The last couple of months have been quite a roller coaster ride for me! Between rescheduling our board meeting due to the horrible weather, attending the State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting in Frankfort, attending the Joint Spring Conference at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, and attending ALA’s National Library Legislative Days in Washington, D.C., I feel that I have been quite the jetsetter on behalf of KLA. In fact, at one point, I really needed the ability to clone myself since the KPLA conference and the Joint Spring Conference were happening at the same time in different parts of the state. However, our fearless President-Elect, Lisa Rice, was able to represent you at KPLA so all worked out as it should.

The Joint Spring Conference, Become the Library They Need: Understanding User Expectations, was a wonderful conference, and I would like to extend my appreciation and admiration to the planning committee for their hard work and creativity. I always love this conference because three groups, Academic Section, Special Section, and the Kentucky Chapter of the Special Library Association come together to plan a conference that appeals to all of our groups, and because it is always in such a fun, beautiful, and relaxing environment. There were wonderful sessions, lots of opportunities to network, and even a dance party! I enjoyed the many interesting, informative sessions given by our colleagues. The two keynote speakers, Janice Lachance, Chief Executive Officer of the Special Libraries Association, and Catherine Lavalee-Welch, Director of the University of South Florida Polytechnic University Library, gave us a lot of new information and posed questions for us to ponder as we returned to our own libraries. This year, poster sessions were added and it was wonderful to see so many graduate students attend the conference. All in all, a great experience!

I just returned from the American Library Association’s National Library Legislative Days in Washington, D.C., and this was another example of how librarians can come together to advocate for our libraries and those we serve. It was so inspiring to see our group of librarians meeting with legislators and aides on behalf of our libraries and our patrons. I have to say I was incredibly proud to be part of such a dedicated, articulate group. Other highlights of the trip included seeing Wendell Berry give the prestigious Jefferson Lecture at the Kennedy Center and watching our own...
Greetings from the President (continued)

Louis A. (Buzz) Carmichael, Chair of the State Advisory Council on Libraries, receive the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) Award. I certainly felt that Kentucky was well represented in Washington last week!

As I look forward to our next board meeting (June 2nd in Louisville), ALA’s Annual Conference (June 22-26 in Anaheim, CA), the KSMA Summer Refresher (July 16-17 in Bowling Green), the next State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting (July 27 in Frankfort), and the Fall Conference (September 19-23 in Louisville), I realize that I will continue to be a busy girl for the next few months, but I feel so fortunate and privileged to be allowed to represent you. Thank you again for this opportunity!

Terry Buckner, President

Graves County Middle School Earns Second-Place Prize in Scholastic Book Fairs National “Student Crew” Contest

LAKE MARY, Fla. (March 30, 2012) – Graves County Middle School in Mayfield, Kentucky, has earned one of four second-place prizes in the Scholastic Book Fairs’ National Middle School Student Crew Contest, winning $1,000 in books and educational resources from Scholastic, the global children’s publishing, education and media company. Graves County Middle School won the semi-annual competition by recruiting 30 students to the “Student Crew,” a team of middle school students who help plan, promote, and run a Scholastic Book Fair. The competition encourages students to host the best Book Fair in the nation by creating contests, designing advertising campaigns, hosting activities, and developing themes, all aimed at attracting and increasing student and adult interest in the Book Fair, as well as in books and reading.

During their Book Fair last fall, Graves County Student Crew members adopted the theme “Reading State of Mind” and transformed their library into the Big Apple complete with a New York City skyline backdrop, taxicabs, a Statue of Liberty cutout, and an “I Heart Books” banner. The Crew even converted the cashier stand into a New York City hot dog stand. To promote the Book Fair, Crew members created a Facebook event page and a Book Fair com-
enthusiasm and competitive spirit shown by Graves County Middle School and other schools across the country involved in the Book Fair program.

“We applaud the efforts of the school for making reading a priority and helping their school rally around reading by creating an exciting Book Fair,” said Schwartz. “This is a great example of how students can come together and encourage their peers to explore the love of books and the thrill of reading. It was difficult to choose only one winner from the many outstanding submissions we received.”

