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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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President's Message

In February, on behalf of the Association, I sent letters to Kentucky Senators McConnell and Bunning regarding support for Libraries in the Economic Stimulus Bill. The ALA Chapter Relations Office sends frequent updates about the now passed legislation, and how libraries can take advantage of it. If you want to find out the most up-to-date information, check out ALA's website, www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus.

State Librarian Wayne Onkst has communicated that KDLA is watching as the programs are being announced, and staying in touch with state agencies that will be administering them.

KDLA coordinated ALA National Library Legislative Day and KLA again financed the minimal registration cost for each attendee. I was part of the 15 member Kentucky delegation, representing all types of Kentucky libraries, who traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 11-12, 2009. We attended briefings and met with our elected officials to advocate for library issues. Please accept our gratitude to all who took part in the virtual advocacy day prior to our arrival. It made a difference. Thank you.

Conference Planning Chair and President-Elect, Emmalee Hoover and her committee are hard at work planning the upcoming 2009 KLA/KSMA Annual Conference, to be held in Louisville, September 30 – October 3. This year's theme "**in an ever changing world . . . experience it @ your library**" seems extremely apropos. Make sure you add it to your calendar now.

Some of the KLA Sections and Round Tables met this spring for their annual conferences. I hope

many of you were able to attend. Being involved in a Section or Round Table is an excellent way of becoming involved in your Kentucky Library Association. Working together is the best way we can advocate for libraries in Kentucky.

I want to thank all who voted in the ALA elections and supported the candidates from Kentucky. I also want to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to contribute to their profession by agreeing to run for office. KLA is happy to congratulate the following Kentucky librarians:

Judith A. Gibbons, retired from the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives, elected to ALA Council as a Councilor-at-Large

Gail Kennedy, Little Fine Arts Library, University of Kentucky, elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)

Deana Groves, Helm-Cravens Library, Western Kentucky University, elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the New Member Round Table (NMRT)

Melissa A. Laning, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY elected as an Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Library Leadership and Management Association, Human Resources Section (LLAMA HRS)

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KLA News

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Proposed Slate of Officers for 2010

The annual election of KLA Board Officers will take place at the business meeting during the KLA/KSMA Joint Fall Conference, September 30, 2009 – October 3, 2009. Officers are selected from the membership of the Sections on a rotating basis. This year, the Vice President/President Elect was selected from Special Libraries Section. The Secretary was selected from the Academic Section. For 2010, the proposed slates of officers are: **Vice President/President Elect: Leoma Dunn, and Secretary, Terry Buckner.**

Leoma Dunn has been an active KLA board member since 2004. Leoma has chaired several committees, the Special Library Section, the Member Services Committee, the Resource Sharing Round Table, and the Library Administration & Management Round Table. She has also served as a member of the Ad Hoc Structure and Long Range Planning Committee, and the 2008 and 2009 Joint Spring Conference Planning Committees. Currently, she serves as KLA Secretary. Nationally, Leoma is the Treasurer of the SLA Information Technology Division Executive Board.

When Leoma is not volunteering for various organizations, she is the Assistant Library Director at Thomas More College in Crestview, KY. She has over eighteen years of experience in libraries in the areas of cataloging, systems management, administration, budgeting, acquisitions, interlibrary loans, reference, and circulation. In addition to being a KLA member, she is also a member of both, the American Library Association (ALA) and the Special Libraries Association (SLA).

Terry Buckner has been an active member of the KLA board since 2003. Terry has served on many KLA committees. She has served the KLA Board as Chair of Member Services, and as Assistant Manager of the Listserv. As a member of the Academic Libraries Section, she has chaired the Spring Conference Site Selection Committee. She has served as Chair of the Special Libraries Section, where she chaired the 2009 Joint Spring Conference Planning Committee. She also has served as Chair of the Community & Technical College Round Table (CTCRT), and the Library Administration

& Management Round Table (LAMRT). Nationally, Terry has served as the Chair of the ALA New Members Round Table Student Chapter of the Year Award Committee, and the Student Reception Committee.

