Greetings from the President

I recently read a very interesting article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, titled “At Libraries, Quiet Makes a Comeback”, by Jennifer Howard. The noise level at my library, and I am sure at yours as well, has been quite an issue for many years. As teaching and learning models have changed, and as technology has advanced, our libraries have changed as well to accommodate these different needs. Our very culture is different than it was even ten years ago, since we are all “plugged in” for most of our waking hours. Students have become accustomed to using their cell phones at any time, and having access to wireless. Instructors have often embraced collaborative learning and students need spaces to do group projects and to study together. Our libraries have tried to accommodate these needs by providing more group study, and relaxing the rules on being quiet and bringing food and drink into the library. I know this has happened with academic libraries, and I am sure it has become an issue in all types of libraries. This has created some interesting challenges for all of us as we try to balance the needs of students/patrons who expect to use technology, and to work collaboratively with others, and the students/patrons who expect a quiet environment in which to study, read, or do other types of work. This article was interesting because it made the case that many students now are swinging back toward needing a quiet environment, since they simply have nowhere else to work without distractions. How do we provide for the needs of all of our patrons, especially in these times of reduced staff, fewer resources, and much leaner budgets? Many of us are working in older buildings that do not offer us the option of providing quiet study rooms or the latest technology.

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In my library, we are basically one long room. We have no study rooms or rooms in which to provide library instruction. Last year, we doubled the number of public computers based on student demand. We average between 1,100 and 1,500 patrons per day, which is a lot in that small space. Often, we have lines waiting for computers and almost all seating is taken. As you can imagine, it gets a bit chaotic in here at times! However, we do try to designate a quiet area and a group study area. The front half of the library tends to be noisier. The circulation desk and reference desk is in this area, as are the public computers and tables for group seating. The back half of the library contains the stacks, and we have study carrels around the perimeter of the space. We have signage designating this as the “quiet study area,” and ask students to refrain from speaking or having phone conversations in this area. We patrol the area as often as possible and most of the time; people understand when we ask them not to speak in this area. Of course, we have issues with patrons who feel the rules do not apply to them, and a perennial issue is those who have headphones on, but have the volume turned up so loud that others can hear. It is not a perfect solution, but for the most part, it works. If we are ever able to remodel or move into a new space, we would need to think long and hard about how to create spaces that work well for all of the needs of our patrons.

I am interested in hearing what types of issues you encounter on this topic and what types of solutions you have come up with. Regardless of the type of library, I would imagine we all face similar noise issues, and perhaps you have a strategy that would work for others. Feel free to contact me directly at Terry.Buckner@kctcs.edu or post to the KLA listserv. I always find that the best ideas come from you, my fellow librarians, and I would love to hear what you have to say on this topic.

This will be my last column for IN-FO-CUS, since my term as President is ending with the fall conference. I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement this past year. It has been an amazing experience for me, and I have loved serving as your President and representing you. I love our professional organization and plan to stay active in the future, so let’s continue to work together to strengthen our profession, and help each other with all of the issues we face.

Terry Buckner
KLA President

2012-2013 Slate of Officers
for the Kentucky Library Association

In accordance with the policy of Kentucky Library Association, the Nominating Subcommittee presents the following slate of candidates for the 2012-2013 year.

President-Elect: Brenda Metzger (Kentucky School Media Association)

Secretary: Abby Thorne (Special Library Section)

Brenda Metzger Biography:

Brenda Metzger has been a member of the KLA Board since 2009. She currently serves as the Secretary of KLA and previously served as the President of KSMA, 2010-2011. Since 1991, she has been the School Librarian at Lone Oak High School, McCracken County Public Schools, in Paducah, KY. She is also a member of American Library Association/American Association of School Librarians.

Abby Thorne Biography:

Abby Thorne currently serves as the Editor of IN-FO-CUS, the KLA newsletter, and previously served as the Secretary of the KLA Special Library Section in 2010-2011 and 2008-2009. From September 2009 through May 2012, she was Public Services Librarian at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. In addition to her involvement with the Kentucky Library Association, she is also an active member of the Special Libraries Association.

Article 5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

Sec. C. The nominees for Vice President/President Elect and Secretary shall be selected from the membership of the Sections on a rotating basis.

Sec. D. The slate of nominees shall be printed in the Association’s newsletter.

Sec. E. Other nominations may be made by presentation of a petition signed by fifty (50) Association members to the Nominating Subcommittee before August 1st. There shall be written consent of the nominee. Nominations from the membership shall follow the same guidelines and rotation order as presented by the Nominating Subcommittee.