This is the eighth time in as many years that the GCMS Crew has either won or placed in the competition. Kelly Locker, Graves County Middle School librarian, is the leader of the crew. “I am amazed every year at the hard work, dedication, and creative ideas that I can pull out of the crew,” said Locker. “They always make me so proud!”

For more information about Scholastic Book Fairs, please visit [www.scholastic.com/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs). – submitted by Kelly Locker, Graves County Middle School
Kentucky Librarians and Library Trustees traveled to Washington to take part in the American Library Association (ALA)’s annual Legislative Days on April 23-24. We met with Representative Brett Guthrie and Representative Ed Whitfield and with aides of the other Kentucky Congressional delegation. ALA provided us with briefings on library issues that we passed on, along with specific information about libraries in Kentucky. We concentrated on protecting funding for libraries and the support of school libraries.

**Protect Library Funding**
- We discussed the importance of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds and how they contribute to the betterment of all Kentuckians, including the KY Virtual Library service, Prime Time Reading Grants, Bookmobile Service, Interlibrary Loan and other vital programs.
- We asked for reduced bureaucratic control of the federal e-rate funds making it easier for libraries to participate.
- We told of how other federal monies and grants have helped libraries provide technology leading to job-help programs, literacy programs, etc.

**Support School Libraries**
We highlighted the impact of school libraries on the educational priorities of our children. We asked them to support reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and that it includes school libraries by incorporating the following provisions:
- Maintain dedicated federal funding for school libraries;
- Include provisions under Title I state and local plans and the *Race to the Top Fund* to establish a state goal of having a school library staffed by a state-licensed school librarian in each public school;
- Allow state and local professional development funds to be used for recruiting and training school librarians.

Attendees were:
- Terry Buckner – KLA President.
- Wayne Onkst – State Librarian and Commissioner.
- Debbe Oberhausen – KLA Library Awareness Chair.
- Sara Brown – KLA Academic Section Chair.
- Martha White – Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) Chair.
- Dave Schroeder – KPLA Past Chair.
- Tara Griffith – Kentucky School Media Association (KSMA) Chair.
- Melissa Brooks – KLA Special Library Section Chair Elect.
- J.C. Morgan – KPLA Advocacy Committee Chair.
- Lisa Rice – KPLA Representative.
- Susan Nimersheim – KPLA Representative.
- Emmalee Hoover – KSMA Representative.
- Jim Stoops – KLA Kentucky Trustees Round Table Representative.
- Louis A. Buzz Carmichael – Kentucky State Library Commission, Chair.

--submitted by Debbe Oberhausen, Chair, KLA Library Awareness Committee.
On Wednesday April 4, 2012 SWON Libraries Consortium held their 2nd Annual SWONny Awards Gala at the Xavier University’s Conaton Learning Commons. We are proud to announce that there were a lot of great nominations for this awards event.

The panel of judges had a hard time deciding who and what Library should win. The judges are:

- Patrick Colucci, who currently serves as the Reference Librarian at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where he has worked since 1998.
- Donald W. Krummel, who has been a leader in libraries and higher education institutions for almost 50 years.
- Suzanne Porter, who recently retired after 18 years as the Curator of the History of Medicine Collections at Duke University.
- Joe Weitz, who has been the senior policy consultant for the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio since 2008.

The five categories that were voted on were:
- Library of the Year.
- Librarian of the Year.
- Volunteer of the Year.
- Support Staff Person of the Year.
- Distinguished Service Award.

**Library of the Year**

The winner for Library of the Year was the Avondale Branch of Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. This Library is 99 years old and is small but serves as an important oasis of lifelong learning and hope in the center of an urban neighborhood. The library is one of nine libraries built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation.

**Librarian of the Year**

The winner of Librarian of the Year was Jennifer Krivickas. Jennifer works at the UC DAAP Library and it is said that she has revitalized the library. She has improved the physical appearance, updated technology, and substantially added to the collection.

