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Greetings from the President

The 2011 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, *Information... The Library SuperPower*, was held September 28-October 1, 2011, at the Galt House in Louisville, and was a great success. Featured speakers included Benjamin Sapp, Director of the Mazza Museum; Christian Miller, Librarian at Cornell University; Lauren Burnett, President of the Center for Inner Quality; Linda Bruckheimer, Author and Activist; Julie Albert, Information Specialist at the Columbus Dispatch; Dr. Tom Owen, Professor at the University of Louisville; Phil Bildner, Author; Wendy Stephens, Librarian at Buckhorn High School in New Market Alabama; Carl Harvey, AASL President; and Leslie Preddy, Winner of the National School Library Media Program of the Year Award.

We tried some new things and I felt they really added to the conference.

The Exhibit Hall was very exciting, and holding the Poster Sessions in the Exhibit Hall along with a reception seemed to be very well-received. As always, the sponsored sessions and mini-sessions were excellent, and KLA Speed Geek was a fun, innovative to get information quickly on a variety of topics. I want to thank the 2011 Fall Conference Planning Committee for a terrific job!

KLA held our Annual Membership Business meeting during the conference on September 30, 2011. The following officers were elected:

President-Elect—Lisa Rice (Kentucky Public Library Association)

Secretary—Brenda Metzger (Kentucky School Media Association)

The Executive Board will consist of myself (Academic Section) as

President, Lisa as President-Elect, Brenda as Secretary and Leoma Dunn (Special Section) as Past President. Tom Underwood will continue as Executive Director.

The first meeting of the 2011-2012 KLA Board is scheduled for November 12, 2011 in Louisville, Kentucky. I also plan to attend ALA Midwinter, scheduled for January 20-24, 2012 in Dallas, Texas.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this year. I look forward to representing you across the state and at ALA, and to working with the board to make this a great year!

Terry Buckner, President

KLA Award Winners Announced

The winners of the 2011 KLA Awards announced at the Awards Luncheon during the annual conference are:

Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award

The winner of the Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award was Michael Whiteman, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Law Library Services & Information Technology, Chase College of

Law, Northern Kentucky University.

James A. Nelson Advocacy Award

The winner of the James A. Nelson Advocacy Award was Linda Kompanik, Director, Logan County Public Library.

William H. Natcher Award

The winner of the William H. Natcher Award was Mr.

Dan Groneck & the team at U.S. Bank, NKY Market. The winners were nominated by Kenton County Public Library.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award was Linda Perkins, Franklin, KY.

--Submitted by Debbe Oberhausen, KLA Past Past President

News from the Youth Services Round Table

Stephanie Wycihowski, **Youth Services Roundtable** Chair for KLA, has enlisted the help of Sara Brown and Terri Brown, the Listserv Managers for KLA, to start a Youth Roundtable Listserv/Mailing List.

Those interested in this new way of sharing youth/teen programming ideas or youth/teen related questions to the list

serv can subscribe by contacting LISTSERV@LSV.UKY.EDU and in the subject line of your email type KLAYOUTHSERV-L and your name.

My goal for this listserv is to get more youth/teen librarians sharing ideas, and other great resources with their other fellow youth/teen librarians. Please send this link to any youth or teen librarian

in Kentucky who might be interested.

As chair, I would like to encourage membership in the KLA Youth Services Roundtable by signing up first to be a KLA member and then adding youth services as your roundtable of choice. You can sign up by visiting www.klaonline.org. —
submitted by Stephanie Wycihowski, Chair

Round Table

The Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) sponsored Dr. Russell Carpenter and Trena Napier's interactive presentation, "Collaborative Learning in an Integrated Space: Research and Multimodal Communication for the 21st Century" during the fall KLA conference. Carpenter and Napier shared their exciting and innovative work at Eastern Kentucky University's Noel Studio For Academic Creativity, where consultation services for writing, research, and communication have been merged successfully into a single location. The presenters explained how the Noel Studio's pedagogical approach helps students communicate more effectively and think more creatively in a variety of contexts, and they discussed the significant role of librarians in improving student research

practices within this collaborative environment. Engaging participants in a cognitive mapping exercise on the relationship between information literacy and physical space, Carpenter and Napier fostered a lively discussion about potential barriers to student learning, both physical and institutional, and how we might overcome these barriers on our campuses. The presentation demonstrated the value in thinking beyond the confines of traditional library space, such that information literacy becomes an integral part of larger educational objectives.

