



IN-FO-CUS

A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

April 2010

President's Message

Greetings from the President!

Spring has finally arrived! I know many of you felt the same as I did that spring was NEVER going to arrive for 2010. At this time of year the Spring Conferences are gearing up. KPLA and Trustees Round Table will meet in mid April in Bowling Green, April 14- 16. The Government Document's Round Table annual spring program and business meeting will be held on Friday, April 23 at Boone County Public Library in Burlington, KY. Academic and Special Library Sections will be meeting the end of the month at General Butler State Park, April 28-30. On July 20, KSMA Summer Refresher will be held at my school, Dixie Heights High School. KDLA and Commissioner Wayne Onkst have planned a National Kentucky Library Legislative Day for Washington, D.C. to be May 5. KDLA and KLA consider it very important for Kentucky to continue to send delegates from our Library Awareness Committee which consists of the Chair, representatives from our sections, Commissioner Onkst, and me. We will visit our US Legislators in May even though ALA has moved the National Legislative Day, for this year only, to the ALA Annual Conference on June 29. Those KLA members that are attending ALA Annual are encouraged to participate in the June National Legislative Day, too.

At the March KLA Board meeting, we welcomed Bruce Miracle, new Chair of the Government Documents Round Table and Helen Beaven, new Chair of Library Instruction Round Table.

Mark your calendars for September 15- 18, 2010 for the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, *In These Extraordinary Times... Libraries Now More Than Ever*, which is

being held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in Louisville, KY. The KLA Conference Planning Committee, chaired by President-Elect Leoma Dunn, is pleased with the planning that is underway. Pre-Conferences are getting set, a downtown Louisville Ghost Walk/ Architectural tour will be featured for Thursday night, and author AVI will be featured at the Author Luncheon on Friday and author signings are being planned in the Exhibit Hall. Special ALA guests will be ALA President-Elect, Roberta Stevens, (2010-2011 ALA President) and the new Director of Intellectual Freedom, Barbara Jones.

I hope that you are able to attend some of the meetings or conferences that are planned for the Spring, Summer or Fall. Attending meetings and/or conferences enables you to be with your peers and to share what is working in our Kentucky libraries and will allow you see what KLA Section and Round Table memberships can offer you.

Emmalee Hill Hoover
Kentucky Library Association President

KLA Section and Roundtable News

Academic Section

I started writing something for In-Fo-Cus regarding ALS news, but the two things I was going to submit haven't taken place yet, so I don't really have any details to offer. I was going to mention the Joint Spring Conference, but that was mentioned in the last one, and since it won't happen before the March 19th deadline, there's nothing to update. Same goes for the other piece of business, which won't take place until May, so there's not much to say about it at the moment. Would it be possible for me to submit a "placeholder"

report and then update the details before the publication goes "live" in June? I realize that might create layout problems, but otherwise, I don't know that I have anything "newsworthy" to report at this time.

Thank you!

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Government Documents Roundtable

The Government Documents Roundtable 2010 Spring Meeting will be on Friday, April 23. Pat Yannarella and the Boone County Public Library in Burlington, KY have kindly agreed to be the host. More information will, of course, be forthcoming.

Information and Technology Roundtable

ITRT is one of the largest roundtables in KLA--only the Library Trustee and Support Staff roundtables are larger than we are. On the other hand, we have remained more or less static since 2008, while the other two have increased in membership. We were originally created to "provide peer support through the sharing of ideas and concerns with colleagues statewide" and to "encourage professional growth among members through opportunities for continuing education and participation in professional activities." But we haven't done much in the last few years--and even our officers have remained the same in all that time! They have done an excellent job, but we need some new blood and some new ideas! Let's talk about how we renew our mandate! Look for a session at the KLA Fall conference about this--and meanwhile let's have some discussion on the ITRT intranet at <http://kla-itrt.org>!

Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives

In response to the rising unemployment rate and greater demand for services by people searching for jobs, 11 public libraries across the state will expand services and equipment to provide the unemployed more places to look for work or polish their resumes and job-hunting skills.

