

# IN-FO-CUS

Newsletter of the Kentucky Library Association

## Greetings from the President

The 2014 KLA/KASL Joint Conference was held in Louisville at the Galt House, September 17-20. The theme for the conference was “Libraries Leading the Way in the Information Age.” The conference began on Wednesday with two preconference sessions on School Readiness. These sessions were led by Dr. Julie Scoskie and Kate Schiavi from Louisville Free Public Library and Beth Schaeffer from Warren County Public Schools. Courtney Young, ALA President, was our General Session keynote speaker. Stephanie Gerding, librarian, author, and consultant, was the featured speaker for KPLA. The Academic Libraries Section had Daniel Ransom, ALA Emerging Leader and librarian from Holy Names University, as their featured speaker. Robin Dixon, Head of the Knowledge Resources and Library Services Branch, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, was the featured speaker for the Special Libraries Section. Other featured speakers included the authors Mary Amato, Katie McGarry, Michael Morris, and Adi Alsaid.

The sessions by our featured speakers and by KLA/KASL members were excellent and covered a wide range of interests and topics. The Poster Sessions and Speed Geek offered additional opportunities for presenting ideas, programs, and services. All of the sessions make the conference a success, so I thank all those who presented. We did a conference-wide read of the book *Man in the Blue Moon* by Michael Morris and had a discussion with the author on Thursday night. We appreciate and thank all the vendors who exhibited at the conference too. This year we had some dedicated time to spend with them. I want to thank the 2014 Conference Planning Committee for their great ideas and hard work in planning and implementing this year’s conference.

The KLA Annual Business Meeting was held on Friday morning,

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# Greetings from the President (continued)

September 19th. The following officers were elected:

President-Elect: Julie Howe

Secretary: Dave Schroeder

The KLA Executive Board includes Laura Whayne (Special Section) as President, Julie Howe (Academic Section) as President-Elect, Dave Schroeder (Kentucky Public Library Association) as Secretary, and Brenda Metzger (Kentucky Association of School Librarians) as Past President. Tom Underwood continues as the KLA Executive Director.

The KLA Board of Directors will have their next meeting on November 21st in Louisville, KY. I will be attending and representing KLA at the Kentucky State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting on October 31st and the ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago, Illinois January 29th - February 3rd, 2015.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you during the coming year as we demonstrate and emphasize the vital role of libraries in our communities. I am honored to serve as President of the Kentucky Library Association. Please contact me or other members of the Executive Board if you have questions about or suggestions for KLA.

Laura Whayne  
KLA President

## 2014 KLA Award Recipients Announced

The recipients of the following awards were honored at the KLA Awards Luncheon held during the 2014 KLA/KASL Joint Conference in September:

### **Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award**

Winner: Mary Taylor Huntsman

### **James A. Nelson Advocacy Award**

Winner: Mary Lynn Collins

### **William H. Natcher Award**

Winner: Keeneland Association, Inc  
Nominated by Dean Terry Birdwhistell,  
University of Kentucky Libraries

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Winner: Emmalee Hill Hoover

– *submitted by Debbe Oberhausen, Chair, KLA Library Awareness Committee*

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## Kentucky Libraries Award Recipient Announced

On behalf of the KLA Communications Committee, I am pleased to announce the recipient of the *Kentucky Libraries* Award. The plaque was presented at the fall conference Awards Luncheon by *Kentucky Libraries* editor, Robin Harris. This year's recipient is Arne J. Almquist, Ph.D., Associate Provost for Library Services at Northern Kentucky University, for

his article, "Bridging Gaps: Strengthening Libraries and Changing Lives". The article was published in v. 77, no. 1 of *Kentucky Libraries*. Please join the Communications Committee in congratulating Arne for his outstanding article.

– *submitted by Terry Buckner, Chair, KLA Communications Committee*

## Kentucky Book Fair Grant Winners Announced

The Kentucky Book Fair awarded eight Kentucky libraries grants totaling \$7,500:

Green Hills Elementary School (Harlan County) received a grant for \$1,000 to replace old, worn out paperbacks with new fiction books for grades four to eight.

J.B. Atkinson Academy School Library (Jefferson County) was funded \$1,000 to purchase science, social studies and arts and humanities books aligned with common core standards.

Kentucky School for the Blind (Jefferson County) was given \$750.00 to expand the non-fiction collection for special needs students.

McLean County Public Library was given \$1,000 to buy new story books for children ages two to seven.

Owsley County Junior/Senior High School Library was awarded \$1,000 to purchase high interest career books suitable for the middle grades.

Paducah Tilghman High School (McCracken County) was awarded \$750.00 to grow their urban/street fiction collection for teens.

Rocky J. Adkins Public Library (Elliott County) received \$1,000 to update the children's and adult non-fiction sections.

Seneca High School (Jefferson County) accepted \$1,000 to enhance the language collection to meet the needs of a diverse student body from 42 countries.

In addition, students in five Kentucky public schools will attend Children's Day at the Kentucky Book Fair after being awarded transportation grants. This is the third year that these travel grants are offered. Funds are provided through a generous contribution by Graviss McDonald's, anonymous donors, and proceeds from the 2013 Kentucky Book Fair.

Transportation grants were awarded to the following schools:

Saffell Street Elementary School (Anderson County) – \$500.00.

Ashland Middle School (Boyd County) – \$1,000.00.

Breckinridge County Middle School – \$350.00.

Henry County High School Media Center – \$450.00.

Bates Elementary School (Jefferson County) – \$275.00.

