Greetings from the President

Spring has finally arrived in Kentucky! After the winter of 2014, I have certainly appreciated the opportunity to travel and attend spring meetings and conferences across the state. In March I attended the State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting in Frankfort where I met Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Thomas O. Zawacki. Our March Kentucky Library Association Executive Board Meeting, KLA/KASL Fall Conference Planning Meeting, and Kentucky Association of School Librarians Executive Board Meeting were all held in Louisville on March 22 and were well-attended. Members of these boards and committees volunteer their time and are to be commended for the excellent work they do for our state organization.

In April I attended the KPLA/KLTRT Spring Conference in Bowling Green and the KLA Academic Library Section, KLA Special Library Section, and SLA Kentucky Chapter Joint Spring Conference at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton. I would like to extend my appreciation and admiration to the officers of these organizations and the planning committees of these spring conferences for their hard work and creativity. These conferences provided a wonderful opportunity to network and attend informative sessions presented by our colleagues. I appreciated the opportunity to attend the KPLA Awards Luncheon as many of our members, trustees, friends, and supporters were recognized for their contributions to their libraries and communities. It was also a treat to have the opportunity to meet author Jeffrey Deaver, the featured speaker for this luncheon. A former journalist, folksinger, and attorney, Jeffery Deaver is an international number-one best-selling author. The Joint Spring Conference Closing General Session provided an excellent opportunity to meet Kate Tkacik, business librarian for the Bank of Montreal Business Research Group. Her
Greetings from the President (continued)

session “Leaning In To Librarianship” provided ways to promote ourselves to get the recognition that we deserve and that our libraries need. It was an honor to also meet Kate Arnold, President of the Special Libraries Association. Kate lives in the UK and is currently Information and Support Program Lead at Macmillan Cancer Support. Ms. Arnold was very complimentary of the Kentucky Library Association and the way all sections work together to support libraries in our state.

Representatives from the Kentucky Library Association will attend the National Library Legislative Day, a two-day advocacy event where hundreds of library supporters, leaders, and patrons gather in Washington, D.C. to meet with their members of Congress to champion national library funding. This event is scheduled for May 5 and 6 and we are very fortunate that Kentucky’s participation in the event is coordinated by State Librarian and Commissioner Wayne Onkst's office. National Library Legislative Day also includes a virtual advocacy component for library supporters who cannot attend the Washington meetings—advocates have the option to work remotely to connect with legislators via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media platforms.

Mark your calendars for upcoming conferences in Kentucky! The Kentucky Association of School Librarians (KASL) Summer Refresher, “Crafting the Story of Your Library,” will be held in Berea on July 15. Jennifer LaGarde (aka library girl), Librarian Ambassador and Education Road Warrior, will be the keynote speaker. She is an Educator on Loan for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The KLA/KASL Fall Conference, “Libraries Leading the Way in the Information Age,” is scheduled for September 17 - 20 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. Courtney Young, American Library Association 2014 - 2015 President, will be the keynote speaker for the Opening General Session. Other featured speakers include Michael Morris, author of Man in the Blue Moon and other southern fiction books, and Katie McGarry, author of Pushing the Limits and contemporary young adult novels.

As I look forward to our next KLA board meeting (June 14 in Lexington), ALA's Annual Conference (June 26 - July 1 in Las Vegas, NV), the KASL Summer Refresher (July 15 in Berea), the next State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting (July 18 in Frankfort), and the KLA/KASL Fall Conference (September 17 - 20 in Louisville), I realize that I will continue to be on the road for the next few months. I feel so fortunate and privileged to be allowed to represent you. Thank you again for this opportunity and I hope to see many of you at one of these exciting conferences!

Brenda Metzger
KLA President
KLA Now Accepting Award Nominations

From May 1, 2014 to July 15, 2014, the Kentucky Library Association is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award
- James A. Nelson Advocacy Award
- Kentucky Intellectual Freedom Award
- William H. Natcher Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

The Award(s) (a plaque from the Association) will be presented during the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference Awards Luncheon on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

Please see the following pages for criteria and a list of prior winners.

The award nomination form and supporting documentation for the Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award, James A. Nelson Advocacy Award, Kentucky Intellectual Freedom Award, William H. Natcher Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award, must be submitted by **Tuesday, July 15, 2014** to Debbe Oberhausen, KLA Library Awareness Committee Chair. The nomination form for all awards is available at **http://www.klaonline.org/docs/Award%20Nomination%20Form.doc**.