Nearly \$300,000 in funding from the Office of Employment and Training (OET) in the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet will increase the number of access points for workforce information. The libraries will provide customers with improved and expanded access to library and Internet resources. Unemployed Kentuckians and others searching for

work will be able to access information such as job listings and resume preparation training. Others will gain knowledge about applying for government benefits, taking college classes and completing on-line certification programs. Valuable workforce options such as basic computer and Internet classes, email basics, job resources online and learning applications like Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and others will be available in some areas.

The 11 libraries include:

- Warren County Public Library
- Trimble County Public Library
- Pulaski County Public Library
- McCracken County Public Library
- Louisville Free Public Library
- Lexington Public Library
- Kenton County Public Library
- Daviess County Public Library
- Jessamine County Public Library
- Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library
- Henderson County Public Library District.

Kentucky Public Library Association

It's (as usual) busy, busy times for KPLA:

- The annual spring KPLA conference will be in Bowling Green this year from April 14 through April 16. On April 15 (Thursday), an outing has been planned to see the Bowling Green Hot Rods play a game of baseball. Dave Schroeder (Kenton CPL) is working on this year's conference.
- The Advocacy Committee (chaired by JC Morgan, Campbell CPL) held its Legislative Day in February and drew 150 library supporters despite extremely wintery conditions. KPLA members should come by the Advocacy Committee's booth at the spring conference for a free gift.
- The Awards Committee (chaired by Carrie Herrmann, Boone CPL) received over twenty nominations for the various KPLA awards. Two scholarships were given for conference attendance.

The Education Committee (chaired by the Earlene Arnett, Scott CPL) is making its plans for the current year. KPLA has set aside \$4000 for regional educational events (\$500 for each of the 8 regions). KPLA has also set aside \$2000 for a Leadership Institute to be held by KDLA in the coming year. Additionally, the Committee itself has \$1000

- to plan a statewide event.
- The Executive Committee has put together a fairly extensive revision to the KPLA Constitution, By-laws, Policies and Procedures. The Committee is suggesting that the membership approve a new award for Public Relations and Marketing.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee (co-chaired by Mark Adler and Julie Maruskin) has held its first meeting.
- The Public Relations Committee (chaired by Lisa Rice) has put together a new brochure to highlight the activities and opportunities with KPLA. The committee is also working on securing bids for the design for the new website (www.kpla.org).
- Lisa Rice has traveled to all of the regions of Kentucky to discuss changes, concerns, improvements, and results of the last round in the Kentucky Public Library Standards surveys. Lisa has really done an incredible job with this committee.

Thanks for your interest in KPLA. If you'd like to serve on a KPLA committee, it's a great way to get involved and do some professional networking. Just email me at jcmorgan@cc-pl.org if you'd like to play a part.

Minority Scholarship Committee

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Kentucky Library Association Minority Scholarship. The deadline is June 15, 2010. The scholarship recipient receives \$1,000 (paid in two equal installments) as well as a one-year KLA student membership and free student registration to the KLA Annual meeting. The scholarship will be awarded to a student entering or with fewer than 9 credit hours in American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE)-accredited library school in Kentucky.

The KLA Minority Scholarship was created in 2007 for the purpose of increasing the number of minorities pursuing careers in the library profession in Kentucky. The scholarship application can be accessed at <http://www.kylibasn.org/docs/klascholarship.pdf>

For more information, please contact Elliot Appelbaum, Scholarship Committee Chair, eappelbaum@lexpublib.org or (859) 231-5560.

Accolades

**** Wayne Onkst, Kentucky State Librarian and Commissioner** is the University of Kentucky's School of Library and Information Science 2010 Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient. The award will be presented to him at the annual banquet, to be held Friday, April 23. More information about attending the annual banquet can be found at <http://www.uky.edu/CommInfoStudies/SLIS/students/banquet10.htm>

**** Ashley Ireland**, Reference Librarian and subject specialist for the College of Science, **Murray State University Libraries**, has been accepted into this summer's Immersion Program for Information Literacy (ACRL). For those of you interested in future application, their website can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/infolit/professactivity/iil/immersion/programs.cfm> OR more simply, Google up Immersion Programs ACRL. Ms. Ireland coordinates information literacy services for undergraduates, specifically freshmen composition classes, at MSU.