LIRT held their 8:00 am breakfast business meeting at Panera. The main topic of discussion was the fate and future of LIRT. While recent survey results indicated that librarians in Kentucky

felt that maintaining LIRT, whose goal is to promote library instruction and share instructional resources and ideas among librarians in the state, was important to them and the profession, there has been an overall lack of activity in the last few years. This year all the whining proved fruitful as the round table was attended by 8 people! It was decided that LIRT members will focus on increasing the visibility of LIRT and the work it does for KLA members in 2011-2012. Elections for officers were held. LIRT's 2011-2012 Chair is Rob Detmering, Chair-Elect is Trena Napier, Treasurer/Secretary is Nicole Montgomery, and past Chair is Lisa Nichols. — *submitted by Lisa Nichols, Past Chair*

KLA/KSMA Joint Conference Vendor Relations Bingo Winners Announced

Ms. Angie Hawkins, School Media Specialist at Southern Heights Elementary in Henderson, KY won the Barnes and Noble Nook given as part of the Vendor Relations

Bingo drawing. Ms. Linda Orr, Technical Services Librarian, Transylvania University in Lexington, KY won *The Oxford Encyclopedia of International Peace*

(four-volume set) donated by the University of Louisville Libraries. — *submitted by Helen Beaven Bischoff*

Spring Semester Registration Underway for Library Information Technology Classes at BCTC

Spring Semester 2012 registration is open for undergraduate courses in Library Information Technology at Bluegrass Community & Technical College. The credit courses count towards Kentucky public library certification

and recertification requirements and they count as elective courses towards the AA/AS transfer degrees for transfer to the Northern Kentucky University Bachelor of Science in Library Informatics degree. For the spring

schedule of classes see http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/CSIS/LIT/Class_Schedule

For information contact Martha Birchfield, martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu

— submitted by Martha Birchfield

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Eastern Kentucky University —

Meet Betina Gardner: Interim Dean of EKU Libraries



Betina Gardner, Interim Dean of EKU Libraries

At the end of June, Eastern Kentucky University bid a fond farewell to Carrie Cooper, who served as Dean of Libraries for more than five years. Although saddened by Cooper's departure (she is now the College of William and Mary's Dean of University Libraries), EKU Libraries are delighted by

the appointment of **Betina Gardner** as interim Dean.

Gardner has a unique love for libraries, "As a child I was a serious reader but had limited access to books. I once took a trip to the public library and never recovered." One of her fondest memories resulted from this library experience, "During the trip, we were allowed to check out a single book and I thought it was mine to keep. After my mother explained this wasn't the case, I hid it! Eventually, my parents had to pay for it, but I was able to keep the book. Embarrassing? Yes. Important in my career development? Yes! Here is where my interest in libraries bloomed, when I realized they offer access to books – for free!"

Gardner is a familiar face at Eastern; in fact, she began her career at EKU 16 years ago in the libraries' Learning Resources Center, "It was here that I started to think more about crafting my love of libraries into librarianship as a career," explains Gardner. Since then, she has held a variety of positions throughout EKU Libraries, all of which uniquely prepared her for her current appointment.

Regarding the role of interim Dean, Gardner says, "I am excited to learn another aspect of libraries. From this vantage point, I have already witnessed the steady devotion of campus administrators to giving our students an education, making possible a life changing experience. I am

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also excited to meet all of the Friends of the Libraries who quietly support us. Their generosity has an enormous impact on what we are able to offer our community of patrons. I feel privileged to work at ECU and have access to all of these people who carry a torch for libraries and offer such unflagging support.”

