Greetings from the President

Happy New Year 2014! The new Board of Directors for the Kentucky Library Association officially began following the 2013 Conference. I would like to thank those departing board members for their service to KLA.

Planning for the 2014 conference has already started. Conference Chair and President-Elect Laura Whayne chose the theme, Libraries Leading the Way in the Information Age, which puts emphasis on all types of libraries. The 2014 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference will be September 17-20, 2014 at The Galt House Hotel and Suites. Please consider submitting a conference proposal. The link for proposal submission can be found on the KLA website by selecting the Conferences tab and then selecting Upcoming Conferences. Click on the image to open the form.

We have two local conferences planned for this spring. The KLA (Kentucky Library Association) Academic and Special Library Sections and SLA (Special Libraries Association) Kentucky Chapter’s 2014 Joint Spring Conference will take place April 9-11, 2014 at General Butler State Park, in Carrollton, Kentucky. The theme for this year’s conference is Staying Relevant, Staying Visible: Becoming What Our Users Really Need. The KPLA (Kentucky Public Library Association) Spring Conference will take place April 9-11, 2014 at the Holiday Inn/Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The theme for this conference is Shaping the future – be a part of the conversation.

This summer, KASL (Kentucky Association of School Librarians) will hold their Summer Refresher at Madison Southern High School in Berea on July 15. The theme for this year is Crafting the Story of...
Greetings from the President (continued)

*your Library.* Hope to see you at one of these events!

A top priority for many of us continues to be advocacy for all types of libraries, librarians and library workers. This continues to be a critical concern at both the state and national levels. An excellent opportunity for library advocacy is the Kentucky Library Legislative Day scheduled for March 6 in Frankfort. Library Legislative Day is designated each year to concentrate the awareness of the legislators on libraries of all types across Kentucky. Librarians from all over the Commonwealth visit with their legislators in Frankfort on this day. Another opportunity for library advocacy is the National Library Legislative Day scheduled for May 5 - 6 in Washington, D.C. This is a two-day advocacy event where hundreds of library supporters, leaders and patrons gather to meet with their members of Congress to champion national library funding.

I look forward to participating in these advocacy events and representing the Kentucky Library Association as President.

Brenda Metzger  
KLA President

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**Emily Krug Nominated to Replace Betsy Hughes as ALA Councilor**

Betsy Hughes has taken a position outside of the state and is therefore no longer eligible to serve as the Kentucky Library Association's ALA Councilor. The KLA Executive Board is submitting the following slate for ratification by the membership:

Emily Krug, Emerging Technologies and Cataloging Librarian for Somerset Community College.

Please cast your vote by emailing the name of your candidate to Lisa Rice, lisar@warrenpl.org, or by mailing your vote to KLA at 1501 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 1. – submitted by Lisa Rice, KLA Past President
Presentation Proposals Sought for KLA/KASL Joint Conference

2014 KLA/KASL Joint Conference
September 17-20, 2014
Galt House in Louisville, KY

Theme: Libraries Leading the Way in the Information Age

It’s time to submit presentation proposals for the 2014 KLA/KASL Joint Conference. Start thinking of ideas and talk to your colleagues.

• Implemented some new technology or software?

• Offered a new service or program?

• Found a great resource for your patrons or your staff?

• Developed new policies, procedures or best practices that work well for your staff and library?

• Want to discuss new trends, issues or concerns?

• Know a librarian or author that your colleagues in KLA would benefit from hearing?

Share it with the KLA community through a presentation at the conference.

Submit your Presentation Proposal using the online form found through the link below.

http://www.klaonline.org/upcomingconf353.cfm

Questions? Contact Laura Whayne, KLA President-Elect, at laura.whayne@uky.edu or 859-257-2155.

Deadline February 21, 2014
Joint Spring Conference – Call for Poster Proposals

The 2014 Joint Spring Conference will take place April 9-11, 2014 at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky. The conference will start at 1 PM ET on Wednesday, April 9 and end at 12 PM ET on Friday, April 11, giving you two full days of sessions and networking opportunities.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Staying Relevant, Staying Visible: Becoming What Our Users Really Need.” Poster proposals addressing the theme in some fashion will receive preference from the committee. Posters will be displayed during the Welcoming Social on Wednesday evening (April 9, 2014) at 5:30 p.m.

