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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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President's Message



Most of the information comes from reading, library research, but I have learned a great deal from asking questions, taking classes and traveling. **Jean M. Auel**

In April, I traveled to Memphis, TN, where I attended the Tennessee Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference. While there, I gained information by participating in sessions, asking questions of presenters, and reading materials from fellow librarians. The conference, aptly named the "River of Knowledge," was very well attended, with librarians coming from all the states within the southern region and beyond. Featured speakers, such as **Carol Brey-Casiano**, Past-President of ALA, shared their expertise, talent and insight with attendees. The excellent presentations included many given by some of our own members, such as **Judith Gibbons** (KDLA); **Kathleen Imhoff** (Lexington Public Library), **Rose Davis** (WKU Libraries), **Perry Bratcher** (NKU); and others too numerous to do a complete listing here. SELA President **Judith Gibbons** and her team helped to put on a fabulous conference in conjunction with TLA. While the conference was a very memorable experience, the accompanying weather added its own stamp on the proceedings. The TLA/SELA conference was held a week after a devastating round of tornadoes had beaten a path through Tennessee, including the area around Memphis. While the weather was unsettled during the first two days of the conference, the last day saw another outbreak of deadly tornadoes, with participants in sessions having to take shelter when tornado warnings were issued. Again, devastation and death resulted during another outbreak of tornadoes in a state already reeling. The presenters and participants who gamely continued on after the all clear was sounded are especially to be commended, including **Susan Martin** and **Misha Mueller** (Georgetown College) whose session entitled "Streakers, Stalkers, and Squatters—Dealing with Problem Patrons" helped nervous attendees (including me) take their minds off what was occurring elsewhere. This experience brought to mind once again the widespread damage—physical, emotional and financial—that Katrina caused to our neighbors to the south last year. The ALA made, what was to some, a controversial decision to keep this summer's annual conference in New Orleans, despite the reports of destruction that were featured daily in the news. While the effects are still very much present, much has been accomplished, with much more still to be done. Libraries, library staff and library patrons have stepped forward gamely, offering time, talent and treasure to help. Please visit the ALA web page at <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/2006an.htm> for updates on the conference, New Orleans, and volunteer opportunities while attending the conference. On a brighter note, work on the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference 2006 is progressing well under the leadership of President-Elect **Laura Davison**. The 2006 conference will be held Sept. 27-30 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. The theme is *KLA Celebrates A Century of Change from Carnegie to Gates*. Make your plans now to come and partake of the best our profession has to offer in Kentucky.
Christine McIntosh, Ed.D.

Section and Round Table News

ALS

Attendance was up for our spring conference in March, jointly planned with the KLA Special Libraries Section, the Kentucky Chapter of the Special Library Association, and the Kentucky chapter of ACRL. Ninety-five people attended the conference at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. **Billie Jo Kaufman**, Associate Dean for Library Information Resources and Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C. will be the guest speaker at the fall conference. Her program is entitled, "Tools and Tricks for the 21st Century – Podcasting, Blogging and Beyond".

Plans are also underway for the next Academic Library Section / SLS / SLA / ACRL Joint Spring Conference, which will be held April 18 -20, 2007, at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport Hotel, in Florence, KY. **Amy Osborne**, ALS Chair-Elect, is the chair for next year's spring conference. **Mary Margaret Lowe**

ALS Professional Development Grants

Have you been researching a topic and need finances to continue your research? Or maybe a workshop or institute you would like to attend? The ALS Professional Development Committee has just the solution to your woes! The ALS Executive Committee has given approval for an award of up to \$1000, with the possibility of multiple partial grants, should the Committee receive a sufficient number of qualifying proposals. So, apply now and MAKE US WORK! For more information, please see <http://www.kylibasn.org/alsection442.cfm>. **Jill Sherman**

