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*A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter*

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## *President's Message*

### *Greetings from the President!*

Springtime is just around the corner, and we have a lot of KLA activities coming up. The Government Documents Round Table has a fantastic spring program and business meeting scheduled for the end of March; Academic and Special Sections' joint meeting will be held in mid April, followed by KPLA Section's joint meeting with the Trustees Round Table the next week. And, since it's never too early to mark your calendar – don't forget the KSMA Summer Refresher scheduled for July 9-10 in Bardstown. I hope to see a lot of you at these and other functions throughout the year.

The most recent KLA Board Meeting was held in February and while the upcoming Spring activities were major discussion items, we also discussed plans for the 2007 ALA National Library Legislative Day, which will be held on May 1-2 in Washington DC. We are very fortunate that Kentucky's participation in the event is coordinated by State Librarian and Commissioner Wayne Onkst's office, and we are sending a total of nine representatives from KLA. At least one representative from each of our KLA Sections, as well as the Library Awareness Committee Chair and I will be attending this year. More information on Legislative Day, including Virtual Library Legislative Day, can be found at the following URL <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlld2007.htm>

The Board also discussed plans for our 2008 Annual Conference, which will be a co-joined event with the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) and the National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC). Due to the enormity of the planning process for an event of this size, I have made a Presidential appointment of an Interim Conference Planning Chair. I'm pleased to announce that **Debbe Oberhausen** from the Crescent Hill branch of the Louisville Free Public Library has accepted the position. We all look forward to working with Debbe on this venture; I encourage you to provide support to her and volunteer for conference planning duties.

**Laura Davison**

### **Proposed Slate of Officers for 2008**

**Vice-President/President-Elect: Debbe Oberhausen.** Debbe Oberhausen is currently the Branch Manager of the Crescent Hill Library for Louisville Free Public Library. She has worked at LFPL since 1989 as a Children's Librarian for 11 years and a Branch Manager for 8. Previously she has worked at the University of Louisville Archives and Records Center. Debbe has been actively involved in KLA, serving in many capacities, and is a member of ALA. She served on the board of the Public Library Section of KLA, was the Chair Elect and Annual Conference Planning Committee Coordinator for the section, and presided as Chair in 2003-2004. Debbe was a member of the Children's and Young Adult Section for over ten years (1989-200), as well as the Kentucky Libraries and School Partnership Round Table (1995-2000), and is presently a member of the Youth

Services Round Table. With her knowledge and experience, Debbe will bring a great deal of expertise to the Board and to this office.

**Secretary: Darlah Carman.** Darlah Carman is the school media specialist at Meade County High School in Brandenburg, KY. She is currently the President of the Kentucky School Media Association, having served on that board in various capacities since 2000, and is serving on the 2007 KLA/KSMA Fall Conference planning committee. Also a member of ALA, Darlah has accepted a position on the conference planning committee to help plan the American Association of School Librarians' portion of the 2008 ALA/AASL Annual in Anaheim, CA. Her enthusiasm for her profession as well as her willingness to take on new challenges makes her an excellent candidate for this office.

Submitted by Nominating Committee: **Christine McIntosh** (chair), **Geneva Huttenlocher**, and **Evie Topcik**.

## *Section and Round Table News*

**Academic Section.** *Kentucky Libraries: Connecting with Colleagues and Customers*, the Academic/Special Library/SLA Kentucky Chapter/ACRL Chapter Joint Spring Conference will be held April 18-20 at the Hilton Greater Cincinnati Airport in Florence. Featured speakers include: Janice Lachance, Executive Director, Special Library Association who will address the topic of Making Yourself Indispensable in the Changing World of Information Management and Nick Clooney who will be the lunchtime speaker on Thursday.