Please send nominations and supporting documentation to:
Debbe Oberhausen
Manager, Content Management
Louisville Free Public Library
301 York Street
Louisville, KY 40203

FAX: 502-574-1768

EMAIL: debra.oberhausen@lfpl.org

-- submitted by Debbe Oberhausen, Louisville Free Public Library

Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award

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.

**Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award Winners**

2006 Laura Davison
2008 Marie Liang
2010 Shawn Livingston
2012 Trenia Napier
2007 Jackie White
2009 Elaine Allen
2011 Mike Whiteman
2013 Not Awarded
James A. Nelson Advocacy Award

The Awards 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.

James A. Nelson Advocacy Award Winners

2006 James E. Lee Jr.
2007 Evelyn Richardson
2008 Judith Gibbons
2009 Paul Poland
2010 J.C. Morgan
2011 Linda Kompanik
2012 Dave Schroeder
2013 Kathy Mansfield

Lifetime Achievement Award

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 and 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.

Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

2000 Ellen Hellard
2002 Phil Carrico
2004 Geneva Pullen
2006 James Nelson
2008 Judith Burdine
2010 Pam Federspiel
2012 Wayne Onkst
2013 Janet Stith & Linda Kompanik (Tie)
Kentucky Intellectual Freedom Award

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 Members Services Committee will receive nominations from any Kentuckian.

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 which 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.

Intellectual Freedom Award Winners

2000 EmmaLee Hill
2007 Barbara Caron
2010 Dr. Ron Critchfield
William H. Natcher Award

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. 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.

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.
2012 Jim and Darlene Johnson
2013 Dr. Jack D. Ellis
KLA Accepting Applications for Minority Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students. The deadline is July 1, 2014. The application is posted on the KLA website at http://www.klaonline.org/docs/KLA%20Scholarship%20for%20Minority%20Students%202014.docx.

Applicants must use the scholarship money to assist with expenses related to attending an ALA or NCATE-accredited program in Library Science; belong to a minority group; be accepted into an ALA or NCATE-accredited program in Library Science; and be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. In addition, the recipient must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or attending an accredited Library Science program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If the recipient is unable to complete the terms of this scholarship, scholarship funds must be returned.

For further information, please contact Judith Gibbons, KLA Minority Scholarship Chair, at jagibbons@windstream.net.

BCTC Library Science Classes for Fall 2014

It is time to register now for Fall Semester library science classes at Bluegrass Community & Technical College.

Students not registered in 2013-2014 need to apply for readmission to BCTC.

Home College: Bluegrass (BLC)
Starting term: Fall 2014
Area of interest: Web Page Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design

For Fall Semester information, see http://midd.me/ql2C.

The fall selected topic course is RDA@Your Library.

The fall Kentucky literature class is Literature of Appalachian Kentucky.

For more information, contact Martha Birchfield at martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu. – submitted by Martha Birchfield, Bluegrass Community & Technical College
KLA Delegation Participates in ALA Legislative Day

This year’s American Library Association Library Legislative Day activities were held May 5th and May 6th in Washington, DC. Information can be found at http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld.

ALA encourages everyone to take part virtually during the week of May 5 - 8. Information on how you can help from home can be found at http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2014/04/advocate-libraries-participating-virtual-library-legislative-day-may-6.

Twelve Kentucky librarians and library supporters will be meeting with the Kentucky senators and representatives or their designees on Tuesday, May 6.

2014 AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE DAY KENTUCKY DELEGATION

KLA President
Brenda Metzger
McCracken County High School

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Wayne Onkst
Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives

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Special Library Section Chair
Michele Ruth
Georgetown College

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Emmalee Hill Hoover
Dixie Heights High School

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KPLA Chair
Ashley Fowlkes
Warren County Public Library

KPLA Past Chair
Susan Nimmersheim
Grant County Public Library

KPLA Advocacy Committee Chair
Lisa Rice
Warren County Public Library

Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc.
Mary Lynn Collins

-- submitted by Debbe Oberhausen, Louisville Free Public Library
Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference
Held April 9 - 11

The KPLA / KLTRT Spring Conference was hosted April 9 - 11 in Bowling Green and turned out to be a great one for public librarians, staff, and trustees from around the state, with 355 in attendance.

With 179 in attendance, the Awards Luncheon, featuring a presentation by author Jeffery Deaver, was both entertaining and inspiring.