Kentucky Library Association Nominating Subcommittee:

Leoma Dunn, Chair (Immediate Past President)
Emmalee Hoover (Kentucky School Media Association Representative)
Wendy Wood (Special Library Section Representative)
CAROL J. PARRIS MENTORING AWARD
Call for Nominations
This award is given to an individual who has been a mentor to a librarian, library worker, or library science student.

Nominees must have a sustained record of mentoring a librarian, library worker, or library science student. Nominees must not be current Executive Board members of the Association.

The Award does not have to be presented every year.

The Award, which will consist of a plaque from the Association, will be presented at the Awards Program during the Annual Conference.

Nominations will be solicited by the Library Awareness Committee.

A nominee will be recommended to the Executive Board for final approval prior to the Board meeting before the Annual Conference.

JAMES A. NELSON ADVOCACY AWARD
Call for Nominations
The Award is given to an individual who has advocated consistently for libraries, librarians, and library workers for a sustained period of time.

Nominees must not be current Executive Board members of the Association.

The Award does not have to be presented every year.

The Award, which will consist of a plaque from the Association, will be presented at the Awards Program during the Annual Conference.

Nominations will be solicited by the Library Awareness Committee.

A nominee will be recommended to the Executive Board for final approval prior to the Board meeting before the Annual Conference.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 13.
KENTUCKY INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AWARD
Call for Nominations

Intellectual Freedom, as defined by the American Library Association, is "... the right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction. It provides for free access to all expressions of ideas through which any and all sides of a question, cause or movement may be explored. Intellectual freedom encompasses the freedom to hold, receive and disseminate ideas."

The Kentucky Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award will be given to an individual or group who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Kentucky.

The Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee of the Member Services Committee will receive nominations from any Kentuckian by September 1st.

This Subcommittee will review all nominations and make a recommendation to the KLA Executive Committee prior to the Board meeting before the Annual Conference.

Criteria:
• Role played in actively promoting intellectual freedom in the sphere of influence and beyond.
• Degree to which the nominee(s) has exemplified the spirit of intellectual freedom.
• The effect of efforts to promote intellectual freedom and challenge censorship.

41.4.4. Nominations should be as well-documented as possible. Evidence in support of nominee may include:
• Published articles and/or letters
• Documentation of workshops, speeches, and testimony
• Letters of recommendation
• Pertinent written policies and procedures.
• Any other relevant information that further clarifies the nominee’s role in promoting intellectual freedom.

The Award, which will consist of a plaque from the Association, will be presented at the Awards Program during the Annual Conference.
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Call for Nominations

The Award is given to an individual who has given continuous, sustained support of the library profession through his/her life.

Nominees must be or have been a KLA member for at least 10 years. Nominees must have a sustained record of service to the Association.

Nominees must have contributed significantly to librarianship (through publications, presentations, and participation in professional library/information organizations).

Nominees must not be current Executive Board members of the Association.

The Award does not have to be presented every year.

The Award, which will consist of a plaque from the Association, will be presented at the Awards Program during the Annual Conference.

Nominations will be solicited by the Library Awareness Committee.

A nominee will be recommended to the KLA Executive Committee for final approval prior to the Board meeting before the Annual Conference.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 13.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

2000 Ellen Hellard
2001 Evelyn Richardson
2002 Phil Carrico
2003 Linda Stith
2004 Geneva Pullen
2005 Sue Burch
2006 James Nelson
2007 Carol Nutter
2008 Judith Burdine
2009 Carolyn Tassie
2010 Pam Federspiel
2011 Linda Perkins
WILLIAM H. NATCHER AWARD
Call for Nominations

The William H. Natcher Award will be given to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library. The contribution may be monetary, materials, or equipment.

The Library Awareness Committee will accept nominations for the award from Kentucky Library Association members. A name must be placed in nomination by September 1st in order to be eligible for the year.

Nominations should be limited to an individual, organization, or corporation who has not been a recipient of the Award within the last ten years.

The Library Awareness Committee will review all nominations and recommend a recipient to the Association's Executive Committee prior to the Board meeting before the Annual Conference.

The Chair of the Committee will then notify the recipient of the Award to ensure their presence at the Awards Program.

The Award, which will consist of a plaque from the Association, will be presented at the Awards Program during the Annual Conference.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, August 13.

