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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings from the President!

Happy New Year KLA! Although this is the December issue of our newsletter, the new year of the Kentucky Library Association begins immediately after our annual conference. We have a new Board of Directors, the Sections and Round Tables have new officers, and planning for the 2007 conference has already begun. Conference Chair and President-Elect **Fannie Cox** has produced a wonderful theme "Building and Strengthening Communities: Advocating Our Future." So be sure to mark your calendars for the 2007 KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference, September 19-22, 2007 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Fannie and her planning committee gladly welcome input and suggestions from you, our members.

One of the best ways to start a new year is to reflect back over the past year. Our 100th Anniversary year was quite remarkable in that we celebrated many firsts including the first Kentucky "Library Week" and our first Conference Blog; events which we hope will become new annual traditions. This is also a great opportunity to once again thank everyone who played such a vital role in making our 2006 Centennial conference such a success. I can't tell you what a wonderful planning committee that I had to work with! KLA is fortunate to have so many volunteers who selflessly donate their time during conference to cover the registration desk, moderate mini-sessions, help with poster sessions and exhibits, present sessions, coordinate events, etc. Thank you all for being such strong supporters of our organization.

We cannot stay a strong and vital organization without you. Let us know what you're thinking – what's on your mind. Are there issues that you think KLA should be addressing? Do you have programming or educational needs that your Section or Round Table could coordinate? Please feel free to contact us throughout the year – all Board Members' email addresses and phone numbers are listed on the KLA web site. I look forward to serving the organization this year as President, and intend for us all to work together as we move forward into the Kentucky Library Association's next 100 years.

Laura Davison

Section and Round Table News

Academic Section. **Amy Osborne** is the new Chair of ALS. The Section is pleased to announce that this year's Professional Development grant recipient is **Lisa Nichols**, Instructional Services Coordinator at Morehead State University. She will receive \$1000 to attend a summer Program Track in ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy, an immersion program designed to support librarians seeking to develop and/or augment the Information Literacy (IL) programs currently in place at their institutions. **Sean Kinder**

African American Librarian & Library Employees Round Table. New officers are: Chair, **Patrick Davison** and Chair Elect, **Latisha**

Reynolds. The new officers would like to thank the outgoing Chair, **Enid Wohlstein**, for a wonderful year for the Round Table. Enid is moving on to Chair the Recruitment, Mentoring, and Diversity Committee.

The 3rd Annual KLA Minority Scholarship was presented to **Nancy Sims**, who received a stipend to attend the Fall KLA/KSMA Conference and KLA membership for one year. Currently Nancy is in the Rank I Library Media Program at Murray State University where she will complete her studies in December.

AALLERT provided two outstanding programs for the Fall Conference. **Tracie Hall** presented the pre-conference workshop "Gaze into my Crystal Ball: Forecasting Demographic and Social Trends for Kentucky Libraries." We would like to say "goodbye" as Tracie trades in her old job at ALA for her new position as Assistant Dean of the Graduate School of Library & Information Science at Dominican University. Congratulations Tracie! Financial support for the scholarship and pre-conference was provided by Boone County Public Library, KDLA, Kenton County Public Library, KYVL (Council on Postsecondary Education), UK, and U of L. Thank you! The other program, "Biblioteca, Bibliothek, or Library: Different Names but Same Faces Serving Diverse Communities" was a timely panel discussion on serving new ethnic minority populations. Thanks to the panel: **Michael Steinmacher, Mary Conleton, Michelle Armstrong, Betty Abdmishani, and Sara P. Howrey.**

Last, but not least, the talent show "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage II" was a "howling" success. We would like to thank all the talented librarians who gave of their time to entertain us and our cosponsors of this event KLA Recruitment, Mentoring & Diversity Committee and KLDivERS! **Patrick Davison**

CTCRT. The new officers for the Community and Technical College Round Table are: Chair, **Sara Brown**, Ashland Community & Technical College; Chair-Elect: **Tiana French**, Bluegrass Community and Technical College; Secretary: **Gary Warren**, Louisville KY. **Terry Buckner**

LAMRT. The new officers for the Library Administration & Management Round Table are **Leoma Dunn**, Chair (Thomas More College); **Terry Buckner**, Chair-elect (Bluegrass Community & Technical College); **Tanzi Sutton**, Secretary (Gateway Community & Technical College). The officers are currently working on a pre-conference workshop for the Fall 2007 conference. We are also looking for ideas or suggestions from our members on issues or programs you would like to see the Round Table discuss or offer at the 2007 Spring and Fall conferences. If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to present a program for LAMRT at either of these conferences, please contact Leoma Dunn, leoma.dunn@thomasmore.edu or Terry Buckner, terry.buckner@kctcs.edu. Please contact us with any other suggestions or concerns. **Leoma Dunn**

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KLA Member News and Library Updates



Bellarmine University. Marquita Breit has retired as Director of Library Services at Bellarmine University. She was a member of the faculty there for 39 years. **John K. Stemmer** is Bellarmine's new Director of Library Services. **Martha Perry**

Berea College. Julia Dickinson was appointed the Coordinator of Instructional Services in March. Julia was formerly at Illinois Wesleyan University and Hamilton College and has extensive library instruction experience. **Katie Foran**, a 2006 University of Kentucky SLIS graduate, joined the Hutchins Library staff in July as an Instructional Services Librarian. Katie worked for the Lexington Public Library system while in graduate school.

