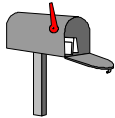




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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings Kentucky Librarians!

The ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia was well attended by Kentuckians. President Mitch Freedman acknowledged our state several times during the meeting. At a private reception to honor library advocates and Chapter leaders, he announced that a new Public Awareness Committee Advocacy Assembly had been formed. Judith Gibbons, KDLA, is co-chair of this committee along with Charles Beard from Georgia. The focus of this group is to develop programs and activities that advocate the importance of libraries and librarians. Congratulations to Judith for her national role in promoting our profession!

President Freedman also singled out Kentucky in his January 24 'Report to the Executive Board, Council and Membership of ALA.' He included in his report a picture of himself with his personalized Louisville Slugger baseball bat, and he reported that 'it was the nicest gift that the Kentucky Library Association could have given me.' He enjoyed his trip to Kentucky, and he truly enjoyed the warm reception he received during his visit..

On the state level President Elect Carol Nutter has been very busy with conference planning. She held a special planning meeting in Frankfort in early February. Lots of new, fun events and intriguing programs are being planned. *Libraries in Defense of Freedom* will be an outstanding conference, and I encourage all of you to get involved with your Association's annual meeting. Present a mini-session. Volunteer to work at the conference. Be a mentor, and make sure to mark your calendars on **October 8 - 11**. The Galt House in Louisville is the place to be for another outstanding joint KLA/KSMA meeting.

Sue Burch, President
Kentucky Library Association

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KLA Section and Round Table News



ACADEMIC SECTION. The 2003 Joint Spring Conference of the Academic Library Section, Special Library Section, and the Kentucky Chapter of SLA entitled "What Price Freedom – What Cost Security? Libraries and the USA Patriot Act," will be held April 2-4, 2003 at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. A panel discussion will feature Claudette Tennant, ALA, Washington Office, David Beyer, FBI, Louisville Office, and Jeff Vessels, ACLU, Ky. Chapter. Please join your colleagues for a stimulating discussion on this current and important topic. The usual beautiful Kentucky scenery, interesting mini-sessions and networking opportunities will be available.
Margo Smith.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES SECTION. "Meeting the Literacy & Cultural Needs of African American Youth in School and Public Libraries" is the theme for the 2003 KLA CYASS Spring Conference. The conference will be held at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Slade, Kentucky on March 21-22.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION & KENTUCKY LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION. The Seelbach Hilton Hotel in Louisville is the location for "It's All About Kentucky," the Spring Conference of the Public Library Section and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association, to be held on May 7-9. Over 40 sessions and presentations and many other exciting activities are scheduled for the event. Make plans to be there now!

SUPPORT STAFF ROUND TABLE. The Support Staff Round Table is looking for energetic people who are interested in working with and for library support staff throughout the state. The Round Table is in *desperate* need of a chair-elect who will assume the role of Chair in October and also needs someone who is interested in membership. Any interest or experience you have and are willing to share would be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Terri Brown, Chair, will be attending ALA's 3rd Congress on Professional Education: Focus on Support Staff (COPE III) on May 16 and 17. The congress will be held at the

College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn IL. The issues to be covered include:

- ◆Career ladders
- ◆Compensation
- ◆Continuing education and training
- ◆Staff shortages
- ◆Role of Support Staff in ALA and the responsibility of ALA toward Support Staff
- ◆Mutual respect among all levels of staff in libraries

The Congress will consist of small group discussions and reporting and will conclude by determining key action items. Terri is looking forward to representing you and will be sharing the outcomes this summer. If you are interested in learning more about COPE III, the url is:

http://www.ala.org/congress/3rd_congress/index.html

Please contact Terri with any ideas to share at the congress and/or your interested in becoming more involved with your KLA Support Staff Round Table. Her email address is tlbrow00@uky.edu. She looks forward to hearing from you.

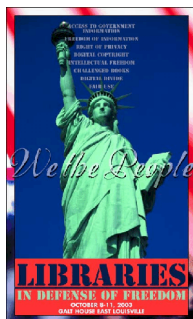
**Terri Brown, Chair
KLA Support Staff
Round Table**



KLA/KSMA

Plans are underway for the 2003 KLA/KSMA Fall Conference, which will be held in Louisville at the Galt House East on October 8-11. The theme for this year's conference is *Libraries: In Defense of Freedom*. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend what promises to be an informative as well as a fun event.

Carol Nutter.





