Greetings from the President

Autumn is always one of my favorite times of year. I am usually ready for the hot weather to end and for the cool crisp air to settle in – not to mention it tends to get rid of the pollen and other nuisances that cause my allergies to go into overdrive! Autumn is also a very busy time for libraries. New students are entering the doors and faculty make requests for classrooms visits in our school and academic libraries and power readers are looking for the next big read to curl up with from their local public libraries. This is the time of year libraries are buzzing with activity! It can be exhausting, but also very exciting.

Libraries are exciting and innovative environments. We learn so much from our patrons and hopefully they leave our buildings feeling good about what they discovered and the customer service they received. As our current and former ALA Presidents have reminded us, “Libraries Transform.” We do transform people’s lives and should never forget that is the most important part of our mission. Each day brings challenges. I have yet to find a library in the Commonwealth which isn’t working hard to meet and exceed those challenges on a daily basis.

The coming year offers many opportunities for all of us. I encourage you and your staff to attend the KLA/KASL Conference next autumn and the section conferences throughout the year. Also take advantage of the great webinars offered by ALA, KLA, and our own Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. These, and many other learning opportunities, help us recharge and provide new and cutting edge services to those we serve.

I also encourage all of you to get involved in KLA, our sections,
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and roundtables. KLA is only as strong as our membership. We have so many wonderful people working in libraries in Kentucky. Share your knowledge, mentor a newcomer or someone who is struggling, and advocate for libraries. We all have great stories to tell about libraries. Tell them to anyone who will listen and get them published in our own Kentucky Libraries and IN-FO-CUS, in your local newspaper, and on local television and radio programs. In the past, we sat back and let our work speak for itself. That is no longer good enough. Now more than ever, we must promote what we are doing—it is vital to our profession.

Dave Schroeder
KLA President

Children attending a popular program at the Erlanger Branch of Kenton County Public Library
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Academic Librarian of the Year – Robin Harris

Robin Harris has had an outstanding career of 32 years in librarianship in the University of Louisville Libraries. She has served the University of Louisville through more than 30 university-wide committees, many of which were at the at the Presidential or Provost level. She has served the Kentucky library profession as Editor-in-Chief of Kentucky Libraries from 1993 to 1995 and 2008 to present. She has also been involved with the Kentucky Women’s Book Festival Planning Committee since 2006 and has been Co-Chair since 2012. She has received the numerous honors and awards from the University of Louisville and has produced an impressive list of professional publications.

Special Librarians of the Year – Michele Ruth and Donna Slaton

Michele Ruth

Michele Ruth has been an active member of KLA for years. She has served the association as Chair of the Special Library Section and ALA Councilor and currently serves as Secretary of KLA. She has served on planning committees for both Joint Spring Conference and KLA Annual Conference. In addition to her involvement with KLA, Michele has been active in the Kentucky Chapter of SLA, currently serving as Director-at-Large.

Aside from her contributions to the profession at large, Michele is a valuable member of the library faculty at Georgetown College, where she is Collection Services Coordinator. She has presented at conferences on Worldshare Management Services and co-authored a chapter in Mobile Library Services: Best Practices. In addition, she serves as an academic advisor to students at the college. Quoting her nomination, “her passion and dedication to the profession and Georgetown College is unparalled…Michele is a well-respected librarian and faculty member at Georgetown College and throughout Kentucky. She is courteous, professional, and friendly to students, faculty, staff,” and her colleagues throughout the state.

Donna Slaton

Donna has been a member of KLA since 1974, except for 1984 – 1992, when she stepped away to have and raise children. Donna has served Kentucky’s libraries in a variety of capacities over the years, including: Associate Director and Childrens & Young Adult Librarian at the Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library from 1974 – 1984, Children’s Programmer II at the Muhlenburg County Public Libraries from 2000 – 2007, Prison Librarian at the Green River Correctional Complex from 2008 – 2013, and most recently serving as the Librarian of the Historical Society of Hopkins County since 2014.

