Greetings from the President

The 2012 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, “Kentucky Libraries: For Every Chapter of Your Life,” was held September 20-22 at the Galt House in Louisville. The conference provided an opportunity for the 467 attendees to learn from and enjoy many gifted speakers. The conference’s featured speakers included Tracy Maleeff, Chair of the Special Library Association Legal Division; Donna Baker, Middle Tennessee State University; Garry Golden, Forward Elements; Shannon McClintock Miller, Van Meter Community School; and ALA President Maureen Sullivan.

Several talented authors joined us to share their latest works. The author roster featured several award winning children’s authors and illustrators including Michael Buckley, James L. Barry, Mark Wayne Adams and Tammie Lyon. Tess Gerristen, bestselling author of medical suspense novels, captured our attention with her unusual path to becoming a writer and her refreshingly honest, somewhat macabre sources of plot inspiration. Silas House proved again to be a favorite among librarians of all types when he read from his latest work, Same Sun Here.

The Annual KLA Business Meeting was held on September 21st. The membership elected Brenda Metzger from KSMA as the new President-Elect and Abby Thorne from Special Library Section as Secretary. The Executive Board will consist of myself, Terry Buckner as Past President, Brenda, Abby and Tom Underwood as our Executive Director.

Libraries are dealing with many challenges in the current political

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and economic climate. It has never been more important for us to work together and support each other. We are your representatives, so please feel free to contact any of us if you have any comments, concerns or successes you would like for us to share. All contact information is available on the website, klaonline.org.

Lisa Rice
KLA President

October 2012 Proclaimed Information Literacy Month

On September 28, 2012, Governor Steve Beshear proclaimed October Information Literacy Month in Kentucky.

The full text of the proclamation reads:

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, Information literacy gives people the skills and tools to find, evaluate, and use credible information from all sources in our rapidly evolving modern world; and

Whereas, The ability to search, find, decipher, and analyze different forms of information is a key component in effective decision-making across various fields; and

Whereas, Informational literacy is a valid and necessary educational skill and will expose students to better research practices; and

Whereas, People familiar with informational resources available in the digital world are more qualified and better able to see highly skilled positions in the workplace;

Now, therefore, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as Information Literacy Month in Kentucky and encourage the pursuit of these skills.
KLA Award Winners Announced

The following award winners were announced during the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference in September.

Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award
Trenia Napier – Assistant University Librarian, Eastern Kentucky University

James A. Nelson Advocacy Award
Dave Schroeder – Director, Kenton County Public Library

William H. Natcher Award
Jim & Darlene Johnson – Nominated by Warren County Public Library & Western Kentucky University

Lifetime Achievement Award
Wayne Onkst - State Librarian and Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

Spring Semester Schedule Posted for Library Information Technology Classes at BCTC

The spring semester 2013 schedule of library science classes for Bluegrass Community & Technical College is posted at http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/CSIS/LIT/Class Schedule.

The selected topic class is Current Library Technologies: Social Media, Ebooks, & Mobile Apps.

Tuition for one three-credit-hour course is: $420. The deadline to apply for admission/readmission to the college is Friday, November 30.

For information, contact Martha Birchfield at martha.birchfield@kctcs.edu.
Marcus Walker Named Recipient of KLA Scholarship for Minority Students

The 2012 recipient of the Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students is Marcus Walker. Marcus is a Circulation and Technical Services Assistant at the University of Louisville Law Library. He is using the $1,000 grant to continue studies at the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science.

Walker received glowing recommendations from his U of L colleagues. Virginia Mattingly noted that "Marcus is an incredibly thoughtful person who takes great pride in his work...He is passionate about pursuing a career in librarianship."

Robin Harris stated, "Librarianship needs dedicated diligent people like Marcus to fill its ranks in the coming years - bright, young and well-read, with excellent computer skills and a wide knowledge of many facets of library work."

In reviewing the applications, committee member Mark Adler commented, "...his recommendations speak highly of his intellect as well as his interpersonal skills, both of which will be called upon on a daily basis no matter what type of library he works in and in what capacity.” Marcus Walker was the unanimous choice of the committee as the 2012 scholarship recipient.

The Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students was created in 2007 for the purpose of increasing the number of minorities pursuing careers in the library profession in Kentucky. The scholarship is for minority candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in librarianship. The parameters of the application were recently changed to give the recipient more choices in pursuing higher education. The scholarship will now be granted to a Kentucky student entering or continuing their library education in an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited library school.

For more information about the 2013 scholarship, contact Judith Gibbons at jagibbons@windstream.net. – submitted by Judith Gibbons, Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students Chair
Library Instruction Round Table News

The Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) meeting was held on Thursday, September 20 at 8:00 a.m. at the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference.

Officers for the 2012-2013 Academic Year were elected:
   Chair – Trenia Napier, Eastern Kentucky University Libraries
   Chair-Elect – Nicole Montgomery, Eastern Kentucky University Libraries
   Secretary-Treasurer – Toccara D. Porter, University of Louisville Libraries

The no-cost library instruction retreat sponsored by KLA LIRT held on June 8, 2012 at Transylvania University was a success. KLA LIRT will sponsor a library instruction retreat on Friday, June 7, 2013 in Richmond, KY, at Eastern Kentucky University in the John Grant Crabbe Library. The retreat will once again have no registration fee, with the only costs to attendees being travel costs and lunch. Watch for a call for proposals and more details to come via e-mail to KLA LIRT members and the KLA listserv after everyone returns from the ACRL 2013 Conference in the spring.

