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NEWSLETTER OF THE KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – FALL 2017

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2017 KLA/KASL Joint Conference was held in Louisville at the Galt House, September 20-23. The theme for the conference was “Navigating Change.” We tried a few new things and I felt they really added to the conference. I want to thank the #KLAConf17 Planning Committee for a terrific job!

The conference began on Wednesday with pre-conference sessions. An ALA Advocacy Bootcamp was led by Marcie Merola and Jamie LaRue from the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, Mindful Movement in Storytime was led by Kate Schiavi of the Louisville Free Public Library and Catherine Graber from Compassionate Schools Project, and Using Music and Movement to Foster Language Development and Healthy Children was led by R. Lynn Baker from Counting Down to Kindergarten.

Jim Neal, ALA President, was our General Session keynote speaker. Tom Eblen, Metro/State Columnist for the *Lexington-Herald Leader*, was the featured speaker for KPLA. The Academic Libraries Section had Richard Hornik, Director of Overseas Partnership Programs for the Center for News Literacy and Lecturer in the School of Journalism at Stony Brook University. Julia A. Whitehead, Founder and CEO of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, was the featured speaker for the Special Libraries Section. Many attendees also got to experience BreakoutEDU! with co-creator Mark Hammons during sessions on Friday and Saturday.



KLA Board Members with ALA President, Jim Neal and ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom Staff

There were also sessions sponsored by Library Management Skills Round Table, Information Technology Round Table, School Readiness Round Table, KDLA, and a full slate of innovative KASL programming! The sessions by our featured speakers and by KLA/KASL members were excellent and covered a wide range of interests and topics. All of the sessions make the conference a success, so I thank all those who presented. In addition, we appreciate and thank all the vendors who exhibited at the conference. This year we had some dedicated time to spend with them on Thursday as well as the opportunity to visit several on Saturday.

I hope you enjoyed using our conference app, sponsored by Mike Howard Educational Services, Inc. Features such as the conference planner, maps, Twitter feed, and photo upload were used by attendees. If you have any thoughts or suggestions concerning the app for next year, please let us know.

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Thanks to Library Mini Golf for providing the course for our Thursday night Social Event. And thank you to the Librarians who demonstrated a variety of MakerSpace options during our Friday night event in the Vendor Hall.

We had some outstanding author events as well. Courtney Stevens, winner of the 2016 High School Kentucky Bluegrass Award, talked about “What’s In You Crate?” and spoke passionately about our profession during the KBA Luncheon on Friday. Other Author events included Lois Sepahban, Amanda Driscoll, Ronda Friend, and Lauren Hudson. Each one was engaging, honest, funny, and refreshing. We are incredibly lucky to have featured authors of this caliber at our annual conference.

The awards luncheon was a time for celebrating those who are standing up and out in the profession. Congratulations to all the well-deserving winners! Attendees had the pleasure of hearing Lieutenant Governor Jenean Hampton and Miss Kentucky Outstanding Teen Abigail Quammen speak about the Kentucky Book Buddies project and their love for libraries.

Finally, thanks to you! Without the attendees and presenters, we wouldn’t be able to host this conference. Many attendees have mentioned that the sessions were consistently good, and almost everyone I spoke with said they had learned something new.

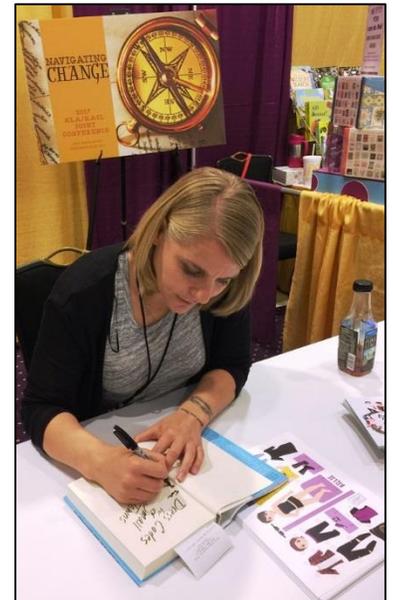
The KLA Annual Business Meeting was held during the conference on September 22, 2017. Debbra Tate was elected as President-Elect and Kandace Rogers was elected as Secretary. The KLA Executive Board includes: Tara Griffith (Kentucky Association of School Librarians) as President, Debbra Tate (Special Library Section) as President-Elect, Kandace Rogers (Academic Library Section) as Secretary, and Dave Schroeder (Kentucky Public Library Association) as Past President. Tom Underwood continues as the KLA Executive Director. The KLA Board of Directors also met on November 18th in Louisville, KY.