University of Kentucky SLIS

Students Join ECU Libraries Staff

ECU Libraries recently welcomed three University of Kentucky SLIS students, who joined the library staff as graduate interns. **Susan MacDonell, Joseph Pruett, and David Jenkins** divide their time between the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, where they work as research and communication consultants, and the Reference and Instruction Team, where they provide face to face and virtual reference services.

Tiffany Helisek Awarded Dick Mayo Allen Scholarship



Betina Gardner with Tiffany Helisek

Tiffany Helisek, an ECU Libraries' Circulation Team student employee has been awarded ECU Libraries' 2011 Dick Mayo Allen scholarship. Helisek has worked for the libraries for two years and is a com-

puter science major. Michelle Scarborough, her supervisor and nominator, explains, “Tiffany is a great asset to the Circulation Team. She works hard, is focused on customer service and has a talent for problem solving. Her hard work and dedication inspires others to do the same.”

The Dick Mayo Allen scholarship, named for a former ECU Libraries' Dean, is awarded each year to a library student worker who demonstrates excellent work ethic and dedication to the libraries.

Library Express Service Expanded



An ECU Libraries' student employee delivers Library Express materials using Dewey the Golf Cart

At the beginning of the fall 2011 semester, *Library Express*, ECU Libraries' retrieval and delivery service traditionally offered only to faculty and staff, was expanded to serve all Eastern faculty, staff and students—regardless of location. Faculty, staff and students can now request books and other circulating items from the libraries' online catalog and pick them up either at the John Grant Crabbe Main Library or the branch library of their choice. Items are also delivered to regional campus and online students via

courier or UPS. On-campus delivery of *Library Express* materials is made possible in part by *Dewey* the golf cart, which was funded by the Friends of ECU Libraries (the golf cart was recently named *Dewey* by winners of a campus-wide naming contest).

ECU Libraries Celebrate Archives Month

On October 13, faculty, staff, students and community members gathered in the John Grant Crabbe Main Library's Research & Instruction Commons to celebrate Archives Month. The celebration included presentations by researchers who collaborated with Special Collections & Archives in the development of their research projects. The event featured the scholarship of **Kathryn Engle, Daniel Weddington, and Dr. Rob Weise**.

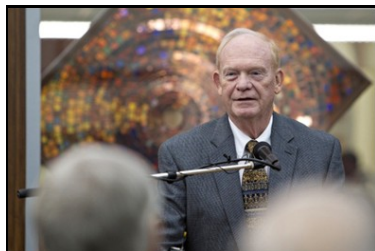
Kathryn Engle presented a web portal in which she digitized 40 years of *Madison's Heritage*; **Daniel Weddington** showcased his digitization of historic Madison County architectural photos; and 2011 Collins Award Winner, **Dr. Rob Weise**, presented fascinating information about his Carl D. Perkins research. The event was followed by a reception with historically-themed fare.

John Grant Crabbe Main Library Site of Multiple Book Events

The fall semester has been an exciting one at the John Grant Crabbe Main Library, which has served as the location for several major book presentations. On September 7, **Dr. Bill Ellis** visited the Main Library's Grand Reading Room to present his

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work, *A History of Education in Kentucky*, which preceded a day-long campus-wide forum on the topic. **Dr. Marshall Myers**, an EKU English faculty member, discussed his book *Great Civil War Stories of Kentucky* on October 4. Acclaimed-author **Charles Bracelen Flood** presented his newest work, *Grant's Final Victory: Ulysses S. Grant's Heroic Last Year*, to a sizeable crowd on October 25. Lastly, **Nancy Jensen**, an EKU Creative Writing faculty member, will discuss her debut novel, *The Sisters*, in the Main Library's Grand Reading Room on November 10.



Dr. Bill Ellis presents in the Grand Reading Room

Friends of EKU Libraries to Host Evening with Kim Edwards

Award-winning author **Kim Edwards**, whose latest book, *The Lake of Dreams*, has received rave reviews, will be the featured speaker at the annual Friends of the Eastern Kentucky University Libraries dinner on Friday, November 18.