Laura Heller, project archivist, has completed work on *The Council of the Southern Mountains Records, 1970-1989*, collection. This two-year project was funded with a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. An exhibition website (<http://www.berea.edu/hutchinslibrary/specialcollections/exhibit/exhibitsaa101intro.asp>) includes brief textual information, a timeline, photographs, and resources. The finding aid for the CSM collection is available at <http://www.berea.edu/hutchinslibrary/specialcollections/saa101.asp>.

Wagons to the Web, a permanent display highlighting the history of the Berea College Library, was produced by **Shannon Wilson**, College Archivist, and **Kevin Puckett**, Curatorial Assistant.

The Sound Archives received additional funding from the Anne Ray Charitable Trust to continue digitizing non-commercial recordings. The grant will also provide \$36,000 for Appalachian Music Fellowships for 2007. **Harry Rice**, Sound Archivist, is the contact person for fellowship information.

Steve Gowler, the former Head of Special Collections & Archives, accepted the Director of General Studies position in August and joined the General Studies faculty. **Anne Chase**

Bowling Green Public Library, in conjunction with the Southern Kentucky Book Fest Partners will present a new One Book project this year for middle/junior high school students. The featured book for IREAD will be *Daughter of Light*, first book in the Kung Fu Princess trilogy written by local author Pamela Walker. The focus of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest partners is to promote literacy and a love of reading. Western Kentucky University Libraries, Bowling Green Public Library, and Barnes and Noble Booksellers make up the Book Fest partners. They will offer three One Book projects prior to the 2007 Book Fest that will take place on April 20 and 21 at the Sloan Convention Center. One Book projects encourage groups to read and discuss the same book. This year's elementary level book is "Take Me Home, Country Roads" illustrated by Christopher Canyon. On the Same Page (the elementary One Book project) began at the Main Bowling Green Public Library on Thursday, November 2 at 6 p.m. One Campus, One Community, One Book, the adult component of the One Book projects will kick off in January 2007. *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kentucky author, Kim Edwards will be the featured book. If you would like additional information on the One Book projects please visit the web site, www.bgonebook.org. You may obtain additional information at the Southern Kentucky Book Fest web site, www.sokybookfest.org or on the BGPL web site

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www.bgpl.org. **Toni McIntyre**

KDLA Field Services Division. Tezeta Lynes recently retired as Program Development Branch Manager and **Terry Manuel** has been appointed to that position. **Jeanne Cornett** is the new Cumberland Valley Regional Librarian replacing **Ruby Henson** who retired in late summer. **Judith Gibbons**

Morehead State University. Several MSU librarians gave presentations at the 2006 KLA meeting in Louisville: **Jennifer Little** presented a poster session, "Telling Kentucky's Story," **Carol Nutter** presented, "Recruitment, Recognition, and Reward," highlighting the library's newly implemented career ladder for non-exempt staff; **Donna Baker** presented, "The River Eternal: James Still Centennial;" and **Ray Bailey** and **Tom Kmetz** presented, "The Ektron Content Management System." **Jason Vance** moderated a panel on "Distance Learning Library Services." **Julie Grannis**, Reference Services Paraprofessional, performed in the KLA talent show with comical tales of life with her recently earned MSLS from the University of Kentucky. The library staff also participated in the Morehead State Public Radio station's annual fall fund drive by volunteering to answer phone pledges for a day. **Jason Vance**

McCracken County Public Library announces the induction of new Board of Trustees. The 2006-2007 Board includes President Tanya Jones, Vice President Heather Denton, Treasurer Charles Thurman, Secretary Mark Schaberg and Trustee Mark Link. **Marie Liang**

University of Kentucky. The UK Libraries' Agricultural Information Center (AIC) is participating in the *National Preservation Plan for Agricultural Literature* (NPPAL) coordinated by the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The AIC has received approximately \$40,000 from NEH to preserve published material on agricultural, and rural life topics for Kentucky for the period 1820 to 1945. Over the next 18 months, the AIC will develop a comprehensive bibliography of published materials relevant to this project. The bibliography is the first phase of an effort to preserve this literature that will become the Kentucky's contribution to the NPPAL. If you would like further information, or if you have uncatalogued materials from this period, please contact the program coordinator, **Abby Thorne** (abby.thorne@gmail.com) or one of the principal investigators: **Jo Staggs-Neel** (jo.staggs-neel@uky.edu), **Valerie Perry** (vperry@uky.edu), or **Becky Ryder** (rjryde01@uky.edu). **Valerie Perry**

University of Louisville. In August, **Dean Hannelore Rader** was the keynote speaker at a week-long seminar on Information Literacy in San Juan at the University of Puerto Rico.