I will be attending and representing KLA at the ALA Midwinter meeting in Denver, Colorado February 9-12, 2018. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this year. Please contact me or other members of the Executive Board if you have questions or suggestions for KLA. I look forward to meeting and working with you during the coming year as we navigate change in Kentucky libraries!

-Tara Griffith, KLA President



MakerSpace Event



KBA Author Courtney Stevens



Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton & MKOT Abigail Quammen

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2017 KLA AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The following awards were presented on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the KLA/KASL Conference Awards Luncheon:



David Kidd, VP-Commercial & Corporate Banking at PNC accepting the award from KLA President Dave Schroeder

The 2017 recipient of the William H. Natcher Award is PNC Foundation

The William H. Natcher Award is given annually to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library.

PNC's grant to Lexington Public Library in 2017 has "funded special programs including CSI, Math-terpiece, Discover Hour, and Wonders of the Deep and enabled us to bring paid performers to off-site locations like the Juvenile Detention Center...[Our] dramatic play centers were transformed into The Little Banks by PNC...[which] enable us to teach financial literacy." "They have leveraged their corporate connections to bring library leadership to the table for important community conversations and helped us build stronger relationships."

The 2017 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award is Judith Gibbons

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a Kentucky librarian who has contributed significantly to our profession through publications, presentations, and participation in professional library and/or information organizations.

Judith Gibbons has a long career in public libraries culminating in her last position as Director of Field Services for the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives "Judith was a founding member of the Kentucky PLA's Advocacy Committee and continues to serve today...Not even retirement could slow Judith's work for libraries as she continues her work in our professional organizations." "She has a passion for libraries that is unequalled...She encourages us and inspires each of us to excel. She is a constant reminder of the reasons why we chose this profession."

The 2017 recipient of the Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award is Janet Lanham

The Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award is presented to a Kentucky librarian who has exemplified the ability to assist and advise new members to the profession.

Janet Lanham leads the mentor program for Jefferson County Public Schools averaging 10 new librarians each year, and continuing to mentor them past the program completion. She "has an approachable and kind personality that makes one feel comfortable asking for advice, help or just venting." "It was the support of Janet, which helped me press on when I felt like giving up...[she] was my cheerleader when times were rough." She creates "an atmosphere of comfort, support and value; in essence she created a family."

The 2017 recipient of the Intellectual Freedom Award is Michelle Lemmon

The Intellectual Freedom Award is presented to an individual or institution that has worked to insure that every Kentuckian has the right to all types of materials.



Janet Lanham accepting her award from KLA President Dave Schroeder



Michelle Lemmon accepting her award from KLA President Dave Schroeder

Michelle Lemmon is the Librarian at Model Lab School and as the KASL Intellectual Freedom Chairperson “has written letters of support for librarians who were facing challenges or questions about their collections. She has connected librarians to resources to help them strengthen their library policies.” “We need to recognize the ‘behind the scenes’ person who has enabled many libraries to deal with book challenges, and Michelle Lemmon is that person.”

The 2017 recipient of the James A. Nelson Advocacy Award is Susie Lawrence

The James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award is presented to those who have gone above and beyond to promote and protect libraries in government relations.