The following awards were presented during the Awards Luncheon:

- James E. Gugeler Outstanding Library Trustee Award – Steve Marcum, Warren County Public Library
- James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/ Outreach Services Award – Toy Lancaster, Lexington Public Library
- Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award – Natalie Ruppert, Kenton County Public Library
- “Miss Pickle” Outstanding Children’s Service Award – Terri Diebel, Kenton County Public Library
- Outstanding Public Library Service Award – Dave Schroeder, Kenton County Public Library
- Public Library Advocacy Award – Wayne T. Rutherford, Pike County
- Public Relations and Marketing Award – Becky Kempf, Boone County Public Library
- Richardson/Conway Outstanding Library Volunteer Award – Rita Barlow, Madison County Public Library

Anyone wanting to download presentation handouts, including the informative slide show Wayne Onkst shared in his General Session can go to: http://kpla.pbworks.com/.

-- submitted by Ashley Fowlkes, Warren County Public Library, and Wynita Worley, Grant County Public Library
KLA Library Trustee Round Table Update

Trustee Certification training was held in pre-conference sessions on Wednesday, April 9th at the KPLA/KLTRT spring conference in Bowling Green, with thirty-five Trustees in attendance. This third year of Trustee training saw all training modules now specific to Kentucky and presented live, instead of by pre-recorded sessions. This allowed interaction between trainers and Trustees with many questions asked and answered and scenarios presented with solutions.

To become certified, Trustees first apply for temporary certification, which gives them four years to gain training in the five main core skills areas. These core skills concern areas of knowledge that explain the role of a Trustee, legalities of running a board meeting, financial responsibilities, policies and procedures, and strategic planning and advocacy. Certification is then renewed within four years by gaining five hours of training; however, this renewal training can come from many sources, including webinars, attendance at conference sessions, and by other means.

The first skill, “Trustee and Director Roles,” was taught by Nikole Wolfe, Regional Librarian from Region 2. She explained the different roles played by Trustees and Directors, and how the two positions work together for the good of the library.

The second skill, “Effective Board Organization,” covered conducting board meetings effectively and properly, while following all legal requirements. Terry Manuel, Branch Manager for Public Library Program Development, used a multiple-choice quiz format.

The third skill, “Budget and Finance,” also presented by Terry Manuel, concerned financial documents, responsibilities of the board treasurer, and some changes which affect libraries that were implemented in the 2013 legislative session.

Skill four, “Creating Effective Library Policies,” explained the difference between policies and procedures and outlined the ten essential policies each board should adopt. In addition, the purpose of Library Standards was made clear. Jeanna Cornett, Region 7, was our presenter.

The fifth core skill, explained by Tim Gampp, Region 8, was “Planning and Advocacy.” Steps to use to develop a strategic plan and the importance of advocacy were emphasized.

On behalf of Trustees across the state and the 242 Trustees certified so far, our thanks go out to KDLA; Beth Milburn, Continuing Education Consultant; and our presenters for all their commitment and hard work to make this the best Trustee Certification session ever!

In other news, the Trustee Business Session was held immediately following Certification sessions before anyone had the chance to sneak off! All Trustees were encouraged to become members of the Trustee Round Table, as membership gives them a connection to a statewide network of other public library Trustees. In addition, the benefits of joining the Trustee listserv were highlighted.

In addition, the Trustee Round Table historically awards a scholarship of up to $500 to help pay expenses to the conference, and
KLA Library Trustee Round Table Update (continued)

this year the scholarship was given to Louise Canter of Kenton County, who also graciously agreed to become our Secretary. Our congratulations and thanks go out to Louise.

Your Library Trustee Round Table officers for 2014–2016 are: Mindy Woods-Click, Carter County, Chair; Jim Stoops, Monroe County, Vice-Chair; and Louise Canter, Kenton County, Secretary. – submitted by Mindy Woods-Click, Chair, Library Trustee Round Table

Joint Spring Conference Held April 9 - 11

The Joint Spring Conference of the KLA Academic Library Section, KLA Special Library Section, and Kentucky Chapter of the Special Libraries Association was held April 9 – 11 at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton.


Highlights include presentations by both of the keynote speakers:

• “Beyond Borders: What We Have to Do to Learn, Evolve, and Grow” by Kate Arnold, President of the Special Libraries Association.

• “Leaning In to Librarianship” by Kate Tkacik, Business Research Group, BMO Capital Markets.

– submitted by Virginia Mattingly, University of Louisville
BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –
Expanding Mobile Media and Online Collections

Boyd County Public Library has been busy this year staying current with online resources and mobile media and finding new ways to accommodate our tech savvy patrons.