The event begins at 6 p.m. in the Grand Reading Room of the John Grant Crabbe Main Library at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, and will be followed by an exclusive dessert reception with the author in the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity. Reservations include the guest's choice of chicken bordeaux, hoisin mango ribs or roasted vegetable parmesan quiche, and a signed copy of *The Lake of Dreams*. The event is open to Friends of the Libraries members and the public. Complimentary parking will be available in the Alumni House parking lot on Lancaster Avenue, and a shuttle will run between the lot and the Library before and after the event.

Edwards, a native of Texas, grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York and now teaches at the University of Kentucky. She is also the author of *The Secrets of a Fire King*, which was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award, and *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, which was a Barnes and Noble Discover Award pick and spent 122 weeks of the *New York Times* Best Seller list, 20 of those weeks at the top. The latter also won the Kentucky Literary Award

and the British Book Award, and was chosen as Book of the Year for 2006 by *USA Today*.

The Winnipeg Free Press said *The Lake of Dreams* is "a vivid and beautifully written saga about the powerful way that a family's past can shape its present."

"Once again," added *Booklist*, "Edwards has created a memorable cast of easily recognizable characters. This is a powerful story about the influence of history, the importance of our beliefs, and the willingness to embrace them all."

Reservations are \$35 per person and may be made through November 14 by contacting Krista Rhodus at krista.rhodus@eku.edu or 859-622-1072. — submitted by Krista Rhodus, EKU Libraries

University of Louisville —

University of Louisville Librarians Present at KLA Conference

#KLA2011 presentations by librarians @UofLlibraries are available at: uofl.me/lib-kla2011. — submitted by Virginia Mattingly, University of Louisville Law Library

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Virginia Mattingly, University of Louisville, presented at the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference. She is pictured above with Africa Hands (middle) and Constance Ard (right).

Karen Little Receives Bell Award

Karen Little, Director of the Dwight Anderson Music Library at the University of Louisville Libraries, was a recent recipient of a Bell Award for her community service. Each year, the WKU Spirit of Louisville Foundation honors 10 adults and two teenagers for demonstrating the "spirit of Louisville." Karen's nomination reads: "She established the non-profit organization Alley Cat Advocates (<http://www.alleycatadvocates.org>) which provides for the humane treatment of un-owned cats, and implemented a system called "Trap, Neuter, Return." By forging partnerships with other animal service groups, her efforts have helped save taxpayers thousands of dollars by reducing the rapid reproduction of stray cats. Additionally, she is active with the national rescue group, Emergency Animal Rescue Services, traveling other cities following natural disasters. Congratulations, Karen! – *submitted*

by Melissa Laning, University of Louisville

Western Kentucky University —

WKU Libraries Announce Winner of Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award

Western Kentucky University Libraries has selected *To Come and Go Like Magic*, written by Katie Pickard Fawcett, as the winner of the fifth Evelyn Thurman Young Readers Book Award. The national award was created to honor the memory of former WKU librarian Evelyn Thurman, who made significant contributions to children's librarianship and literacy during her 25 years of service to the university and community. Books eligible for the award must be written or illustrated by a Kentucky author or illustrator or have a significant Kentucky-related connection.

Set in the 1970s, twelve-year-old Chili Sue Mahoney longs to escape her tiny Kentucky hometown and see the world, but she also learns to recognize beauty in the people and places around her.

"In her impressive debut novel, Fawcett charms readers with her memorable characters, poetic language, beautiful imagery, and realistic depiction of life in a small Appalachian town in the 1970s," said Sean Kinder, Associate Professor, WKU Libraries and Chair of the

Awards Committee. "Her thought-provoking book offers young readers valuable insight into what constitutes 'home' in this vast and varied world."

The author will be honored at an awards luncheon at the Kentucky Museum in November where she will receive a monetary award from Ms. Thurman's endowment and a commemorative plaque. While in the area, Fawcett will also visit local schools. To learn more, go to katiepickardfawcett.wordpress.com. For more information about the Evelyn Thurman award, visit <http://www.wku.edu/library/awards/evelynthurman.php>.

This program is made possible by the Evelyn Thurman Children's Author Fund, the Southern Kentucky Book Fest partnership, and WKU Libraries.

