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*A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter*

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## *President's Message*

*Greetings from the President!*

Summertime is almost here, and I wish you all safe travels as you go on vacation or attend meetings, conferences and other events. Most recently I had the pleasure of traveling to Washington DC to attend ALA's National Library Legislative Day, May 1-2. A total of nine KLA Board members representing each type of library attended the event along with our State Librarian & Commissioner **Wayne Onkst**. This opportunity to speak with our Kentucky legislators as part of a national event is very important, and everyone seemed in agreement that we were well received this year. At each meeting we briefly touched on the major issues that ALA had outlined for the day: appropriations, telecommunications & internet issues, blocking & filtering, access to government information, and privacy & surveillance. We then focused on those issues most pertinent to Kentucky such as "No Child Left Behind Reauthorization," LSTA funding, and network neutrality. I would like to extend special thanks to Wayne and KLA Library Awareness Chair **Linda Kompanik** for organizing Kentucky's participation. Our most recent KLA Board meeting was held in mid-May, and I'm happy to announce that one major piece of business conducted was to finalize the details of our KLA Scholarship for Minority Students. A special Ad Hoc Committee chaired by **Christie Robinson**, developed the criteria, application form, and other documentation which they presented to the Board for approval. The Board also approved funding for the scholarship, and we hope to be able to award the first scholarship by this fall. Christie and the other members of her committee are to be commended for the thorough and expedient way in which they moved forward with this task; they have done a great service for KLA and will stay together as a committee to continue the work. Look for more information about the Scholarship on our KLA discussion list and other upcoming publications soon. Enjoy your summer, and don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual conference September 19-22, 2007 at the Downtown Louisville Marriott. **Laura Davison**

**Library Day on the Hill** Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 12:00 - 6:00 pm  
Join hundreds of fellow attendees for the rare opportunity to show the value of libraries to the Members of Congress. The day will include a Hearing on the Hill on the importance of all types of libraries, and displays around the Halls of Congress informing passers-by about each type of library and the services they provide. Buses will take participants to the Hill in the afternoon to visit your member's offices with colleagues. You'll be prepped with informational handouts, perfect for educating Members on the impact libraries have on people's lives, and invite them to join you for a special reception, which will take place that night from 4-6 pm, a perfect time for you to continue to interact with Members of Congress and Hill staffers. This event is free, but has limited availability. To register, use the online registration form for the conference available at the ALA website: [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org). **Judith Gibbons**

## *Section and Round Table News*

**African American Librarian & Library Employees Round Table.** AALLERT is working on recruiting new members and with the KLA Recruitment, Mentoring and Diversity Committee, the Special Library Section, and KLDivERS to provide a pre-conference workshop and a talent show for the 2007 Fall Conference. If you missed last year's Talent Show "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage II" you have no-doubt heard what a "howling" success it was! Well, never fear, the new and improved "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage III" is coming to this year's conference. So polish your piccolo and oil your flugelhorn because we need the few, the inconspicuous, the extraordinarily-talented librarians. To download the "Call for Performers" forms in either PDF or Word format go to <http://www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm>. **Patrick Davison**

**Kentucky School Media Association.** KSMA will be having their summer refresher this year on July 10 at Bardstown High School. Registration will be from 7:45-8:30 with opening words and entertainment from the My Old Kentucky Home Singers. Librarians will preview their newest finds in good reads and will learn about wikis, blogs, and pod casts. If you have to travel over night, on Monday evening, July 9th, there will be a tour of My Old Kentucky Home. For more information on hotel accommodations and attractions visit [www.visitbardstown.com](http://www.visitbardstown.com)  
The following library media specialists have completed their national board certification this year: **Joanne Berry** from Burns Middle School in Daviess County, **Bridget Murphy** from Spencer County Elementary, **Chamayne Johnson** from Hall Elementary in Harlan County, **Pamela Coomer** from Jefferson County Public Schools, **Alicia Estes** from Cub Run Elementary School in Hart County, **Pam Goolsby** from Christian County, and **Penny Parson-Bland** from Eminence Independent Schools. One goal for KSMA is to educate administrators on what an outstanding library media center should be. Library media specialists play an important role in assisting with student achievement, providing relevant, age appropriate, curriculum based materials to supplement classroom experiences. Join your district KSMA groups and support each other in being advocates for your school library media center. Join KLA/ KSMA and reap the benefits of support state wide. **Darlah Carman**