Weiling Liu, Director of Libraries Technologies, presented two papers at Tsinghua University for the 2006 Strategies and Practices in Digital Library Frontier Conference, held in Beijing China in August 2006. The topics of her presentations were Open URL and Link Resolver and Using ILS to manage and develop an ERM system. **Karen R. Little**, Director of the Anderson Music Library is serving as the Recording Secretary of the Music Library Association. **Tyler Goldberg**, Head Technical Services and **Angel Clemons**, are co-chairing the local arrangements committee for the Twenty-Second Annual Conference of NASIG, the North American Serials Interest Group to be held May 31 - Jun 3, 2007, Louisville, Kentucky. Welcome two new faculty members **Rachel Howard**, Digital Initiatives Librarian and **Ana Dubnjakovic**, Assistant Director, Anderson Music Library. The Laura Kersey Library of

Engineering, Physical Science and Technology closed permanently July 21, 2006. The collection was moved to the Ekstrom Library. The library faculty and staff were reassigned to other libraries. Director, **Carol Brinkman** has joined the faculty of the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library as Out Reach Librarian and Professor **Janardan Kulkarni** joined the Reference Department of Ekstrom Library. The Uof L Library Associates in collaboration with **Traci Simonsen**, University Libraries Development Officer recently opened an online gift shop, offering gift baskets, books of chocolate and prints from Photographic Archives. Proceeds from gift shop sales will go to purchase books for the libraries. For more information go to <http://library.louisville.edu/giftshop/>

The 2006 AIA Kentucky Honor Awards Jury designated the Ekstrom Library Addition for the Honor Award for Excellence in Architectural Design. The award was presented November 3, 2006.

Diane M. Nichols

Western Kentucky University. Rosemary Meszaros, Government Information and Law Coordinator, was recently named Academic Librarian of the Year by the Kentucky Library Association at its annual conference in Louisville. Meszaros was recognized for her outstanding research and service to the profession. Meszaros arrived at Western Kentucky University as an experienced Federal Documents Specialist with prior experience at Louisiana State University, Boston University and University of California Santa Barbara. In 2003 she won the Margie Helm Award for Librarian of the Year at Western Kentucky University Libraries and the WKU College Award for Public Service. She serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, and is the author of the documents section in *Magazines for Libraries*, a biannual publication from Bowker Publishing. She helped secure funding at Western Kentucky University for MARCIVE, the addition of federal documents into our TOPCAT system, WKU's online catalog of publications. When complete, this multi-year project will provide access to more than half a million docs published between 1976 and 2001. Meszaros is the fourth WKU Librarian to receive this honor in just over a decade. Others include:

Elaine Moore, 2001, **Connie Foster**, 1999, and **Cynthia Etkin**, 1995. **Uma Doraiswamy**, an assistant professor responsible for social sciences cataloging, joined the Department of Library Technical Services in April. She received her library degree from Emporia State in Kansas. **Jack Montgomery**, an associate professor in Library Technical Services had his professional research featured in a biographical article entitled "Jack Tales" in the Vol. 7, no.1 Fall 2006 issue of *The Western Scholar*. On September 6 he presented a program on Emotional Intelligence to the 6th annual Great Lakes Regional Conference in Indianapolis, IN. On September 28 Montgomery presented a musical program with Graham Hudspeth at "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage II" at the Howl at the Moon Club. On September 29 **Roxanne Spencer**, assistant professor and coordinator of Educational Resource Center, and **Jack Montgomery**, associate professor in Library Technical Services, did a presentation on Challenged Materials at the 2006 KLA Annual Conference. **Sean Kinder**'s article about Charles Willson Peale was recently published in the *Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War (2006)*. **Cindy Troutman**

Section and Round Table News

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Kentucky Public Library Association elected new officers during their fall business meeting. The 2007 Executive Committee is comprised of: **Geneva Huttenlocher**, Chair; **Sara King**, Chair-Elect; **Lisa Rice**, Past-Chair, **Karen Kasacavage**, Secretary; **Peggy Stanifer**, Treasurer; and **Paul Poland**, KLRT Representative. **Ron Critchfield**, Continuing Education Consultant for KDLA, will chair a Continuing Education Committee to organize educational opportunities for KPLA members across the state. Program proposals are now being accepted for the KPLA/KLRT Annual Conference in Florence April 25-27, 2007. Contact **Sara King** (sking@jesspublib.org) **Lisa Rice**

KSMA. New officers include: **Darlah Carman**, President and **Evie Topcik**, President Elect.

