



# IN-FO-CUS

A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

I'm writing this President's report at the last minute as my computer access has been very limited the last few weeks due to the flooding in Louisville and at the Louisville Free Public Main Library. The situation has been sad, difficult, challenging, but most of all hopeful. After the initial shock and sadness our system immediately took up the challenge of continuing service to the best of our ability while trying to assess damage, restore full service, and plan for the clean-up and recovery.

It is amazing how dependent we have become on technology but we found that we were able to help our patrons using many skills we had learned over the years. We shared our personal emails so we could keep in touch each evening with what was happening. Once internet access was restored, but prior to our catalog restoration, we were able to use the catalogs of other libraries to find call numbers and other bibliographic information.

One plus for library branches was that the staff of the Main Library was temporarily reassigned to work with us. They manned the desks, shelved and shelf read our libraries, helped with story times and cleaned picture books. Branch staff was able to clean out offices and work space and accomplish some long term projects that had been sitting on the back burner. Once the circulation system was restored we worked together to process the enormous backlog of materials, while continuing to provide service to our patrons. I don't think we skipped a beat; in fact we opened our newest branch just 11 days after the flood.

If you work in a library you know how important teamwork can be. Here in Louisville we have always had a good team but now we know how much we all are dependant upon each other. I don't recommend a natural disaster to test your team but in Louisville we

have been tested and we have passed with an A+. We look forward to our future and are confident it is bright!

I also want to encourage everyone to attend the Fall Conference Sept. 30 – Oct. 2. The program is set it looks to be an informative and exciting conference.

My year as KLA President is coming to an end and I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all my Kentucky Library Association colleagues. Your confidence in my ability to lead this organization is greatly appreciated. It has been an honor to serve and I will cherish the friendships that I have made. I want to especially thank the 2008-2009 KLA Board for all of their work this year. Lastly I want congratulate Emmalee Hill Hoover, the 2009-2010 KLA President. She will do a great job!

See you soon!

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## KLA Section and Roundtable News

### Academic Libraries Section

The Academic Section will be hosting its fall business meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 5:15 pm (ET), in Louisville at the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference. Elections will be held for Treasurer and Chair-elect. The Academic Section will also be sponsoring a guest speaker at the conference. Jacob Hill, Elmhurst College, will speak about the use of mobile devices in libraries.

### Information & Technology Roundtable

The Information & Technology Roundtable is looking for officers! If you're interested, please contact the current Chair, Johan Koren, at [johan.koren@coe.murraystate.edu](mailto:johan.koren@coe.murraystate.edu).

We will be holding our business meeting at the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference on Friday, October 2nd at 1:00pm.

Following the business meeting, ITRT will be presenting a panel program entitled, " Experiencing IT K-100: Ensuring Continuity for Lifelong Research Needs." Panel members will include Terri Kirk, Reidland High School, Linda Bartnik, Murray State University, and Julie Hart, Director of McCracken County Public Library.



**library awareness**

The KPLA Legislative Committee works for Kentucky's public libraries on statewide funding issues. This summer the Committee has lost three of its founders. Their leadership and knowledge will be greatly missed.

Judy Burdine retired from the Pulaski County Public Library after 33 years at the end of June. During that time she was elected as the first female President of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and served as KPLA Chair and KLA President. Right before retiring Burdine realized her longtime dream and oversaw the construction of a new central library in Somerset. She will continue volunteer work at the library she served for so many years.

Cindy Brown, Boone County Public Library Director, retired at the end of August with 24 years of service. During her tenure Brown led the library district from one location in Florence to six locations including a new central library in Burlington and branches in Florence, Hebron, Union, and Walton. The library also manages the Chapin Memorial Library in Petersburg. She has overseen numerous building projects and secured the library an enviable operating budget. Brown served as KPLA Chair and KLA President. She will return to her hometown of Marietta, Ohio.

Jeff Sauer's service to the Anderson County Public Library ended at the end of August after 22 years. The Legislative Committee formed while Sauer was KPLA Chair. Over the years Jeff oversaw the expansion and modernization of the former library and a few years

ago the construction of a new library. Sauer plans to spend his retirement years gardening, a passion that is evident at the back entrance of the new library. ----  
*Linda Kompanik, Library Awareness Chair*

**Public Library Association**

This is a busy time for everyone. Kentucky public libraries have ended their 2008-2009 Fiscal Year and began their 2009-2010 Fiscal Year, which included finalizing their budgets, completing Summer Reading Programs, and working on their Annual Reports to submit KDLA.