KPLA Awards

At the KPLA spring conference four awards were presented. **Judith Gibbons**, KDLA Field Services Director, received the "Outstanding Public Service Award." This award is given to a person who has contributed exceptional service to libraries or librarians on a regional or state-wide level. **Iris Garrott** from McCracken County Public Library was honored with the "Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award" which recognizes one who has promoted public library service in her/his community. The "James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Award" is given to recognize outstanding development, promotion, and implementation of bookmobile/outreach services in a community. **Jim Tucker** from Casey County Public Library was the recipient of this award. **Carol Sexton** from Pulaski County Public Library received the "Miss Pickle Award" in recognition of her outstanding children's program. **Linda Kompanik**

SLA-KY Awards for 2006

The recipient of the Outstanding Chapter Member Award is **Constance Ard**, Law Librarian at Greenebaum, Doll and McDonald. The recipient of the SLA-KY Chapter Professional Award is **Stacey Greenwell**, Desktop Support Librarian at UK.

KLA Member News and Library Updates



Ashland Community and Technical College is hosting the 14th Annual Teaching Learning Conference on October 26-27. This year, we would like to see more sessions related to libraries to help support our local k-12 librarians who aren't always able to attend conferences and related professional development opportunities. If you have information that you would like to share with your K-12 and Postsecondary colleagues, please follow the link below and submit your conference proposal by June 25.

<http://www.ashland.kctcs.edu/tlc/default.htm> **Sara Brown**

BCTC Library. Fundamentals of Book Repair, a SOLINET workshop will be offered on July 19 and 20. To register, go to <http://www.solinet.net/workshops/>. The BCTC LRC recently hosted an art exhibit and reception for Venezuelan born Enrique Gonzalez. The artist conducted a live art demonstration during the reception.

Maureen Cropper

Boone County Public Library. Groundbreaking for the Boone County Public Library System's new main library took place during National Library Week. Although rooted in the tradition of classic libraries, the new library is also designed to meet the needs of our 21st century community. Features include a 9000 sq. ft. children's center, teen center, meeting room with stage, conference room, reading lounge and Internet café, five study rooms, gallery space for exhibits, and wireless Internet access throughout the building. The new library will open in the fall of 2007. **Becky Kempf**

Boyd County Public Library. Boyd County Public Library celebrated the opening of the new Reading Garden at the Main Branch on April 8th. The Library launched its new ipod program in mid-April. Funded by a LSTA grant, the program targets teens, who can check out a book on an ipod and keep the book and the device for two weeks. 10 ipods have been set aside for a special teen book discussion group that will take place later in the summer. The public libraries along U.S. 23 (also known as the Country Music Highway in Appalachian Eastern Kentucky) from Greenup to Letcher counties are all part of the Wireless Information Highway. **Amanda Gilmore**

Bowling Green Public Library. Solinet recently awarded the Bowling Green Public Library the Outstanding Library Program Award for Multitype Library Cooperation. BGPL won for the Southern Kentucky Book Fest, which is a cooperative effort with WKU's Libraries and Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Bowling Green. As part of the reading program this summer, BGPL has partnered with the Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center to conduct a teen reading/discussion group at the detention facility. This program is part of the Great Stories Club, which is awarded by the American Library Association in conjunction with Oprah's Angel Network. On May 25, two seminars on investor education were offered at the Main location of the Bowling Green Public Library. The program, "Investor Education @ your library®" is sponsored by the American Library Association and the Investor Protection Trust.

