Greetings from the President

Are you ready for the 2014 KLA/KASL Joint Conference Libraries: Leading the Way in the Information Age? Laura Whayne, Janet Wells, and their committees have put together a great conference. Preconferences begin on Wednesday, September 17 with a focus on School Readiness. The rest of the conference will be held Thursday, September 18 through Saturday, September 20 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites, Louisville, Kentucky and will feature nationally recognized authors and speakers. Courtney Young, newly elected ALA President, will speak at our opening session. Other speakers include Daniel Ransom and Stephanie Gerding. *Man in the Blue Moon* by Michael Morris will be our featured Conference Read. Katie McGarry and Mary Amato will be our featured luncheon authors.

President-Elect Laura Whayne and I attended the American Library Association’s Annual Conference in Las Vegas in June. We represented the Kentucky Library Association at the Chapter Leaders Forum and Chapter Relations Committee meetings and were announced at the ALA Council I meeting. We also solicited prospective vendors for the Fall Conference in the exhibit hall.

Kentucky librarians offer their congratulations to Terri Grief, AASL President, as she was presented at the Closing General Session followed by the celebratory Inaugural Brunch at the ALA Annual Conference. Terri has been active at all levels of our state and national organizations and continues to be an outstanding library advocate with her passion for reading and libraries.

Congratulations also to the Kentucky Association of School Librarians as this group received the ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant at the AASL Awards Ceremony in Las Vegas. Janet Wells, KASL
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President, accepted this grant, which is given to school library associations for planning and implementing leadership programs at the state, regional, or local level. The goal of KASL is to train the next generation of librarians to assume leadership positions at the district and state levels to strengthen advocacy efforts for K-12 students in Kentucky.

Kentucky delegates attended American Library Association’s National Library Legislative Day, May 5-6, in Washington, D.C. to advocate for our libraries. I want to thank Debbe Oberhausen, Wayne Onkst, and Paige Sexton for all their hard work to make this trip a success. Barbara Stripling, President of the American Library Association, presented the 2014 White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIST) Award to Mary Lynn Collins, a library trustee from Frankfort. Before Mary Lynn became a founding member and current president of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, she served for nearly 30 years on the staff of the Kentucky legislature as a legislative analyst.

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 you for your support and encouragement this past year. As we continue to work together we can strengthen our profession and create a “welcoming, inclusive, engaged, and supportive organization.” I have enjoyed serving the Kentucky Library Association as President and want to thank the 2013-2014 KLA board for making it a wonderful year. I know Laura Whayne will do an extraordinary job as your next KLA President.

See you at the KLA/KASL Joint Conference!

Brenda Metzger
KLA President
2014-15 Slate of Officers Announced

In accordance with the policy of Kentucky Library Association, the Nominating Subcommittee presents the following slate of candidates for the 2014-15 year.

**President-Elect:** Julie Howe (Academic Library Section)

**Secretary:** Dave Schroeder (Kentucky Public Library Association)

Julie Howe is the Health Science and Reference Librarian for Somerset Community College. Julie has been a member of KLA since 2008. She has served as the Co-Chair for KLA’s Communication Committee helping to develop our organization’s social media presence. She has been an active member of the Academic Library Section for several years and currently serves on their Executive Board.

Dave Schroeder is the Director of the Kenton County Public Library. He serves as the KLA Fundraising Committee Chair. He has been an active member of KPLA’s Executive Board, Conference Planning Committee, Standards Committee, and Advocacy Committee.

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 Nomination Subcommittee.

Kentucky Library Association Nominating Subcommittee:

Lisa Rice, Chair (Immediate Past President)
Leoma Dunn (Academic Library Section)
Ashley Fowlkes (Kentucky Public Library Association)

Submitted by Lisa Rice, Chair, KLA Nominating Subcommittee
Remembering Charlene Davis

Charlene Davis, Director of the Field Services Division and the State Library Services Division at KDLA, died on June 4. She had retired from KDLA on May 1. During Charlene’s 37½ years of service she held several positions but more importantly she was involved in almost every major initiative undertaken by KDLA in support of libraries.

Charlene provided the first introduction of many Kentucky librarians to the new world of technology. She demonstrated to many skeptical librarians across the state that technical processes which had previously been handled in house could easily be handled with the new methods and tools offered through inter-library cooperation available with modern technology. Every library – from Fulton County to Pike County – benefited from her training, patient hand-holding, and wise counsel. As a result of her work, Kentucky’s network for interlibrary loan and materials sharing was a national example.

Kentucky sponsored many initiatives to help libraries take advantage of the opportunities offered by technology, and Charlene was at the lead every time. Among the projects in which she was deeply involved – and often fully managed – include the Kentucky Union List of Serials, the Kentucky Library Network, OCLC GAC, SharePac, FirstSearch, Empower Kentucky, the Kentucky Information Highway, and the Kentucky Virtual Library.

