Greetings from the President

The 2013 KLA/KASL Joint Conference, Collaborate. Communicate. Create. Celebrate., was held September 11-14, 2013, at the Galt House in Louisville. Featured speakers included Frank X. Walker, Kentucky Poet Laureate; Mark Wayne Adams, Author and Illustrator; Tom Angleberger, Author; Audrey Church, Associate Professor at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia; Richard Paul Evans, Author; Becky George, Librarian at Craft Memorial Library and the Eastern Regional Coal Archives in West Virginia; Jason Griffey, Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and Barbara Stripling, ALA President. Maureen Sullivan, ALA Past President, returned to Kentucky to speak at a preconference.

The sponsored sessions and mini-sessions were excellent this year. The Vendor Hall Poker Run was a new event designed to bring attendees in to the Exhibit Hall. The Poster Sessions and KLA Speed Geek were fun and innovative. The 2013 Fall Conference Planning Committee did a great job and I want to thank them for a successful conference!

The KLA Annual Membership Business meeting was held during the conference on September 13, 2013. The following officers were elected:

President-Elect – Laura Whayne (Special Section)
Secretary – Alex Grigg (Academic Section)

Members of the Executive Board include myself (Kentucky Association of School Librarians), Laura as President-Elect, Alex as Secretary, and Lisa Rice (Kentucky Public Libraries Association) as
Greetings from the President (continued)

Past-President. Tom Underwood will continue to serve in the position of KLA Executive Director.


Thank you for this opportunity to serve as President this year. I look forward to meeting and working with the members of our organization as we communicate, collaborate, create, and celebrate Kentucky libraries!

Brenda Metzger
KLA President

KLA Award Winners Announced

Winners of the James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and William H. Natcher Award were announced during the 2013 Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky Association of School Librarians Joint Conference in September.

**James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award**

*Kathy Mansfield*

Kathy Mansfield began her career as a school librarian. In 2009, she became Library Media/Textbooks Consultant at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), a position she currently holds. She also serves as KDE liaison to several organizations, including KDE Department for Libraries and Archives, Kentucky Virtual Library, Kentucky Library Association, and Kentucky Association of School Librarians. For her work as an “instrumental advocate for Kentucky school libraries...promoting school libraries for their importance across the state of Kentucky,” she is the very deserving recipient of the 2013 James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

The 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to two recipients: Janet Stith and Linda Kompanik.

*Janet Stith*

Janet Stith recently retired from her position as Director of the University of Kentucky Medical Center Library. She has served KLA as President twice, completing her term from 1993 to 1994 and returning to the position from 1994 to 1995 after the resignation of her successor. She has also served KLA as ALA Councilor, Chair of Special Library Section, and Chair of Academic Libraries Section, in addition to...
serving on the Audit, Library Awareness, Mentoring, and Strategic Planning committees. In 1996, Janet was named Outstanding Academic Librarian. In 2002, she received the Outstanding Special Librarian Award. Janet has also been active in the Special Libraries Association, the Medical Library Association, and the Southeastern Library Association. Throughout her career, she formally and informally mentored many librarians across the state. For her service as a “dedicated, hard-working, involved leader in the library world for over 40 years,” Janet received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**William H. Natcher Award**

**Dr. Jack Ellis**

Until his retirement, Dr. Jack Ellis served as Director of Libraries and Professor of Library Science at Morehead State University. He “spent most of his life collecting and compiling information about Morehead and Rowan County, Kentucky.” He has written several books about Morehead and Rowan County in cooperation with the Jesse Stuart Foundation and as an independent author, performing an “invaluable service” for the region. In April 2013, Dr. Ellis donated his life’s research to the Rowan County Public Library. This collection included hundreds of files. Dr. Ellis also contributed financially toward the housing and processing of the collection. According to his nominator, he has “given the people of Rowan County a gift that will be treasured for generations to come.” For his generous contribution to Rowan County Public Library, Dr. Ellis is the recipient of this year's William H. Natcher Award.

**Linda Kompanik**

Linda Kompanik received the Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously. Linda was a very active member of KLA, serving in many roles. She was Chair of the Kentucky Public Library Association from 1999 to 2000, KLA President from 2004 to 2005, and ALA Councilor from 2006 to 2007. She also chaired the KLA Library Awareness Committee from 2005 to 2010. She spearheaded the effort to get the Kentucky library license plate created. For all of her work on behalf of Kentucky libraries, Linda was awarded the James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award in 2011. According to her nomination, her “contribution to the Logan County Public Library has been immeasurable, and her commitment to libraries across the Commonwealth is unrivaled.” For her many years of service to KLA and her dedication to advocating for libraries, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award.
2013 Kentucky Book Fair Grants

Seven grants totaling $7,000 were announced to public and community college libraries across the Commonwealth from proceeds of the annual Kentucky Book Fair.