The instruction retreat day would feature tours of the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity and duck-treat lunch groups to area restaurants for attendees interested going out to lunch with a group (EKU staff will happily drive). Parking will be arranged prior to the instruction retreat. There will be two simultaneous presentations for each presentation time slot in two state-of-the-art library instruction spaces featuring comfortable mobile seating, laptops, and multiple projection screens.

Registration will be open and available to KLA LIRT members first. If there are still open spots, registration will be opened to other KLA members.

KLA Member News and Library Updates

BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –

Catlettsburg Branch Undergoing Remodeling

Boyd County Public Library's Catlettsburg Branch is getting a makeover!

The remodeling of the building, a former dress shop which became a part of the library district in 1983, began in early October. The branch is expected to reopen on Feb. 1.

The 2,400 square foot branch is getting a new roof, new ADA-compliant restrooms, updated electrical, lighting and ductwork, fresh paint, and new carpet and furniture.

Moving the restrooms will allow for a nice-sized meeting room, something the branch has lacked. There will also be a new front desk (complete with book drop), a small children's area, study spaces, comfortable seating and an office/work space for staff.

When the Catlettsburg Branch opened in September 1983, there were 3,000 books on its shelves. Today, it has nearly 13,000 items in
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Tales to Tails

Boyd County Public Library started a new program in October, letting children read to dogs.

The Tales to Tails program is aimed at kids who are just beginning to read, or are having trouble. Studies show that reading to dogs can help children improve their reading fluency, by as much as 30 percent. Kids don't worry so much about making a mistake while reading to a dog, since dogs aren't judging or grading the child. That lets young readers gain confidence in their reading skills.

If the program is successful this fall, BCPL plans to make it a regular monthly offering.

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY – MSU Libraries’ Staff News

Dr. David Gregory has been named Dean of the Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University. Dr. Gregory received his MLS from the University of Kentucky and was hired as the Director of Technical Services. Previously he worked as a Librarian at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Ray Bailey has been promoted from Learning Technology Librarian to Director of Instruction Services at Morehead State University. Ray holds degrees in Clinical Psychology from MSU and Library Science from the University of South Florida.

Karla Aleman of Camden-Carroll Library at

plans for the Catlettsburg Branch remodel
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Morehead State University has been promoted to Librarian II status, effective July 1, 2012.

Ophelia Chapman of Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University has been promoted to Librarian III status, effective July 1, 2012.

Ray Bailey of Camden-Carroll Library at Morehead State University has been promoted to Librarian IV status, effective July 1, 2012. – submitted by Sandy Sumner, Morehead State University

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE –

University of Louisville Kornhauser Health Sciences Library Hosts Harry Potter Exhibit

*Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine*

Catch the magic October 24 through November 29, 2012 at the University of Louisville’s Kornhauser Health Sciences Library


In 1997, British author J. K. Rowling introduced the world to Harry Potter and a literary phenomenon was born. Although a fantasy story, the magic in the *Harry Potter* books is partially based on Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science, including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy.

Incorporating the work of several 15th- and 16th-century thinkers, the seven-part *Harry Potter* series examines important ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power. This exhibition, using materials from the National Library of Medicine, explores Harry Potter’s world and its roots in Renaissance magic, science, and medicine.

News from KLA Members

Librarians Present at Library 2.012 Worldwide Virtual Conference


KLA Member Retirement Leads to Job Opportunity for Interested Librarians

Donna F. Slaton, Librarian at the Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC) in Central City, KY, is retiring in mid-December. She is
actively recruiting her replacement to care for a collection of approximately 12,000 volumes, over 600 VHS and DVDs, and more, circulated using the LibrarySoft computer circulation system. GRCC has a team of 12 inmate library workers and serves a reading population of around 982 inmates in a medium-security Kentucky Department of Corrections facility. The user base varies but ranges between 750 and 800 users (better than 75% of the available population).

The position will involve reference, interlibrary loan, and selection of materials. Selection, training, and scheduling workers in a security-intense environment requires not only traditional library skills, but training in security at the same level as beginning correctional officers.

While it is not the job for everyone, the position is rated a grade 11 in the Kentucky personnel merit system and provides hazardous duty retirement. There are twelve such institutions in Kentucky that strive to maintain excellence in American Corrections Association accreditation standards, which require a librarian in the position.

Donna joined KLA in 1974 at her first job as Associate Director of the Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library from 1974 to 1984. She also served as a children's programmer for Muhlenberg County Public Libraries from 2000 to 2007. In her third library career at the prison, she stayed with KLA and also joined the Special Libraries Association as a Solo Librarian and active member of the Kentucky Chapter of SLA. She was published on the SLA Future Ready blog, was interviewed on "Lost in the Stacks" radio show from Georgia Tech University, has presented workshops to both the Kentucky and Tennessee Library Associations and the Kentucky Storytelling Association, of which she is a charter member and Past-President. She has a storytelling website at www.misspockets3.com and writes a weekly column for the Madisonville Messenger newspaper.

While at GRCC, she installed the automated circulation system, expanded media services, taught a parenting program, and sponsored an inmate Friends of the Library group. She remains a member of the HCMPL Friends and has joined the Friends of Kentucky Libraries as well.

As long as there are books to read and write and stories to tell, Donna may retire but she will still be working. Contact her at donna.slaton@gmail.com for more info about the job opportunity, storytelling, or mentoring.

– submitted by Donna Slaton
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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