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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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Greetings from the President

"The best way to suppose what may come is to remember what is past." Lord Halifax

As the weather cools and we get ready for a new year I would like to reflect on two great conferences in the last two months. I hope you found our annual conference in September informative and enlivening. I encourage you to share your praise and criticisms with your section chairs so we can serve your continuing education needs. Next year's conference will be September 14-17, 2005. Conference chair, **Christine McIntosh**, and her committee have begun planning and welcome your proposals and suggestions.

I just returned from the joint SELA/NCLA biennial conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. NCLA (North Carolina Library Association) celebrated its centennial during the conference and it was a real "Southeastern Celebration," with many great sessions and outstanding general sessions. I began the week by attending a pre-conference on "Diversity and Leadership in the 21st Century." The Opening General Session featured NPR's Juan Williams, who spoke on the importance of librarians in these tense political times and expressed a hope that the public would seek information from librarians rather than the media. Steve Abram, President of the Canadian Library Association, was the second general session speaker and described the "Millennial Generation." Two speakers, ALA Executive Director Keith Fiels and NCLA's legislative agent, Ken Eudy spoke on advocacy and working with local legislators. The President's Luncheon featured Robert Martin, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. I ended the conference with a workshop demonstrating the vast resources available on the Library of Congress and US Geological Survey websites.

Kentucky's librarians were well represented at the conference. **Rose Davis** (Western Kentucky University) demonstrated "OCLC Connexion for Cataloging." **Carol Nutter** and **Elsie Pritchard** (Morehead State University) spoke on successful staff retreats. **Lisa Rice** (Bowling Green Public Library) explained how public and academic libraries can have community literary events year round. **Kathleen Imhoff** (Lexington Public Library) presented "Marketing on a Shoestring." SELA is a good source of continuing education for us. I encourage each of you to join and support our regional association.

Linda Kompanik

KPLA / KLTA Spring 2005 Conference

Bowling Green, Kentucky, Holiday Inn University Plaza
April 13-15, 2005

Call for Program Proposals

Forms available at <http://www.kylibasn.org/conference.htm>
Proposal deadline: January 3, 2005

Section and Roundtable News

Tassie Awarded Outstanding Academic Librarian

Carolyn M. Tassie was awarded the Academic Section's Outstanding Academic Librarian of the Year Award for her service to the profession and to KLA at this fall's KLA Annual Conference. One of her nominators commented that [Carolyn's] leadership of and service to the section has been exemplary....[she] has truly championed for the profession as an active member of the Section and KLA." Another nominator said, "I am nominating Carolyn Tassie for this award because she has always gone above and beyond job duties in serving both the Transylvania community and in serving the librarians of this state....She is always coming up with ideas to promote the library and to provide better service to students."

Ms. Tassie began her career in librarianship at Jones Jagers Elementary School and Educational Resources Center, Western Kentucky University. She remained at WKU until 1986 in a variety of positions including Head Librarian for the Education Resources Center and Circulation Supervisor. In 1986, she took the position of Head, Library Public Services at Transylvania University, where she has taught semester-long classes, served as a mentor to students, and organized an educational resources center for teachers in training. Ms. Tassie has also chaired numerous committees within KLA and the Academic section and has held the highest positions of leadership in both groups: Chair of the section 1993-94 and President of KLA 1999-2000. She currently serves as editor of *Kentucky Libraries*, a position she has held since 2001. She and her husband Tim enjoy traveling, antiquing, and spending time with grandchildren. **Anna Marie Johnson.**

Academic Library Section/ACRL Kentucky Chapter, Special Library Section, and Special Library Association - Kentucky Chapter are in the planning stages for the 2005 Joint Spring Conference, *Visibility for Libraries: Communicating Our Vision*, to be held April 13-15, 2005 at Lake Barkley State Resort. The conference theme will focus on library marketing, customer service, library branding, and other ways libraries promote the vast resources and services available to our patrons. A call for presentations will be coming out in January. So, mark your calendars to join us for a relaxed, fun conference at Lake Barkley! **Rose Davis**, Chair, Academic Library Section.

Support Staff Roundtable. **Colleen Harris**, Night Supervisor at UK's William T. Young Library, is the new KLA Support Staff representative. She invites input from all support staff and encourages all of the library support folks to be more proactive in contributing to their professional communities and sharing their knowledge and experience. She can be contacted at (859) 257-0500 x2164 or colleen.harris@uky.edu **Colleen Harris.**

KLA Member News and Library Updates



Boyd County Public Library revised its library lending policies in October, making loan periods more uniform and patron-friendly. The library has started a monthly program for teens, called Teen Tuesdays, that includes activities, games and food for those ages 13-17. The library registered 132 people to vote during September and early October, and hosted a Meet the Candidates Night for those running in local races. Longtime Circulation Supervisor **Pam Freeman** resigned at the end of October because her family was moving to West Virginia. Staff Genealogist **Sheri Pettit** received the 2004 Outstanding Service to Genealogy (Eastern Kentucky region) award from the Kentucky Genealogical Society. **Amanda Gilmore**.