**Special Library Section.** The 2007 Spring Conference was deemed a huge success. We really enjoyed Nick Clooney. **Leoma Dunn** has booked Dr. Ken Haycock, Professor and Director of the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University to be our speaker at the 2007 Fall Conference. Dr. Haycock has written numerous books and articles and presented both nationally and internationally. The Spring conference is returning to the parks.

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The 2008 Spring Conference will be held at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. **Patrick Davison** represented the Special Library Section at the ALA National Library Legislative Day 2007 in Washington DC on May 1 and 2. A delegation of ten representatives from KLA met with congressman and staff to discuss the needs of libraries in the areas of funding, telecommunications, copyright, privacy and government information. The group was well received and the attitude on the "Hill" was positive and supportive of libraries needs. Several congressmen were excited about posing for "READ" posters so look for your congressman soon! The Special Library Section will make a one-time donation of \$1000 to the Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students. The purpose of the Kentucky Library Association (KLA) Scholarship for Minority Students is to encourage minority candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in librarianship. The scholarship will be granted to a student entering or continuing their library education in an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE)-accredited library school in Kentucky. The recipient also receives a one-year student membership in KLA and free student registration at the KLA annual meeting. We would like to challenge the other sections to match this gift.

**Patrick Davison**

## *KLA Member News and Library Updates*



**Boyd County Public Library.** Boyd County Public Library completed extensive remodeling of its children's department in late May. New brightly colored paint, carpet and shelving replace décor that had not been changed for nearly 20 years. Patrons are helping to come up with a theme and final decoration ideas. The remodeling is part of an ongoing effort to make the library more user-friendly.

**Amanda Gilmore**

**Eastern Kentucky University.** **Betina Gardner**, formerly the Team Leader of the Justice and Safety Library, has accepted the Coordinator of Access Services position at ECU Libraries. She has served in a number of capacities at ECU Libraries including Team Leader of the Learning Resources Center and Interim Coordinator of the Research and Instruction Division. **Nicole Montgomery** has assumed the position of Team Leader in the Justice and Safety Library. Previously, she was a librarian in the Justice and Safety Library. **Cindi Trainor** has joined the ECU Libraries faculty as the Coordinator for Research & Instructional Services. She came to ECU from Southern California, where she was the Director of Information Technology for The Claremont Colleges for six years. A UK grad and former faculty member, Cindi is delighted to return to Kentucky and enthusiastic about joining the progressive and creative Libraries team. **Brad Marcum**, formerly the Distance Education Librarian, is now the Distance Education Program Officer. He will coordinate outreach with extended campuses and online programs and will work across the library to get many librarians involved in collaborative relationships with faculty. Additionally, Brad was recently awarded Eastern Kentucky University's first ever Wellness Award. Brad received the award after losing 133 pounds as part of ECU Libraries 2006 Biggest Loser program and the University's Healthy You at ECU program. ECU Libraries recently hosted their traditional end-of-the semester *Food for Thought Study Break* event.

**NEXT INFOCUS DEADLINE IS October 21, 2007**

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The Libraries gave away nearly 500 cookies and hundreds of cups of ice-cold lemonade to grateful students cramming for finals late into the night. As usual, students responded most positively to the event and thanked the Libraries repeatedly for the food and for the well wishes on finals. **Julie George, Todd King and Linda Sizemore** were recently awarded approximately \$10,600 in a Student Government Association Student Technology Fee Grant. The funds will be used for multi-user collaboration work-stations in the library lobby. Additionally, **Julie George, Betina Gardner, Cindy Judd, Ning Zou, Melissa Schutt, Linda Sizemore and Nicole Montgomery** were recently awarded a \$1200 ECU Educational Objectives Assessment Grant for a project entitled *Assessing Information Literacy through Project SAILS*. **Cindy Judd, Julie George and Brad Marcum** recently presented at the Kentucky Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Engaging Campus and Community. Their presentation was entitled "*Stealth Students*": *Using Technology to Reach Invisible Ones*. **Kari Martin**.