By day, Terry is the Circulation Librarian/Associate Professor for the Bluegrass Community & Technical College's Learning Resource Center in Lexington. As Public Services Librarian and Manager of the Circulation Department, she is responsible for a variety of duties including assistance to faculty, staff and students, supervision of staff and student workers, managing the personnel budget, providing reference assistance, providing library instruction, collection development, course reserves, arranging arts and humanities programming for the college, serving on institutional committees and providing workshop opportunities for faculty and staff.

Both slated candidates will bring a great deal of experience to the Board and to their respective office. If there are other nominations, a petition is required in accordance to KLA Bylaws, Article 5, Section E, G, and H. Deadline to submit a petition to the Nominating Subcommittee is August 1, 2009.

Submitted by Nominating Subcommittee: Fannie Cox (chair), Bryan Carson and Jan Berry.

Section & Round Table News

Academic Libraries Section

The Joint Spring Conference of KLA's Academic and Special Libraries Sections and SLA-Kentucky Chapter was held on April 1-3, 2009, at Barren River State Resort Park. Ninety-eight people attended the JSC, and the Academic Section's sponsored speaker, Rick Anderson (University of Utah), received very positive reviews. Contributed presentations covered a variety of topics ranging from LibGuides to biblio-health and from disaster planning to library parties.

At the Academic Section business meeting, the membership voted to approve the Joint Spring Conference policy and planning manual.

Public Library Section

The KPLA Conference Planning Committee wants to thank everyone for a successful Spring Conference this year. Start planning for the 2010 KPLA Spring

Conference this year. Start planning for the 2010 KPLA Spring Conference to be held April 14-16, 2010, at the Holiday University Plaza in Bowling Green. Also mark your calendars to attend the upcoming KLA/KSMA Conference this fall. It is scheduled for September 30-October 3, 2009, at the Galt House in Louisville. KPLA is sponsoring Pat Wagner, a well-known library supporter and speaker, to hold several sessions at the conference for the public library attendees (of course everyone is welcome). Her sessions have been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and throughout Thursday.

The KPLA Standards Committee will be releasing the latest version of the Kentucky Public Library Standards soon! A wonderful improvement is that an on-line version will be available (thank you Charlotte McIntosh)!

Be on the look-out for the Kentucky Public Library Legislative Committee Newsletter. There are several topics of interest of which you should be aware. Your Legislative Committee has been hard at work.

Please help keep KLA membership growing. If you aren't a KLA member, sign up today! Be sure to mark that you are from the Public Library Section!

Youth Services Roundtable

In the theatre, we have a game we play at first rehearsals to help the cast get to know each other. Everyone stands in a circle, and one by one you step forward and announce your name. You are supposed to enter the circle in a way that expresses your personality—saunter, jump, skip, whatever. Also, you are supposed to add an adjective that begins with the same letter as your name that describes yourself as well—Sunny Sue, Happy Hal, Mysterious Monica.

Let's pretend we're in such a circle. I'll go first. "Hi, I'm Positively Peter." I chose this adjective because, in general, I feel I'm a positive person, even in the hardest of times (and, believe me, lately, there have been some hard times). I also chose it because I'm positive we can build the Youth Services Round Table into a strong, functioning, and vital member of the KLA family.

As chair of the round table, I cannot do it alone. That is why I am asking those who are members of the Youth

Services Round Table to step into the circle, tell me your name (with or without an adjective) and let me know who you are. More importantly, I want every member to contact me and let me know what you want out of this round table. We are at a point where we can shape the Youth Services Round Table into anything we want it to be. What are your ideas? What would you like to get from the round table? What type of programs and professional development opportunities do you want to see at our annual conference? I am not only open to ideas—I'm desperate for them. I am easy to reach—just a few clicks of the keyboard away. Please write me at peter.howard@lfpl.org.

Library Awareness Committee

We had our largest delegation to ALA's Washington DC Legislative Day this year with 14 librarians and a public library trustee in attendance. Those who travelled to our nation's Capitol were **Stephen Bowling**, Breathitt County Public Library, **Terry Buckner**, Special Library Section Chair, **Carrie Cooper**, Eastern Kentucky University, **Leoma Dunn**, KLA Secretary, **Betina Gardner**, Eastern Kentucky University **Emmalee Hill**, KLA President-Elect, **Sara King**, KPLA Past-President, **Linda Kompanik**, KLA Library Awareness Chair, **Debra Oberhausen**, KLA President, **Wayne Onkst**, State Librarian, **Paul Poland**, Kentucky Public Library Trustees Roundtable Chair, **Lisa Rice**, Warren County Public Library, **Fred Tilsley**, KSMA President, **Kristi Tucker**, KPLA President, and **Jason Vance**, Academic Library Section Chair.