Eastern Kentucky University hosted a number of special events in September supporting the *EKU Reads* freshman book selection, *Clay's Quilt* by Silas House, as part of a large campus-wide initiative to celebrate Appalachian culture. In October, ECU Libraries hosted the series *Live @ Your Library: a Celebration of Japanese Culture*. **Lee Van Orsdel**, Dean of ECU Libraries, was an invited speaker at the Sixth Nordic Inter-lending Conference in Trondheim, Norway, September 30-October 1st. She spoke on the rapid and controversial changes taking place in the scholarly communications industry, including the Open Access movement. In November, **Victoria Koger**, Reference Librarian, and **Brad Marcum**, Distance Education Librarian, presented "Strangers in a Strange Land: Collaborating With Faculty to Teach Information Literacy Skills to First-Year Students" at the 24th Annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. **Linda Klein**, Reference Librarian, and **Linda Sizemore**, Team Leader of Government Documents, also presented at the Lilly Conference. Their presentation was entitled, "Process Makes Perfect: Partnering With Information Specialists to Improve Learning Outcomes." **Kari Martin**.

Gateway Community and Technical College. Tanzi Merritt has joined the staff as Associate Director of Library and Information Services. **Tanzi Merritt**.

Grayson County Public Library has had a windfall of grant awards this fiscal year: \$4,000 Programming Grant to provide creative writing workshops and publish a compilation of works; \$6,000 Data Projector Grant to purchase presentation equipment for library and patron use; \$13,000 Innovative Technology Grant to compile a local history database and make it available on their website; \$4,000 Tutor.com Evaluation Grant to provide homework help and tutoring for students K-College Freshman. **Karen Gillespie**.

Kenton County Public Library, now provides online book reviews compiled by Library staff members at www.kenton.lib.ky.us/videos. Performances of young adult programs held at the Library, book reviews by and for teens and a virtual tour of all three library locations - Covington, Erlanger and Independence, may also be viewed online. A grant provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technical Act as administered by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives funded the video projects, designed to allow online library patrons to become more familiar with the staff, buildings and programs offered at the Library. **Robin Klaene**.

McCracken County Public Library celebrated its centennial milestone in October with an Open House and special programs. High-

lights include "Poetry Alive," a high-energy show of poems performed theatrically, and a reading and discussion with Graves County Native and author Bobbie Ann Mason. Ballard County resident and WWII D.C. Coordinator Sandy Hart shared her story of remembrance during Lunch @ Your Library and Living History Interpreter David Hurt brought the spirit of the great Kentuckian Louis Marshall Jones to life during a Chautauqua live presentation, "Grandpa Jones Country Musician and Comic." For the first time ever, the library held a Fall Food Drive during its centennial celebration. It was a huge success! Library staff members collected nearly 500 non-perishable food items most needed in the community. **Marie Liang**.

McNet, a consortium of public, school, church, academic, and special libraries, sponsored an entry into this year's Labor Day Parade in Paducah, forming a Precision Book Cart Drill Team! The unique entry was awarded the "Most Original Float" by parade officials. **Iris Garrott**, who works at the McCracken County Public Library, organized the group and planned the routine. The following people participated as drill team members: **Joyce Adams**, Paducah Tilghman High School, **Sharon Carvell**, Ballard County Memorial



Front row: Terri Kirk, Jennifer Wetzel, Marie Liang, Brenda Metzger.
Back row: Sharon Carvell, Jennifer McCann, Lisa Hughes, Joyce Adams

High School, **Lisa Hughes**, Heath High School, **Terri Kirk**, Reidland High School, **Marie Liang**, Director, McCracken County Public Library, **Brenda Metzger**, Lone Oak High School, **Jennifer Wetzel**, Hendron Lone Oak Elementary School, and **Jennifer McCann**, McCracken County Public Library. **Iris Garrott** from McCracken County Public Library was their fearless leader. **Nancy Reed** and **Margaret Reed** drove the lead vehicle. **Amanda McLenan** and **Jennifer Davis**, McCracken County Library and **Susan Thompson**, Fulton County High School gave out book marks and suckers to the bystanders. Plans are afoot (or should we say acart?) for the group to participate in the Christmas Parade on December 4th, with the chance for even more carts and some especially exciting routines. Come join us if you can! **Terri Kirk**.