WKU Librarian Named Outstanding Academic Librarian by Kentucky Library Association

Sean Kinder, WKU Associate Professor, was recognized with the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award by the Kentucky Library Association at their awards luncheon Thursday, September 29 in Louisville, Kentucky.

"I was extremely moved and very grateful for the nomination and honor," said Kinder. "Knowing it came from my friends and colleagues in the library profession made it all the more meaningful, and I hope they know how thankful and appreciative I am of their support."

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Mr. Sean Kinder is an Associate Professor in the Department of Library Public Services at Western Kentucky University Libraries, where he has served as the Humanities/Social Sciences librarian since January 2001. In addition to reference responsibilities, Mr. Kinder is the library's liaison to the international students, the honor's program, and is responsible for collection development and research instruction for modern languages, sociology, journalism & broadcasting, folk studies, anthropology, archaeology, pop culture, and other select departments. Kinder is currently working on a new book on 1930s Hollywood film star Una Merkel to be published by the University Press of Kentucky and spent part of this past summer on a faculty research grant at the Performing Arts Special Collections at UCLA.

Kentucky Museum to Display Traveling Exhibition *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," a traveling exhibition opening at the Kentucky Museum on Thursday, November 3, examines how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil

War—the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

Lincoln is widely acknowledged as one of America's greatest presidents, but his historical reputation is contested. Was he a calculating politician willing to accommodate slavery or a principled leader justly celebrated as the Great Emancipator? This exhibition provides no easy answers; rather, it encourages visitors to form a nuanced view of Lincoln by engaging them with Lincoln's struggle to reconcile his policy preferences with basic American ideals of liberty and equality. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

"We are very pleased to have been selected as an early site for this exhibition," said Connie Foster, Interim Dean for WKU Libraries. "During his presidency, Abraham Lincoln was faced with enormous challenges. This exhibition shows how Lincoln struggled with issues of secession, slavery and civil liberties—all questions our country's founding charter left unanswered."

The National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Pro-

grams Office organized the traveling exhibition, which was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The traveling exhibition is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.

The traveling exhibition is composed of informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln's first inaugural speech, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment.

WKU Libraries & Museum is sponsoring several free programs for the public and campus community in connection with the exhibition, including a reception at the grand opening on Thursday, November 3. For more information about the upcoming programs related to the traveling exhibition, go to wku.edu/museum. "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" will be on display at the Kentucky Museum until December 6, 2011.

Bryan Carson Authors Legal Research Book

Bryan Carson has published a new book entitled *Find-*

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ing the Law: Legal Research for Librarians and Paralegals (Scarecrow Press; \$65; ISBN: 0-8108-8105-5). This book uses a unique philosophical approach to teach principles of legal research. Law students, librarians, and paralegals are generally taught in three very different ways—despite the fact that all three groups need to know the same information. This book is intended to bring together the three philosophies under one cover. The goal is to bring legal reasoning and “thinking like a lawyer” to paralegals and librarians, while simultaneously teaching procedure for librarians and research sources for paralegals. The book contains background essays and annotations of legal sources, along with practical recommendations for conducting research. —submitted by Tamera Race, Western Kentucky University Libraries

some insights on managing organizational change” as part of the business meeting of the Library Administration and Management Round Table at the KLA annual meeting, Louisville, KY, September 30, 2011.

- Presentation at the Tippecanoe County Public Library, downtown branch on his recent book, *American Shamans: Journeys with Traditional Healers*, October 15, 2011.
- “Conflict in the Library Workplace: Everyone has a Role and a Responsibility” workshop as part of the Lexington, Kentucky Public Library 2011 Staff Development Day, November 11, 2011
— submitted by Jack Montgomery, Western Kentucky University

Recent Publications and Presentations by Jack Montgomery

Jack Montgomery recently published “Wandering the Web: Subcultures: Ghost Hunting: a passion for the paranormal” in the September 2011 issue of *Against The Grain: linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians* professional magazine.

Jack also made several presentations recently:

- “Nothing so certain or so difficult:



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