In her 34 plus years of librarianship, Donna has been a leader as well as an advocate for change. She successfully automated her prison’s library collection after two failed attempts by her predecessors. She also created a video tour for the Historical Society of Hopkins County after it was determined that the building could not be made wheelchair accessible—this meant those who were physically unable to tour the facility could take a virtual tour instead. She also
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created a webpage and social media accounts for the Historical Society, in addition to procuring a scanner that would allow her to digitize rare but frequently-requested materials.

Donna remains passionate about continuing education in our field. She has regularly attended and presented at the Joint Spring Conference, sharing her experiences and knowledge with others while learning from her peers.

Special Library Section Innovation Award – Ben Rawlins

In 2011, Ben Rawlins came to the Georgetown College Library as their Electronic Resources Librarian. Since that time, he has consistently demonstrated his skills in innovation. Right away, he improved their webpage dramatically, improving its functionality and navigation. With his system administration and design skills, he has enhanced their database connections, allowing patrons to more easily access electronic resources. More recently he has excelled with Springshare’s products, using them to replace forms, staff calendars, and the library’s webpage. Georgetown College is even featured on Springshare’s webpage as a result of Ben’s work. He also implemented the library’s new integrated library system and handled all the work of migrating from Voyager.

Beyond the college, he has made a name for himself in the realm of mobile library services by presenting at conference such as Computers in Libraries and authoring books on the subject such as Mobile Devices: A Practical Guide for Librarians and Mobile Technologies in Libraries: A LITA Guide.

In 2015, Ben became Library Director at Georgetown College. According to the nomination, he is often sought out by colleagues for assistance with their technology needs and is always happy to help. Quoting directly: “Not only is he smart and innovative, he is also one of the kindest people you will ever meet.”

Special Library Section award winners
Ben Rawlins, Michele Ruth, and Donna Slaton

KLA Scholarship Winners

The Kentucky Library Association (KLA) has selected eight recipients to receive scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year.

Lindsey Harper, Student Assistant at Marshall University’s James E. Monroe Library was awarded a $1,000 Minority Scholarship.

Additionally, seven Linda Kompanik scholarship recipients were awarded $2,000 each. They are:
- Laura Fox, Coordinator of Educational Delivery Services, Warren County Public
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KLA created the Minority and Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarships to encourage members to increase their skills and knowledge through formal studies in librarianship. To receive a scholarship, recipients must be entering or continuing their library education at an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited library school. Recipients must also show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in the field of library science.

The Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarship is funded by proceeds from the sale of “READ” license plates and was named in honor of the late Linda Kompanik, who worked for several years to collect the 900 signatures necessary to create the special Kentucky license plate. It was Kompanik’s wish to establish a scholarship.

- Christina Myers, Library Services Supervisor, Russell County Public Library.
- Kelli Ralston, Social Studies Teacher/Eighth-Grade Teacher Leader, Union County Middle School.
- Lauren Russell, Library Clerk, Louisville Free Public Library.
- Sarah Stamann, Library Assistant, Lexington Public Library and graduate assistant, University of Kentucky.
- James West, Circulation Supervisor, Lexington Public Library.
- Aaron Williams, Library and Technology Assistant, McCracken County Public Library.

KLA Scholarship winners at the KLA Awards Luncheon. Pictured from left to right: Sarah Stamann, Lauren Russell, Laura Fox-Ezell, Christina Myers and Aaron Williams.
2016 KLA Award Winners Announced, continued

fund to assist in preparing future library leaders in the state.

"KLA is proud of our scholarship program. The Minority Scholarship gives us an opportunity to invest in the future of the profession and our country," said KLA Scholarship Committee Chair Judith Gibbons. "Additionally, KLA is thrilled with the continued success of the Kentucky "READ" license plate, which enables us to offer scholarships again this year. Our Kompanik Scholarships will total $30,000 at the end of the spring semester."

William H. Natcher Award – Don Ershig, Ershig Properties

The William H. Natcher Award is given annually to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library.

Quoting the nomination: “When structural damage to the Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library’s Main Street location forced its closing, Mr. Ershig offered an excellent, rent-free space for what was to be the library’s temporary location. Mr. Ershig’s support for the library never wavered during the six years it took to find a permanent home. Mr. Ershig has been one of the Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library’s staunchest supporters.”