Kentucky Book Fair Inc., a nonprofit organization, was founded to coordinate the event, with proceeds supporting Kentucky's libraries. The 33rd annual KBF is Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Frankfort Convention Center.

For more information, visit [www.kybookfair.blogspot.com](http://www.kybookfair.blogspot.com).

– submitted by Judith Gibbons

## Register Now for Spring 2015 Classes at BCTC

Registration for spring semester classes in library information technology at BCTC is open now.

Classes are filling up. The sooner students register, the better.

For more information, see <http://tinyurl.com/ogw54sd> or email [martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu](mailto:martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu).

– submitted by Martha Birchfield, Bluegrass Community & Technical College

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## Friends of Kentucky Libraries Seeking Support for *Declaration for the Right to Libraries*

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries and the Kentucky Public Library Association are seeking signatures of support for the *Declaration for the Right to Libraries*.

The effort to collect signatures in Kentucky launched this fall. The collected signatures will be presented to the Kentucky General Assembly in February 2015 during Kentucky Library Legislative Day.

You can voice your support for Kentucky libraries by signing the declaration at the Friends of Kentucky Libraries website: <http://www.friendskylibraries.org/declaration.html>. Only your name and zip code are required to sign the declaration. The information will not be used to contact you.

# KLA Member News and Library Updates

## BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Teen Scene at BCPL

Boyd County Public Library is getting creative on the teen scene and the BCPL staff has been busy planning fun celebrations and events for teens in the months to come.

In October, teens roamed and moaned through the library dressed up as terrifying zombies. BCPL provided the pizza (so no librarians suffered an unfortunate fate), teens played games of the undead, and the most convincing zombie of the evening won a book gift that was to die for! To keep the Halloween momentum going, teens and BCPL staff went all out in spooky costumes and passed out candy during the City of Ashland's trick or treat.

To celebrate the popular film "Mockingjay: Part 1," BCPL will throw a major bash on the date of its theater release. Teens are invited to dress as their favorite character and enter the Cornucopia of costume contests. Knowledge of all things Katniss will be put to the test during Hunger Games trivia and "tributes" who really know their stuff will win a gift card to the Kyova Mall Theater to watch the flick.

In November, BCPL will show teens how to update their boring white tennis shoes, taking them from bland to bold. Teens will learn how to liven up their sneakers with DIY colorful tie-dye techniques and designs using only two common items: Sharpies and rubbing alcohol.

Also in November, teens can transform tin into treasure, upcycling soup cans into works of art!

BCPL will teach teens how a little glue, paint, paper, and ribbon can turn a recyclable soup can into a stylish spot for makeup brushes, a chic vase, or even a bird feeder.

Is that sleigh bells we hear? Not quite, but Santa is on his way! During the annual Ashland Christmas Parade in November, teens will walk alongside BCPL staff spreading holiday cheer (and lots of candy, too). For nearly ten years, BCPL has walked in the parade, pulling out all the bells and whistles to celebrate the upcoming holidays with the community. Teens always have a great time dressing in full costume as beloved and iconic children's book characters, and the children in attendance can't wait until Clifford or Curious George turns the corner and greets them with a big wave.

To gear up for the holidays, teens culinary skills will be put to the test in December as they accept BCPL's Holiday Food Wars challenge. Teens will be given a "gift" box of surprise ingredients that they must use to concoct a delicious and tasty holiday dessert. Festive foods will be judged by a panel of very hungry BCPL staff and a fantastic prize will hang in the stocking of the teen with the yummiest holiday treat.

– submitted by Whitney Lowe, Boyd County Public Library

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## MCCRACKEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Upcoming Events – Evenings Upstairs @  
Your Library**

## KLA Member News and Library Updates (continued)



Built in 1939 by Luther Carson, the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant holds an important place in Paducah's history. After being vacant for seven years, the building has new owners, the Musselmans.

Ed will share the rich history of the building & share current restoration progress of this historic landmark.

**December 4, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**The Coke Plant: Reviving a Paducah Treasure**  
*Presented by Ed Musselman, owner of Musselman Properties*

Ed Musselman and wife Meagan were honored recently as the Chamber's Entrepreneurs of the Year.

Paducah's Coke Plant has been a long treasured icon of the Midtown District. Located at 3141 Broadway, it is the former home to Luther Carson's Paducah Coca-Cola Bottling Company.



**January 15, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Noble Park Funland: 35 Years of Timeless Memories**  
*Presented by Gary Watkins, professional photographer & son of Carlton Watkins, owner of Noble Park Funland for 35 years*

## **KLA Member News and Library Updates (continued)**

Remember summers at Noble Park Funland—the Haunted House, Merry-Go-Round, the Train, Wild Mouse, and Water Slide? Remember all the company picnics, school field trips, and birthday parties? Remember being a kid and begging your parents to take you to Funland? One can't help but smile with the memories of all those sights and smells: the cotton candy and snow cones, the lights, and the screams of joy.

Come spend an evening with the children of Carlton Watkins, owner of Noble Park Funland—Gary Watkins, who managed the

Park, and his sister Gayla Rottgering, who ran the Water Works Water Slide—as they reminisce and put to rest some of the urban legends about life at Funland. Gary and Gayla will share lots of photos and memories from the Park years, a time which we're sure you'll enjoy remembering with them.

All programs are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Bobbie Wrinkle at 270-442-2510 ext. 117 (Toll-free 866-829-7532) or [bwrinkle@mclib.net](mailto:bwrinkle@mclib.net).

## 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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