KLA Member News and Library Updates

ASHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE. **Matt Onion**, librarian at ACC's Mansbach Memorial Library recently applied some knowledge gained from a KLA Conference mini-session that he moderated last fall. After inquiring of the AC instructors engaged in online courses through KYVU, he succeeded in a collaborative effort with Social Sciences Professor **Kathy Edwards** to conduct online library instruction for her SOC 151 – Social Problems class. Onion credits **Julie George** and **Kari Lyons**, ECU librarians for the inspiration to develop a pilot online library instructional

component to an online course. Lyons and George presented a mini-session at the October, 2002 KLA Conference entitled "The Library and Blackboard @ Eastern Kentucky University." **Matt Onion.**

BOWLING GREEN PUBLIC LIBRARY. **Avi**, the 2003 Newbery Award Winner who was selected for his novel, *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*, will attend Bowling Green's Southern Kentucky Festival of Books. The festival will run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, April 11, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Avi is scheduled for two presentations Friday and three presentations Saturday. Saturday's featured authors include fiction novelists **David Baldacci** (*The Christmas Train, Absolute Power, Total Control*); **Robert Morgan** (*Gap Creek, The Truest Pleasure, This Rock*); and journalist **Nick Clooney** (*The Movies That Changed Us*). More than 50 authors for children and teens will be in attendance Friday to sign books and make presentations and over 200 authors for children, teens and adults will do the same on Saturday. Additional activities this day include costumed book character visits, dramatic presentations and crafts activities for children. All activities and presentations will be free and open to the public. **Ashley Fowlkes.**

CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY has recently installed a coin-op color/B&W printing system for public internet and word processing stations. The new system, which requires payment before printing, has proven to be very popular because of its wonderful results. **Jean Lillie.**

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. **Lynne Minnick**, who holds an MLS from Indiana University, began her position as Assistant University Librarian in the Justice & Safety Library in December. A native of Indiana, Lynne worked in several public and special libraries before obtaining her MLS.

EKU Libraries, in conjunction with the Friends of Fine Arts, the Kentucky Humanities Council, and the University Diversity Office, presented a four-part series on the history of jazz music in February. Each program featured a lecturer and a jazz ensemble. **Greg Engstrom**, Team Leader of the Music Library team, coordinated the event. **Peggy Flaherty.**

KENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. **J. C. Morgan**, formerly Branch Manager of the Independence Branch in the Kenton County Public Library System, became the Director of the Campbell County Public Library on January 1. **Wayne Onkst.**

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY. The new depository librarian at Kentucky State University is **Bessie Gray-Knox**. She has a law degree and she received her library degree from Clark Atlanta University in May 2001. Bessie comes to KSU from the University of Illinois at Chicago and started her job at KSU the first week of February. **Sandee McAninch.**

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY. **Consuela Cline**, Extended Campus Paraprofessional, has earned her MLS

from the University of Illinois. She completed the entire program via the Web. **Kevin Horton** has joined the periodicals Department as Stacks Maintenance Technician. **Brenda Purnell**, a Cataloging Technician at Camden-Carroll Library since 1975, and **Betty Stevens**, with 26 years of service as a Cataloging Technician, retired in January 2003. Their joint retirements would have left an enormous hole in the Cataloging Department, but to everyone's delight they decided to return part-time, sharing one job.

Gary Austin attended the Federal Depository Library Conference in Washington D.C. from October 21-23. **Elsie Pritchard** and **Larry Besant** attended the 22nd Annual Charleston Conference held October 30 - November 2. Larry and **Marian Winner** moderated a lively lunch session on the question, "How do YOU Use Your Users?" **Carol Nutter** attended ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia where she participated in the Chapter Relations seminar, Orientation for Chapter Leaders. **Carol Nutter**.

OLDHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. The **Oldham County Public Library** recently won an "Oldham County Top Achiever" (OCTA) award presented by the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce. The Library won in the category of "Non-Profit of the Year." The "OCTA" recognizes local businesses and agencies for their professional successes and their involvement in community service. The award was presented by Chamber President **Joe Schoenbaechler** at the VIP Luncheon on February 7, preceding the annual Chamber of Commerce Showcase. **Susan Eubank**.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE LIBRARIES. **Susan Szasz Palmer** joined the University Libraries faculty as Librarian for Public Outreach Special Collections, Ekstrom Library, in January 2003. Professor Palmer was formerly Head of Public Services, Division of Rare & Manuscript Collections in the Carl A. Kroch Library at Cornell University. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of Gale Group Publishers and the Board of Editors of *Microform & Imaging Review*. **Jill D. Sherman**, a graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science, was appointed Head of Technical Services at the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library. Professor Sherman was formerly employed in Content Access, Ekstrom Library.

Ekstrom Library will host the **SOLINET Workshop: Digital Imaging of Library Materials** (April 9-10). For registration information, costs and full detail of topics covered in the workshop go to <http://www.solinet.net/> and click on workshops.