Morehead State University. Larry X. Besant, Director of Libraries and Media Services, will retire at the end of December. Besant has been at MSU since 1985, and is wrapping up a professional library career that spans 42 years. The title of Larry's vacated position will be changed to Dean of Library Services. **Elsie Pritchard** has been named the Interim Director. **Bill Malone**, Bibliographic Instruction and Reference Librarian, retired September 30. Bill had been a librarian at MSU since 1976. **Betty Jean Wilson**, retired Periodicals Librarian, has been called back to active duty, and she is working part-time until the position is filled. This fall the Camden-Carroll Library introduced a host of new services including an on-campus delivery service for faculty and staff, Ex-

Libris's SFX link resolver, and its new Java City coffee shop. The Library will also be migrating its web page to a new content management system this fall. **Jason Vance.**

Murray State University. **Jennifer Schatz**, Interim Head of Research Services, was recently selected to attend the 2004 Library Leadership for New Managers Program sponsored by the ARL. Ms. Schatz was one of fifteen participants selected nationally to participate in an intensive one-week program from September 28-October 1 in Washington, D.C. The program's cohort consisted of academic, medical, law, and major public libraries throughout the United States and Canada, including New York University, John Hopkins University, the University of California, and Georgia State University. Library staff members **MeLissa Cooper**, **Meagan Short**, and **Brittany Johnson** have left the library to pursue new opportunities. **Jen Schatz.**

Northern Kentucky University. **Betty Riddell** is the new head of Steely Library's Access Services. Betty has been with Steely Library for over 8 years. She began work in her new position on October 18th. **Michael Providenti's** article "Library Web Accessibility at Kentucky's 4-Year Degree Granting Colleges and Universities" was published in the September issue of D-Lib magazine. Michael also presented *One Size Fits All* at the LITA National Forum in St. Louis on October 9th. Three Steely Library faculty members gave presentations at Breaking Down Barriers: A Post-secondary Education Technology Conference in Kentucky. **Perry Bratcher** presented "An Introduction to Biometric Technology;" **Sheri Myers** co-presented "Legal Solutions to Copyright Distance Learning Situations;" and **Michael Providenti** presented "Putting the User First: How Web Standards Promote Accessibility." NKU and Steely Library are proud to announce that the library archives have been named the "Schlachter Family Archives" in honor of the family that donated the lead gift for the project to upgrade the facility. The project will result in a completely renovated reading room and new preservation and storage equipment. The new name was announced at a gala event on November 6th. **Sheri Myers.**

Rowan County Public Library is one of eleven libraries in Kentucky chosen by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives to receive an LSTA grant to provide live homework help to RCPL patrons. Beginning December 1, users will be able to come to the Library or to log in from a remote site to the Library's home page and access "Live Homework Help" to connect with one of 600+ tutors throughout the United States. Director **Helen Williams** is meeting with local education groups to publicize the new resource. The Library has also been awarded a KDLA Technology Grant to put a SmartBoard, a computer, and a computer projector in the Library's Community Room for use by staff and community groups.

Helen Williams.

University of Kentucky Libraries. **Sharon Ross** has been hired as the UK Libraries' new Development Officer. She will work with the Library Associates and lead the Libraries' fundraising effort for the University Capital Campaign. **Judy Sackett.**

Medical Center Library. **Jane Bryant**, patient education librarian for the UK MC Library has just been notified that a \$10,000 Consumer Health Award from the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine was awarded. **Jane and Judy Dunn** with UK Hospital will be developing "Health Information and Patient Education--Resources and Training for the Salvation Army Student-Run Free Clinic in Lexington Kentucky." The award runs from December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2005 and is a cooperative project with College of Medicine students, UK Hospital patient education department and the MC Library. **Janet Stith.**

University of Louisville Libraries and five other southeastern university libraries are participating in the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program sponsored by the Library of Congress. **Delinda Buie**, Curator Rare Books and Manuscripts, **Weiling Liu**, Director Libraries Technology, and **Dwayne Buttler**, Endowed Chair for Scholarly Communication, will participate in the development of a MetaArchive of Southern Cultural Heritage at www.metaarchive.org. The project will create a network for preserving critical and at risk content relative to southern culture and history. **Dean Hannelore Rader**, was elected Information Officer of the Information Literacy Section of IFLA. As an invited speaker at the 4th Frankfurt Scientific Symposium Frankfurt/Main, Germany, she addressed the issue of information fluency. **Anna Marie Johnson**, Ekstrom Library, attended the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy held in Statesboro, GA. A paper recently published by **Judy Wulff** and **Neal Nixon** of the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library, "Quality Markers and Use of Electronic Journals in an Academic Health Sciences Library," *JMLA*92(3):315-22, was selected as the first paper in the Medical Library Association's Independent Reading Program. Ekstrom Library's Photographic Archives is partnering with the Louisville Store to supply images for note cards, posters and post cards for a "Louisville Yesteryear" line of products, facilitated by curator **James C. (Andy) Anderson**. An exhibit of the work of African-American photojournalist Richard Clive Saunders (1922-1987) is on display until February 25 in Ekstrom Library Photographic Archives, curated by **Susan Knoer**. A preview is at <http://library.louisville.edu/ekstrom/special/exhibits.html>.