The group met with Senator Jim Bunning, Representatives Brett Guthrie and John Yarmuth, and aides with Senator Mitch McConnell and Representatives Ben Chandler, Geoff Davis, Hal Rogers, and Ed Whitfield's offices.

Special thanks to all sections for sponsoring representatives.

Genealogy and Local History Roundtable

The Genealogy and Local History Roundtable is back! Join us on Thursday, October 1st, for both a business meeting and our program "The Past Goes Digital". All are welcome to attend. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting involved in the G&LH Roundtable, please contact chair Bridget Striker at bstriker@bcpl.org. Even if you are not a current G&LH member, we'd love to hear from you!

Accolades

Jason Vance (Middle Tennessee State University) represented the Academic Libraries Section as part of Kentucky's annual National Library Legislative Day delegation in Washington, DC. The group of 15 Kentucky librarians met with senators and congressmen from all across Kentucky on May 12 to lobby for library funding and support.

Perry Bratcher was recently promoted to Professor of Library Services at the **W. Frank Steely Library** of Northern Kentucky University. He was also inducted as an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi (Band Fraternity) at the university for his work with the NKU Band.

Officials with the Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative honored **Boone County Public Library** with one of three 2009 Innovation Awards. The award recognizes the **Kentucky Libraries Unbound** Local Content Project which makes local items of historical importance available in a downloadable format. Last year, Boone County Public Library's Virtual Services Librarian, **Jennifer Gregory**, and Local History Librarian, **Bridget Striker**, began adding local history titles to the downloadable collection. The material added encompasses everything from Civil War history to flute music. The KLU Local Content Project now has contributions from three Kentucky counties and more county libraries are interested in getting involved.

Grant County Public Library has been selected as one of 40 public libraries across the nation to host "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery," a traveling exhibition developed in cooperation with the Space Telescope Science Institute Office of Public Outreach and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to mark the International Year of Astronomy in 2009. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has provided major funding for the exhibit. All libraries on the tour will receive \$500 programming support stipends, \$250 collection development stipends and additional materials to support library programming. The exhibit will travel to the selected libraries from January 2009 through April 2010. For more information about "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery," visit www.ala.org/visionsoftheuniverse.

On Friday, May 8th, **Jack Montgomery**, Coordinator Collection Services, **Cravens Library** of Western Kentucky University, attended the HCTC Library Conference for Public, Academic and School Library Staff entitled "Life is sweet @ your library." He presented a program entitled "Managing Workplace Conflict Before It Manages You."

Dave Schroeder, executive director for the **Kenton County Public Library**, was recently one of three librarians nationwide selected by the Library of Congress to develop a national traveling exhibit. The exhibition, funded by a \$1million donation from the Rapoport Foundation, will draw from two of the Library of Congress' most popular past exhibitions, *American Treasures* and *World Treasures*. The committee Schroeder will serve on will be determining the theme of the traveling exhibit which will use original documents housed at the Library of Congress. The project will produce a traveling exhibit that will be available to museums and libraries around the country. Schroeder was nominated for this project by the staff of the Library of Congress. His background advanced degrees in American History and Library Science and his background in archives, local history and public libraries were determining factors in his selection.

Morehead State University. The Camden-Carroll Library honored **Linda Lowe**, Cataloging Librarian, at her retirement in June 2008. Lowe began working at Camden-Carroll Library in 1973 as a secretary after completing her undergrad degree at MSU. She later completed her M.L.S. at U.K. and became a librarian in 1979. She became the audio-visual cataloger from 1990 until her retirement last June. The library also welcomed three new librarians: **Clay Howard** (Regional Campus Librarian), **Helen Beaven** (Instruction & Outreach Librarian), and **Melissa Brooks** (Cataloging Librarian). **Donna Baker** received the KLA-Academic Section Professional Development Grant and attended the Society of American Archivist Workshop on Managing Cultural Institutions in Portland, OR. **Clay Howard** and **Lisa Nichols** gave their presentation on "Academic Applications of Web 2.0" at the Kentucky Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. **Jennifer Little** established a Paperback Exchange at CCL for students, faculty, staff, and community patrons. **Mykie Howard** is the president of SLA-Kentucky Chapter and helped plan the KLA Spring Conference at Barren River State Park, April 2009. **Clay Howard** and **Tom Kmetz** have been