Submissions are due by March 15, 2014. Notification of accepted proposals will take place by March 25, 2014. All proposals must be submitted electronically at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G5OWDcsNmNt1GnPeG5k_Ai2kQG15tv0DAgMqJrVgMRQk/viewform.

Please contact Leoma Dunn at dunnl@thomasmore.edu with questions or for more information.

Fall Semester Library Information Technology Classes at Bluegrass Community & Technical College

Fall semester registration for Library Information Technology classes at BCTC opens March 1, 2014. For information, contact Martha Birchfield at martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu. More information about the Library Information Technology program can be found at http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/asis/lit.
Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC) Celebrates Common Reading Program 10th Anniversary

What do quilting, the Lewis and Clark expedition, conservation, multiculturalism, Mammoth Cave, farming, the Holocaust, 9/11, the working class, and a beauty queen have in common? All have been topics of discussion in the Common Reading Program at Owensboro Community and Technical College during the past 10 years. From the first book chosen in 2004, *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, to the most recent book, Silas House's *A Parchment of Leaves*, all have been a part of a comprehensive, common reading in which authors, many from Kentucky, visit the college for readings and participate in class discussions.

House’s book returns as the common reading material for the 10th anniversary celebration, which will be held at the OCTC main campus, March 19-21, 2014. As part of the festivities, many of the former Common Reading authors, including Silas House, will be revisiting OCTC for a writer's festival, including readings, seminars, and a book fair. Other returning authors include: George Ella Lyon, Bobbie Ann Mason, Davis McCombs, Joe Survant (former Kentucky Poet Laureate), and Frank X Walker (current Kentucky Poet Laureate). Most of the events are free and open to the public, but those interested should check out the web page for information on the ticketed Wednesday night reception with all the authors and the 10:00 Friday morning seminar with Silas House.

A Common Reading Committee, consisting of faculty and staff members from the various disciplines and areas of the college, oversees and features a new book each semester. Each book is selected for all participants to read, having common ground for discussions of major themes in the book. While the book choices vary in many ways (different genres, time-periods, and subject matters) they are chosen with the intention of expanding the knowledge and perspectives of readers. The background of the selected writers is diverse; however, many Kentucky and regional writers are also included in order to help appreciate local talent, acknowledge shared concerns, and celebrate our common heritage. All OCTC students, staff, faculty, and interested community members are invited and encouraged to participate by reading the books and attending the many related presentations each semester.

OCTC led Owensboro in a community collaboration when they were awarded The National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant in 2008. The Big Read initiative was launched by The National Endowment for the
OCTC Celebrates Common Reading Program 10th Anniversary (continued)

Arts to reinstate reading as a center of American culture. Communities are invited to select a classic novel from an approved list and engage residents in reading. Owensboro chose Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club* with many events, book discussions, and a screening of the film as part of the festivities. In 2011, The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded OCTC one of the first NEH Challenge Grants in the nation; the grant, geared specifically toward community colleges to help them further humanities education in their communities, encouraged OCTC to increase partnerships within the community to create what will become a million dollar OCTC Humanities Endowment.

For the past 10 years, OCTC has offered a rich learning environment for students, faculty, staff, and community through its Common Reading Program. Today, when OCTC students are asked what book they most recently read, they typically rattle off the title of a current or past Common Read selection. The visit by the authors to campus to perform readings of their work, various community activities, and most recently a visit by Miss America 2014, Nina Davuluri, are just a few events that will be remembered by the OCTC family and community. After the 10th anniversary is celebrated this year, the program will continue to offer exciting events and discussions as they relate to the current book for each semester's reading. Most importantly, students will continue to have the opportunity to express their viewpoints, share in conversations, hone their critical thinking skills, and learn to walk for a short time in the shoes of others. Please visit [http://owensboro.kctcs.edu/Academics/Common_Reading](http://owensboro.kctcs.edu/Academics/Common_Reading) for more information about the OCTC Common Reading Program's 10th anniversary. We hope to see you there! – submitted by Donna Abell, OCTC Library.