As Director of Library Services for Lexington Public Library, Susie Lawrence led advocacy efforts for ten years, recruiting advocates, preparing vital information, and empowering new attendees. “During election years, Susie planned Open Houses in library locations and invited both current elected officials and candidates.” “Her unique combination of dedication, diplomacy, and political savvy has benefitted libraries throughout our state...Even in retirement, Susie continues to apply her skills on behalf of public libraries”

-Submitted by Sara Schumacher, Chair, KLA Library Awareness Committee



Susie Lawrence accepting her award from James A. Nelson & KLA President Dave Schroeder

KLA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kentucky Library Association (KLA) created the Minority and Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarships to encourage members to increase their skills and knowledge through formal studies in librarianship. To receive a scholarship, recipients must be entering or continuing their library education at an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited library school. Recipients must also show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in the field of library science.

The Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarship is funded by proceeds from the sale of “READ” license plates and was named in honor of the late Linda Kompanik, who worked for several years to collect the 900 signatures necessary to create the special Kentucky license plate. It was Kompanik’s wish to establish a scholarship fund to assist in preparing future library leaders in the state.

"KLA is proud of our scholarship program which gives us an opportunity to invest in the future of the profession and our country," said KLA scholarship committee chair Judith Gibbons. "Additionally, KLA is thrilled with the continued success of the Kentucky "READ" license plates which will fund a total of \$49,000 in scholarships at the end of the spring semester."

Special Librarian of the Year



Nancy Richey from WKU, receiving her award from KLA President Dave Schroeder.

KLA has selected nine recipients to receive scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year.

- 📖 Jazmine Wilson, reference library assistant at Lexington Public Library was awarded a \$1,000 Minority Scholarship.

Additionally, eight Linda Kompanik scholarship recipients were awarded \$2,000 each. They are:

- 📖 Jessica Ainsworth, children’s programming and reference, Louisville Free Public Library
- 📖 Joanie Alexander, sixth grade language arts teacher, Rockcastle County Schools
- 📖 Laura Fox-Ezell, coordinator of educational delivery services, Warren County Public Library
- 📖 Erin Lewis, acquisitions and interlibrary loan, McCracken County Public Library
- 📖 Amanda Neece, youth services director, Trimble County Public Library
- 📖 Taryn Norris, associate library specialist, Daviess County Public Library
- 📖 Kelli Ralston, social studies teacher/eighth-grade teacher leader, Union County Middle School
- 📖 Heather Tackett, law library specialist, Eastern Kentucky University

-Submitted by Judith Gibbons, Scholarship Chair

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMENTS TO THE FCC

Links to & Highlights from Comments Regarding Category 2

Hardin County Public Library - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1023898005789>

Robertson County Public Library - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/10230449903606>

Susan Calloway Nimersheim (Grant County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/102316699467>

Our public library has become a critical stopping place for almost everyone who needs to fill out job applications or if out of work, fill out online forms for UI. In fact probably 75-80% of our computer usage is centered on some aspect of workforce development. Over the past several years more and more people are doing these tasks on their own devices and using our internet Wi-Fi connections, whether it is on a laptop, tablet, or phone. It is now critical that we keep these services and continue to improve connections and service to our patrons.

Shelia Stovall (Allen County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/10232610501789>

The population of our rural county is 18,600 and the Allen County Public Library is the technology hub for the community. Thanks to E-rate and improved technology, our citizens have access to the same great digital products and information available to people in large metropolitan areas.

Access to technology is critical for our patrons. Every child in the Allen County School District is issued a library card from the Allen County Public Library unless the parent/guardian opts out. Without good Wifi, our students will be left behind. Also, our library is an affiliate partner with the South Central Kentucky Workforce development Board. Citizens use our library to search for jobs, complete job applications, and learn how to write resumes.

Georgia de Araujo (Boyle County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1023178347761>

In our experience, every improvement made to our computer infrastructure and WiFi services results in increased usage from our citizens and generates more demand for additional improvements. As access to critical services offered through our local and state government shifts to online-only, strong infrastructure and WiFi services becomes more an essential component to libraries and to the citizens they serve.

Tammy Blackwell (Marshall County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/10232009426017>

In the community we serve, high-speed internet is not available in all areas. WiFi accessibility makes it possible for families from those areas to access research for school projects, job applications, and communication tools to put them in contact with friends and family across the globe. We have put Category 2 funding to use putting in more Wi-Fi access points and placing a modem in our Bookmobile, which goes out into remote and underserved areas of the community.