Hopefully, everyone is planning to submit the Kentucky Public Library Standard scoring sheet. It is easier than ever with the Excel spreadsheet created by Charlotte McIntosh, KDLA Regional Librarian, along with the Kentucky Public Library Standards Committee! Go to <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/standards.htm> to fill out & submit the completed survey to [lisar@warrenpl.org](mailto:lisar@warrenpl.org) by September 15. Certificates will be handed out at the KLA/KSMA Conference in Louisville being held September 30 through October 3. I know everyone is looking forward to attending the KLA/KSMA Conference and public library attendees are planning to attend the KPLA-sponsored sessions with Pat Wagner.

The KPLA Legislative Committee had a retreat on August 19 and plans to hire a consultant to help blueprint the next ten years of the committee's work. Until then, we are asking that everyone advertise the services and usage of their libraries locally. We ask that every library practice transparency in both revenues and expenditures. Any opportunity to speak with your local legislators about libraries should be exploited fully. If we don't say "libraries" to our legislators, then who will? (**Kristi Tucker, Chair** Kentucky Public Library Association)

## Resource Sharing Round Table

The Resource Sharing Round Table is hosting two programs at the annual KLA/KSMA Joint Fall Conference. "Mission (Almost) Impossible: Effective Management of Busy Circulation Departments" will be on Friday, October 2 at 1:00 (co-sponsored by the Library Support Staff Round Table). Charlene Davis and Enid Wohlstein will be presenting "An Introduction to Kentucky Resource Sharing" on Friday, October 2 at 11:00. The Round Table's business meeting will be held Friday, October 2 at 8:00-8:50am.

In addition, the Round Table has created a Facebook group, "Access Services in Kentucky Libraries." All are welcome to join!

## Special Library Section

The Special Section is currently working to plan the Joint Spring Conference along with Academic Section and SLA KY Chapter. The conference will be held April 28th-30th at General Butler State Park. Room reservations are currently being taken at the park under SLA KY Chapter. A call for presentations will be coming out soon.

The section will be sponsoring a session at the fall conference titled "Google: An Information Platform Becomes the Digital Gutenberg" by Stephen E. Arnold. The section is also co-sponsoring the talent show, "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage V".

At the business meeting, held during the fall conference, the nominating committee will present the following slate of officers for the membership to approve. Under new business, the membership will be voting to add the position of Treasurer to the Executive Board.

Chair-Elect: Virginia McClure

Secretary: Claudene Sproles

Next IN-FO-CUS deadline: December 21, 2009. Please send news and items of interest to Carrie Herrmann at [cherrman@bcpl.org](mailto:cherrman@bcpl.org). You can also call her at 859-292-3387 with any questions.

## Accolades

**Susan Henthorn**, Berea Digital Coordinator (**Hutchins Library, Berea College**), was promoted to Associate Professor of Library Science.

**Ed Poston**, Instructional Services Librarian (**Hutchins Library, Berea College**), and **Calvin Gross** (**Hutchins Library, Berea College**), Technical Systems & Services Coordinator, were promoted to Assistant Professor of Library Science.

**Hopkinsville Community College** will be hosting the Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War traveling exhibition in 2011. The HCC Library is the only one in Kentucky that was selected. Over a five-year period, it will be displayed in 25 libraries throughout the United States. It is being funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Boone County Public Library** Director **Cindy Brown** retired after 24 years. When Cindy began working as library director in April 1985, the Library had one location. Under her direction, Boone County Public Library has grown to serve a population of more than 112,000 residents from six locations.

**Greta Southard** has been named the new Director of the **Boone County Public Library**. Greta comes to Boone County from Chicago, Illinois, where she has been the Executive Director of the Public Library Association since 1996. Her first day at BCPL will be September 8.

**Granuaile O'Flanagan** retired from **Morehead State University** after 18 years of service. Granuaile began her career as a cataloger, later moving into a position as systems librarian.

Construction has begun on the first phase of a Library Commons at **Morehead State University**, to be operated jointly with IT. The Commons is scheduled to be ready for use in Fall 2010.

**Ray Bailey** recently finished a complete redesign of the **Morehead State University** Library's web site.

**Shelia Ploetner**, the Inter-Library Loan Librarian at the **Oldham County Public Library**, has retired after having been on staff at the Library since 1986. "I know that Shelia will be missed by our staff and by many of our library users," said Susan Eubank, Library Director.

"Over the years Shelia was always ready to assist customers to get the information they needed. She has been a most outstanding representative of our library system for many years."

The Groundbreaking for the **Noel Studio for Academic Creativity** will take place on Saturday, September 19. The Noel Studio, located inside the historic Crabbe Library entrance, will house **Eastern Kentucky University's** Writing and Communication Center, alongside library services. This collaborative effort between the Library, the Department of Communication and the Department of English will support EKU's QEP which is focused on developing graduates with critical and creative thinking, research and communication skills.

