GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just a few short weeks ago, September 20-22, we held our annual KLA/KASL joint conference at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. After months of planning and with the efforts and generosity of many people, the three days finally arrived and then were gone in a flash! Our theme this year was “Libraries Cultivate Lifelong Learning.” We had 335 attendees, including librarians and staff from all types of libraries, students and retirees, trustees and friends—from Kentucky and beyond. This diversity is the strength of our annual conference, and sets it apart from the other excellent library conferences held around the state.

In general session on Thursday morning, we all came together to hear ALA president Loida Garcia-Febo’s talk on “Better Together: Libraries Building Stronger Communities.” Her presentation showcased innovative services from libraries around the country, including some that may not lie within the realm of traditional library services, all focused on meeting community needs.

The KLA Awards Luncheon was an opportunity for us to honor outstanding peers for their noteworthy achievements and dedication to the profession. It was also a time to acknowledge the deserving students who were recipients of this year’s KLA scholarships. Kentucky author Silas House delivered an inspirational talk about the importance of libraries and literature, and how both had changed the trajectory of his life. It was gratifying to see such a large crowd on hand for this event. Congratulations to all the honorees!

Each of the four sections sponsored a featured speaker and they were all exceptional. KPLA sponsored Trevor Claiborn and Ashley Smith, co-founders of Black Soil: Our Better Nature, a central Kentucky-based organization that seeks to reconnect African Americans to their agricultural roots. The Special Library Section brought in cyber analyst Tracy Maleeff, who shared her expertise on the topic of information security. Indiana University scholarly communication librarian Sarah Hare spoke on open educational resources (OER) at the invitation of the Academic Library Section. Lastly, author/illustrator Bethany Barton did double duty, following
up her turn as KASL’s KBA Awards Luncheon speaker with a Saturday morning presentation during which she spoke movingly of the significance of libraries in her young life.

Complementing our featured speakers was an excellent lineup of presentations from nearly 100 library professionals on a wide variety of timely topics, with content ranging from practical knowledge to scholarly research. Among these sessions were several sponsored by roundtables or committees: the Library Management Skills Roundtable, the Community and Technical College Roundtable, the Resource Sharing Roundtable, and the KPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee all contributed informative sessions that were relevant not only to their members, but to the conference at large.

The sessions I attended were wonderful, and I’ve heard positive feedback from many other individuals as well. I can’t overstate how much I appreciate everyone who participated in making the 2018 conference a success—exhibitors, staff, presenters, and attendees alike. Thank you!

After a number of years in Louisville, the conference will be held next year in Bowling Green, on October 24-25. While we all, no doubt, think fondly of our KLA “home” on the riverfront, a change of scenery will be good for this conference. The later fall date will hopefully make attendance a bit easier for academic and school librarians, for whom getting away early in the semester and school year can be difficult. Next year will also mark a departure from the joint KLA/KASL conference that we have become accustomed to, which opens up the possibility for significant changes in programming and format. As is customary, our annual business meeting ended with the unveiling of next year’s conference theme. Incoming president-elect Kandace Rogers revealed the 2019 theme, which is, fittingly, “Re-Thinking the Way We Library.”

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead and I hope that you are, too.

-Debbra Tate, KLA President

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**CONFERENCE SCAVENGER HUNT**

A scavenger hunt was sponsored by the Member Services Committee on Thursday night. Thank you to Chair Susan Baier for offering such a fun networking and social event!

-Tara Griffith, KLA Past President
KLA 2018 AWARD WINNERS


Laura Whayne, Special Librarian of the Year. Presented by Andrew Adler, SLS President.

Kathy Mansfield, Lifetime Achievement Award winner. Presented by Tara Griffith, KLA President.

Lynn Fogle, Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award winner. Presented by Tara Griffith, KLA President.

Terry Buckner, Outstanding Academic Librarian of the Year. Presented by Andrea Brooks, ALS President.


Past Recipients of the KASL Lifetime Achievement Award: Terri Grief, Melissa Gardner, Kathy Mansfield, Becky Nelson, Janet Wells

Samuel Northern, Kentucky Libraries Outstanding Feature Article winner. Presented by Tara Griffith, KLA President.