Kentucky Libraries Outstanding Feature Article Award – Listen To Our Voices! Sources and Services for Members of the “Autism Nation” by Marty Boman and Cynthia Houston

Selected by members of the KLA Communications Committee, this award is presented to the authors of articles of merit in Kentucky Libraries. This year's winner was “Listen To Our Voices! Sources and Services for Members of the “Autism Nation”” by Marty Boman and Cynthia Houston. The article was published in the Winter 2015 issue of Kentucky Libraries, volume 79, issue 1, p. 12-15.

Cynthia Houston accepts the Kentucky Libraries Outstanding Feature Article Award from KLA President Julie Howe
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Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award – Kay Morrow

The Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award is presented to a Kentucky librarian who has exemplified the ability to assist and advise new members to the profession.

According to her nomination, “Kay has an easy going personality and is kind, which makes her a wonderful mentor, advisor and friend… She puts others before herself and she wants to see everyone succeed. She believes a success for one librarian, one county, is a success for the entire state.”

Intellectual Freedom Award – Kim Hardin

The Intellectual Freedom Award is presented to an individual or institution that has worked to insure that every Kentuckian has the right to all types of materials.

Quoting her nomination: “Kim Hardin is the Library Media Specialist for Marion County High School where the John Green novel Looking for Alaska faced a very public challenge. Kim carried herself with “dignity and passion for the freedom to read” as she responded to local critics and successfully fought to keep the title in the school’s curriculum.”
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James A. Nelson Advocacy Award – Lisa Rice

Lisa Rice accepts the James A. Nelson Advocacy Award from KLA President Julie Howe

The James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award is presented to those who have gone above and beyond to promote and protect libraries in government relations. While advocating locally as the director of Warren County Public Library, Lisa Rice has also been a strong statewide and national library advocate. Having served as president of both KPLA and KLA, she chaired KPLA’s Advocacy Committee for a number of years and currently chairs the KLA Library Awareness Committee.

According to the nomination, “Lisa pulled together a statewide meeting of library directors and trustees to educate them on the issue and to rally the troops to fight for libraries. She also spent countless hours talking to the press, doing interviews and attending meetings. Her steady hand, reassuring statements and calm demeanor brought us through those stormy days. When Lisa talks, people listen. Her experience, knowledge and exceptional instincts served us well through those dark days.”

Lifetime Achievement Award – Leoma Dunn

Leoma Dunn accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from KLA President Julie Howe

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to a Kentucky librarian who has contributed significantly to our profession through publications, presentations, and participation in professional library and/or information organizations.

Quoting her nomination: “Leoma has been a driving force in the Kentucky Library Association, serving as President, President-Elect, Secretary, and has chaired numerous committees. She has served as the Chair of both the Academic Library Section and the Special Library Section. Leoma’s accomplishments speak for themselves. She is a worthy recipient of this award.”
Terri Grief Named Candidate for President-Elect of American Library Association

Terri Grief, a past President of Kentucky Library Association (2001-02) and Kentucky Association of School Librarians (1997-98), has been named a candidate for President-Elect of the American Library Association. Grief served as President of the American Association of School Librarian (AASL) in 2013-14 and ALA Councilor for Kentucky from 2003 to 2005. She is currently serving as ALA Councilor-at-Large.

Her involvement with ALA includes serving as a member of the Committee on Literacy, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Nominating Committee, and Chair of the Training, Orientation, and Leadership Development Committee.

In 2015, Terri received the Kentucky Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award. She also received the Barby Hardy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kentucky Association of School Librarians in 2013, the McCracken County Education Association Teacher of the Year Award in 2002, and the Kentucky Association of School Librarians Outstanding School Librarian Award in 2001.

Terri and her fellow candidates will participate in a candidates' forum on Saturday, January 21, during ALA’s 2017 Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Ballots will be mailed to ALA members beginning March 13, 2017. Membership must be in good standing as of January 31, 2017 in order to participate in the election.