**** Julie Robinson**, Reference Librarian and subject specialist for the College of Health Sciences & Human Services, **Murray State University Libraries**, has begun providing weekly on-site research assistance to the MSU Athletics Program in the Weaver Academic Center, a high-tech study center for student-athletes at MSU. While all the reference librarians participate in some form of embedded librarian service, this is the first specifically for student-athletes. The Departments of Recreation and Exercise Science are contained within her liaison college.

**** James Manasco**, Head of Collection Development at the **University of Louisville Libraries** has been named as a Fellow in the 2010 class of Special Libraries Association (SLA) Fellows. Fellowship in SLA is bestowed on no more than five mid-career professionals annually in recognition of past, present and future service to the association and the profession. The 2010 Fellows will be recognized during the SLA Awards Ceremony and participate in a session and panel discussion alongside the 2010 SLA Rising Star award recipients at the SLA 2010 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO in New Orleans. Manasco has served in a variety of SLA leadership roles, including chair of the Sci-Tech (2003-2004) and IT Divisions (2008), president of the Kentucky Chapter (2003-2004), and chair of the 2010 Annual Conference Advisory Council. He is a

co-presenter of the popular Sci-Eng 101 series of programs offered at SLA's Annual Conference each year and is the editor of Sci-Tech News, the multi-divisional bulletin that covers several of SLA's science-related units. The Kentucky Chapter honored him with its Professional Award in 2004 and its Outstanding Member Award in 2007.

**** Boyd County Public Library's** Hands that Touch a Heart campaign was a huge success this year -- thanks to all the children who made cards in the library, and the many outside groups that took part. This year's grand total of 1,399 Valentines far surpasses any of the previous five years' totals. The cards -- all uniquely decorated by area children -- were sent to local soldiers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, and to residents of area nursing homes. Some of the soldiers who received the Valentines, like **Sgt. Cummings** of the 101st Airborne Division, sent a thank you note to library staff: "Thank you again for your cards. They did make this place a little brighter for a lil bit."

****Eastern Kentucky University Libraries**



Construction on the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, located inside Eastern Kentucky University's historic

Crabbe Library entrance, has come a long way since the September 2009 Groundbreaking. With an anticipated August 2010 completion date, the Noel Studio space is steadily coming together. Walls have come down, beams have been placed, and three beautiful new skylights have been installed, allowing sunlight to flood into the space.

With construction well underway, EKU has set its sights on building the Noel Studio team. **Dr. Russell Carpenter**, Director of the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity is in the process of hiring three coordinators who will work collaboratively on developing graduates with effective critical and creative thinking, research and communication skills in support of EKU's QEP. The first of these coordinators, **Trenia Napier**, was hired in January to serve as the Research Coordinator in the Noel Studio.

Trenia, a graduate of UK's Master of Library Science Program, will lead the Noel Studio's efforts to integrate research with writing and speaking initiatives in the new dynamic space. As Research Coordinator, Trenia will collaborate with fellow coordinators in writing and oral communications—and with student consultants—to create innovative spaces and services that will engage, inspire, and support students in developing and honing research, writing, and communication skills. To follow the Noel Studio's progress, visit www.studio.eku.edu.

Nicole Montgomery, Kevin Jones and Brad Marcum recently received the PRIMO site of the month award for their work in the creation of a substitute for GSO orientation sessions, specifically aimed at online and regional campus students. The project involved the creation of three online tutorials: "Finding Books and Other Stuff", "Academic Search Premier" and "Evaluating Information". The PRIMO site of the month award is granted by the Association of College & Research Libraries. They have completed an interview regarding this achievement, which can be found on the ACRL website: www.ala.org/acrl.

This spring, the **Crabbe Library at Eastern Kentucky University** announced the creation of LibStart, a visual and physical tour of the library. LibStart allows faculty or other campus groups desiring an introduction to the library's physical spaces to receive an overview of services through one of our new and exciting Libstart tours.