When the Gates Foundation became interested in providing computers for public libraries, Charlene and State Librarian Jim Nelson seized the opportunity so that Kentucky became one of the first states to take advantage, putting computers in virtually all Kentucky public libraries. Charlene then worked with the Kentucky Information Highway and Connect Kentucky to provide broadband to every public library, making Kentucky one of the first states with internet service in every public library.

Charlene became well known at the Gates Foundation as she managed numerous Gates grants for the state. As a result of her management of the Empower Kentucky project, Gates grants, and various other projects, she is certainly responsible for more computers being placed in Kentucky libraries than any other person, providing equitable access to information technology to citizens across the commonwealth.

Charlene also deserves a large share of the credit for the great resource that has become the Kentucky Virtual Library along with a delivery service to enable sharing of resources between every public library in Kentucky.

Her final big project on behalf of Kentucky’s public libraries was the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funded in 2009 by the federal government. This project allowed 45 Kentucky public libraries to expand public computing centers. Charlene guided this project on a daily basis for more than 3 years. While it provided some 1,000 additional computers for libraries, with Charlene’s guidance the project demonstrated how public libraries could play a larger role in the community and become an integral resource in meeting the needs of the community.
Remembering Charlene Davis (continued)

Charlene served during a time of great transition for Kentucky’s public libraries. Just about the time Charlene joined the KDLA staff, technology was being developed to assist librarians in providing services. Over the following four decades, technology would transform library service. Charlene was in a perfect position—and she was the perfect person—to lead this transformation.

Charlene’s vision was that the public library could become an agent of change—assisting the community in realizing its aspirations for improving the lives of its residents. The BTOP grant demonstrated how librarians can provide even stronger information services and make libraries an even more indispensable service in today’s communities.

Charlene was not only highly respected by the public library community, but also by the numerous partners in state government, organizations, academics, and others with whom she has built relationships. A consummate professional, always fully prepared, completely organized, and totally focused—this is how Charlene Davis will be remembered by her library colleagues. – submitted by Wayne Onkst, State Librarian & Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Libraries & Archives
KLA/KASL Joint Conference Preview

The KLA/KASL Joint Conference will be held Wednesday, September 17 through Saturday, September 20 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville.

Some of the highlights of the conference this year include:

- Preconference on School Readiness: School Readiness and Public Libraries – presented by Dr. Julie Scoskie, Director of Education and Outreach, Louisville Free Public Library, and Kate Schiavi, Youth Services Manager, Louisville Free Public Library.

- Preconference on School Readiness: The ABC's of Kindergarten Readiness – presented by Beth Schaeffer, Pre-School Consultant, Warren County Public Schools.

- From “The NASA Goddard Library” to GIC – presented by Robin Dixon, Branch Head, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Library (session sponsored by Special Library Section).

- Blazed Pathways and Skillful Glancing: Using the Lens of Library History to Focus on the New Information Literacy Framework – presented by Daniel Ransom, Holy Names University, ALA Emerging Leader (session sponsored by Academic Library Section).

- General Session: Leadership in Libraries: For Our Communities and Our Profession – presented by Courtney Young, ALA President.

- KLA Awards Luncheon.


- Networking Social Event: Conference Wide Read & Discussion with Michael Morris.

- “Easy” Fundraising: Gain Community Support, Promote the Library, and Boost Your Budget – presented by Stephanie Gerding (session sponsored by Kentucky Public Library Association).

- Author Luncheon with Katie McGarry.

- KBA Author Luncheon with Mary Amato.

For conference registration information, hotel reservations, and a preliminary conference program including full session descriptions, please visit:

BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Artistic Opportunities at BCPL

Boyd County Public Library is always looking for new ways to connect members of the community. This fall we’re doing it through art!

Once again, BCPL will sponsor an annual photo exhibit, in conjunction with the adult summer reading program, “Literary Elements.” This will be BCPL’s third year hosting the event, reaching out to community members in a fun and innovative way while supporting the efforts of local artists.

The theme of this year’s exhibit is “Literary Images” and photographers are invited to interpret the theme however they choose. The exhibit will be held in August at the Pendleton Art Center, a local art gallery and community hub. During the exhibit, guests are invited to peruse the work of local photographers and vote for their favorite photograph. The photographer with the winning photograph will win the People’s Choice Award and a $50 prize.

BCPL is also very excited to have been awarded an Arts Access Assistance Grant through a program of the Kentucky Arts Council, the states art agency, which is supported by state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment of the Arts.

The Arts Access Assistance grant supports art programs that serve populations whose opportunities to experience the arts may be limited by age, geographic location, ethnicity, economic status, disability, or other factors.

“Creative Aging and Lifelong Learning in the Arts” is the theme for the fiscal year 2015 grant cycle. The goal of the program is to enrich the lives of senior citizens by aiding them in the acquisition of new information and skill sets while strengthening the community through the arts.

