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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings from the President!

As we close out 2007, I would like to thank everyone who helped KLA have a successful year. The annual conference held in September received rave reviews. Attendees commented on the variety of sessions, relevance to theme, great speakers, the Old Louisville Ghost Tour and book signing, and the "Spirits In The Night: 2007 KLA Talent Show".

Now that the winter season is upon us, and the new year is just around the corner, it is also a time of change on the KLA Board. I would like to thank several departing Board members for their service to the Association. They are:

Sara Brown, Listserv Manager

Terry Buckner, Chair Member Services Committee & Assistant Listserv Manager

Nanette Eichell, ALA Councillor

Marcia Freyman, Editor *IN-FO-CUS*

Terri Kirk, Chair Communication Committee

Matthew Onion, Conference Planning Mini-Session Chair

Sharon Shanks, Chair Audit Committee

Carolyn Tassie, Editor *Kentucky Libraries*

The new year will also present some very exciting possibilities, challenges, and new opportunities. As the incoming President, I am excited and look forward to working with the various Committees, the new Section and Round Table chairs. Two conference partners, the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), National Diversity in Libraries Conference will join KLA and KSMA for the 2008 Annual Conference. For the first time in KLA history, four library associations will join together for the KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference, "Spectrum of the Future" on October 1-4, 2008 in Louisville, KY at the Downtown Marriott. President-Elect and Conference Planning Chair, **Debbe Oberhausen** and her Committee have already begun planning. So if you want to be a part of a wonderful and exciting time in KLA history, join us, your Association welcomes you to become involved. Volunteers are always needed and you can help make the 2008 Conference a success. See you next year!

Fannie M. Cox

SPECTRUM OF THE FUTURE

SPECTRUM OF THE FUTURE is the theme for the 2008 KLA/KSMA, SELA and ARL NATIONAL DIVERSITY IN LIBRARIES joint conference. The conference will be held October 1-4 at the Marriott in downtown Louisville. Two major speakers are already booked: **Neal Petersen** who was born physically disabled and impoverished in apartheid-era South Africa. His book *Journey of a Hope Merchant* recounts the epic journey that took this misfit kid from a racially segregated, working class neighborhood to the prestigious

world of solo yacht racing. He credits public libraries with introducing him to the world of sailing; and **Jose Aponte**, the Director of the San Diego County Library, a system that includes a new literacy program, 33 libraries and two mobile libraries. The library serves a population that is both geographically and culturally diverse, including ethnic, rural and urban populations in what is the fourth largest (by area) county in the US. Proposals for mini-sessions and poster sessions must be submitted electronically. The link is on the KLA site under "Conferences" then "Upcoming Conferences" then "Call for Proposals" or the direct link is <http://www.kylibasn.org/proposals334.cfm>. The deadline to submit a proposal is January 31, 2008. Notification of accepted proposals will take place February 29, 2008. **Debbe Oberhausen**

Section and Round Table News

Academic Section. Everyone is encouraged to submit a proposal for the 2008 Joint Spring Conference of KLA Academic and Special Library Sections and SLA KY Chapter. The conference will be held at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park (near Corbin, KY), April 23 – 25. You may find a quick and easy form to download from the KLA web site at <http://www.kylibasn.org/alsection442.cfm> **Matt Onion**

African American Librarian & Library Employees Round Table. AALLERT's new officers are **Latisha Reynolds**, Chair; **Faith Steele**, Chair-Elect; and **Reinette Jones**, Secretary. A heartfelt thank you to **Patrick Davison** who is our Past-Chair. He has done a wonderful job and we appreciate his commitment to the round table. **Faith** was the recipient of the 4th Annual KLA Minority Scholarship and the first KLA Scholarship for Minority Students. **Tracie Hall** did a tremendous job facilitating the pre-conference "The Elephant in the Room: Recognizing Racism and Discrimination in Our Libraries" which AALLERT co-sponsored with the Special Library Section, KLDivERS, and the KLA Recruitment, Mentoring, and Diversity Committee. We'd like to thank everyone who helped to make this program a success. Last but not least, a good time was had by all at the "Spirits in the Night: KLA Talent Show 2007." AALLERT looks forward to another great year and we hope to have many new members join us!! **Latisha Reynolds**

Special Library Section sponsored Dr. Ken Haycock's presentation, "Leading from the Middle: Leadership and You," during the fall KLA conference. His presentation was well attended and received excellent reviews. Elections for officers were held during our business meeting at the conference. The section's 2007-2008 Executive Committee is: Chair – **Leoma Dunn**; Chair Elect – **Terry Buckner**; Secretary – **Katy Roe**; Immediate Past Chair – **Patrick Davison**. **Abby Thorne**