Toni McIntyre

NEXT INFOCUS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 21, 2006

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EKU Libraries. **Nicole Montgomery** recently joined EKU Libraries' team as a Librarian at the Justice and Safety Library. Nicole graduated from the University of Kentucky where she was honored with the Melody Trosper Award for her excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. EKU Libraries hosted a photo exhibit *Mining Appalachia* by local Berea Photographer, **Warren Brunner**, during April. **Kari Martin**

KDLA Field Services Division. **Anne Van Willigen** is the new regional consultant for the Bluegrass Region based in Nicholasville. **Ron Critchfield** is KDLA's new Continuing Education Consultant. If you have questions about KDLA sponsored continuing education events, contact Ron Critchfield at 502-564-8300 ext 219 or ron.critchfield@ky.gov. **Judith Gibbons**

McCracken County Public Library. McCracken County Public Library is now offering 24/7 access to its librarians! Surf online to our website www.mclib.net and look for the AskWhyKY link. Librarians from here and six other Kentucky counties take turns fielding questions. The library already offers a one-on-one, online tutoring service for 4th grade through college intro level students. The Library is also helping attorneys, paralegals, and law students find better information faster. The library now has two computer terminals reserved exclusively for LexisNexis® connections. LexisNexis® is a leading provider of information to a wide range of professionals, including those in the legal field. Fees are often required when using LexisNexis®, but the library is able to provide this service to anyone for free. The library is able to provide this new service in cooperation with the McCracken County Bar Association. **Marie Liang.**

Morehead State University. **Gary Austin**, Periodicals/Gov Docs Librarian, is leaving Morehead State after ten years of service to the Camden-Carroll Library. He has accepted a faculty position at Georgia State College University. **Pamela Colyer** will be taking over Gary's government documents responsibilities, and the library will soon advertise a revised Serials Librarian position for technical services. **Ray Bailey** and **Tom Kmetz** recently had their article, "Migrating a library's web site to a commercial CMS within a campus-wide implementation," published in *Library Hi Tech*. **Jennifer Little** and **Elsie Pritchard** are organizing a Memorial Mountain Quilt Project to raise money for two commissioned artistic quilts to hang inside the library's front entrance. Images of the quilts are available on the library's web site. **Donna Baker** is organizing a James Still Centennial Celebration for the summer with guest speakers and authors. **Jason Vance** was recently selected for the 2006-2007 inaugural class of the President's Leadership Academy at MSU. **Jason Vance**

Northern Kentucky University. Steely Library has begun construction on a new reading room in the Schlacter Family Archives and Eva G. Farris Special Collections. **Jennifer Gregory** presented "The OPAC and Archives" at the 2006 Midwest Archives Conference in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, April 27-29. **Allen Ellis** chaired 3 panels and presented a paper, "Revisiting Jack Clarke: 'Popular Culture in Libraries,' 30 Years Later," for the Libraries, Archives, and Popular Culture Research area of the Popular Culture Association at the annual conference, April 12-15 in Atlanta. **Kareem Simpson** presented, "Information Access: African American Students Capitalizing on the Changes Occurring at Academic Libraries" at the Kentucky Association for Blacks in Higher Education Annual Conference, April 23-25, 2006. **Lois Schultz** and **Sheri Myers** presented "Crossroads of Collection and Content" at the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Service Librarians 2006

Annual Conference "Crossroads to the Future" May 10-12, 2006, in Bloomington, Indiana. **Sheri Myers**

Pikeville College. **Karen S. Chafin** has replaced **Lee Robbins** as the Director of Allara Library at Pikeville College. Karen was formerly the Assistant Director for Public Services at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. **Karen Chafin**

University of Kentucky. **Gordon Hogg**, Director of Academic Liaisons is working on new entries for the Cold War Encyclopedia from ABC-Clio. Gordon also serves as Associate Editor for the Encyclopedia of World War II and has recently been invited to be involved in the new Encyclopedia of NATO. **Shawn Livingston**, Director of Reference Commons, is on the Advisory Board of ABC-Clio's Encyclopedia of World War I. ALA chose the Encyclopedia of World War I, as one of the top four reference works for 2005. Shawn is also contributing to the Encyclopedia of the Cold War. The *Notable Kentucky African Americans database*, compiled and maintained by **Reinette Jones**, Diversity Librarian, was used to provide daily vignettes for the Lexington-Herald Leader's Black History Month spotlights in February. **Mary Vass**, Director of Interdisciplinary Information Literacy and **Debbie Sharp**, Librarian in Interdisciplinary Information Literacy, have been accepted into the ACRL Immersion '06 Workshop for Library Literacy, a week long workshop to be held in Boston this summer. **Karen Nuckolls** joined the Law Library as Head of Technical Services in late January. On March 1, **Deirdre Scaggs** began in her position as University Archivist in the Libraries' Special Collections and Archives Division. Deirdre has been managing the Herald-Leader Photographic Archives grant project for the UK Libraries. **Antoinette Greider and Judy Sackett**