**African American Librarian & Library Employees Round Table.** ALLERT is busy planning for the 2007 KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference, "Building and Strengthening Communities: Advocating Our Future" September 19-22, Marriott Hotel Downtown Louisville is underway. We hope to provide some really great programming and are working on a couple of ideas that we hope you will enjoy! We need new members! An organization is only as strong as its members. ALLERT has a lot of strong members but not a lot of members. Please join us and encourage your friends and colleagues to join as well. **Patrick Davison**

**GODORT.** You are invited to attend the Spring KLA GODORT Program and Meeting on Friday, March 30, 2007 at the William T. Young Library Gallery in Lexington, Kentucky from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Activities will include a presentation on Federal and State Trademarks by **Rae Shepherd-Schlecter**, Louisville Free Public Library; a program on PACER: Public Access to Court Electronic Records by **Sarah Glassmeyer**, UK College of Law Library; The Hub @ WT;s: UK's Information Commons, by **Stacey Greenwell**, along with a special tour of the Commons. Directions, maps, and parking information can be found at: [http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/page.php?lweb\\_id=25](http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/page.php?lweb_id=25) **Dee Wood**  
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## KLA Member News and Library Updates



**Eastern Kentucky University.** EKU Libraries is proud to announce the June 2006 appointment of **Carrie Cooper** as the Dean of Libraries. Cooper served as the Interim Dean of EKU Libraries for the 2005-06 academic year. Prior to this role she served as EKU Libraries' Coordinator of Research and Instruction for three years and as the Learning Resources Center Team Leader for three years. Before coming to academic libraries, Cooper spent much time in public schools where she served as a high school librarian and an elementary school teacher. Cooper brings a wealth of experience and clear passion to her new role as Dean of EKU Libraries.

**Ning Zou** joined the Research and Instruction Division as a Reference Librarian in July 2006. She comes to EKU Libraries from Miami University where she was the Academic Resident Librarian for two years. She is a graduate of Indiana University with a Master's Degree in Library Science and a Master's Degree in Information Science. Zou is currently coordinating all library programming for first year students. She will be hosting a roundtable at the upcoming ACRL conference entitled "Finding Your Career Sea Legs: A Roundtable Discussion on common early career issues."

**Brad Marcum**, Distance Education Librarian, was recently awarded the *Kentucky Libraries Award* for his article, "Digital Reference: Stressmaker or Savior?" Also, Marcum recently co-presented "The Evolving Web: Keeping Up With Your Patrons" with **Steve Stone**, **Kandace Rogers** and **Tiana French** at the Kentucky Library Association Conference.

Marcum, **Julie George** - Reference Team Leader, and **Cindy Judd** - Learning Resource Center Team Leader, recently presented "Stealth Patrons: Using Technology to Reach Invisible Students" at the Kentucky Higher Education Computing Conference. This session was in response to EKU Libraries' successful new Instant Messaging service which enables students, faculty and staff to get immediate research assistance using their favorite instant messaging provider. The service will also be discussed at the Spring KLA Conference in a session titled "Who's Ur Buddy? Using Free IM Chat aggregators to Provide Digital Reference Service" by Judd and Marcum. Also, **Melissa Schutt** - Learning Resource Center Librarian and **Nicole Montgomery** - Justice and Safety Librarian will present "Captivate Them! Creating a High Interest Library Tutorial."

EKU Libraries' University Archives is pleased to announce the publication of a second book about Eastern Kentucky University in the Arcadia Publishing Campus History Series. *Eastern Kentucky University: 1957-2006*, a 128 page pictorial history by authors Jackie Couture, Debbie Whalen and Chuck Hill will serve as a companion to *Eastern Kentucky University: 1906-1956*.

**Kelly Smith**, Electronic Resources Librarian, recently published "The Virtual Viewpoint" in the September 2006 issue of the *Serials Review*. Marcum and **Linda Sizemore** - Interim Coordinator of Research and Instruction, recently published "Making the World Better One Student At a Time: Using Constructivist Learning Theory in Partnering with Faculty to Teach Information Literacy Skills to Social Work Students" in *Discover, Connect, Engage: Creative Integration of Information Literacy* (Pierian Press, 2006).