KLA Member News and Library Updates



Berea College. 2007 Public Archives Symposium

Berea College's history was the subject of the 19th annual Public Archives Symposium at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. **Shannon H. Wilson** discussed research for his book, "Berea College: An Illustrated History," published by the University Press of Kentucky. Wilson is the head of Special Collections and Archives at Berea College's Hutchins Library. In addition to his almost 20-year career with Berea College's archives and special collections, Wilson is a graduate of the college. The symposium, a yearly event sponsored by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives Inc. in cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, brings recent historical books to a wider audience and increases the public's awareness of historical records available for research in Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories. **Paige Sexton**

Eastern Kentucky University. EKU Libraries has spent the past year revitalizing its *Friends of the Libraries* organization and was hosted its first annual dinner meeting on October 23 at Eastern's Arlington House. The evening included a special presentation by guest speaker, Dr. Al Patrick, who recently finished hiking the Appalachian Trail. EKU Libraries also hosted presidential scholar and syndicated columnist, Richard Reeves for a special presentation and book signing in October. Reeves, author of books on Kennedy, Nixon and Reagan and winner of countless documentary awards, drew a crowd of nearly 300 to the Library's Grand Reading Room. EKU Libraries faculty and staff actively engaged in the recent KLA Conference in Louisville. **Kari Martin** and **Ning Zou** presented "A Dash of Diversity and a Pinch of Fun: Hosting a Successful African-American Read-In" and **Brad Marcum**, **Cindy Judd** and **Cristina Tofan** presented, "Who's Ur Buddy? Using Free IM Chat Aggregators to Provide Digital Reference Services." **Brad Marcum**, **Julie George**, **Nicole Montgomery** and **Cindy Judd** presented "Learning 2.0 @ EKU Libraries" at the November 1 Kentucky Convergence Conference in Somerset. **Marcum** and **Montgomery** also presented, "Collaborating to Create Online Library Instruction: How a College and a Library Join Forces." **Cindi Trainor** traveled to Monterey, California in October where she presented "Ten Seconds to Photo Perfection with Picasa" and "Facebook Applications for Libraries" at Internet Librarian Conference. She also served as a panelist in the "Copyright 2.0" session at the Annual Charleston Conference - Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition. **Kelly Smith** presented "Representing eJournals in the Library Catalog: Trying to Fit a Square Peg in a Round Hole?" at the Brick and Click Academic Library Symposium at Northwest Missouri State University on November 2. **Kevin Jones**, **Nicole Montgomery** and **Brad Marcum** recently presented "Incorporating New Library Research Tools into Course Design" at the University's Teaching and Learning Center. **Kari Martin**

Hazard Community and Technical College. Mark your calendars for the 2008 Regional Library Conference for Public, Academic, and School Library Personnel on May 16th hosted by Hazard Community and Technical College Libraries. Sessions will include a children's literature review, a separate YA literature review, KYVL updates, online library instruction, PowerPoint tips, pet therapy, and more. Conference fees will cover any/all sessions and a luncheon. Contacts: Esther.French@kctcs.edu or Cathy.Branson@kctcs.edu.

KDLA Jennifer Paul has joined the staff of the Kentucky Department of Libraries as Reader's Advisor in the Talking Book Library.

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. The Camden-Carroll Library recently underwent a reorganization. The Public Services division has now been renamed Research & Instructional Services, Automation is now Systems, and Special Collections is now Special Collections & Archives. The library also welcomed three new staff hires: **Xavier Scott** (Learning Technology Specialist), **Chris Burton** (Systems Specialist) and **Susan Lane** (Research Services Specialist). **Lisa Nichols** presented, "Meeting the Challenge: Making Librarian-Faculty Collaboration Work," and **Jennifer Little** and **Mattie Decker** (Asst. Prof of Education) presented, "EDEE Awards! Library Recognizes Student Achievement," at the KLA/KMSA Annual Conference in Louisville. **Lisa Nichols** also gave her presentation at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in Savannah. **Jason Vance** was recently elected Chair-elect of KLA's Academic Section. The library was also pleased to enter its newly-formed Book Truck Drill Team in the MSU 2007 Homecoming Parade. **Jason Vance**