In February, BCPL launched a mobile app that puts all the great features and services of the library at your fingertips, on the go. With it, you can instantly tap into library resources from any mobile phone or tablet connected to the internet – anytime, anywhere.

BCPL Mobile app is available for free from all download stores. BCPL cardholders can use BCPL Mobile to search the library’s catalog; check their account; ask a question; download ebooks, audio books, magazines and music; find events; and more.

Our newest gadget-friendly addition is the 3M Discovery Terminal, which allows borrowers to check out books directly to their computer or mobile device and read them on either one – or both.

Initially, 245 titles were available for checkout through the 3M Discovery Terminal and the collection keeps growing! Genres include biography, fiction, humor, cooking, self-help, history, performing arts, and science. There is also a selection of juvenile fiction and non-fiction.

If patrons are searching for a certain title (either in the online catalog or via the Discovery Terminal) that is not in the 3M collection, then they can add it to their “wish list” for the library to purchase.

Now, in addition to all of the handy and convenient features of the BCPL Mobile app, patrons can access the 3M Cloud Library too! – submitted by Whitney Lyons, Boyd County Public Library

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
Library Faculty and Staff News

Jackie Couture has been named Team Leader for EKU Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives. Jackie has had twenty years of work in archives, with an emphasis on local history, EKU history, digital archives, and records management. She recently graduated from the University of Kentucky’s Library and Information Science Graduate Program.

Events and Happenings

The John Grant Crabbe Main Library served as the setting for Eastern Kentucky University’s Scholarship Week activities April 14 - 18.

Students display their project at the Undergraduate Presentation Showcase during EKU’s Scholarship Week
KLA Member News and Library Updates (continued)

The week’s events celebrated the culture of scholarship, research, and creative endeavors at EKU. Events included “A Workshop for Prospective Authors of Peer-Reviewed Publications,” thesis presentations by EKU Honors students, a student public speaking competition, and more. [http://studio.eku.edu/scholarshipweek2014](http://studio.eku.edu/scholarshipweek2014)

Local author Linda Hager Pack visited EKU Libraries to talk about her newest book, *Appalachian Toys and Games from A to Z* on April 9. The presentation was preceded by music by the EKU Bluegrass Band, an all-student group. –submitted by Krista Rhodus, EKU Libraries

MCCracken County Public Library

Upcoming Evenings Upstairs Programs

May 8, 7:00 pm – Mounds, Mysteries and Marketing – A History of Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site

The archaeological site of Mississippian Indian mounds in Wickliffe, Kentucky, has fascinated and intrigued visitors and archaeologists for over eighty years. First opened in 1932 by Paducah businessman Fain King, the site has gone through various transitions, challenges, hundreds of thousands of visitors, and is still open to the public as a valuable educational resource. Carla Hildebrand, Park Manager of the Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site, will present an overview of the site’s history, mysteries, and tourism through the decades.

June 26, 7:00 pm – Irvin S. Cobb: Renowned Journalist, Popular Author of Short Fiction, and Always Paducah’s Native Son

In June 2014, Paducah will celebrate the 138th Anniversary of the birth of Irvin Shrewsbury Cobb, one of Paducah’s most famous native sons. Actually, Cobb wrote, “I would rather be born a homeless orphan in Paducah, Kentucky, than duly certified twins anywhere else on earth.” Important words for this journalist who covered WWI with some of the best first hand reports from behind German lines and who was the most popular writer of short fiction, often in competition with F. Scott Fitzgerald. He never forgot his Paducah roots.

Join Andrew Halford, Professor Emeritus, West Kentucky Community and Technical College, for this celebration of the life and accomplishments of Irvin S. Cobb.

July 24, 7:00 pm – Mounds and Priests, Cathedrals and Popes: Was Wickliffe a Native American Cathedral Town in AD 1250?

Native Americans were building mounds in western Kentucky at the same time as Europeans were building cathedrals.
The Mississippian culture of the Mississippi Valley (AD 800-1400) is defined by sites like Wickliffe in Ballard County, and Cahokia, Illinois, which shared a culture, a symbolic art, and religious architecture, which we recognize as mounds. Christian Europe can also be defined by a shared culture, symbolic art, and religious architecture (churches and cathedrals). Kit Wesler, professor of archaeology at Murray State University, will talk about his research on the archaeology of medieval cathedrals and Medieval Christendom and how he thinks that comparing Europe to the Mississippian culture is a challenge to typical archaeological thought.

**Special Event: Breaking Down Barriers**

As part of the 8th of August Emancipation Celebration, McCracken County Public Library, Hotel Metropolitan, and the Kentucky Humanities Council will offer a special Evenings Upstairs Event: Breaking Down Barriers.