EKU's Academic Search Premier Tutorial has been accepted into the ALA/ACRL Instruction Section's Peer-Reviewed

Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO) project and added to the PRIMO database. **Karen Gilbert, Melissa Schutt, Nicole Montgomery, Brad Marcum, Cristina Tofan, Kari Martin, Ning Zou and Linda Sizemore** are to be commended for their work on this project.

**Nicole Montgomery** has received an ACRL Conference Scholarship awarded to new librarians. She will be traveling, all expenses paid, to Baltimore in April.

EKU Libraries hosted a fall celebration of scholarship entitled *Reflections on Scholarship: Celebrating Excellence and Innovation*. The event featured guest speaker Dr. Edwin Delattre of Boston University, EKU's Faculty Brass Quintet, the Student Guitar Ensemble and a historical photo display of EKU Libraries and of faculty in their scholarly roles. Faculty and staff were invited to join the afternoon celebration which was part of EKU's year long Centennial celebration.

**Kari Martin.**

**Hazard Community & Technical College Libraries** will host the second annual Regional Library Conference for Public, Academic, & School Library Personnel on May 18th, 2007. Sessions will feature online reference services, digital copyright, genealogy, young adult/children's literature review, ebooks, and more. Conference fees will also include a light lunch. For more information, contact **Esther French** at [Esther.French@kctcs.edu](mailto:Esther.French@kctcs.edu) or **Cathy Branson** at [Cathy.Branson@kctcs.edu](mailto:Cathy.Branson@kctcs.edu). Phone: 800-246-7521 ext. 73124 or 73550. **Esther French**

**Jessamine County Public Library.** **Susan "Susie" Lawrence**, Director, retired at the end of January after serving almost 15 years in the position. Since taking the helm in July 1992, Lawrence steered the Library through several stages of growth and development, including a name change from Withers Memorial Public Library, the construction of a new facility and the subsequent expansion of that facility to accommodate the number of library customers. **Keyth Sokol**

**Lexington Public Library.** A new chapter of REFORMA-[National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking] is forming here in Kentucky. If your branch or department serves the exploding Latino population, consider joining **REFORMA Southeast**. You don't have to speak Spanish or be Latino to join. You only have to be interested in delivering great customer service to your patrons. Meetings will be held quarterly after the first meeting March 15 at the Village Branch Library, 2185 Versailles Road, Lexington KY 40504.

Email if you're interested in joining us: [rmontano-mith@lexpublib.org](mailto:rmontano-mith@lexpublib.org)

Check the National REFORMA site here for general information: <http://www.reforma.org/who.html>

**Rebecca Montaño-Smith**

**Louisville Free Public Library.** The Louisville Library Foundation has received a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to conduct "The Big Read" presented in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Additional support comes from the Community Foundation of Louisville and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Additional information about The Big Read can be found at [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).

The schedule for The Big Read events is up on the LFPL website. This includes 26 book discussions at the library and 14 in other locations in the community. Forty-four related adult, young

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adult, children's programs will also take place throughout the community. The link below will provide more information and a complete listing of programs.

<http://www.lfpl.org/includes/SpecialAnnouncements/BigRead2007.htm> **Debbe Oberhausen**

**Morehead State University.** **Mykie Howard** joined the Camden-Carroll Library in January as the new Serials Librarian, and **Clay Howard** joined Special Collections and Archives as a Library Specialist. **Dr. Shondrah Nash**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, is working with the library this semester as a 45-hour intern through MSU's President's Leadership Academy (PLA). **Jason Vance**, ILL/Regional Campus Librarian, is also a PLA participant and is an intern with MSU's Center for Teaching and Learning. **Lisa Nichols**, Coordinator of Instructional Services, has been accepted to attend the Program Track of the ACRL Institute for Information Literacy Immersion in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in August 2007. The Camden-Carroll Library recently introduced two new services: free library cards to area educators and a library blog. **Jason Vance**