Diane Nichols

Kersey Library of Engineering, Physical Science and Technology held an Open House for new faculty members, and their chairs. On October 1st, a new blog was inaugurated to distribute news at <http://library.louisville.edu/kersey/news/index.html>. Director **Carol Brinkman** participated in a panel at the KLA Annual Conference entitled "Managing and Encouraging Student Workers," and in October, she was elected Secretary for the Southeastern Library Association for the 2005-2006 biennium. **Catherine Lavallée-Welch**, Electronic Resources Librarian, presented a session entitled "Jumping on the Blogwagon for Libraries" at the 4th Annual Brick and Click Libraries Symposium at the Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO in October.

Catherine Lavallée-Welch.

Western Kentucky University. **Rosemary Meszaros**, Government Documents Librarian was a presenter at Finding Free GOLD: Government OnLine Documents, Nov. 1, 2004, Frankfort, KY. This is a collaborative effort of Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL), the Government Information Access (GIA) Workgroup and government information librarians from around the state. **Roxanne Spencer**, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Educational Resources Center, Western Kentucky University, was appointed to the Executive Board of the Kentucky Reading Association as editor of the KRA newsletter, *Literacy Leaders*. She presented "A Taste of Appalachian Children's Literature," at the KRA Annual Conference: Kids Reading, Achieving and Succeeding, September 17-18, 2004. **Jack Montgomery**, Collection Services Coordinator, presented a program on "Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace" to the Westfield Public Library, Westfield, Indiana on November 18th. Jack also released his second CD of modern and traditional folk music entitled "Everywhere I Look" on November 1st. **Charles Smith**, Science Librarian has had an article entitled "Wallace's Unfinished Business" accepted for an upcoming issue of the journal *Complexity*. **Jack Montgomery.**

KLA Calendar of Events

Dec. 11, 2004	KLA Board Meeting & Leadership Conference Four Points Sheraton Lexington
Jan. 14 -19, 2005	ALA Midwinter Conference Boston, MA
Feb. 12, 2005	KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning Hilton Garden Inn Airport Louisville
Mar. 3 - 4, 2005	Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference Kentucky International Convention Center Louisville
Apr. 13 -15, 2005	Academic/Special/SLA Ky. Chapter Spring Conference Lake Barkley State Resort Park Cadiz
Apr. 13 -15, 2005	KPLA/KLTA Spring Conference Bowling Green
May 14, 2005	KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning Louisville Marriott <i>New Conference Site 2006</i>
June 23 - 29, 2005	ALA Annual Conference Chicago, IL
July 9, 2005	KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning Galt House East Louisville
Sept. 14 -17, 2005	KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference Galt House East Louisville



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Cecil Madison Named UK Libraries' First Lyman T Johnson Torch of Excellence Award Winner

Cecil Madison is the Lyman T. Johnson 2004 honoree for the University of Kentucky Libraries. He was the first African American to be hired full-time in the libraries. His first day of work was November 12, 1968, and this November, he will celebrate 36 continuous years of service.



*Emmett "Buzz" Burnam, Multicultural Affairs Student Affairs Officer
Cecil Madison, Depository Support Technician at Young Library
Dr. William H. Turner, Vice President of University Initiatives*

Madison was one of the original members of the Lexington Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He was secretary of the organization from 1959-1962. He and other CORE members participated in the marches in downtown Lexington to desegregate movie theaters, restaurants, and the lunch counters in Walgreen's and Woolworth's, which many times resulted in their

being pelted with rocks, physically attacked, spit on, and arrested. Madison was present the night that Louie Armstrong came to town to play at the Phoenix Hotel but then refused to get off the bus in support of the marchers. He also met and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Cincinnati.

When Cecil came to the UK Libraries, he brought that determined spirit with him. He was the first and had to carry the torch while learning to be a supply clerk and manage the mailroom. He kept going and became an assistant in the Business Library, the Reserve Room, and the Federal Depository Department at Young Library. Today, Cecil is one of the most senior members of the University of Kentucky library staff. Their work supports teaching, research, and service by providing books, journals, electronic databases, and other materials. Because Cecil led the way, another door was opened for others who follow in his footsteps. **Reinette F. Jones**

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The Third Annual KLA Book Sale was held during the Fall conference, with about 300 books and other donated items including CDs, cassette tapes, and videotapes. Proceeds from the Book Sale netted around \$302.00! The sale was a success due to all of the people who donated items; bought items; procured the site of the sale; provided media and press information; provided the Book Sale web site; sorted and arranged books upon receipt at the booth; posted signage; sold and bagged items at the sale; and cleaned up. **Alice Abbott-Moore.**

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