Northern Kentucky University. **Lois Hamill** is the new University Archivist for the Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter Family Archives. Steely Library recently welcomed several new staff members: **Tammy Bachtal** as Information Desk Supervisor, **Vicki Cooper** as Records Management Assistant, **Millicie McLemore** as Library Systems Assistant, and **Cindy Wehry** as APLS Student Budget Coordinator. Northern Kentucky University Learning Resource Collection Librarian, **Dr. Jennifer Smith**, has been appointed to the 2009 John Newbery Medal Committee. This 15 member committee composed of individuals from around the nation awards the Medal to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. **Michael Providenti**, Web Development Librarian and **Robert Zai III**, Coordinator of Research and Assistance Librarian presented "State of Academic Library Web Site Accessibility in the Commonwealth" at the Kentucky Higher Education Computing Conference, November 2nd in Somerset Kentucky. Steely Library has been awarded a KDLA Technology Grant for the **W. Frank Steely Library Digital Project**. This is a matching grant with KDLA for a total of \$28,000.00. The grant will be used to purchase digitization equipment for the Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter Family Archives. **Sheri Myers**

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Thomas More College. **Andrea Broffitt** has resigned her position at Thomas More College as the Reference /Government Documents Librarian effective October 31st. Andrea will begin a new position at the Boone County Library.

Leoma Dunn has been promoted to the position of Assistant Library Director. **Leoma Dunn**

University of Kentucky. The UK Libraries celebrated the centennial of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a Federal Depository Library on Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 in the Young Library Auditorium on the UK campus. During the celebration, a visual presentation was available for viewing that chronicled the depository's development.

University of Louisville. **Suzy Szasz Palmer**, formerly Associate Dean for Collections, Preservation & Digital Initiatives, left the University of Louisville Libraries in May 2007. She is now Director of Research & Information Services at The Library of Virginia in Richmond, and can be reached at Suzy.Palmer@lva.virginia.gov **Diane M. Nichols**

Western Kentucky University. **Jack Montgomery**, Coordinator for Collection Services, was awarded the 2007 ABC CLIO Vicky Speck Memorial Leadership Award "for exemplary leadership and contribution to the Charleston Conference" this November. He also presented a talk on hiring consultants entitled "Collecting Data is not Decision Making: a case for human consultants" with Tom Leonardt, Director of the Scarborough-Phillips Library, St. Edward's University, of Austin, Texas. Jack will also have his second book entitled "American Shamans: journeys with traditional healers" published in January, 2008 by Busca Press of Ithaca, New York. On July 9-12, 2007, **Haiwang Yuan**, Professor and Web Site & Virtual Library Coordinator, attended the 2nd "Sino-US Librarians Pragmatic Forum" in Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, China and gave a presentation titled "The Building of Library Service Network Models." He was with one of the five teams totaling twenty-five Chinese-American librarians sent to different regions of China by the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA). The forum was co-sponsored by CALA and the Chinese libraries concerned. Barbara Ford, former President of ALA, was also on Yuan's team. On September 27, 2007, **Haiwang Yuan** was selected by the AOTT (Alpha Omikron Pi) sorority students as their 2007 Professor of the Year. **Cindy Trautman, Jack Montgomery**

Accolades!



Lynda Short, Library Media Specialist at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, was recently honored by her home state of Missouri with an invitation to be the keynote speaker at the Missouri Association of School Librarians annual conference. Additionally she presented three sessions, two outlining her school's successful "Reading Extravaganza" which occurs three times a year. The National Association of Development Organizations recently honored **Melissa Wells**, Director at Menifee County Public Library with

their prestigious *Innovation Award*. This award showcases the creativity and significant, long-term impact of regional programs and projects such as Menifee County's "Much Ado with Nothing: Reaching Out on a Budget" that are key to sustaining and preserving the environmental, economic, and cultural heritage of our nation's regions and local communities. **Linda Kompanik**

ACADEMIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS MEET

History was made this summer when the directors of more than 35 academic libraries in Kentucky met for the first time at Cumberland Falls State Park on July 17th and 18th. Represented were the state universities, the community and technical colleges (both of whom are a part of the State-Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky or SAALCK), the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU), and additional academic schools that are not affiliated with the other organizations. The purpose of the meeting? To discuss whether there was a way for academic libraries to act as a single entity in Kentucky. Traditionally academic libraries have worked within their unique organizations; the SAALCK schools working with other SAALCK schools, AIKCU with AIKCU, and the independent schools participating as they can. However, with rising prices for resources, Kentucky academic libraries needed to ask themselves if there would be benefit to working as a single group. The two-day summit began with a keynote address by **Anne Abate**, executive director of SAALCK and Southwest Ohio Network (SWON), followed by presentations from each of the organizations. **Roger Verny**, deputy state librarian in Ohio, facilitated the summit, leading the group through activities and a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) exercise on the first day. The second day focused on answering two questions: What specific products or services would you like to see delivered on a statewide basis that would strengthen the Kentucky's academic library work? What are the critical issues that need to be addressed in order for Kentucky's academic libraries to effectively collaborate/cooperate on a statewide basis? Participants identified services and products that might benefit from a unified effort which included: information literacy, advocacy, access/searching to a statewide collection, universal access to databases, last copy procedures and practices, electronic document delivery and a union catalog. They also identified issues critical to Kentucky's academic libraries moving forward together. These included additional funding, fair representation of each library, clear objectives for concerns and action, advocacy for libraries and the role of KYVL. To explore the way forward, the group created a task force to examine how the existing organizations might work together and how the effort might be opened to all academic libraries whether or not they are in one of the preexisting groups. That task force has met and begun discussions. Stay tuned for further developments. **Jared Porter**, Asbury Theological Seminary; **Susan Brown**, Transylvania University

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Mar. 22, 2008	KLA Board Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lexington
Apr. 16-18, 2008	KPLA/KLTRT Conference, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY
Apr. 23-25, 2008	Academic/Special Sections/SLA Kentucky Chapter Spring Conference, Cumberland Falls State Park

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Kentucky Talking Book Library Honors Centenarian

James Buchanan, a Bowling Green centenarian, is the first Kentucky man to be inducted into the 10² Talking Book Club, sponsored by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a division of the Library of Congress (NLS). Buchanan is one of only seven Kentuckians inducted into the prestigious club, which was created by NLS to recognize the accomplishments of Talking Book patrons who are over 100 years old and continue to be active readers. Nationally, there have been nearly 300 people inducted into the club. The Anderson County native received his first book, "Boy Scouts in an Airplane" from Santa at the age of 10. The gift spurred his interest in both reading and Boy Scouts, and for the next several years he read every book about Boy Scouts that he could find. His father and grandmother encouraged his reading. His grandmother, especially, was a prolific reader and was an excellent model for reading. Buchanan, a life-long entertainer and showman, demonstrated his love of books and reading by writing and self-publishing an autobiography called "The Original Goober: The Life and Times of James G. Buchanan." The title is based on Buchanan's show-business nickname, "Goober, the Favorite Nut of the South." The book details his show-business adventures and describes his friendships with many famous entertainers such as Ernest Tubbs and Porter Wagoner. Buchanan said he enjoys many genres of books, even the "sentimental romance novels" favored by his grandmother, although he admitted, "My favorite book is my autobiography!" "Mr. Buchanan is our first 10² member to contribute a book to our library," said Barbara Penegor, Talking Book librarian at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Penegor added, "Since he has been a professional storyteller, as well as a comedian and musician, we will record his autobiography so our other patrons can enjoy his tales." **Paige Sexton**

KDLA to Provide Disaster Preparedness Training

State and local government agencies throughout Kentucky will be better prepared for emergencies thanks to \$2.6 million recently awarded to the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) will use the funding from the national Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) initiative to train state and local government agencies to identify and protect essential records and recover those damaged by natural or human disaster. The IPER initiative will develop a national curriculum and create web-based seminars, which will be customized to meet specific needs of states and localities. **Paige Sexton**

New Editor for Kentucky Libraries

Robin Harris from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at U of L has been appointed as the next editor of *Kentucky Libraries*. She will be taking over as editor with the first issue of volume 72. The deadline for issue one is December 15. Please send articles as Word attachments to Robin at robin.harris@louisville.edu. Subsequent deadlines are as follows: March 15 for the Spring Issue, published in mid-May; June 15 for the Summer Issue, published in mid-August; and September 15 for the Fall Issue, published in mid-November. **Carolyn Tassie**

KLA Scholarship for Minority Students Awarded

It was a thrill to present the very first Scholarship for Minority Students at the Fall KLA Conference to **Faith Steele**, who is attending the UK School of Library and Information Science. Faith exemplifies the goal of the scholarship. She is an African American student who is bright, capable and very enthusiastic about libraries and their mission. Faith notes that, "I have a passion for providing information to those seeking it. Completing a library science degree would allow me to assist those more effectively ... It's been my dream to become a librarian for a few years now and I feel that with this opportunity my dream can be realized and I can reach out to help others giving them a chance to realize their dreams." **Christie Robinson**



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