Beginning in August and continuing through November, BCPL will utilize the grant funding to host a series of visual art workshops titled “Golden Artistry.” Each month the workshop will focus on a different artistic medium and will be led under the instruction of a local artist.

Patrons will receive demonstrations and fundamental knowledge of an artistic medium while creating their own unique piece of art. After completion of the program, participants may keep their supplies so that they may continue to create and flourish independently. BCPL will also host an exhibition of all the participants’ work after the entire program is complete.

The workshops will kick off in August with collage as the featured medium, followed by graphite drawing in September, watercolor painting in October, and camera-less photography in November. No doubt that this autumn will be colorful and creative at the library! – submitted by Whitney Lowe, Boyd County Public Library
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EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

EKU Hosts KLA LIRT Retreat

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries hosted the KLA LIRT Library Instruction Retreat on July 11 in EKU’s Business and Technology Center. Seventy academic, public, school, and special librarians from across the state were in attendance. The retreat featured four concurrent sessions, eight presentations/workshops, and sixteen presenters. More information about the event is available by visiting: https://sites.google.com/site/klalirtrtretreat/.

Live @ Your Library: The Continuum of Humor

EKU faculty member Dr. Bill Ellis gave a delightful presentation on humor on April 29 in the John Grant Crabbe Main Library. Dr. Ellis is a noted author who regularly writes about humor and is a frequent contributor to Kentucky Monthly.

Faculty and Staff Scholarship


Cole, A., & George, J.S. (2014, April). Rethinking the first year experience: Library as community builder. Presented at the First National Personal Librarian & First Year Experience Library Conference, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Cole, A., Judd, C., & Napier, T. (2014, May). If it weren’t for those meddling librarians…: Shifting from “sage on the stage” to “meddler in the middle” with team-based and cooperative learning techniques. Presented at Kentucky Pedagogicon: Council on Postsecondary Education Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.


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Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.


UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Brandeis School of Law Library Staff News

Marcus J. Walker, winner of the 2012 KLA Scholarship for Minority Students, has been named Reference/Digital Collections Librarian. Marcus will share reference responsibilities with his library colleagues and will oversee our digital collections. Marcus graduated from the University of Kentucky School of Library & Information Science in May 2014, and will join the Law Library in his new position on August 1. Marcus has worked at the Law Library as Circulation/Technical Services Assistant since November 2010 and his colleagues are looking forward to working with him in his new role. – submitted by Robin Harris, University of Louisville Libraries

WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

First Annual How-To Festival To Be Held August 16

Join us for our first-ever How-To Festival on Saturday, August 16!

A variety of topics will be showcased in half-hour sessions, and each one will feature an entertaining demonstration, educational workshop, or interactive class presented by experts in those areas.

Sessions will cover such topics as hosting a party on a budget, managing money, ballroom and swing dancing, basic car maintenance, drying herbs, building a rain barrel, raising chickens, bee keeping, cookie decorating, art and sewing projects, kayaking, creating objects using a 3-D printer, and more.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bob Kirby Branch
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printer, and much more!

For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.warrenpl.org/HowToFest.html.

**Warren County Public Library To Host**
**Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh, Authors of Captive In Iran**

The Warren County Public Library will host Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh Thursday, August 21. The sisters will discuss their book *Captive in Iran*.

Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh knew they were putting their lives on the line. Though Islamic laws in Iran forbade them from sharing their Christian beliefs, in three years they'd covertly put New Testaments into the hands of twenty thousand of their countrymen. They started two secret house churches, including one for prostitutes. Maryam and Marziyeh had almost been caught many times...

But in 2009, the two young women were arrested and held in the notorious Evin Prison in Tehran, a place where inmates are routinely tortured and executions are swift and sudden. In *Captive in Iran*, Maryam and Marziyeh recount their 259 days in Evin. It's an amazing story of unyielding faith—when denying God would have meant freedom—and of incredible support from strangers around the world who fought for the women's release.

Rostampour and Amirizadeh will discuss their book Thursday, August 21 at 6 p.m. at the Bob Kirby Branch Library. Free tickets are available at all library locations or by email. For more information, visit www.warrenpl.org or email lisar@warrenpl.org.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

**Staff News**

Brian E. Coutts received the Marta Lange/SAGE-CQ Press Award from David Horowitz, Vice-President of Sales for CQ/SAGE at a June 29, 2014 luncheon for the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). The luncheon was held at Bally’s Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The award, established in 1996 by LPSS, honors an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science. It consists of a plaque and a check for $1,000.
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Jonathan Jeffrey has taken on the role of Department Head of Library Special Collections for Western Kentucky University (WKU) as of July 1, 2014. Jeffrey has worked in Special Collections for WKU for 25 years, working as Special Collections Librarian and then as Coordinator for Manuscripts and Folklife Archives, before taking his new role. He has a BA from the University of North Texas, Denton, TX; a masters degree in History from Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX; and a masters degree in Library Science from University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

– submitted by Jennifer Wilson, WKU Libraries
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• 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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