For more information about Terri’s candidacy and platform, visit her website at http://www.grief4alapresident.com/.
BCTC Library Information Technology Program: Registration is Now Open

Registration is now open for new and returning students who would like to take Library Information Course(s) in the Spring semester. The following courses will be offered:

LIN 175 19Z1, 80736: Information Literacy  
LIT 115 19Z1, 80738: Introduction to Reference Services  
LIT 132 19Z1, 80740: Library Technical Services  
LIT 240 19Z1, 80741: Literature of Appalachian Kentucky  
LIT 247 19Z1, 80742: Library Services for Adults

For admissions information:  
http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Admissions.

For costs and financial aid information:  
http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Costs_and_Financial_Aid.

For information about the LIT program:  

If you have questions, please contact me and I will be happy to help!

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Upcoming Events of Interest

January 20-24, 2017  
ALA Midwinter Meeting  
Atlanta, GA  
http://2017.alamidwinter.org/

March 29-31, 2017  
2017 Joint Spring Conference  
Lake Barkley State Resort Park  
Cadiz, KY

April 19-21, 2017  
KPLA Spring Conference  
Lexington, KY  
http://kpla.org/spring-conferences/2017-conferencepage/

June 22-27, 2017  
ALA Annual Conference  
Chicago, IL  
http://2017.alaannual.org/

July 18, 2017  
KASL Summer Refresher  
Warren Central High School  
Bowling Green, KY

September 21 – 23, 2017  
2017 KLA/KASL Annual Conference  
Louisville, KY
Gov. Bevin Appoints Terry Manuel as State Librarian, KDLA Commissioner

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 3, 2016) – Governor Matt Bevin has appointed Terry Manuel, a 24-year employee with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), as the new State Librarian and Commissioner of KDLA. Manuel has served as the Acting State Librarian/Commissioner since February 2016.

“I am delighted that Terry Manuel is heading the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Terry’s expertise as both a librarian and historian and his passion for Kentucky’s libraries make him an excellent choice to lead the agency,” said Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Hal Heiner. KDLA is an agency in the cabinet.

A native of Prestonsburg, Manuel has made an inspirational journey from dropping out of high school in his senior year to earning a GED, bachelor’s degrees in history and sociology, a master’s degree in library science and a law degree. He is currently working on his doctorate in public administration from Capella University.

“Manuel’s interest in pursuing a career with libraries was sparked when he was assigned to the library at Alice Lloyd College as part of the school’s work-study program. He transferred to Pikeville College and earned his bachelor’s degrees in 1984.

His first professional library job was 30 years ago as the outreach librarian and bookmobile driver for Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg. He was promoted to library director in 1986 and earned his master’s degree in library science from the University of Kentucky during that time.

Manuel’s move to Wyoming State Library in 1989 introduced him to library advocacy and administration. He returned to Kentucky in 1992 and joined KDLA as a regional consultant and earned a master’s degree in law from Champlain College in 2011.

During his career with KDLA, Manuel has served in a wide range of positions in the Program Development Branch, including manager of the unit from 2007-2014. He also assisted library districts with cutting-edge technology issues such as the technology/E-Rate consultant, and provided managerial and technical support to districts in eastern Kentucky as a regional library consultant.

As State Librarian, Manuel will be responsible for assisting 120 local public libraries in library development and management statewide, as well as for preservation of public records in Kentucky.

“I’m humbled and honored at the confidence Governor Bevin and Secretary Heiner have shown by my appointment,” said Manuel. The part libraries play in their local communities is changing, and the vital role they play in community educational and economic development is expanding, as well. I look forward to being a part of these changes, and to assisting libraries to meet the challenges yet to come.”
Gov. Bevin Appoints Terry Manuel as State Librarian, KDLA Commissioner, continued

Currently, the State Archives hold 110,000 cubic feet of permanent public records dating from 1780 to the present, and 230,714 cubic feet of state and local temporary records in the State Records Center. The permanent record holdings include invaluable documents, such as letters signed by President Abraham Lincoln, a deed signed by Patrick Henry, archival drawings and plans of the state capitol building, and governors' records going back to Gov. Isaac Shelby.

In 2012, Manuel received the Outstanding Public Library Services Award from the Kentucky Public Library Association.

“KDLA does an excellent job of preserving Kentucky’s heritage for future generations through the state archives and strengthening our local public libraries. Terry’s background and track record of accomplishments will serve the agency well in these monumental undertakings,” Heiner said.