University of Louisville reference librarians began a pilot project to offer virtual reference service to faculty and students at U of L in October 2002. **Live Assistance** software was chosen as the beginning platform. Professor **Terri L. Holtze**, Ekstrom Reference Department, is the coordinator for the Virtual Reference Desk, which is staffed 20 hours per week by thirteen volunteer librarians from four U of L Libraries.

A wonderful new collection of children's books that focus on multicultural and diversity issues opened in the

Ekstrom Library during Children's Book Week. The **Barbara S. Miller Multicultural Children's Literature Collection** was named in honor of the late Director of Children's Services at the Louisville Free Public Library. Mrs. Miller was remembered as the "Story Lady" from the WHAS children's television program *T-Bar-V-Ranch*. The collection, which consists of over 500 books on the shelves with another 500 being processed, will be used by teacher education classes and is available for circulation to anyone in the community.

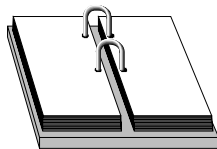
The African American Barbershop from the Era of "Jim Crow" to Desegregation, an exhibit by University of Kentucky Professor **Doris Wilkinson** was on display in the Ekstrom Library Lobby through February 28. The exhibit which traced the history of black barbershops included old barbering tools and photographs of black barbers and shops in Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky. Many local African American barbers attended the opening and participated in lively audience discussion. Publicity on the exhibit, including articles by **Bruce Schreiner**, Associated Press, appeared in the *Courier-Journal*, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, and the *Paducah Sun*, on February 10. **Diane Nichols**.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. **Rose Davis**, former Catalog Librarian, became Coordinator Bibliographic Access & Training effective January 1st as **Connie Foster** assumed her duties as Head of the Department of Technical Services. **Terri Baker**, ILL Librarian's signed biographical essay on the milliner and fashion designer, "Halston," was published in the reference book, *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s*, vol. 1. Her signature on the essay is "**Therese Duzinkiewicz Baker**." **Jack Montgomery** is a member of the Educational Committee Planning Team for the ALA/ALCTS Acquisitions Section who is sponsoring a pre-conference of "The Business of Acquisitions" at the ALA Summer meeting in Toronto.

At University Libraries annual Christmas luncheon, the Margie Helm Faculty Award for Outstanding Performance was given to **Peggy Wright**. The Margie Helm Staff Award for Outstanding Performance went to **Sue Lynn Stone**. Wright is a semi-retired member of the Library Public Services faculty and Stone is University Archivist in the Library Special Collections. Each received a \$200 cash award and a framed certificate.

The book of **Jonathan Jeffrey**, Special Collections Librarian in the Department of Library Special Collections, has been published. *Bowling Green in Vintage Postcards*, in its second printing, is one of Arcadia Publishing's Postcard History series. Some recent publications by **Lynn Niedermeier** are: "Western's Big Brother: Ogden College Celebrates 75 Years in the Western Family," *Echo* (Dec. 2002); an article on G. G. Craig in *Landmark Report* (Dec. 2002); a review of *Judith Bainbridge, Academy and College: A History of the Women's College of Furman University Press* in the most recent issue of the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. **Sue Lynn Stone** was guest speaker for the Filson Club Historical Society Noontime Series on November 14. **Jonathan Jeffrey**, **Sue Lynn Stone** and **Sandy Staebell** are active speakers as members of the Kentucky Humanities Council's Speakers' Bureau. **Jack Montgomery**.

KLA Calendar of Events



CYASS Spring Conference	March 21-22, 2003 Natural Bridge, KY
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning	March 22, 2003 Bardstown, KY
Academic/Special/Ky Chapter of SLA Joint Spring Conference	April 2-4, 2003 Cumberland Falls, KY
Public Library Section/Kentucky Library Trustees Association Spring Conference	May 7-9, 2003 Louisville, KY
Legislative Day	May 12-13, 2003 Washington, DC
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning	June 14, 2003 Lexington, KY
ALA Annual Conference	June 19-25, 2003 Toronto, ON, Canada
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning	August 16, 2003 Galt House, Louisville, KY
KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference	October 8-11, 2003 Galt House, Louisville, KY
2003 Kentucky Book Fair Frankfort Civic Center	November 8, 2003 Frankfort, KY

NEXT INFOCUS DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2003

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ALA President, Mitch Freedman, with Kentuckians at the President's private reception for library advocates and Chapter leaders. Pictured from left: Judith Gibbons, Sue Burch, Mitch Freedman, Linda Stith, Dee Wood, and Dr. Mike Binder

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