**Hazard Community and Technical College Libraries** had the privilege of hosting the 2007 Regional Library Conference for Public, Academic, and School library staff this month. Our theme was "The Sky's the Limit at Your Library." Public, academic, and school librarians from around Eastern Kentucky enjoyed a chance to share ideas and attend training sessions for eBooks, digital copyright law, genealogy, illustrated children's books, online reference services, and library Web sites. Anne Shelby, author of *Can a Democrat Get into Heaven?* and *Appalachian Studies*, entertained us during lunch with excerpts from her books. Anyone interested in attending or speaking at next year's conference should contact [Esther.French@kctcs.edu](mailto:Esther.French@kctcs.edu) or [Cathy.Branson@kctcs.edu](mailto:Cathy.Branson@kctcs.edu)  
**Esther French**

**Morehead State University.** **Carol Nutter**, Assistant Dean for Public Services, announced that she will retire on August 1. Carol has been at the Camden-Carroll Library for 34 years and has served under the following titles: Coordinator of Regional Campus Library Services, Bibliographic Instruction Coordinator, Head of Reference, Assistant Director for Public Services, and currently as Assistant Dean for Public Services. Carol has also been active in KLA throughout her career and has served as Chair of LIRT, Chair of Interlibrary Loan Round Table, Chair of the Academic Library Section, and President of KLA (2003-2004) in addition to various other offices and committees. **Bonita Lowe**, Library Specialist / Acquisitions, also announced her retirement in May after more than thirty years with the library. **Lowell Eldridge**, Library Specialist / Automation, is retiring at the end of May after eight years of service. **Jason Vance**

**Murray State University.** New librarians include **Heather Weeden** and **Jenny Oleen**, Reference Librarians; **Faye Harkins**, Special Collections Librarian; **Don Kim**, Systems Librarian; **Latrice Booker**, Serials Cataloger, and **Adam Murray**, Acquisitions Librarian. **Jennifer Bartlett** has accepted the new position of Assistant Dean on an interim basis. She also continues to head the Public Services area. **Heather Weeden** served as Special Assistant to the Director for the 40th Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, March 28-30, hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, (<http://childrensbookfestival.org>). Heather coordinated about 20 volunteers and handled issues involving the conference center, hotels, and presenters' needs.

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**Jenny Oleen, Susie Adams, Jetta Culpepper, and Heather Weeden** attended the 5th annual McNet Conference, "Serving Our Communities @ Your Library," in Paducah on May 15.

MSU Libraries' new Racer Children's Materials Preview Center has received over 500 new books this year. The Center is a non-circulating preview and reviewing center for recently published children's and young adult materials contributed by national publishers. Materials are currently housed in the Reference Room of Waterfield Library, and include board books, picture books, chapter books, YA novels, children's nonfiction, examples of promotional materials, and current publishers' catalogs. For information on the Center, contact **Heather Weeden** at [heather.weeden@murraystate.edu](mailto:heather.weeden@murraystate.edu).