working on developing and establishing a LibGuides presence at CCL and on campus. **Helen Beaven** and **Lisa Nichols** partnered with the Learning Lab at MSU this past year to provide “Finals Cram-Fest”—free drop-in tutoring and personal research help offered during finals week. **Mykie Howard, Pam Colyer, Melissa Brooks, Donna Baker, Clara Potter** and **Elsie Pritchard** are making plans for the Ohio Valley Group Technical Services Librarian Conference which is set for May 19-21, 2010, at Morehead State University.

Boyd County Public Library launched Polaris, its new catalog and checkout system, on May 14, allowing patrons to personalize their library experience in a whole new way. In addition to new user-friendly browsing, Polaris offers users electronic notification of new items, based on their particular interest. Polaris also has a kid-friendly catalog, so that even the youngest of readers, or pre-readers, can find what they want. “Library customers and staff are very busy these days,” said Director **Debbie Cosper**. “Our goal is to make using, and providing, library services as easy as possibly for everyone.”

The **Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives** would like to welcome the following new public library directors:

Nikki Carter, **Larue County Public Library**

Thompson Cummins, **Hardin County Public Library**

Julie Hart, **McCracken County Public Library**

Norma Pellerin, **Russell County Public Library**

Jussie Minor, **Carter County Public Library.**

Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) faculty and staff members were recognized at the New Horizons awards banquet held May 18 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. **Margo Hamm**, professor, librarian at **Maysville Community and Technical College** was honored as the Faculty System Award of Excellence recipient, a statewide honor.

A list of KCTCS library faculty and staff honorees follows, alphabetically by college:

Faculty Award: **Dr. Paul Currie**, assistant professor, distance learning coordinator, **Hazard Community and Technical College**

Faculty Award: **Ms. Margo Hamm**, professor, librarian Administrative, **Maysville Community and Technical College**

Staff Award: **Ms. Evelyn Hensley**, librarian, **South-east Kentucky Community and Technical College**

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries hosted *An Evening with Lincoln: Celebrating the Bicentennial* on Wednesday, March 25. The evening featured special guest Abraham Lincoln and guest speaker, Charles Bracelen Flood, author of a new book entitled *1864: Lincoln at the Gates of History*. Guests enjoyed a special “Paroles, Passes and Pardons” display from the University Archives featuring a never before exhibited original Lincoln letter and an exhibit from the Kentucky Historical Society entitled “Discovering Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln. It was a fabulous evening for all!

Margaret Foote, Coordinator of Collection Services, presented “The Road to an IR: The ECU Journey Begins” at the spring KLA Conference. **Nicole Montgomery**, Justice and Safety Library Team Leader, and **Cindy Judd**, Learning Resources Center Team Leader, presented “Librarians and LibGuides: Connecting with Our Learning Community”, also at the spring KLA Conference. Both Montgomery and Judd are serving on the Kentucky Learning Depot Content Team and Montgomery is serving on the FoKAL Information Literacy Committee. **Cindi Trainor**, Coordinator of Library Technology and Data Services, presented “ERM: What do you do with all that data, anyway?” at the Computers in Libraries Conference this past March. Her article, “Open Source, Crowd Source: Harnessing the Power of the People Behind our Libraries” will be published in *Electronic Library and Information Systems* in July 2009. **Karen Gilbert**, Reference Librarian, collaborated with ECU’s Dean of University Programs on an article featured in *Reference Services Review* entitled “Extending Liaison Collaboration: Partnering with Faculty in Support of a Student Learning Community”. **Betina Gardner** and **Julie George** recently presented, “Bridging the Gap: The Library’s role in the P-20 Continuum” at the CPE Conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Also, **Betina Gardner** and **Carrie Cooper**, Dean of Libraries, recently traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the Library Legislative Day.