**Eastern Kentucky University Libraries** are thrilled to have a number of new and talented individuals on board. **Dr. Russell Carpenter**, formerly the Director of the University of Central Florida's Writing Center, began work at EKU in August as the first Director of the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity. **Dolores Yilibuw**, Acquisitions Team Leader, comes to us from Emory University, where she worked as a full time staff member in Acquisitions. **Jeremy Turner** is our new Circulation and Periodicals Team Leader. He was formerly the Circulation Evening Manager. We also welcome **Pennie Centers** our new Purchasing Assistant and congratulate **Amy Tabb**, our Acquisitions Specialist, on the recent completion of her MSLS at the University of Kentucky.

**Eastern Kentucky University** faculty have been actively presenting and publishing over the last few months. **Alice Wasielewski** co-presented with **Stacey Greenwell** a session called "What a Huge Hubbub! Welcoming Students to the Library by Having a Party" at the spring KLA Conference and a session called "Causing a Hubbub: hosting a Freshmen Orientation Extravaganza at the Library" at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference. **Nicole Montgomery** and **Cindy Judd** had an article published in the summer 2009 issue of *Kentucky Libraries* entitled "LibGuides and Librarians: Connecting Content and Community." Additionally, **Alice Wasielewski** had an article published in the *College & Research Libraries News* July/August 2009 issue entitled "The Huge Hubbub: Freshman Orientation Fun at the Library." EKU Librarians will be actively participating in the upcoming KLA Conference

in Louisville. Presenters include but are not limited to **Betina Gardner, Julie George, Kevin Jones, Cristina Tofan, Nicole Montgomery, Brad Marcum** and **Jeremy Turner**.

**Eastern Kentucky University Librarians Brad Marcum, Nicole Montgomery** and **Kevin Jones** recently won an ALA/PRIMO Site of the Month award for their tutorial called, "Beginning Information Literacy for Distance Learners." The tutorial was accepted into the ALA/ACRL Instruction Section's Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO) project and added to the PRIMO database. This trio of folks will be contacted sometime this fall for a special interview which will be then be featured on the PRIMO Site of the Month web site.

**Eastern Kentucky University Dean Carrie Cooper** attended the Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Conference in Pittsburgh, PA with EKU's Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, **Dr. Jaleh Rezaie**. They are working together on the implementation of an ETD program. Dean Cooper and Kari Martin, Director of Library Advancement, also attended the Academic Library Development and Advancement Network (ALADN) Conference in Williamsburg, VA in April.

**Boyd County Public Library** recently donated all its fiction shelving and circulation desk to the new Carter County Public Library in Grayson. BCPL has been remodeling its Main Branch in Ashland for the past few years, and was pleased to be able to give the fledgling Carter County library furniture and fixtures it would have otherwise had to purchase.

**Steve Gilmore**, a longtime member of the **Boyd County Public Library** board of trustees, retired in August after serving 10 years on the board. Gilmore, who is formerly the Ashland mayor and currently superintendent of Ashland Schools, was the BCPL board president in 2004 and 2005

**Boyd County Public Library** is partnering with the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland and several other local organizations on The Big Read in September. The community will be reading "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain, with a variety of fun events planned throughout the month at the Library and other locations around town.

Designer Vern Yip closed out **Warren County Public Library's** "World As I See It" series in Bowling Green August 20. In addition to providing design tips, he shared insight into his background, highlighting his passion for giving back to the community through his work on HGTV's "Design Star." The series that began in May also showcased presentations by journalist Nick Clooney, environmentalist Doug Fine, and photojournalist Linda Schaefer.

The **Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Public Library** moved into a new building July 6, 2009. The new building is over 14,000 square feet, and features an Internet Café with a coffee bar and big screen TV. The building has wireless internet and has more computer stations; youth computers increased from six to 10, and adult computers increased from nine to 14. The library also features a community meeting room with state of the art projection equipment with surround sound. The move enabled the library to increase shelving and parking spaces, and community feedback so far is that the new library is a very warm and inviting environment.

The **Newberg Branch** of the **Louisville Free Public Library** is the first new library in Louisville in 13 years. The 8,300 square foot building is technology and education focused, with large children and teen areas featuring study tables and a study room. There are over 30 touch screen computers available for adults, teens and children. Customers can checkout materials, manage their account or pay fees and fines with a credit card at the self-serve kiosk. The building incorporates green technologies and architectural design to save energy and be eco-friendly. Green features include geothermal heating and cooling, daylight harvesting interior lighting that adjusts depending on the amount of light coming in from outside, and energy efficient windows. The roof funnels water directly into a native rain garden.