University of Louisville. **Robin Harris**, Law Librarian, received the 2006 President's Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence. **George T. McWhorter**, Curator, Edgar Rice Burroughs Collection, Ekstrom Library has published a new book Isak Dinesen: Memorial Collection. Dean **Hannelore B. Rader**, **Carrie Daniels**, **Delinda Buie** and **James Manasco** attended a 3 day symposium at the University of Michigan entitled "Scholarship and Libraries in Transition: A Dialogue about the Impacts of Mass Digitization Projects." **Vicki Niehaus**, Technical Services, Ekstrom Library has curated an exhibit of 45 images from the Andre Jeunet collection in Photographic Archives. The exhibit, "Andre Jeunet: A French Foot soldier's View of WWI" opened May 18th and runs through Sept. 14 in the Frazier Historical Arms Museum in Louisville. Renovation of the first floor of the Ekstrom Library began on May 15. **Diane Nichols**

Western Kentucky University. **Rosemary Meszaros** and staff (**Debbie LaMastus**, **Dewayne Stovall**, and **Nada Durham**) of the Government Documents unit have begun a retrospective conversion of their federal depository collection with the use of MARCIVE bibliographic records. **Charles H. Smith**, Science Librarian has created and released a website on the famous folksinger Malvania Reynolds (1900-1978), a Jewish, socialist, feminist songwriter. <http://www.wku.edu/~smithch/MALVINA/homep.htm>. **Haiwang Yuan** has published his book titled The Magic Lotus Lantern and Other Tales from the Han Chinese. **Roxanne Myers Spencer**, Educational Resources Center, will continue developing the pilot program for a library classroom project in the primary grades at SEK Catalunya, a

private P-12 school outside Barcelona, Spain. She will be working with **Laura Crafton**, School Library Media Specialist, Morgantown Elementary, to develop children's book collections to aid in English language instruction and information literacy for grades 1-4. **Jack Montgomery**, Collections Services Coordinator, has a chapter entitled "The Role of Organizational Culture in Effective Team Development" in Teams in Technical Services. **Jack Montgomery**

Section and Round Table News (continued)

Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage II

If you missed last year's Talent Show "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage" you have no-doubt heard what a rousing success it was! Well, never fear, the new and improved "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage II" is coming to this year's conference *KLA Celebrates a Century of Change: from Carnegie to Gates!* We are seeking solo and ensemble musical acts, comics, magicians, puppeteers, and various and sundry forms of entertainment. If you performed last year please do so again this year! We will be combining the talent show with the "Thursday night out" event. It will take place on Thursday night, September 28, at the Howl at the Moon Saloon at Fourth Street Live! Louisville's premier entertainment and retail district located on Fourth Street, between Liberty and Muhammad Ali Boulevard, a short distance from the Louisville Marriott Downtown, the conference hotel. There will be prizes for audience members adorned in their best "library" themed attire. Stay tuned for more details...