Cyndi Clifton (Owen County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1023573707363>

We are seeing an increase in those filing for unemployment and searching for jobs online now on a daily basis. Without viable WiFi signal which is funded through E-rate, we would not be able to afford the internet speeds we currently have in place.

Tina Snyder (Hancock County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/102379078660>

...meeting space for a variety of groups who utilize the WiFi during their meetings, and internet Hot Spots for rural library customers. Many of our citizens do not have access to internet in their homes due to lack of availability and income. Those citizens depend on HCPL to be their connection to the online world.

Powell County Public Library - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1023971429811>

In November 2016, our library had fiber optic internet installed, only because of the E-rate discount. Without that discount, and the current monthly discount we receive, our library would be stuck again with a slow DSL internet..... The faster internet and WiFi we have now is crucial to our community. Internet and cell phone service are intermittent in our county, and many people rely on our library, as it is the only local place to use free, fast internet and WiFi service.

Members of our community who rely on our internet for work, school and job seeking have benefited greatly with the upgraded internet connection- they are able to watch videos required by their employers, no more 'Session has timed out' messages. The ability to play videos without buffering or freezing has allowed our librarians to take advantage of this resource, formerly unusable, and apply it to programs for all ages and our Summer Reading Program.

Becky Reid (Nicholas County Public Library) - <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/102394366771>

A significant proportion of the population (23% according to the Office of National Statistics) does not have an internet connection at home. Those people most in need are precisely those without an ebook or the internet e.g. unemployed, those on low incomes, senior citizen.... We live in a small rural community where broadband internet is only available within 3 miles of the center of town. 75% of residents in our county lack broadband internet in their homes. Our library offers broadband internet and wi-fi. We have many patrons who bring their tablets and laptops in so they are not restricted to a time limit. Without this service, they could not take their college classes, or advanced placement classes or job search.... We try to fill the gap that public school ends at. We have become a center for life long learning.... Each year,

libraries receive less income and are required to do more with less. Wi-fi should not be one of these costs that are cut.

-Submitted by Paige Davidson

KDLA PUBLIC LIBRARY INSTITUTE

It usually starts out low-key. A few people already know each other, but most are strangers. By the end of the journey, you cannot keep them quiet. This phenomenon is called the Kentucky department for Libraries and Archive's (KDLA) Public Library Institute and it has been going on for many, many years.

The Public Library Institute is written into Kentucky Administrative Regulations and creates an opportunity for public library staff to substitute the Institute for one three credit hour college-level course in order to gain their initial certification required by statute. The Institute is supported by a Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States program funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and free for public library staff.

Public Library staff from across the Commonwealth come together at KDLA in Frankfort for two weeks out of the year to learn different aspects of library science services and values and share experiences. They learn a lot in those two weeks, but more importantly, they build relationships and a support network.



-Submitted by Paige Davidson

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BCTC SPRING SEMESTER

Registration is now open for the BCTC Spring semester! BCTC are offering the following Library Information Technology (LIT) courses in the Spring:

- 📖 LIT 115: Introduction to Reference Services
- 📖 LIT 120: Readers' Advisory
- 📖 LIT 132: Introduction to Technical Services
- 📖 LIT 248 Library Services for Preschool
- 📖 LIT 280: Genealogy Services in the Library

Currently Enrolled Students: Registration began October 1st

New Students: Registration began November 1st

- 📖 Information about the LIT Program: <https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/BCIS/LIT/>
- 📖 Information about Admissions: <https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Admissions/>
- 📖 Information about Tuition and Fees:
https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/costs_and_financial_aid/tuition_and_fees.aspx

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-Submitted by Terry Buckner

KLA MEMBER NEWS & LIBRARY UPDATES

NEDCC Preservation Specialist in Kentucky

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) now has a Preservation Specialist based in Kentucky to expand its offerings of preservation assessments, workshops, and trainings in the Midwest. Danielle Spalenka joined the Preservation Services team in May 2017, and is based from her home office in Louisville, KY to serve as a resource on preserving collections for Midwest archives, museums, libraries, and other collections-holding institutions. If you are interested in setting up a workshop or assessment, or just need advice on your collections, please contact Danielle at dspalenka@nedcc.org.