Resource Sharing Round Table. New officers: **Jason Vance**, Morehead State University, Chair; **Jim Witham**, Lexington Public Library, Chair Elect.

Special Library Section. New Special Library Section officers are: Chair, **Patrick Davison**; Chair Elect, **Leoma Dunn**; and Secretary, **Katy Roe**. The new officers would like to thank the outgoing Chair, **Constance Ard**, for a very successful year for the section. Constance was instrumental in bringing Michael Stephens and Peter Morville to Kentucky to share their knowledge with us. She also raised thousands of dollars to support programming and other benefits for KLA and the section.

William "Bill" Hansen is the KLA Special Section "Special Librarian of the Year" for 2006. Speaking of special, the Special Library Section, or the "Special Section" as we like to call it, is looking for quite a few good librarians. Why should you join? (A) We party like "rock stars," (B) we are a very progressive group, (C) since we are a small group there is more opportunity to network with some of the shakers and movers in the Kentucky library scene, or (D) all the above.

Spring conference planning is proceeding at a brisk pace. Our humble conference planning committee is doggedly determined to give you, the members the "best" conference experience ever! Leoma and Tanzi (members of the Special arrangements committee) are promising some unforgettable diversions!

Michael Stephens was our Featured Speaker for the Fall Conference and a Conference Blog Workshop, <http://kla2006.blogspot.com/>. Special Section was also involved in getting Peter Morville for the General Session Keynote speaker. The KLA Special Section and Kentucky Chapter of SLA Networking Reception was a colossal success—who can argue with free food and drink and good company. We would like to thank our most generous sponsors, Shelan Bryson and Matthew Twitty of *getAbstract* and Melissa Loy-Oakes of *LexisNexis*. Also we would like to extend a big "shout out" to our colleagues at the Kentucky Chapter of SLA. As Michael Stephens would say, "you guys rock!" **Patrick Davison**

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Apr. 18-20, 2007	Academic/Special/Ky Chapter SLA Joint Spring Conference, Hilton Cincinnati Airport, Florence
Apr. 25-27, 2007	KPLA/KLTRT Annual Conference, Hilton Cincinnati Airport, Florence
Sept. 19-22, 2007	KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville
Oct. 1-4, 2008	NDLC/KLA/SELA Joint Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville

SELA

Dear KLA members and friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the KLA members and the Board for allowing me to serve as the SELA representative for the Kentucky Library Association for the past 4 years. It has been a tenure that has broadened my awareness and horizons of the library world, especially of the Southeastern US. What I have discovered is that being a member of the SELA organization is no different than being a member of any library association in our own state.

I believe that I have accomplished the two things that I set out to do; raise awareness of SELA in Kentucky and increased Kentucky membership in SELA. For all of you who have joined SELA, I encourage you to become involved on committees and programs, so, like me, you can broaden your library horizons and make lots of new friends in different states. Your new SELA representative for the next 4 year term is **Lisa Rice** from Bowling Green Public Library. I know you will give her your unbridled support as you have given to me, and SELA will thrive as a result! Sincerely, **Christie Robinson**

Also I want to report that the candidates for officers SELA for 2007-2011 term beginning January 1, 2007 are the following:

Candidates for SELA President-Elect: **Kathleen R.T. Imhoff**, Executive Director/CEO, Lexington Public Library (KY), 2003-Present; **Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin**, Director, Forsyth County Public Library (NC) *Withdrew due to family obligations*; **Candidates for SELA Secretary:** **Gordon N. Baker**, Director of Libraries, Clayton State University (GA), 2006-Present; **Sylverna Ford**, Dean of University Libraries, University of Memphis (TN); **Candidates for SELA Treasurer:** **Beverly James**, Executive Director, Greenville County (SC) Library System; **William N. (Bill) Nelson**, Professor & Library Director, Augusta State University (GA), 1993-Present

PROCLAMATION! Kentucky Library Week October 23-27, 2006

Governor Ernie Fletcher proclaimed the first celebration of a Kentucky Library Week to occur annually in our state and encouraged all citizens to visit his or her local library and partake of the services offered therein.

Jim Nelson Retires



James A. Nelson, who had served as Commissioner and State Librarian for the Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) since 1980, was the second longest currently serving state librarian in the United States. During his 26 year tenure, Jim worked tirelessly to expand the State Library and Archives facilities. Under his direction, Kentucky was one of the first states to start an electronic records management program. He also worked with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to get computers and Internet access to 118 public libraries. Jim was awarded the Kentucky Libraries Award in 2003, the KLA Innovation Award in 2002, and the 1997 Professional Achievement Award from ALA. **Wayne Onkst**, former director of the Kenton County Public Library, assumed the position of State Librarian on November 1, 2006.



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