The fall 2009 semester was an exciting one for **EKU Libraries**. In October 2009, **Dr. Melba Porter Hay** visited the **Crabbe Library** to give a wonderful presentation on her recent book, *Madeline McDowell Breckinridge and the Battle for a New South*. The event was attended by students, faculty, staff and Friends of EKU Libraries.

The **Friends of EKU Libraries** hosted their annual dinner program, *An Evening on the Quilt Trail with Friends* in November 2009. The delicious dinner, attended by approximately eighty Friends and special guests, was accompanied by a display of beautiful quilts, bluegrass music courtesy of the Madison Dulcimers, and a special presentation on the Quilt Trail by Gina Noe and Don Hart of the Madison County Extension Agency and Dr. Shirley Long, member of the

Kentucky Quilt Trial.

The semester concluded with **EKU Libraries'** tasty finals week event, Brain Food for Finals. Each evening of the week, students were treated to delicious trail mix, chocolate, gummy bears and other delicious snacks, along with great study spaces in the Crabbe Library. EKU Libraries are currently planning the next Brain Food event, which will take place during finals week in May.

****Morehead State University.**

Ophelia Chapman joined the **Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University** as Systems Librarian. Ophelia received her MLS from Florida State University and has most recently worked as Reference Librarian at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL.

Sandy Sumner joined the **Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University** as the Instruction and Outreach Librarian. Sandy received her MLS from the University of Kentucky and has most recently worked as Teen Services Librarian at Lane Public Library in Oxford, OH.

Clay Howard has been promoted from Regional Campus Librarian to Director of Instructional Services for **Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University**. Clay holds degrees from Centre College, the University of Louisville and received his MLS from the University of Kentucky.

Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University held its first African American Read In on February 2. **Crystal Wilkinson**, poet and professor, read from her new unpublished novel "Opulence". It was successful enough that they will be trying to make it an annual event.

Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University celebrated NEA's Read Across America Dr. Seuss birthday with library displays and games for the students in the new, partially constructed Library Commons.

Mykie Howard of **Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University** gave birth to a baby girl.

Suzanne Roberts has joined the **Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University** as Library

Intern. Suzanne received her MLS from the University of Kentucky, she has a BS in Business Management and previously interned at the Bluegrass Community and Technical College.

In January, **John Burton**, Library Associate II, Learning Resource Center, **Camden-Carroll Library**, visited Frankfort to represent KET at the Kentucky legislature and the Governor's office. He is a member of the KET Friends Board and represents Menifee, Morgan, Magoffin and Wolfe counties.

The **Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University** was pleased to accept a donation of 18 art cast pieces from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. These pieces are part of a 32 piece set on display in the library since 1979.

****Western Kentucky University Libraries (WKU)**

WKU Libraries opened a new library branch in Owensboro at the beginning of the 2010 Spring semester as part of the new WKU-Owensboro campus building. A Grand Opening for the entire WKU-Owensboro campus is set for April 1, 2010.

WKU Libraries hired a new Electronic Resources Librarian, **Amy Slowik**. Amy has an M.A.L.I.S. from the University of Iowa; a M.A. in Humanities/Art History from University of Chicago and a B.A. in Art History & English Literature from DePauw University. Amy most recently worked in Digital Library Services at the University of Iowa. Amy currently manages WKU's online databases, journals and e-books; recommends emerging Internet resources; negotiates license arrangements and provides reference assistance.

WKU Librarian Rosemary Meszaros' book, *Rising Through the Ranks: Women in War*, was published in the fall 2009 by VDM Verlag. Rosemary is an associate professor and Coordinator for Government Documents & Law

Haiwang Yuan's new book, *This is China: The First 5,000 Years*, is debuted Marched 25 at the Association of Asian Studies annual conference in Philadelphia. Yuan is Professor of **Western Kentucky University Libraries**.

Christy Spurlock, Education Curator at the **Kentucky Museum**, received the Frank R. Lewstik Award for Professional Service from the Kentucky Historical Society, April 2009.