WILLIAM H. NATCHER AWARD WINNERS
1994 William H. Natcher (posthumously)
1995 Mary Bingham
1996 Lucille Caudill Little
1997 Mr. and Mrs. David A. Jones, Sr.
1998 William T. Young, Sr.
1999 E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation
2000 Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine of Siena
2001 Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc.
2002 Robert L. Holloway
2003 Dr. Thomas D. Clark
2004 Carleton L. West
2005 Ashland Inc.
2006 Emily Hundley
2007 Rosemary and Mark Schlachter
2008 Harold Tomlinson
2009 J. C. and Azalie Egnew
2010 Dr. Paul Maddox
2011 Dan Groneck and the U.S. Bank Northern Kentucky Team.
Library Instruction Round Table Holds First Instruction Retreat

In an effort to revitalize active participation, the KLA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) held its first instruction retreat on June 8, 2012 at Transylvania University. Approximately forty instruction librarians from across the state attended this one-day professional development event, which featured presentations from Eastern Kentucky University (Emily Aldridge and Heather Beirne; Clay Howard and Nicole Montgomery), Northern Kentucky University (Andrea Brooks and Robert Zai), the University of Kentucky (Dr. Lisa O'Connor; Debbie Sharp and Judy Wiza), and the University of Louisville (Rob Detmering and Anna Marie Johnson; Tocarca Porter). Presenters focused on topics such as active learning, assessment, and best practices in higher education. For more information, see the online presentation materials at https://sites.google.com/site/klalirtretreat/presentations

The small-scale nature of the retreat allowed for extensive interaction among the participants throughout the day, as we discussed how to best meet the information literacy needs of students, faculty, and other library users. It was a great opportunity to not only learn about our colleagues’ creative and diverse approaches to information literacy but also reflect on our shared goals and challenges as instruction librarians in Kentucky. Given this initial success, we hope to make the retreat an annual, low-cost event that rotates to different institutions year to year. We’ll be brainstorming ideas for the next retreat in the near future, so if you’re interested in participating more actively in LIRT, please contact Rob Detmering at robert.detmering@louisville.edu. And don’t forget the LIRT breakfast business meeting at the fall KLA conference!

On behalf of LIRT, I’d like to extend a special thanks to Lisa Nichols (Transylvania University) and Helen Bischoff (Georgetown College) for their efforts in planning the retreat, as well as Trenia Napier (Eastern Kentucky University), Nicole Montgomery (Eastern Kentucky University), and Cathy Branson (Hazard Community and Technical College) for their significant contributions.
**KLA Member News and Library Updates**

**BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –**

**Two Take Oath of Office for Boyd County Public Library Board of Trustees**

Two new members of the Boyd County Public Library Board of Trustees took the oath of office July 16 from Boyd County Judge-Executive William Stevens. Phillip Lewis and Yvonne Cubbison will begin their terms in September. They are replacing Mike Campbell and Ashley Skidmore, whose terms will end in August. Campbell has served a total of 16 years on the BCPL board of trustees. His first term started in 1994. He is currently the board president and has also served as vice-president. Skidmore came on the BCPL board in 2008 and is currently its secretary. The Library is very grateful to Campbell and Skidmore for their years of dedication and service to the board.

**Boyd County Public Library Holds First-Ever Photo Exhibit**

Boyd County Public Library is holding its first-ever photo exhibit, in conjunction with "Between the Covers," the adult summer reading program. The exhibit, called "Nightscapes," will be on display from Aug. 3 through Sept. 4 at the Highlands Museum & Discovery Center in Ashland.

**Boyd County Public Library Expands Free Online Offerings**

Boyd County Public Library has added more free stuff to its online offerings. Library card holders can now download up to three songs a week at Freegal Music - and keep the songs
forever. BCPL has also added two other online services: Freading, an ebook checkout service similar to OverDrive (but with no waiting!); and Rocket Languages, an interactive language-learning service.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY –**

**EKU Libraries’ Staff News**

In June, Eastern Kentucky University Libraries bid a fond farewell to Verna Freer and Judy Warren as they began their retirement adventures. Verna was part of the library team for more than 40 years and was most recently Coordinator of Administrative Services. Judy was part of the library team for more than 20 years and was most recently Library Associate II in Circulation/Periodicals.

Cindi Trainor, Coordinator of Technology and Data Services, was recently named Vice President of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

**Publications and Presentations**

Dr. Russell Carpenter, Director of the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity; Trenia Napier, librarian and Noel Studio Research Coordinator; along with Drs. Hal Blythe and Charlie Sweet published, “Engaging Literacies, Engaging Place: Using a New Creative Thinking Model to Foster and Sustain Community Partnerships in Appalachia.” *PRISM: A Journal of Regional Engagement*. 1(1): 55-64.


Benefits of Membership

- Updating skills and exchanging information.
- Adding your voice to the collective voice of librarianship (particularly in legislative concerns).
- Meeting others working in your type of library setting to share common problems and solutions.
- Receiving association publications such as *Kentucky Libraries* and *IN-FO-CUS*.
- Opportunities to receive grants and scholarships.
- Contributing sessions or papers at meetings.
- Receiving CEUs.
- Contributing to the profession on a professional level.
- Receiving discounts on annual and other meetings.
- Networking with your peers.

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