Recent publications authored and coauthored by **Adam Murray** include: Hersberger, J., Sua, L., & Murray, A. (2006). "The fruit and root of the community: The Greensboro Carnegie Negro Library, 1904-1964." In Gloria Leckie and John Buschman (eds.) Library as Place. New York: Libraries Unlimited; Hersberger, J., Murray, A., & Sokoloff, S. (2006, October). "The information use environment of abused and neglected children." Information Research 12 (1). Available at: <http://informationr.net/ir/12-1/infres121.html>; Hersberger, J., Murray, A., & Rioux, K. (2007, April). "An emergent conceptual framework for examining virtual communities." Online Information Review 31 (2); Murray, A. "Biz of acq: learning @ your library [conference]"; Kolb's experiential learning model and the institutional learning process." Against the Grain. [projected publication: February, 2007]. In addition, **Adam Murray** and **Latrice Booker** have co-authored "New hires, old problems: an analytic exploration of entry-level librarians coping with modernization." Footnotes: Scholarship and Research for New Librarians. [projected publication: Spring, 2007]. **Jennifer Bartlett**

**Pikeville College. Tollie Banker** has joined Allara Library, Pikeville College as an Instruction and Reference Librarian. Tollie received her BA in History from Berry College in Georgia and completed her MS in Information Science from UT Knoxville. She also earned a second MA in History from University of Tennessee. Tollie was previously employed at the Pendergrass Agricultural Veterinary Library at the University of Tennessee. **Karen Chafin**

**University of Kentucky. James D. Birchfield**, a curator of rare books at Special Collections at UK, has recently written a book entitled, Clay Lancaster's Kentucky: Architectural Photographs of a Preservation Pioneer. The book focuses on the noted Kentucky architectural historian's work and includes more than 150 photographs of architecture taken by Lancaster. A pioneer of historic preservation, Lancaster earned acclaim also as an artist and children's author. "Clay Lancaster was the foremost architectural scholar to come out of Kentucky, but he was far more than an expert and prolific author," says Birchfield. Lancaster was a student at the University of Kentucky and later moved to New York. He photographed buildings and landscapes originally with the intent of using them as models for his line drawings, some of which are also included in this publication. Many of the buildings highlighted in the book have been destroyed or remodeled since their original design. Birchfield is a former president of the Warwick Foundation, which promotes cross-cultural understanding.

**Mary Vass**, Director, Interdisciplinary Information Literacy, and **Jill Buckland**, Education Librarian, have retired from the UK Libraries after many years of service. Mary has moved to North Carolina, and

Jill will split her time between homes in Lexington and England. **James Burgett**, Research and Education Librarian and College of Public Health Liaison in the Medical Library, has announced his retirement from the University, effective June 30. **Judy Sackett**

#### KLA Scholarship for Minority Students

At the Fall Board Meeting, the KLA Board of Directors accepted and approved an Ad Hoc Committee be formed for the purpose of creating a scholarship for minorities. The committee, chaired by **Christie Robinson** is composed of **Teri Kirk, Elliot Applebaum, Patrick Davison, Paul Poland, Terry Buckner** and **Tiana French**. The committee worked furiously in an attempt to get the scholarship up and running for the Fall of 2007 and at the KLA Board Meeting in May, **Paul Poland** made the presentation on behalf of the committee. The Board approved the committee's work and the scholarship as well as the recommendation that the committee become a standing committee. The board asked that the current committee remain as an Ad Hoc Committee until the final changes are made to create the Standing Committee within the KLA Blue Book. The other recommendation was that the association donate \$1000 per year to the scholarship. To the committee's delight, President **Laura Davison** said the Executive Board had decided to donate a one time \$5000 to help get it started! After much discussion, the Board voted to look at the 2008 budget and perhaps also give the \$1000 which would be a standing donation each year. **Patrick Davison**, Chair of the Special Library Section, announced that Special Section will make a \$1000 donation towards the scholarship fund and challenged other Sections to likewise pledge funds for the scholarship. With the KLTRT (Trustees Round Table) donation of the receipts from the raffle for the wide screen television from last year's conference, the scholarship is now well funded for 2007 and perhaps future years as well. The Minority Scholarship is set up to award \$1000 annual scholarships to minorities who want to pursue their degree in a Kentucky ALA accredited program or a Kentucky NCATE (National Council for Teacher Education) accredited program. The committee is honored to serve in this capacity and is very thankful to the KLA Board for their enthusiastic support. For more information or to download the application for the scholarship, go to <http://www.kylibasn.org/scholarships965.cfm> **Christie Robinson**