- Carter County Public Library received a grant of $1,500 to enhance the adult fiction collection.
- Livingston County Public Library was funded $1,500 to expand books on the arts for adults and children.
- Powell County Public Library was awarded $1,000 to refresh popular reading books.
- Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library was granted $750 to support family literacy and school readiness.
- Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library accepted $750 to increase the Kentucky collection.
- Maysville Community and Technical College Library was given $750 to increase books in the Learning Lab.
- Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College Library, Middlesboro Campus received $750 to purchase graphic novels and current fiction.

Since the KBF’s inception in 1981, more than $350,000 has been awarded to school and public libraries. Each year about 4,000 people attend the event, which attracts nearly 200 authors who autograph and sell copies of their latest books, resulting in approximately $125,000 in gross sales.

Kentucky Book Fair Inc., a nonprofit organization, was founded to coordinate the event, with proceeds supporting Kentucky’s libraries. The 32nd annual KBF was held Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Frankfort Convention Center.

For more information, visit the KBF website: www.kybookfair.blogspot.com.
KLA Member News and Library Updates

BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –

Kaitlin Barber Receives Award

Kaitlin Barber, Local History Associate at Boone County Public Library, has received an Award from the Kentucky Historical Association for the Chronicles of Boone County QR Code Project. The project has QR tags which link Historic Roadside Markers and various Burlington historic buildings to the Chronicles of Boone County on the Local History page of the Boone County Public Library website (http://www.bcpl.org/cbc/doku.php).

According to Barber, the links that are provided within the descriptions themselves help to demonstrate the connections that exists among the events, places and people throughout Boone County. By attaching QR codes to the historical markers throughout the county that link directly to Boone County Public Library's online encyclopedia, The Chronicles of Boone County, Boone County's Local History Department has made history more visible and accessible to members of the community. The QR tags encourage visitors of the physical sites of historic events to then visit the websites that provide background information and primary sources regarding the events or people in Boone County's past. Each page linked to the historical markers throughout the county has been thoroughly researched, and the sources are made available for public viewing through Boone County Public Library's website. – submitted by Carrie Herrmann, Boone County Public Library

BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –

Introducing the Tech Tryout Program

Tis the season...to be enticed to purchase the latest models and coolest new electronic gadgets and gizmos to give to others or keep for yourself.

Before you hand over the cash or swipe the card to buy that new gaming system or tablet computer—STOP and come to Boyd County Public Library's Tech Tryout program on December 7.

BCPL will have the new XOne and PS4 gaming systems for folks to try, as well as new tablets, cameras, and other fun devices. Try them out and decide which is best for you.

Speaking of new gaming systems, BCPL will also have new XOne and PS4 games available for checkout in December. – submitted by Amanda Gilmore, Boyd County Public Library

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY –

New Collections and Discovery Division

The Collections and Discovery Division at Eastern Kentucky University Libraries has been re-organized into new functional teams.

- Victoria Koger has been named Team Leader of Collection Management, which is responsible for acquisitions, collection development, MARC cataloging and management of tangible resources (print books, print serials, DVDs, etc.), and gifts processing.
- Laura Edwards has been appointed the Team Leader of Discovery and Metadata which handles eResource management, metadata across all platforms, bulk record editing and
cataloging, maximizing discovery through linked data, and usage and collection analysis.

- Jens Arneson joins the Discovery and Metadata team as its Online Resources Librarian, replacing Kelly Smith who was promoted to Coordinator of the Division in 2012.
- Stefanie Brooks replaces the recently retired Pat New as Team Leader of Library Express, which provides interlibrary loan and document delivery services.
- Linda Sizemore leads the Libraries’ scholarly communication and copyright outreach efforts.

Conference Presentation

On November 9, 2013, at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in New Orleans, Trenia Napier, Noel Studio Research Coordinator, Kevin Jones, Reference & Instruction Librarian, and Hannah Zimmerman, Eastern Kentucky University Honors Student and Noel Studio Consultant presented: “Why EKU Honors Loves Our Library: Research Based on Collaboration with the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity.” They discussed their qualitative and quantitative research on the effectiveness of the collaboration between the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Honors thesis curriculum and services offered by partnering entities, EKU Libraries, and the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity. – submitted by Krista Rhodus, EKU Libraries
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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