Not pictured: Duke Energy won the William H. Natcher Award

- Lisa R. Rice, ALA Councilor
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS & COMMITTEE REPORT

KLA awarded eight scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sheila Ruffin, business technology teacher, Jefferson County Public Schools was awarded a $1,000 Minority Scholarship. She is attending Western Kentucky University.

Additionally, seven Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarship recipients were awarded for a total of $15,000. They are:

- Sylina Adkins, technical services and acquisitions manager, Paris-Bourbon County Public Library, attending the University of Kentucky
- Lauren Russell Bushong, library assistant, Portland Branch Library, Louisville Free Public Library, attending the University of Kentucky
- Haley Lee, library assistant, Warren County Public Library, attending the University of Kentucky
- Jaclyn Marrs, children’s librarian assistant, Westport Branch, Louisville Free Public Library, attending Murray State University
- Taryn Norris, associate library specialist, Daviess County Public Library, attending the University of Kentucky
- Deborah Reichler, library paraprofessional, Steely Library, Northern Kentucky University, attending the University of Kentucky
- Kimberly Tullbane, biology teacher, Fairdale High School, Jefferson County Public Schools, attending Western Kentucky University

Please encourage librarians and library supporters to purchase "READ" license plates. At the end of the 2019 spring semester, $64,000 in total scholarships will be awarded from the special fund.

As of June 30, 2018, there were 2,227 total READ plates on the road including 387 new plates. Members are encouraged to make the optional $10.00 donation when renewing plates to build the base for our Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarships.

-Judith Gibbons, KLA Scholarship Chair

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE NEWS

Our long-serving Regional Depository Librarian, Sandee McAninch is in phased retirement until Oct. 31, 2020. Amy Laub-Carroll became the new Federal Regional Depository Librarian effective June 1, 2018. Rosemary Meszaros retired from WKU at the end of July, and Bekele Tegegne retired from Kentucky State after 17 years of service. The Roundtable would like to thank them for all their dedicated service to the Roundtable, KLA, and the profession.

New hires:

- Amy Laub-Carroll became the new Federal Regional Depository Librarian effective June 1, 2018
- Amelia Thomas is the new Depository Coordinator at Lindsey Wilson College
- Lisa Beatty is the new Government Documents Library Technician Senior at the University of Kentucky

Congratulations to:
Philip Yannarella won the prestigious 2017 Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founders Award from ALA for significant contributions to the field of state, international, or federal documents.

Rosemary Meszaros won the prestigious 2018 ProQuest/GODORT/ALA “Documents to the People” award.

The Roundtable always welcomes new members! You do not need to work in a Federal Depository Library to join. You just need an interest and/or love of government information.

-Claudene Sproles, Government Documents Librarian University of Louisville

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SKILLS ROUNDTABLE NEWS
The Library Management Skills Roundtable (LMSRT) met at the KLA annual meeting in September. The Roundtable Leadership includes Jack Montgomery, WKU, and Michael Richter, Bath County Memorial Library. The Roundtable chose to work on a program for Strategic Planning for KLA 2019, as well as increasing the roundtable’s presentations in IN-FO-CUS or by submitting content to Kentucky Libraries. The Roundtable will be sponsoring sessions at future conferences. If you have a conference session proposal on a leadership or management topic and are a part of the LMSRT, please contact Michael Richter at mrichter@bathlibrary.org for more information about sponsorship.

- Michael Richter, Chair LMSRT

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FRESH PERSPECTIVES FEATURE IN KENTUCKY LIBRARIES
Library School Students, Library staff, and new or non-published librarians:

- Do you have a library school paper you are particularly proud of?
- Do you have an idea for a paper, but you would like some suggestions on how to make it ready for submission?
- Are you new to the field and would like to begin publishing?
- Are you a staff member who has an idea for a paper reflecting your work or your library?

We encourage you to submit your papers for inclusion in Kentucky Libraries, the peer-reviewed journal of the KLA. Your papers can either be written in library school or original works.

Advantages:

- Get your first paper published in a professional journal
- Be guided through the peer-review process
- Be introduced to a professional mentor (for KLA members)
- Get your ideas out!

The process:

1. Submit your paper to Claudene Sproles. She will give you feedback on how to make your paper ready for publication.
2. When your paper is ready for official submission, it will be sent through the normal peer-review process with Kentucky Libraries.