**Northern Kentucky University.** The grand opening of the new reading room for the **Eva G. Farris Special Collections/Schlachter Archives** will take place on March 23. The room is a beautiful study in post-modern design, with heavy use of cherry veneering and interesting colors/patterns. The room represents the first phase of a two part renovation of the Library's Special Collections area. Author Kim Edwards will be the subject of an event sponsored by the **Friends of Steely Library** on April 4th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Edwards will be reading from her book, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*. Attendees can RSVP to Julie Matthews at 859-572-5636 or [matthewsju@nku.edu](mailto:matthewsju@nku.edu). Steely Library is proud to welcome several new employees. Librarians **Leslie Hammann**, **Stephanie Smith**, and **Robert Zai III** have joined the Research and Information Services department. **Nicole Staun** has joined the Access Services department as Night Supervisor. **Tyler Trolio** has joined the Technical Services department as a Cataloging Technician. **Erin Smith**, Interlibrary Loan Supervisor, is the new chair/convenor for the SouthWest Ohio and Neighbors ILL Interest Group and **Katy McBryan**, Cataloging Technician, is the new chair/convenor for the SWON Support Staff Interest Group. **Sheri Myers**

**Thomas More College.** **Andrea Brofft** joined the TMC Library in March as the Reference & Government Documents Librarian. The College will also be the host for the Kentucky Voyager Users' Group Annual Meeting to be held June 1, 2007. The KVUG Program Planners have excellent speakers lined up, including **Michael Doran**, University of Texas at Arlington. Mark your calendars and join us! **Leoma Dunn**

**University of Kentucky.** There were several personnel and position changes in the UK Law Library over the past months. **Helane Davis** replaced **Rebecca Trammell** as Director of the Law Library, and **Amy Osborne** moved from her Reference position to become Head of Public Services. **Sarah Glassmeyer** joined the Law Library in December 2006, replacing **Lance Burke**. Long-time cataloger **Lew Bowling** retired in December, and two more librarians will retire this summer: **Jill Buckland**, Head of the Education Library, and **Mary Vass**, Director of Institutional Information Literacy. **Judy Sackett**

The **University of Kentucky** has opened an Information Commons! Located in the lower level of the William T. Young Library, the Hub @ WT's opened March 5, 2007. The Hub offers IT help and library research assistance in one convenient location. The Hub features rolling chairs, tables, cubicle walls, and whiteboards for students to arrange to meet their group study needs. Some of the new equipment included at the Hub: new Macs, Windows computers, video editing bays, and presentation practice rooms. In addition to providing the services, tools, and support for student work, the Hub offers flexible, comfortable seating for lounging as well as snack and beverage machines. Stop by and see us next time you are on campus. <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/hub> **Stacey Greenwell**

#### **UK Librarian selected as Research Libraries Leadership Fellow.**

In 2004, the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) began a leadership program in response to increasing demands for succession planning for research libraries—the RLLF Program offers a new approach to preparing the next generation of library leaders. This year the ARL has selected 23 individuals representing a broad array of backgrounds and experiences from multiple ARL institutions to participate in the two-year program. The selected Fellows demonstrated that they possess the skills needed to succeed in leadership positions in large, complex institutions. **Lisa Carter** will represent the University of Kentucky Libraries in the 2007-2008 cohort. In her application to the program, Carter described her interest in investigating how research libraries are exposing hidden collections to enrich the academic experience. She observed that “as teaching, research and life-long learning evolve, research libraries must capitalize on their unique collections and services to remain relevant, broaden their constituency and address increasingly niche interests.” During her time as a RLLF fellow, Carter will explore how ARL libraries are meeting the challenges of identifying, managing and providing access to unique and rare materials via the technologies and changing ways in which researchers and students learn, teach and grow.