**Volunteer of the Year**

The winner of the Volunteer of the Year was Chris Neely. Chris volunteers at the Mt. Washington Branch of Public Library of Cincin-
nati and Hamilton County and has been there in some capacity or another for 4 years. He gives between 30 and 40 hours a month to his team and the customers they serve.

**Support Staff Person of the Year**

The winner of Support Staff Person of the Year was Adriana Silva. Adriana is the Youth Services Associate and Hispanic Outreach programs coordinator, at Boone County Public Library. She serves a pivotal role in the community.

**Distinguished Service Award**

The last Award given was the Distinguished Service Award and that winner was Roger Miller. Roger has had a distinguished 30-year career in Cincinnati libraries. It was under his leadership that the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County’s Cataloging Services Department flourished, with his retirement this year; the library is losing a valued leader in the cataloging world.

We would also like to mention that the M.C. was Kevin Grace, the Head of the Archives and Rare Books Library at the University of Cincinnati, and the University Archivist.

The speaker of the evening was Bob Flischel. He is a Professional photographer and has a new book out called *Messages of Glory: The Narrative Art of Roman Catholicism.* The book documents and interprets the narrative art in over sixty Catholic churches and chapels throughout Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky and is his fourth volume in a thirty-year effort to document the important institutions of the Greater Cincinnati community.

Thank you all for making the event a big success and congratulations again to all the winners. — submitted by Dorothy Sinclair, SWON

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**Fall Registration Underway for Library Information Technology Classes at BCTC**

Students may register now for Fall Semester undergraduate library science courses offered online by Bluegrass Community & Technical College.

For the fall schedule of classes, see [http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/CSIS/LIT/Class_Schedule](http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/CSIS/LIT/Class_Schedule).

For help with admission to the college and registration, contact Martha Birchfield at martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu before June 30, 2012. — submitted by Martha Birchfield, Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Larry X. Besant

The Camden-Carroll Library staff and friends are sad to report the death of former Library Director, Larry X. Besant. Larry was the Director of Libraries and Media Services at the Camden-Carroll Library from 1985 to 2006, when he retired. His exuberant spirit and collegial banter will be deeply missed. At the Camden-Carroll Library, Larry provided leadership to adopt one of the first web-based library systems at a Kentucky university.

He served on the State Records and Archives Commission (1990-1993) and was instrumental in establishing the Kentucky Virtual Library. He served twice as Chairman of the State Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky (SAALCK).

Larry was an active member of the Special Libraries Association and served as President of the Kentucky Chapter in 1996-1997. He served as Chairman of the SLA Chemistry Division in 1965-1966, and was President of the Dayton Chapter in 1964-1965. He was a longstanding member of the American Library Association and the Kentucky Library Association. He presented on a wide variety of library topics ranging from copyright and marketing to virtual libraries.

Larry received a B.S. in Chemistry in 1961 from the University of Illinois and a M.S. in Library Science in 1962, also from the University of Illinois. He worked for Chemical Abstracts Service, the University of Houston, Ohio State University, and directed the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City from 1982 to 1985.

Larry was an avid collector of Jack London books and articles, and he researched and presented on his works. He was an enthusiastic Muskie fisherman, and he organized the original charter of the Daniel Boone Chapter 52, Muskies, Inc. in 2004 and was the first president. Thanks to Larry, the Camden-Carroll Library has a significant collection of Muskellunge-related media.

KLA Member News and Library Updates

Boyd County Public Library —

Boyd County Public Library Offers New Nook Color Checkout Program

Boyd County Public Library will begin offering Nook Colors for checkout starting in early March.

BCPL has five of the devices available, each for a three-week checkout period. One is loaded with non-fiction titles, one with young adult titles, and three with best-selling fiction titles.