3. Once it passes peer-review, it will be published as a submission to Kentucky Libraries new feature, “Fresh Perspectives.”

4. If you wish, you will also be put in contact with a professional mentor with KLA.

If you would like to submit a paper for consideration in our new feature, please email your submission to Claudene Sproles at claudene.sproles@louisville.edu.

We look forward to your submissions!

-Claudene Sproles, Kentucky Libraries Editorial Board.

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**KLA WEBSITE UPDATE**

The KLA website is being updated to make it more robust & user-friendly. Part of the process involves moving member information to a new database, so please [login to your member account] to make sure your contact information is current.

Contact the KLA office (502-223-5322, support@klaonline.org) with any questions.

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**KPLA FRESH FACES**

Fresh Faces is the Kentucky Public Library Association’s new program to highlight the contributions of public library staff throughout the state, and to encourage idea-sharing among regions, specialties, and library sizes.

Each year, KPLA will select eight members — two from each KDLA region — whose ideas and efforts are moving their libraries into the future. KPLA members of any age who have been in their current (full or part-time, certified or uncertified) position in a public library for five years or less are eligible.

Honorees will receive a complementary registration for the full 2019 KPLA Spring Conference, recognition in print and online, and opportunities to learn from KPLA executive leadership, committee chairs, and fellow Fresh Faces participants.

Don’t miss this opportunity to help a deserving colleague grow in his or her career, and to let the rest of the state know about the great work that’s being done at your library!

Submit your nomination online at [www.kpla.org/freshfaces] by December 31, 2018. Honorees will be announced at the KPLA Conference.

-Daniel Aken, Chair Public Relations Committee KPLA

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**BCTC SPRING SEMESTER**

Registration is now open for the BCTC Spring semester! If you are currently taking Library Information Technology (LIT) courses, or are planning to start, this information should be of interest. We are offering the following courses in the Spring:
KAEE 2018 AWARD WINNER

Jennifer Beach was selected from nominees across the Commonwealth as one of seven Excellence in Environmental Education Awards recipients by the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE), a non-profit professional organization supporting environmental literacy in Kentucky.

Jennifer Beach is a Children’s Programmer at the Kenton County Public Library and is a Certified Professional Environmental Educator. Jennifer often promotes Project Learning Tree (PLT) at the state and local levels by presenting at library events and conferences. She also writes blog posts that often highlight environmental education and her work with PLT and public school children. Jennifer is currently serving her second term on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education. Jennifer is one of three people in the state that has received the KY Early Childhood and Education Training Credential with an Environmental Education Specialty. Jennifer also provides trainings at the library for local school teachers and has successfully formed partnerships with other entities such as Boone County Extension Service and Northern Kentucky University to co-facilitate trainings at the library, bringing high quality professional development to educators in her community. Jennifer inspires all of us through her work as a public librarian.

Jennifer, along with the six other recipients from around the state, were recognized at KAEE’s Annual Conference on September 8, at Historic Boone Tavern, in Berea, KY.

The Excellence in Environmental Education Awards are presented annually by KAEE to recognize those individuals and entities best-exemplifying dedication, commitment, and influence in the field of environmental education. Recipients are nominated by colleagues, partners, KAEE members, or the general public. For more information on the Awards or environmental education in Kentucky, contact Destiny McCauley at destiny@kaee.org.

-Destiny McCauley, Outreach Coordinator KAEE
BOOKMOBILE RALLY

On Saturday August 11, the Bath County Memorial Library in Owingsville held a Bookmobile Rally. More than 20 bookmobile and outreach drivers attended the event representing 15 counties. The rally was designed for bookmobile and outreach drivers to get together and get some continuing education. The rally also gave the bookmobile drivers a chance to drive their vehicles at the local drag strip for promotional photographs. Continuing education sessions were presented by the Kentucky State Police, the Department for Community Based Services, the original Bath County Bookmobile Driver, and the staff and board of the Library.

- Michael J. Richter, Director Bath County Memorial Library

KLA MENTORING

Have you thought about KLA mentoring? So far, we have had more folks volunteer to be mentors than we have mentees. So, don’t be hesitant to ask for a mentor!