-Submitted by Danielle Spalenka

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program Recipient



Sam Northern, teacher-librarian at Simpson Elementary School in Franklin, Kentucky, will travel to Finland as part of the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program from January to April 2018. He is one of approximately 35 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through the program in 2017-2018 to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. While in Finland, Sam will research best practices for project-based learning.

Finnish schools embrace the tenets of PBL in what is known as phenomenon-based learning. Sam's inquiry project will investigate how Finnish schools use PBL to enrich students' use of 21st century skills. By observing PBL in action, interviewing students, co-developing curriculum projects with teachers, and collecting and analyzing student data, he will formulate an understanding of the instructional strategies that support a globally aware classroom. Sam intends to create an online PBL toolkit to share his research and resources from the program.

Find out more at: www.franklinfavorite.com/news/local/article_3d5d19d1-01d6-5126-80ee-f3ee4f82b1f9.html

-Submitted by Sam Northern

Transylvania University

Helen Bischoff, Head of Public Services, is serving as Chair of Transylvania University's Staff Engagement Team. This is a one year appointment.

Susan Brown, Director of the Library, was awarded the Transylvania University Essential Piece Award for October 2017. The award recognizes exemplary service to the university.

Beth Carpenter has accepted the position of Reference and Instruction Librarian effective August 15, 2017.

Jason Cooper, Head of Technical Services, was elected Treasurer of the Kentucky Library Association Academic Library Section. This is a two year appointment.

-Submitted by Jason Cooper



University of Louisville

Sarah Carter, Art Library Director has accepted a position as Art Librarian at the University of Indiana – Bloomington. Her last day at UofL will be December 1, 2017. During her time as director of the Art Library, Sarah implemented policy changes to allow undergraduate students to borrow materials, organized Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon events, and stewarded the library's collection of artists' books. Her work to improve the atmosphere of the library, including steering the design of innovative end caps on the bookshelves will be among her lasting legacy.

Maurini Strub, User Experience/Assessment Librarian has accepted the position of Director of Library Assessment at the University of Rochester Libraries. Her last day at UofL will be December 22, 2017. Since she joined the University Libraries Faculty in March 2013, Maurini has led a number of projects including the Ekstrom East Building Assessment and establishment of the Libraries Student Advisory Board. In addition, she has been the co-developer of the Statistics Repository.

-Submitted by Melissa Laning

Eastern Kentucky University

Laura Edwards, Todd King, and Kelly Smith. "Navigating WMS Analytics for the Right Data" (2017). Presented at the OCLC Global Community and User Group Meeting, Dublin, Ohio, September 2017.

http://encompass.eku.edu/fs_research/191

Laura Edwards, Kelly Smith, and Jens Arneson. "Electronic Swiss Army Knife: Deploying an Online Reference Service as an Interdepartmental Multi-Use Tool" (2017). Presented at the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSL) Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 2017. http://encompass.eku.edu/fs_research/154

-Submitted by Krista Rhodus

Morehead State University

Camden-Carroll Library was proud to host several meaningful events this fall, including a documentary film screening of *Far Above the Rolling Campus: A History of Morehead State University*, produced by resident Communications Professor Steve Middleton. Additionally, CCL hosted the display of two AIDS Memorial Quilts from the NAMES Project Foundation, with an accompanying Diversity and Inclusion Forum. The night featured notable speakers Ryan Sallans, Mark A. Johnson, and Jon Parker. It was co-sponsored by MSU's Eagle Diversity Education Center and Morehead Pride, and coincided with the community of Morehead's Pride Festival.

Furthermore, staff are excited to begin a major shifting and weeding project that will make room for future opportunities. By relocating and streamlining bound periodicals from one key area to the stacks, the librarians hope to forge new paths with campus entities in order to provide better services to students.

-Submitted by Sarah Mollette

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