The **Mercer County Public Library** held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new library addition August 2, 2009. Approximately 120 people attended. When the building addition is complete, the library will have 22,500 square feet, more than doubling its original size. The addition will enable the library to have a separate children's department with its own activity room and

an adjacent parents reading room. There will be two study rooms, a genealogy room and a reading garden. Self-service checkout will be available, as well as a large meeting room that can be divided into two smaller meeting rooms, each with kitchen facilities available. After the groundbreaking ceremony attendees were invited inside for a "Build a Sundae" activity.

The **Bullitt County Public Library** will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony August 27 for their new library. When completed in April, the library will be 7,700 square feet. In keeping with the railroad culture of the county, the new library design will reflect a passenger train station. It will have separate adult, children and teen areas, as well as an outdoor reading area and a spacious meeting room. The library will be able to increase both its number of computers and its book collection.

The **Warren County Public Library** will also host several notable authors this fall, including Lauraine Snelling (Sept. 10), Susan Crandall (Sept. 21), Phillip Gulley (Oct. 15), Silas House (Oct. 22), and Richard Paul Evans (Nov. 23). For more information, go to [www.warrenpl.org](http://www.warrenpl.org).

**The University of Kentucky Libraries** have been selected as the recipient of the 2009 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Library Services, a division of the American Library Association, for our submission of the Notable Kentucky African Americans Database (NKAA). The NKAA Database was selected for the honor not only for its role as an important educational tool, but also its unique patron-driven approach to African-American history both within and beyond the state of Kentucky. The national award recognizes the database as an imaginative and unique resource to meet patrons' reference needs. The Libraries received a citation, and \$3,000, courtesy of the Cengage Gale Learning Company, given at the Annual RUSA awards ceremony, on Monday, July 13, in Chicago, IL. Congratulations to **Reinette Jones**, diversity and multicultural activities librarian, and **Rob Aken**, Web administration librarian, who planned, implemented and made possible this resource!

**University of Kentucky Libraries** won four ALA Awards for Marketing Materials at the LLAMA Best of Show Marketing and PR Awards:

- Best of Show – Fundraising Materials – Equine Oral History Video
- Best of Show – Videos 30 seconds and under – The Hub @ WT's Video
- Best of Show – Services Available/Orientation Materials/Policy Materials – UK Libraries Brochure for the 10th anniversary of the William T. Young Library
- Honorable Mention – Web Pages/Home Pages – Archives Blog Curiosities and Wonders

### Continuing Education Opportunities

The Information & Technology Roundtable will again be offering a "scholarship" to support travel, registration and hotel to attend the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference to a librarian who otherwise would not have travel money to attend. Look for the announcement on the KLA listserv!

### KDLA Continuing Education Events

For more information, check the website at [www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm](http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm)

Oct 6-8 Creating your next Generation Library Website using Open Source Software

Oct 8 Custom Holdings in WorldCat Resource Sharing

Oct 14-15 Web Tools for Reference Librarians: Widgets and Toolbars

Oct 21-22 Collection Management and Development

Oct 26 Online Cataloging Resources and Tools

Nov 2 & 9 Tools for the Reference Desk

Nov 3 20 Questions: Successful Strategies for Job Searchers

Nov 4-5 Creative Resource Sharing for Administrators

Nov 10 & 13 Serving Seniors with Panache

Nov 17-19 WorldCat Resource Sharing: The Basics

Nov 17-19 Creating your Next Generation Website using open source software

### Keep the date open

As part of Legislative Day (please see information below), the Library Awareness Committee would like to take a snapshot of a Day in Public Libraries. The committee is asking public libraries to gather data on the use of your library during one day, **October 19th**. If you are closed on this date, please use October 20th. The committee will use the information to emphasize to our legislators the importance of the work that happens each day in our public libraries and to better describe the loss to Kentucky's citizens if libraries were to close...even for one day.

Please send statistics for October 19th computer use, door count, circulation of materials, number of programs and program attendance to Lisa Rice at [lisar@warrenpl.org](mailto:lisar@warrenpl.org). Also, if you have a photograph from your library that illustrates the importance or impact of one of these numbers please send those as well.

**February 10, 2010** is Legislative Day in Frankfort. Plan your trip and look for more information from the KPLA Legislative Committee.

**April 14-16, 2010** is the date for the KPLA 2010 Conference in Bowling Green. The KPLA Conference Planning Committee Chair, Dave Schroeder, is accepting program proposals until December 1, 2009. It's easy to submit a proposal. <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=ck1WRExHMmxuejNYd0c5Y0VXMjFOeGc6MA> is the online form to use to submit a proposal. Share your experience and knowledge with library professionals and board members from across the Commonwealth.