Mentoring is about developing a relationship dedicated to building and sustaining professional and personal effectiveness and to career advancement. You can find more information about KLA Mentoring on the KLA website.

- To be a mentor, fill out the mentor form: goo.gl/forms/eXBGnHG8tkwo5oJQ2
- To be a mentee, fill out the mentee form: goo.gl/forms/mIDfE8cFCjt9hjXS3

Expectations for mentors and mentees:

- Current KLA Member
- Willingness to communicate with mentor/mentee as often as necessary – minimum of 4 - 6 times per year

-Christina Cornelison, Jordan Franklin, Bruce Keisling, Lois Schultz; KLA Mentoring Committee

KLA MEMBER NEWS & LIBRARY UPDATES

Kentucky Virtual Library

A new Authentication Work Group has begun meeting to look at authentication options and trends. See more at kyvl.org/committees/authentication.
KYVL and LIRT are partnering to advance information literacy among students transitioning to postsecondary education. Learn more at kyvl/committees/lirt.

Cost notices for F19-20 KYVL membership fees, due July 1, 2019, were sent in October, 2018. Contact KYVL if you would like cost information for your institution. The KYVL funding formula is explained in detail at kyvl/committees/fundingformula. View vendor discounts and other offers for KYVL members at kyvl/membership/value.

A KDL workshop will be held at UPike December 17, 2018. See details at kyvl/kdl/workshop.

-Ilona Burdette, Executive Director KYVL

**Western Kentucky University**


Haiwang Yuan, professor and science librarian, published two books in a row in October. The first was “Mastering Advanced Modern Chinese through the Classics an Advanced Language and Culture Course” co-authored with Shu-ling Wu, an assistant professor of Chinese from Southern Illinois University. According to the publisher, Routledge, “This is a textbook to teach those who wish to achieve an advanced or native proficiency and cultural competence in modern Chinese, as well as to experience the beauty of classical Chinese literature. Collecting representative works containing vibrant views of Chinese culture from different dynasties, this book is focused on how the grammatical patterns, vocabulary, and idioms that are found in classical Chinese are relevant in the modern adaptation of the language, and how the accumulated traditional values and beliefs found there still shape the thinking and lifestyle of modern society.” “Becoming a Dragon: Forty Chinese Proverbs for Lifelong Learning and Classroom Study” was the other book written and translated by Haiwang Yuan, with the editor Marjolijn Kaiser. This book is a bilingual (English-Chinese) collection of proverbs, popular phrases, and two-part allegorical sayings, designed for self-study and classroom teaching. Each proverb comes with the story behind the proverb and its source in both English and Chinese, a literal translation, the figurative meaning, an English equivalent, a vocabulary list, and examples of how the proverb is used in modern written and spoken Chinese. Professor Haiwang Yuan has just submitted his million-word Encyclopedia of Chinese Ethnic Groups, a 5-year project, for publication early in 2019.

Kath Pennavaria, professor and coordinator of the Visual and Performing Arts Library, and Rosemary Meszaros, recently retired professor, presented “Finding Death-Related Records” and “Finding Military and Court Records” at the Kentucky History and Genealogy Conference in Erlanger, KY, on August 17. Pennavaria also presented
“Finding Non-U.S. Records” at the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society monthly meeting in Bowling Green on September 17 and “Making Awesome PowerPoints!” at the Society for Lifelong Learning in Bowling Green on October 3.

-Jennifer Wilson, WKU Libraries Marketing Coordinator

University of Louisville

Fannie M. Cox, Outreach and Reference Librarian, recently served on a panel presentation at the 2018 Joint Conference of Librarians of Colors (JCLC) in Albuquerque, NM. The panel was titled, “Multicultural Children’s Literature: Who’s Evaluating? Are Selectors Culturally Competent to Evaluate Children’s Literature? Where Is the Evaluation Happening (Awards/Vendor/Library)? And How Is Diverse Children’s Literature Being Used in Libraries?” The discussion focused on the Kirkus Collections’ diverse children’s and young adult literature.

- Claudene Sproles, UofL Electronic Resources Manager & Government Documents Librarian

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- Read KLA publications: Kentucky Libraries & IN-FO-CUS
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