#### Amazon Sales Tax Solution!!!

Since Amazon started collecting (and later reimbursing) sales tax from tax-exempt libraries, Kentucky Library Association has seen a 500% decrease in traffic on our Amazon click-thru link. **Amazon has fixed this problem!** In order for KLA member libraries to become tax exempt they will need to:

1. Open a corporate account by visiting [www.amazon.com/corporate](http://www.amazon.com/corporate).
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June 21-27, 2007	ALA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
July 9-10, 2007	KSMA Summer Refresher
July 14, 2007	KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning
Sept. 19-22, 2007	KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville
Oct. 1-4, 2008	NDLC/KLA/SELA Joint Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville



### ALA Legislative Day

A delegation of 10 represented Kentucky at ALA's annual Legislative Day in Washington, DC. **Linda Kompanik**, Library Awareness Committee Chair, attended a preconference on April 30 and the group met with librarians from across the nation on May 1 to review issues. **Darlah Carmen** (KSMA) asked that the Legislators work for the inclusion of highly qualified school library media specialists in the reauthorization. **Laura Davison** (KLA) explained the issues surrounding the closing of EPA Libraries and the need to digitize information so it is not lost. **Patrick Davison** (Special) asked Senators McConnell and Bunning to co-sponsor and support S.1032 and other broadband build out bills and to support S.215, the "Internet Freedom Preservation Act." **Emmalee Hill** (KSMA) discussed Improving Literacy through School Libraries. **Geneva Huttenlocher** (KPLA) asked for filtering requirements to be lifted from the e-rate discount program as it places an undue hardship on small public libraries who can not afford the software. **Linda Kompanik** (KLA) requested reform of the Patriot Act and REAL ID Act. **Matt Onion** (Academic) asked that tax-supported scientific research be made available to the taxpayers who funded it. **Wayne Onkst** (KDLA) asked for support of the "Librarian Act of 2007," which provides for Perkins Student Loan forgiveness for librarians employed in low-income school and public libraries. **Paul Poland** (Trustees) explained how LSTA funds are used throughout the state and asked Legislators to fund the President's request. **Lisa Rice** (KPLA) asked Senators to co-sponsor S.609 and Representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 278 exempting all universal service funds from accounting rules that can freeze e-rate funds for months. The group met with Representatives Chandler, Davis, and Whitfield and the other Legislators' staffs. Each office was given a brochure, created by the Library Awareness Committee, outlining statistics and issues for Kentucky academic, public, and special libraries. Next year's event will be May 13 and 14, 2008. Special thanks to all sections for sending a representative. **Linda Kompanik**

### Library Education at BCTC

The following students were awarded the Academic Certificate in Library Information Technology by Bluegrass Community & Technical College in May:

Sherry Brandler, Orange Beach AL  
 Mary Buckley, Bealton VA  
 Deirdre Campbell, Hazard KY  
 Carla Clift, Huntsville AL  
 Jo Ellen Freeman, Clarksville TN  
 Holly Howard, Salt Lick KY  
 Teresa Kan, Haymarket VA  
 Mary Jane Lanius, Georgetown KY  
 Barbara Love, Prospect KY  
 Cathy Mahoney, Weirsdale FL  
 Bonnie Matherly, Hopkinsville KY  
 Joyce McKinley, Florence KY  
 Rita Tentenback, Washington MI  
 Polly Revis, Dayton TN  
 Susan Thompson, Ashland KY

Students may register now for Fall Semester courses via the Kentucky Virtual Campus, <http://www.kyvu.org>

A selected topic course designed for academic library technicians is LIT 299, section J0Z1, Academic Library Services, taught by **Threasa Wesley**, Head, Research & Instructional Services, Steely Library, NKU. Another select topic course for librarians in public and academic libraries is LIT 299, sections J0Z2 and J0Z3, Readers' Advisory Services. For information on the BCTC program in Library Information Technology, see the web site at <http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/csis/lit> **Martha Birchfield**



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