Manuel lives in Anderson County with his wife, Lonormi. They have two children and seven grandchildren.

KDLA provides equitable access to quality library and information resources and services, as well as helps public agencies ensure that legislatively mandated documentation of government programs is created, efficiently maintained, and made readily accessible. For more information, visit www.kdla.ky.gov or call 502-564-1753.

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Mark Your Calendar for Joint Spring Conference 2017

CONFLUENCE: TOGETHER IN ADVOCACY

Sponsored by Academic & Special Library Sections of the Kentucky Library Association and the Kentucky Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, Joint Spring Conference will take place at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz, Kentucky, March 29-31, 2017. Conference begins with a welcome reception at 7 pm (CDT) on Wednesday, March 29th and ends at 12 pm on Friday, March 31st.

Keynote speakers will be:
- Irene M. H. Herold, President of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) and University Librarian at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa.
- Rebecca Jones, Director of Services with Brampton Library and partner with Jane Dysart of Dysart & Jones Associates.
KLA Member News and Library Updates

BATH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Staff Day Invaders

I know, not everyone feels that staff in-service days are fun, but maybe they would change their minds if they attended someone else’s. This year the children’s librarian and I attended Lexington Public’s staff day, and I truly enjoyed the experience. For those of you who don’t know, the library opens the day with an overview of the annual report, guest speakers, and an awards ceremony. We loved it. Our small library only has 11 staff members, so to see nearly 200 people talk about everything going on and asking questions was very informative. It gave us the chance to see how much a larger library can change, what they are doing to help their staff and see the differences and similarities between us.

The breakout sessions in the afternoon were very helpful, and although we may not be able to implement some of the ideas at our library, we did get some awesome ideas. But the most important thing is that we know who to call to ask questions about anything we try. I have already been making plans to visit many of the programs they offer and have ideas on how to advertise our programs. I am looking forward to visiting again soon and seeing everything in action. Thank you, Ann and the Lexington Public Library staff for allowing us to invade your space and learn with and from you. Above all, thank you for the crayons! – Submitted by Holly Howard, Bath County Public Library

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Staff News

Rosemary Meszaros, professor and coordinator of Government Documents and Law, was a panelist/interviewer with Cheryl LaGuardia, research librarian at the Widener Library of Harvard University, at a webinar entitled “The Evolving Librarian” sponsored by Credo, Inc. on October 11, 2016.


WKU Libraries participated in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) by hosting write-in sessions at numerous locations on campus as well as at the downtown Starbucks throughout the month of November. In conjunction with NaNoWriMo, Roxanne Spencer, associate professor and coordinator of the Educational Resources Center, collaborated with WKU Libraries Literary Outreach Coordinator Sara Volpi and Literacy Education faculty to offer a “FanFicWriMo,” allowing students the opportunity to write their own fanfiction from their favorite author’s stories.

Sean Kinder, associate professor from the Department of Library Public Services at WKU, spoke at Barnes & Noble in Bowling Green as part of the Kentucky Live! speaker series. He discussed his recent book Una Merkel: The Actress with Sassy Wit and Southern Charm on
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October 13. He was also invited to speak about her in her hometown of Covington, Kentucky, as part of an unveiling of a mural in her honor. Nancy Richey, associate professor and visual resources librarian, spoke at the Kentucky Building on WKU’s campus in Bowling Green and at the Owensboro campus regarding her latest book *Mose Rager: Kentucky’s Incomparable Guitar Master.*

WKU Libraries, along with its Southern Kentucky Book Fest partners Warren County Public Library and Barnes & Noble, organized the annual one-book, one-community reading program, SOKY Reads, with a fresh twist this year that involved hundreds of middle school-aged students. Through numerous book giveaways and discussions, more than five hundred books were given away, thanks to corporate sponsor Graves Gilbert Clinic and the Libraries’ Friends groups. Award-winning book *Serafina and the Black Cloak* was the featured title and author Robert Beatty presented to hundreds of students and adults in a three-day period through classroom visits, a luncheon, a special librarian/student dinner, and a public presentation at the Bob Kirby Branch of the Warren County Public Library. – submitted by Jennifer Wilson, WKU 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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