This second offering of the RLLF Program is being designed and sponsored by six ARL member libraries: University of California, Berkeley, and the California Digital Library; Harvard University; University of Minnesota; North Carolina State University; Pennsylvania State University; and the University of Toronto. More information about the program is available on the ARL RLLF website at: <http://www.arl.org/leadership/rllf/> **Judy Sackett**

#### **ALA Council Election**

We have the opportunity this year to elect our own **Judith Gibbons** to the ALA Council. All paid ALA members as of Jan. 31, 2007 are eligible to vote. You can vote either by e-mail or by paper ballot. Paper ballots are not sent automatically and must be requested by ALA. E-mailed ballots will be e-mailed March 15-17 and must be returned by April 24.

This is a great opportunity for us to get one of our own on the ALA Council. Please relay this message to any staff members who are ALA members and ask your ALA member friends to vote for Judith. **Wayne Onkst**

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Apr. 18-20, 2007	Academic/Special/Ky Chapter SLA Joint Spring Conference, Hilton Cincinnati Airport, Florence
Apr. 25-27, 2007	KPLA/KLTRT Annual Conference, Hilton Cincinnati Airport, Florence
June 21-27, 2007	ALA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
Sept. 19-22, 2007	KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville
Oct. 1-4, 2008	NDLC/KLA/SELA Joint Conference, Marriott Downtown, Louisville

## Section and Round Table News

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**LAMRT.** The Library Administration & Management Round Table, along with Community & Technical College Round Table and the Recruitment, Mentoring, & Diversity Committee, is sponsoring a Quantum<sup>2</sup> session, *Creating a Knowledge Sharing Environment* (Presenter: **Pat Currie Blume**, Dialog), at the KLA/KSMA 2007 Joint Fall Conference. **Leoma Dunn**

**Special Library Section.** The 2007 KLA Academic and Special Sections and the Kentucky Chapter of SLA Joint Spring Conference, "Kentucky Libraries: Connecting with Colleagues & Customers" April 18-20, at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport in Florence, Kentucky promises to be an "affair to remember." **Leoma Dunn, Donna Smith**, and the local arrangements committee have put together a Thursday-Night-Out event that promises to be an unforgettable experience, a Cincinnati Reds baseball game.

Nine members of KLA will be traveling to our Nation's Capital to let our congressman know what we think about important library issues. **Patrick Davison** will be representing the Special Library Section at the American Library Association National Library Legislative Day, Washington, D.C., on May 1-2.

As they say, we are looking for a few good librarians. The Special Library Section is the smallest Section of KLA. While the other KLA sections are clearly defined by type the Special Library Section is not. If you are looking for a way to fast track your career or for mentors with a wealth of experience to offer please consider joining The KLA Special Library Section. **Patrick Davison**

## ALA Presidential Election

**Jim Rettig**, whose first professional position was in reference at Murray State University from 1976-78, is on the slate for President of ALA. Currently Jim is head librarian at the University of Richmond in Virginia. According to his web site, "I am very honored to be a candidate for president of the American Library Association. I accepted this nomination because I believe in ALA's value to its members, to America's libraries, to American society, and to the international library community." Visit Jim's web site at <http://rettigforala.org> for more information.

## Fall Conference update

*Building and Strengthening Communities: Advocating Our Future* is the theme of our Fall Conference this year. It is time for you to submit ideas for your participation in the Conference. The official \*Call for Proposals for Poster Sessions\* and \*Call for Mini-Session Proposals\* may be found at <http://www.kylibasn.org/downloads.cfm>. You will notice that the deadline is April 30, 2007. The Conference Planning Committee will be following a very tight schedule, so please submit your proposal as soon as possible. Throughout the years, our membership has enjoyed quality programming and we want to continue providing that same level of quality programming. Your support is what makes our Conference possible. Thank you, **Fannie Cox**



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