Sponsored by the KLA Recruitment, Mentoring and Diversity Committee, the African American Librarian & Library Employees Round Table, and KLDivERS. The deadline is June 30 and Call for Performers Forms are available at

<http://www.kvlibasn.org/docs/performerform06.pdf>

Patrick S. Davison

Kentucky SOLINET Users' Group

In 2003 the Kentucky Solinet Users' Group began "Cataloging Our Profession" a project to illustrate the diversity of people and career opportunities that librarianship offers. KLDivERS (Kentucky Libraries Diversity, Education, Recruitment, and Support) has inherited this project. "Cataloging Our Profession" is seeking one-page narratives (between 300 and 700 words) from information professionals, librarians, staff, and paraprofessionals from around the state. Nothing too formal or specific--talk about your work experiences, how you came to work in the field, where you have worked, what you love about it, maybe some misconceptions people have... Be very honest, personable, this is not a resume or CV, but just as if you were talking to someone and trying to put into words your passion for what you do... Help us get more people into our field and also support efforts in Kentucky to break the librarian stereotype. Submit your profile at http://www.kyvl.org/html/profession/profile_submission_form.shtml. **Patrick Davison**



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KLA Calendar of Events

June 16, 2006	Joint Kentucky SOLINET/Virtual Library Users' Groups spring meeting, Holiday Inn North, Lexington
June 22 - 28, 2006	ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
July 8, 2006	KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning, Executive West Hotel, Louisville
July 21- 23, 2006	Kentucky's Retreat for Women Writers
Sept. 27-30, 2006	KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville

SELA News

The SELA Biennial Joint Conference with the Tennessee Library Association was held April 5-7, 2006 at the East Memphis Hilton in Memphis. At the conference date, SELA had 281 members. Of the 12 southeastern states, Kentucky has 36; 3rd only to Alabama with 52 and Georgia with 50. There were 23 Kentucky attendees at the conference! Planning for the 2008 conference is gearing up early because it will be a joint conference with KLA and co-joined with the National Diversity Leadership Conference (NDLC). **Christie Robinson**

ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce

Applications for stipends to support graduate study in library and information science in 2006-2008 are now available from the ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce. Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the program offers a stipend of up to \$10,000 (over two years). The Initiative also offers a mentoring relationship with an experienced librarian and a leadership training curriculum for MLS students from underrepresented groups interested in careers in research libraries. The program also provides the opportunity to work in an ARL library upon graduation. The Initiative is co-funded by voluntary contributions from 52 ARL libraries and reflects a commitment to create a diverse research library community. In January, 2005, the current class of 19 Initiative participants, 12 ARL Academy Fellows, and 20 MLS graduate student guests attended the ARL Leadership Symposium in San Antonio. Having access to ARL Directors is paramount to the success of the Initiative. If you are interested in learning more about the Initiative class of 2005-2007, please visit <http://www.arl.org/diversity/Initparticipants2006.html>. Applications are due June 21, 2006. The application form is available online at <http://www.arl.org/diversity/initapp2006.pdf>. **Reinette Jones**



Kentucky's libraries sent a good delegation of librarians to Washington DC for ALA's annual Legislative Day. Attending were **Mary Margaret Lowe** representing Academic Libraries; **Lisa Rice** and **Alisa Carmichael** representing Public Libraries; **Lisa Hughes** and **Emmalee Hill** representing School Libraries and **Patrick Davison** representing Special Libraries. Also attending were **Laura Davison**, KLA President-Elect, **Linda Kompanik**, KLA Library Awareness Committee Chair, and **Jim Nelson**, State Librarian. The delegation met with legislative aides for each legislator's office and Congressmen Ben Chandler and Ron Lewis. **Linda Kompanik**

NEW KLA AWARDS!

At their last meeting the KLA Board approved two new awards to be added to the existing *William H Natcher* and *Lifetime Achievement* awards. These awards will be for an outstanding **library advocate** and a librarian who has been a distinguished **mentor** to another librarian(s). These awards have not been named. Any one wishing to suggest someone for whom the awards should be named may send suggestions to Library Awareness Committee Chair **Linda Kompanik** at linda@loganlibrary.org. Please include a brief essay on why this person has shown the characteristics that epitomize effective library advocacy or mentoring.

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