Verna Freer, Coordinator of Administrative Services, retired from **EKU Libraries** in December of 2008. We are fortunate Freer continues to work part time with us as part of the retirement transition program. **Kathy Watson**, Librarian, will be joining the Learning Resources Center (LRC) Team in mid-June. We look forward to having her at EKU Libraries!

The Liberty/Casey County Chamber of Commerce recently named the **Casey County Public Library** the Organization of the Year for 2008.

Each year, the **Library Awareness Committee** is given the privilege of selecting recipients for KLA's four awards. This year the following were recognized for their contributions to libraries across the Commonwealth at the KLA Conference Awards Luncheon:

The William H. Natcher Award recognizes an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library. The contribution may be monetary, or equipment. **Harold Tomlinson**, Carroll County Judge Executive, was nominated by Jarrett Boyd for his support of the **Carroll County Public Library**.

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors a Kentucky librarian who has contributed significantly to our profession through publications, presentations, and participation in professional library and/or information organizations. **Judith Burdine** was nominated by Jan Banks and Kay Morrow for her service to the Association and in legislative activities.

Jennifer Little, Access Services Librarian and **Mattie Decker**, Curriculum and Instruction Professor, from **Morehead University** won the *Kentucky Libraries* Award for the article they co-authored in that publication.

The Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award distinguishes an individual who has mentored one or more Kentucky librarians or library workers. This mentoring could have occurred in an academic, personal, or work environment. The **McCracken County Public Library** managers nominated their mentor, Library Director **Marie Liang**.

The James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award pays tribute to an individual who has been a strong advocate for a library or libraries on a local, regional, state, or

national level. The nominee may or may not be a librarian. Wayne Onkst nominated **Judith Gibbons** for her advocacy efforts for public libraries across the state and nation.

Other awards given by KLA Sections included the following:

The Special Librarian of the Year Award is given to a librarian from a specialized librarian. The 2008 recipient was **Enid Wohlstein**, KyVL Director.

Rose Davis, Coordinator of Bibliographic Access and Training in the Department of Library Technical Services at **Western Kentucky University**, was chosen by the Academic Library Section as the Outstanding Academic Librarian of the Year.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Bluegrass Community & Technical College

Undergraduate Library Science classes for Fall 2009 are offered at Bluegrass Community & Technical College. For information on application for admission to BCTC, information about the Library Information Technology program, and other courses for the Fall Semester, see www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/csis/lit

BCTC selected topic class, LIT 299-J0Z1: Web 2.0 for Libraries.

BCTC has offered quality online credit courses since 1998. Course work is designed to be relevant to library jobs. Contact Martha Birchfield, martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu for details.

KLA Scholarship for Minority Students

Applications are being accepted through July 15 for the 2009 Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students. Eligible students enrolled in an accredited ALA or NCATE library science graduate program in Kentucky are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is for \$1,000, awarded in two equal installments.

The scholarship recipient will also receive a one-year student membership in KLA and free student registration to the KLA annual meeting. The scholarship application can be accessed at www.kylibasn.org/docs/klascholarship.pdf

For more information, please contact Elliot Appelbaum, Scholarship Committee Chair, eappelbaum@lexpublib.org or (859) 231-5560.

KDLA Continuing Education Events

Keep the date open

For more information, check the website at www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm

Aug 31– Sept 1, 2009 Kentucky Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference in Lexington

June 10-11 Getting Graphic: Sequential Art

Sept 30 - Oct. 3, 2009 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference in Louisville

June 11 Managing 101: Budgeting and Policy Making

June 18 Managing 101: Human Resources

June 24 Managing 101: Leadership

June 24-25 Educational Programming for Adults in the Information Age

June 30 Introduction to Filtering

July 7, 14 & 21 Reference Sources

July 16 Status Discarded: The who, what, when, where of weeding

Aug 11-13 OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing: The Basics

Aug 19 Online Cataloging Resources and Tools

Aug 24 & 27 Tools for the Reference Desk

Aug 26 Serving Seniors with Panache

Next IN-FO-CUS deadline: August 24, 2009. Please send news and items of interest to Carrie Herrmann at cherrman@bcpl.org. You can also call her at 859-292-3387 with any questions.