Kentucky Library & Museum faculty members **Sandy Staebell**, Registrar/Collections Curator; **Christy Spurlock**, Education Curator; and **Donna Parker** Exhibits Curator will be presenting in Oklahoma City in September 2010 at the annual meeting of American Association for State and Local History.

Jack Montgomery, WKU Libraries Collections Services Coordinator, performed music for St Patrick's Day at WKU Libraries Java City Cafe and will be performing his original award winning song at the "Take Back the Night" ceremony on March 25th at the Justice Center in Bowling Green. Take Back the Night is an annual nationwide march and rally that strives to increase community awareness about and prevention of violence against women, children, & families.

Kentucky Museum recently announced a new website, www.horseinky.com to promote its next permanent exhibit to be designed and developed by Solid Light, Inc. based out of Louisville, Kentucky.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Would you like to expand your skills, knowledge, and understanding of information literacy? The Purdue University Libraries, in coordination with Dr. Sharon Weiner, the W. Wayne Booker Endowed Chair in Information Literacy at Purdue and Vice President of the National Forum on Information Literacy (NFIL), is hosting programs in May for library professionals, instructors, and students.

To download a flyer (PDF) with more information about these programs, visit www.lib.purdue.edu/info/InfoLitWorkshops.pdf.

Visit www.conf.purdue.edu/infolit to register for one or both programs.

May 13, 2010

"New Foundations: Building an Inquiry-based Information Literacy Agenda" Presented by Dr. Ross Todd, associate professor at the Rutgers University School of Communication, Information, & Library Studies and Director of the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries Workshop designed for librarians in higher education who want to expand their skills and

understanding of pedagogy. Registration: \$50 early bird rate (by March 31), \$30 student early bird rate (by March 31), \$65 regular rate, \$50 regular student rate. Visit www.conf.purdue.edu/infolit to register. Visit <https://www.ccc.purdue.edu/regforms/Infolit%20agenda.pdf> for a full agenda.

KDLA Continuing Education Events

For more information, check the website at www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm

April 6 & 8 HELP! I have this paper and I don't know what to do with it!!!!

April 7 Planning for Disruption

April 27 & 28 Libraries and Services Going Mobile: Handheld Services for Libraries

May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, **OR** 27 Library Board Basics: What You Need to Know About Being a Library Trustee

May 6 **OR** 7 A Crash Course in Database Searching: Tips, Tricks & Strategies

May 28 Gateway to Government Information

June 1-30 LE@D: Capturing History: Digitization Projects

June 1-30 LE@D: Copyright Basics for Libraries

Next IN-FO-CUS deadline: June 14, 2010.

Please send news and items of interest to Carrie Herrmann at cherrman@bcpl.org. You can also call her at 859-292-3387 with any questions.

SELA

If you are a professional librarian, library associate or library science student, consider joining the Southeastern Library Association (SELA), a library association that can provide you with excellent benefits, an affordable membership fee, and the opportunity to work with an experienced library professional through the mentoring program.

SELA (<http://selaonline.org/>) has served the southeastern states for more than 70 years. As a regional library organization, it works in cooperation with state library

associations serving the 12 southeastern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) and maintains a relationship with the Puerto Rico Library Association.

SELA provides its members with these benefits:

- Special \$10 student membership fee
- Membership fee between \$25 - \$65
- Subscription to *The Southeastern Librarian*, a peer reviewed journal
- A biennial conference sponsored jointly with a state library association
- Representation at state-wide functions
- Access to committees, roundtables and sections
- Networking and sharing ideas with other professionals on a regional-wide basis

SELA is particularly proud to present the SELA Regional Mentoring Program, which matches an experienced mentor in the library field with a mentee who is a library science student, paraprofessional or professional wishing to make changes within the library field (<http://selaonline.org/membership/mentoring.htm>). Mentors are current members of the association who have agreed to help other members learn about the profession in general and more specifically about the different aspects of SELA and how it functions. The long-term goal of the SELA Regional Mentoring Program is to give library science students, librarians and library personnel the opportunity to work together to create a dynamic professional organization for learning, and to support librarianship regionally as well as locally.

Direct questions about SELA or the mentoring program to:

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