The Nook program began as a way to meet the needs of BCPL patrons, primarily senior citizens, who need a larger type, said Director Debbie Cosper. “Since the library is all about content, not format, an eReader was the way to go. Plus, we get the added benefit of lots more books in a fraction of the shelf space.” — submitted by Amanda Gilmore, Boyd County Public Library

Eastern Kentucky University —

EKU Librarians Participate in International Book Fair

Eastern Kentucky University made an international impact on February 10 by participating in the 2012 Minsk (Belarus) International Book Fair. EKU li-
KLA Member News and Library Updates (continued)

Librarians Clay Howard, Trenia Napier, and Emily Aldridge (with technical support from Emily Bayma) answered questions from Belarusian librarians during a thirty minute video conference hosted by the American Embassy, Minsk. Questions ranged from “Do EKU Libraries have copies of Benjamin Franklin’s original books?” to “What does the library of the future look like?” and “How do EKU Libraries use social media and emerging technologies to connect with students, staff, and faculty?”

EKU Librarian and Reference & Instruction Team Leader Clay Howard spoke to both the present and future impact of the flash conference: "Participating in the flash conference at the Minsk International Book Fair was a great experience. It was really fun to speak with librarians half a world away and to hear what they were interested in knowing about libraries in the U.S. We are now planning another web conference with Embassy staff to brainstorm future projects."

EKU Libraries Celebrate National Library Week

EKU Libraries celebrated National Library Week April 9-13 with a variety of events for the Eastern community. On Monday, students were served free hot dogs and lemonade and asked for a brief written or recorded statement on what they love about the libraries at the Hot Dog, I Love EKU Libraries! event.

On Tuesday, EKU faculty member, Dr. Kenneth Tunnell, visited the Main Library’s Grand Reading Room to talk about his fascinating book, Once Upon a Place: The Fading of Community in Rural Kentucky. The week wrapped up on Friday afternoon with an exciting discussion of Susan Cain’s "The Rise of the New Groupthink," narrated by library team member, Dr. Greg Engstrom, as part of the ongoing Colloquium series.

Noel Studio for Academic Creativity

Houses New Minor

To those familiar with Eastern Kentucky University, it is readily apparent that the University is a creative campus. From EKU’s focus on graduating informed, critical and creative thinkers who can communicate effectively, to offices and programs promoting creativity, creativity is foremost on the minds of students, faculty and staff. The creative spirit will continue to grow this fall with the introduction of a brand-new minor in Applied Creative Thinking. The new minor will be housed in the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity in the John Grant Crabbe Main Library and directed by Dr. Russell Carpenter.
Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference

The 2012 Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference (SWCA) drew in nearly 300 attendees.

The Noel Studio for Academic Creativity hosted the Southeastern Writing Center Association (SWCA) conference from February 16-18, 2012. As part of the conference, SWCA awarded ten scholarships to students whose presentations promoted the writing center field by contributing to the scholarly conversation in the field or extending writing center knowledge. Eight of the ten scholarships were awarded to Noel Studio. Three of the eight are enrolled in the University of Kentucky’s School of Library and Information Science graduate program (Susan MacDonell, Joseph Pruett, and David Jenkins), and the other five are graduate students in Eastern Kentucky University’s English & Theatre Department (Landon Berry, Pam Golden, Arie May, Dana McClain, and Stacy Wilder). Consultants were mentored by Trenia Napier, Noel Studio Research Coordinator, and Leslie Valley, Noel Studio Writing Coordinator.

Publications & Presentations


Dr. Russell Carpenter, Dr. Charlie Sweet, and Dr. Hal Blythe published Introduction to Applied Creative Thinking in March 2012, by New Forums Press (Stillwater, OK): http://store.newforums.com/Introduction-to-Applied-Creative-Thinking-UCT008.htm


Distance & Online Education Program Officer, Brad Marcum presented “Saving Graduates from Google: Providing Resources for a lifetime,” with Betsy Hughes from KYVL at the KLA spring conference on April 12, 2012.


Interim Coordinator of Collections Services, Kelly Smith, was a panelist for, “Get It Now User Experience Panel Discussion,” at the 2012 ILLiad International Conference in Virginia Beach, VA on March 22, 2012.

Kelly Smith presented, “What to Expect When You’re Expecting a Platform Change: Perspectives from a Publisher and a Librarian,” for the NISO Webinar on April 11, 2012. — submitted by Krista Rho
dus, EKU Libraries

News from KLA Members

— submitted by Constance Ard, AnswerMaven Solutions
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- Networking with your peers.

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