton (Pulaski County)
- 2005 - Shirley Ison (Scott County)
- 2004 - Amy Morgeson (Marion County)
- 2003 - Leslie Sutherland (Carroll County)
- 2002 - Ione Pinkston (Washington County)
- 2001 - Kathy Crawford (Larue County)
- 2000 - Wanda “Miss Pickle” Brown (posthumous)

Outstanding Board of Trustees Award

Purpose

To recognize the dedication and volunteerism of the men and women who serve on Kentucky's library boards.

Criteria

- Each member of the Board of Trustees must hold membership in the Kentucky Library Trustee Round Table of KLA. The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives encourages the use of state funds for KLTRT dues and for trustee training programs.
- The Board of Trustees should know the needs and interests of its community and demonstrate that the library is attempting to meet those needs and interests.
- The Board of Trustees should have a long-range plan and the project should be in accordance with this plan.
- The Board of Trustees should demonstrate a policy of cooperation with other libraries and agencies in the community.
- The Board's policies governing the operation and programming of the library, guaranteeing freedom to read and impartial service to all, must be complete and current.
- An outline of the Board's accomplishment in the last completed fiscal year in **one** of the areas listed below must be attached. AREA OF IMPROVEMENT:
 - Substantial Board Development
 - Community Relations
 - Services
 - Finances & Alternative Funding
 - Physical Resources, Materials, and/or Technology

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone in the library field (staff, trustees, friends).
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.)
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. If no application meets the criteria above, no award will be given.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.
- All nominations must be signed. No anonymous nominations will be considered.

Award Winners

2009 - Warren County Public Library

Outstanding Public Library Service Award

Purpose

To recognize the contribution of an administrator whose career has exemplified a combination of excellence in local service with promotion of libraries on a regional or broader basis.

Criteria

- Nominee must be a member of the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association;
- Nominee may be active in any facet of public library service, combining excellence in local service with the promotion of libraries on a regional or broader basis;
- Nominations must include narratives of nominees' accomplishments in the area of public relations, community involvement as a library representative, achievements and innovations in service/operations, cooperation and networking with other professions. Service must have regional or statewide impact on library services.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone in the library field (staff, trustees, friends).
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.)
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the criteria above will be disqualified.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.

Award Winners

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| • 2009 - Wayne Onkst | • 1994 - NONE |
| • 2008 - Jarrett Boyd | • 1993 - Ellen Hellerd |
| • 2007 - Charlene Davis | • 1992 - Phil Carrico |
| • 2006 - Judith Gibbons | • 1991 - NONE |
| • 2005 - Randy Matlow | • 1990 - NONE |
| • 2004 - Marie Liang | • 1989 - Dalarna Breetz |
| • 2003 - Lisa Wigley | • 1988 - Betty Daniels |
| • 2002 - Susan Lawrence | • 1987 - Jewell Thomas |
| • 2001 - Nelda Moore | • 1986 - Evelyn Richardson |
| • 2000 - Carol Baughman | • 1985 - NONE |
| • 1999 - Linda Kompanik | • 1984 - Veronica Hill |
| • 1998 - NONE | • 1983 - Karl Benson |
| • 1997 - Harriett Henderson | • 1982 - Beverly Bury Schneider |
| • 1996 - Lucinda A. Brown & Linda Stith | • 1981 - Dorothy Griffin |
| • 1995 - NONE | • 1980 - Judith Burdine |

- 1979 - Anne Rogers
- 1978 - Patricia Patton
- 1977 - NONE
- 1976 - Frances C. Beverly
- 1975 - Mary Powell Phelps
- 1974 - NONE
- 1973 - Ann C. McWilliams
- 1972 - Mary Wilson Eldred

Public Library Advocacy Award

Purpose

The Public Library Advocacy Award presented by the Kentucky Public Library Association of the Kentucky Library Association was established in 2001 at the request of the Legislative Committee in response to the outstanding support of public libraries exhibited by Representative John Will Stacy.

It is presented on an intermittent basis to the public official or citizen-at-large who most successfully advances the cause of public libraries in the Commonwealth. The Legislative Committee will complete the initial review of nominations and will forward its recommendation to the KPLA Awards Committee.

Criteria

- The nominee must be a library supporter, but does not necessarily need to be a member of KPLA.
- The nominee must not be gainfully employed in a library.
- The nominee must successfully advance the cause of public libraries on a local, regional, or statewide basis.
- The nomination should include how the nominee works to support libraries and library awareness.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone in the library field (staff, trustees, friends).
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.).
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the criteria above will be disqualified.
- Selection will be made by the KPLA Legislative Committee and forwarded to the KPLA Awards Committee.

Award Winners

- 2009 - Warren County Judge Executive Mike Buchanan
- 2008 - NONE
- 2007 - NONE
- 2006 - NONE
- 2005 - NONE
- 2004 - NONE
- 2003 - NONE
- 2002 - NONE

- 2001 - Representative John Will Stacy

Public Relations and Marketing Award

Purpose

The purpose of the Public Relations and Marketing Award is awarded to a library which has demonstrated remarkable achievement in the promotion of its services. The award may be given for a particular public relations campaign, a series of promotional pieces, a innovative Internet presence, or other activities which serve the purpose of promoting library usage in the community.

Criteria

- The nominated institution's activity (or activities) must not have been previously recognized by the KPLA for an award.
- The nomination should include measurable and comparable data to show the impact of the campaign on library awareness or usage.
- The nomination can be made for a compilation of activities (rather than a single activity) which overall contributed to a measurable change in the public perception of the library's service.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by any KPLA member.
- Nominations should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative, with the minimum of supporting material necessary including data, promotional materials, printouts, etc.
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the criteria above will be disqualified.
- Selection will be made by the KPLA Public Relations Committee and forwarded to the KPLA Awards Committee.
- The KPLA Public Relations may choose to make no award in any given year if the quality of the nominations is not determined to be satisfactory.

Award Winners

Richardson/Conway Outstanding Library Volunteer Award

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions of an individual who serves at a Kentucky public library as a volunteer.

This award is named in honor of Evelyn Richardson, who serves as a volunteer at the Logan County Public Library and Jane Conway, who served as a volunteer at the Lexington Public Library. Their exemplary support of public library staff and customers and dedication to public library services set a standard for others.

Criteria

The nominee must currently be serving at a public library on a regular, sustained basis, and must demonstrate a passion for libraries and a commitment to furthering the mission of the library at which (s)he is a volunteer.

Rules

- Nominations may be made by anyone employed in a library.
- Nominations should be concise and address the above criteria, including no more than two pages of narrative and up to three pages of supportive material (newspaper articles, photos, etc.).
- The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the above criteria will be disqualified.
- The KPLA Awards Committee will make the selection based on the above criteria.
- All nominations must be signed.

Award Winners

- 2009 - Joe Williams
- 2008 - Jane Conway (posthumously) and Evelyn Richardson