*This custom-made puzzle includes covers of the books chosen in the past 10 years for the OCTC Common Reading.*

*The library furnishes a puzzle with a related theme from the book selected each semester. After the puzzles are put together by students, they are framed and placed in the library in prominent locations.*
BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –

Boyd County Public Library Introduces Adult Winter Reading Program

Boyd County Public Library is having great results from its first-ever adult winter reading program!

The Hot Reads, Cold Nights program started in early January, and continues through March. Adults submit brief reviews of the books they read this winter, and earn “wintry” rewards based on the number of reviews: 5 books: lip balm; 10 books: gloves; 15 books: ice scraper and coffee mug. Reviews can be entered on a paper form, or submitted through our website, www.thebookplace.org.

Each review also enters them in a monthly prize drawing, and in the drawing for the grand prize of a Kindle Fire!

And, each month there are adults-only programs (Zumba, Valentine making, and a home brewing class) at the Main Branch.

So far, more than 50 adults are registered and have written 104 book reviews.

Hands That Touch a Heart Celebrates 10 Years

Hands that Touch a Heart, the annual campaign to make homemade Valentines for residents of area nursing homes and local soldiers serving overseas, is in its 10th year at Boyd County Public Library!

Since the campaign began, area children, schools and community groups have helped BCPL make more than 14,000 homemade cards.

This year’s campaign ended Feb. 7. – submitted by Amanda Gilmore, Boyd County Public Library

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY –

Staff News

EKU Libraries are pleased to welcome Christine Mullins to the Circulation Department as our Evening and Weekend Library Associate. Christine is a recent graduate of EKU where she majored in Psychology while working as a student employee in the Circulation Department. She currently resides in Lexington, though she is originally from Corbin. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Kentucky in the Social Work Program.

Emily Bayma, Technology & Data Services Library Associate II, and Jackie Couture, University Records Officer and Digital Archives Specialist, both graduated from the University of Kentucky’s Library and Information Science Graduate Program in December 2013.

An Evening with Jon Carloftis

Jon Carloftis signs a birdhouse at the November 2013 Friends of EKU Libraries’ Annual Program
KLA Member News and Library Updates (continued)

More than 200 guests enjoyed the Friends of EKU Libraries’ 2013 Annual Program: An Evening with Jon Carloftis. Carloftis, an award-winning garden designer and Kentucky native, was the guest speaker at the November 14 event. There are currently more than 350 Friends of EKU Libraries. To learn more, visit www.library.eku.edu/support.

Digitization of the Eastern Progress

From covering the great music performed at Speck's to detailing annual Student Government Association elections, The Eastern Progress has chronicled the story of Eastern Kentucky University for more than 80 years. Colonels around the globe can now access historic issues of The Eastern Progress online thanks to the generosity of Friends of EKU Libraries. Visit http://encompass.eku.edu/upubs_progress/ to read the historic issues. – submitted by Krista Rhodus, EKU Libraries

MCCRACKEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –

Evenings Upstairs @ Your Library
Preview of the 2014 Season

We are excited to have already on schedule two unique programs through the Kentucky Humanities Council for 2014, including a discussion of the Affrilachian poetry movement and a presentation by Dr. Pearlie Johnson examining the empowerment of quilting in Kentucky. Musician Robert Tinch will bring in the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day in a live concert featuring traditional Celtic songs along with Irish instruments as the Bodhran and Cittern. Partnering with the Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site, park manager Carla Hildebrand will discuss the archeological site of Mississippian Indian Mounds which has fascinated and intrigued visitors for over 80 years. In June plan to be a part of 138 Anniversary celebration of the birth of Irvin Shrewsbury Cobb, one of Paducah’s most famous native sons.
Charles Neblett will speak at the Bob Kirby Branch on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. He will discuss his role in the Civil Rights movement as part of a series of events sponsored by the library commemorating the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

“Excerpts from the documentary Freedom Riders, provided by the The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, will be shown and discussion will be led by Jonathan Jeffrey of the WKU Kentucky Library and Museum,” says project coordinator Monica Edwards. “Other partners in this program include Alice Gatewood Waddell of the Human Rights Commission and Dr. John Long of the African American Museum.”