Join us from 6:30 – 6:45 pm in the library's 2nd floor meeting room for a Meet & Greet with special guest Dennis “Bose” Biddle, former Negro League Baseball pitcher.

Biddle was the youngest person to play in the Negro Baseball League. He played for the Chicago American Giants from 1953-1954. Biddle was known as “the man who beat the man.” Gerald (Lefty) McKinnis, one of the few pitchers to beat legend Satchel Paige, was out pitched by Biddle. Biddle is the author of *Secrets of The Negro Leagues*. (Sponsored by the Hotel Metropolitan)

At 7:00 pm, Pee Wee Reese, Catalyst of Baseball Integration, will be portrayed by Dick Usher, retired educational psychology professor at Murray State University.

Reese led the Brooklyn Dodgers to 7 pennants and, in 1955, a World Series win over the New York Yankees. Inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984, his plaque records the powerful example he set when Jackie Robinson joined the Dodgers in 1947 as the first black player. Reese’s acceptance and support of Robinson was instrumental in “breaking down baseball’s color barrier.” (Sponsored by McCracken Co. Public Library and the Kentucky Humanities Council) – submitted by Bobbie Wrinkle, McCracken County Public Library

**WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Steve Marcum Awarded Kentucky Public Library Association Outstanding Trustee**

Steve Marcum, President of the Warren County Public Library Board of Trustees, was awarded the James Gugeler Outstanding Library Trustee Award. The award was presented at the Kentucky Public Library Association Annual Conference held in Bowling Green on April 10.

The Kentucky Library Association states that the purpose of the award is to recognize the contributions of an individual who is currently serving as a trustee for a Kentucky public library.

“Steve joined the board in 2007, when we were still the Bowling Green Public Library,” says WCPL Director Lisa Rice. “His leadership has allowed our library to purchase, renovate, and
open our Bob Kirby Branch in 2008 and the 13,000-square-foot expansion just two months ago. He served as President as we purchased land and built our Smiths Grove Branch Library in 2012. He has helped us achieve stability in funding and helped our system grow in space, circulation and community presence.”

“Steve has been an active advocate for not only our library, but libraries across the Commonwealth,” says Rice. “He has served as the Chair of the Trustee Round Table and promoted trustee certification. He has traveled to Washington, DC to advocate for libraries. Last year our library achieved the Exemplary rating for public libraries. It is because we have an exemplary leader in Steve Marcum.”

Steve Marcum is the Executive Vice President and CFO of Citizens First Bank.

**WCPL Hosts Melody Carlson**

Christian writer Melody Carlson will speak at the Warren County Public Library Kirby Branch on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. She will discuss her latest book *Dating, Dining, and Desperation*.

Melody Carlson has written 200 books for teens, women, and children with more than five million copies sold. Some of her most popular works are the *Diary of a Teenage Girl* books series and the *True Colors* book series. She captures the realism of teenage life today and the difficulty that comes with being a Christian. Her novels range from serious issues like schizophrenia (*Finding Alice*) to lighter topics like house-flipping (*A Mile in My Flip-Flops*) but most of the inspiration behind her fiction comes right out of real life. She also writes Christmas novellas each year and women’s nonfiction books (*Healing Waters*). Some of her books have been optioned for film and television.

Free tickets to this event are available at all library locations or by emailing Jayne Pelaski ([jaynep@warrenpl.org](mailto:jaynep@warrenpl.org)). Call 270-782-0252 or visit [www.warrenpl.org](http://www.warrenpl.org) for more information.

**WCPL to Host KISS Frontman Paul Stanley**

The Warren County Public Library will host Paul Stanley for a book signing on Thursday, May 15. Stanley will sign copies of his memoir *Face the Music: A Life Exposed*.

*Face the Music*, Paul Stanley—the co-founder and famous “Starchild” of KISS—reveals for the first time the incredible highs and equally incredible lows in his life both inside and outside the band. *Face the Music* is the shocking, funny, smart, inspirational story of one of rock’s most enduring icons and the group he helped create, define, and immortalize.

The event will be held at the Bob Kirby Branch on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00, so attendees are encouraged to arrive early to reserve their space in line. Book signing only – no memorabilia will be signed. Books will be available for purchase on site starting at 4:00.

For more information, call 270-782-0252 or email Jayne Pelaski at [jaynep@warrenpl.org](mailto:jaynep@warrenpl.org). – submitted by Jayne Pelaski, Warren County Public Library
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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