The Freedom Singers formed in 1962 in Georgia to educate communities about civil rights issues through song. The group originally consisted of four black members all under the age of twenty-one: Cordell Reagan, Bernice Johnson Reagan, Charles Neblett, and Rutha Mae Harris. The songs were mostly spirituals and hymns. Venues included around 200 college campuses, churches, house parties, demonstrations, marches, and jails. Often, the Freedom singers were jailed for refusing to leave an area, while supporters and sympathizers also risked police brutality.

Charles Neblett was born in Robinson County, Tennessee, in 1941. He was a member of both the original Freedom Singers and the New Freedom Singers, the group formed after the original disbanded. "All the jailings and the beatings and everything we took, we could see the results of that work," he said. "All that work was not in vain."
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For free tickets to this event, visit any library location or email Monica Edwards at monicae@warrenpl.org. For more information about this event, call 270-782-0252 or visit: warrenpl.org.

Local Artists Exhibit at the Warren County Public Library

Matt Fleishman will exhibit his oil paintings in the Porter Cafe at the Main Library for the month of March.

While visiting the Dayton (Ohio) Art Institute he watched a museum staff member carefully dusting artworks and realized that preserving art was important and was something he wanted to do. He was an apprentice with a paintings conservator in Nashville, Tennessee, while fulfilling pre-requisites at David Lipscomb College and Vanderbilt University for entrance into a graduate degree program in Art Conservation. He attended one of the three programs in the U.S. and graduated as a conservator of three-dimensional objects. This career involved preserving and maintaining the artistic intent and visual and/or historical integrity of artistic and historic objects. He worked in the conservation labs of the Detroit Institute of Arts, and The Carnegie Museum of Art/The Andy Warhol Museum and other venues.

“Experiencing really great visual art is something I’ve enjoyed most of my life,” says Fleishman. “I did not intend to be a painter, but my wife bought me paints, brushes and canvases when my garage/ceramics studio was converted to a Family Room and ceramics became something I used to do.”

To coincide with the 50th anniversary of Kentucky’s Civil Rights Commemorative March in Frankfort on March 5, 1965, the public library is hosting a photo display of images taken at the historic event. The photographs show the thousands of people who walked to the capitol in an effort to encourage lawmakers to pass a law making discrimination illegal. Joining Kentuckians in the march were civil rights leaders including Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, and baseball great Jackie Robinson. They spoke to the crowd from the steps, and the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary performed. While it did not lead to a successful vote that year, the march helped build support for the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 and helped result in the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966. This exhibit will be at the Bob Kirby Branch for the month of March.

Alida Bayne Akers and Becca Bayne Akers-Kuczek will exhibit their paintings at the Smiths Grove Branch for March and April. These mother and daughter artists have collected a selection of new works most being smaller scale pieces from their recent explorations in mixed media and watercolor. Though with divergent styles the duo holds in common an appreciation for detail and design in their love of art.

Alida is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a double major in art (studio majors in painting and drawing) and education. The artist has shown her work in numerous venues including a one woman show of orchid illustrations at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, numerous US Bank Shows in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and galleries in Berea, Louisville and Lexington. Due to
emerging world of online art galleries her work has been collected as far away as New Zealand, France, Holland and Canada. She works in watercolor, colored pencil, acrylic and oils. As an art educator Alida believes art is not just something you do with your hands, but is how you look at the world. Alida teaches privately and for Barren County Community Education.

Becca is a recent BFA graduate of Western Kentucky University. She works as a freelance graphic designer and artist. While at WKU she was a recipient of national Gilman Scholar and Freeman-Asia awards that enabled her to spend a semester in Japan. She studied Japanese art history and Sumi techniques along with the Japanese language and culture. Becca was awarded first place in the US Bank Show professional watercolor division. Becca works in pencil, watercolor, ink and charcoal and investigates the manipulation of form with mixed media studies.

For more information about these exhibits or to exhibit art at the library, email Jayne Pelaski at jaynep@warrenpl.org.
Benefits of Membership

• Updating skills and exchanging information.
• Adding your voice to the collective voice of librarianship (particularly in legislative concerns).
• Meeting others working in your type of library setting to share common problems and solutions.
• Receiving association publications such as Kentucky Libraries and IN-FO-CUS.
• Opportunities to receive grants and scholarships.
• Contributing sessions or papers at meetings.
• Receiving CEUs.
• Contributing to the profession on a professional level.
• Receiving discounts on annual and other meetings.
• Networking with your peers.

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