President’s Message

Greetings!

The winter season is upon us, and I hope your holidays and the new year bring renewed vitality to your lives and to your libraries.

Before looking ahead to 2003, let me look back a moment. Last fall’s conference was a success in terms of the great variety of programs, outstanding speakers, and an astonishing number of attendees - close to 700! This didn’t just happen. It was the result of many of our members devoting long hours in meetings, sending hundreds of e-mail messages across the state and beyond, and making countless phone calls. And now, all that is about to begin again.

Carol Nutter and the 2003 Conference Planning Committee have started the process of developing another terrific annual meeting. Once a year KLA members have an opportunity to come together to explore what’s happening in librarianship, expand our personal network of colleagues, and even discover the challenges faced by our fellow librarians who work in different settings than our own.

Mark your 2003 calendars now – October 8-11 for the KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference in Louisville – “Libraries: In Defense of Freedom.” If you want to be involved in your Association, let us know. Carol and the Conference Planning Committee, the KLA Board, and I expect next fall’s conference to be professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable. You can help us make this happen. Volunteer now!

I’m looking forward to my year as President of the sixth largest state chapter in ALA and helping it to remain a strong, vital organization that represents all of you across our great state!

Sue Burch
KLA President

KLA Committee, Round Table, & Section News


LIBRARY AWARENESS COMMITTEE. The Library Awareness Committee gave two awards during the awards luncheon at the KLA Conference held October 17 at the Galt House.

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. This year the award was given to Mr. Robert Holloway, from Middletown, KY. He was nominated by Lindsey Wilson College for the financial support he has given the college to upgrade their library facilities.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Mr. Phil Carrico. This award was designed to honor a Kentucky librarian at the end of his/her career and is given to the person who has contributed significantly to our profession. He has given 36 years in the library field in various capacities. He worked as a regional librarian in Western and Northern Kentucky, then retired and became the director at Campbell County Public Library. He has stayed active in KLA and PLS and continues to serve on the PLS Legislative Committee.

The Library Awareness Committee has a sign for sale for all library staff. The sign is a yellow caution with the slogan “Caution Librarian at Work Serving Your Need to Know.” If you are interested in purchasing this sign contact Tom Underwood at the KLA Office. Kay Morrow.

ACADEMIC SECTION. At the KLA Awards Luncheon, Antoinette Powell Greider, of the University of Kentucky Agriculture Information Center, was presented with the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award. Toni was cited for her outstanding contribution to libraries and to the profession.

SPECIAL LIBRARY SECTION. Two awards were presented this year by the Special Libraries Section. The Special Librarian of the Year was awarded to Janet Stith to recognize her continuing demonstration of the highest standards of special librarianship. Janet is the University of Kentucky Medical Center Library Director.
Now working on his third novel, House is the author of A Parchment of Leaves. He lives in Lily, Kentucky with his wife and two daughters. For more information and registration form go to www.bgpl.org, or call Lisa Rice at 781-4882 x202. Ashley Fowlkes.

CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY welcomes two members to the Library Board of Trustees. Angela Sidal was appointed to complete an unexpired term ending September 30, 2005. She is a ten-year resident of Newport where she teaches 8th grade math and physics. Dr. Ann Painter was appointed for a four-year term ending September 30, 2006. She is a life-long resident of Campbell County. She is the principle at A.J. Jolly Elementary School. Board members and officers for 2002-2003 are as follows: Janet Bosch, President; Joe Jennings, Vice-President; Ann Painter, Treasurer, Angela Sidal; Recording Secretary: Frank Steely, Corresponding Secretary. Barbara Bonney.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES.

Congratulations to Judith Gibbons, who has been elected Vice President/President Elect of SELA.

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY. Kentucky Virtual Library for Kids was launched at Fort Knox's Hearn Elementary School, marking another virtual first in Kentucky. Every elementary school student in all 120 Kentucky counties now has free access to Space Dog and All the Known Information in the Universe through this fun, safe and informative portal designed for first through fifth graders. Kentucky Virtual Library for Kids is a stellar example of how educators and librarians at the elementary, secondary and postsecondary levels can work together to promote a seamless pathway to college and help build a new economy for Kentucky. Children will need a user name and password from their local or school librarian to access the site. Kentucky Virtual Library for Kids is located at www.kyvl.org. Once on the home page, click on Kids and turn the speakers up! For more information call toll-free 1-877-588-5288. Susan Brown.
KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY USERS GROUP (V Lug) took place Thursday afternoon, October 17, 2002 at the Galt House, Louisville. With about 70 members present and plenty of refreshments, the constitution and bylaws for the organization were approved and interim officers affirmed. Bill Hansen will serve as president and Ben Graves as secretary-treasurer until elections can be held at the first regular annual meeting, tentatively projected for May, 2003. The goal of V Lug is to serve as a forum for KYVL users to voice their concerns and share experiences with fellow users. The reception at the Galt House was so successful, that many members expressed an interest of continuing the practice at future KLA annual meetings! Visit the V Lug Web page at http://www.uky.edu/Library/kvlug/. Bill Hansen.

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE's distance library information technology courses for Spring Semester 2003 include a new course: History of Libraries, team-taught by Martha Birchfield and Jake Gibbs. For information on registration and other LCC distance courses, see http://www.uky.edu/LCC/LB Contact: Martha Birchfield, Professor, Information Management & Design, LCC, e-mail marthab@uky.edu, phone, 859-257-4872, x4159.

LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY. Dr. Milton J. Coalter, Dr. Kathryn Johnson, and the Library and Information Technology Staff of the Ernest Miller White Library received a 2002 Kentuckiana Metroversity Award for Instructional Development for a new Course – Practices and Skills to Support Parish Ministry. Dr. Coalter and his team were one of four to be recognized with the award in a competition among seven Metroversity institutions, including Bellarmine University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of Louisville, Indiana University Southeast, Jefferson Community College, and Spalding University. Angela G. Morris.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY LIBRARIES. The Paducah McCracken County Information Network (M-net) sponsored their first ever conference for library staff in west Kentucky on May 8, 2002 at the Paducah Community College campus. M-net is a consortium of school, public, college, and church libraries whose mission is to promote resource sharing among McCracken County libraries. For more information on developing a library network in your area, contact Betsy Fusco at Bfusco@mccracken.k12.ky.us, or call Stacey Nickell at (270)554-6210. Stacey Nickell.

OLDHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY has installed the latest version of TLC's Library Solution within their three library branches and their administrative offices. Three libraries in the system also recently experienced modified renovations including new computer furniture and display shelving at the LaRue Branch; new paint, carpet and siding at the Goshen Branch, and the renovation of a children's area at the Crestwood Branch. The new children's room had an Open House during National Children's Book Week with a visit by award-winning children's author George Ella Lyon. Susan Eubank.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE. The Medical Library at the School of Osteopathic Medicine hosted a breakfast with PCSOM administrators in honor of MLA National Medical Librarian's Month. Present were library staff Susan Sueck, Janet Thacker and Margaret Sturgill; PCSOM Dean Dr. John Strosmader, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Robyn Weyand, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Sloane and Associate Dean for Student Services Steve Payson. Susan Sueck.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE LIBRARIES. On October 24, 2002 Hannelore Rader, Dean of Libraries was the keynote speaker at the CREPUQUE (Conference of Rectors and Principles of Universities in Quebec) meeting in Montreal, Canada. The conference theme was “The Library within the University: A Relationship in Transformation.” Dean Rader has been recognized with an entry in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 7th edition, 2002. David Horvath attended the inaugural summit meeting for the Action Coalition for Media Education held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 15-16, 2002. The goal of the summit was to generate interest in creating school media literacy curricula for US schools that will focus on making better media consumers. Diane Nichols.

In November OCLC installed a new enhancement into its interlibrary module that allows the lending library to quickly determine if their collection contains the requesting material. If a library does not have union listing records and if a library's records are inaccurate, this enhancement is of no help. The Kentucky Union List of Serials (KULS) encourages all the SOLINET member libraries in the state to address the quality and quantity of their union listing records. Visit http://www.louisville.edu/library/kuls/index.html for information about the KULS or contact Allen Ashman at abashm01@louisville.edu or 502-852-9331. Allen Ashman.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. In February Nadia Durham retired as Social Sciences Cataloger, and in June, Linda Allain retired as Acting Head, Dept. of Library Automation & Technical Services. Elaine Moore retired in June as Electronic Resources Coordinator, Dept. of Library Public Services. Jue Wang is the new Electronic Resources Coordinator as of August 2002. Effective November 1, Connie Foster is head, Dept. of Library Automation & Technical Services. Gay Perkins, Business Librarian, was promoted to full professor in Fall, 2002. Rosemary Meszaros, coordinator of Government Information & Law, authored a chapter entitled “The Internet, Scholarly Communication, and Collaborative Research,” in Libraries, the Internet and Scholarship: Tools and Trends Converging, edited by Charles Franklin Thomas, published in 2002 by Marcel Dekker, Inc. Sean Kinder, Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian published a biographical article on Anaïs Nin in Scriber Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s. Jack Montgomery, Collection Services Coordinator gave a presentation at the 22nd annual Charleston Conference on Organizational Analysis. His Celtic folk band, “Lost River” was featured on KET’s “Mixed Media” program on October 24th, and played for the Charleston Conference annual reception on October 31st. Jack also had an article accepted for publication regarding religious discrimination in the library workplace in the September/October issue of Library Management. Roxanne Spencer, ERC Coordinator, gave a presentation on Bibliotherapy entitled “Book Medicine: Bibliotherapy for Educators” at the Kentucky Reading Association Annual Conference “Out of the Pages of Books” in September. WKU Libraries received Kentucky Tourism Council Traverse Awards in the Marketing Campaign category. They were awarded second place for publicity for the Hilltoppers Exhibit and honorable mention for the 2002 Southern Kentucky Book Festival promotional campaign. Connie Foster and Jack Montgomery.

SPECTRUM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER. Many members of the Kentucky Library Association attended an ALA Spectrum Scholarship fundraiser at Airdrie Stud Farm on Tuesday, September 24th, hosted by former Governor and Mrs. Breton Jones. Coordinators of the extensive farm tour were Dr. Ling-Hwey Jeng of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information and Judith Gibbons, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Field Services Coordinator. All receipts benefit the ALA Spectrum Scholarship fund that is designed to recruit applicants and award scholarships to minority students for graduate programs in library and information studies. Judith Gibbons.
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Phil Carrico, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award with Library Awareness Committee Chair, Kay Morrow

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award recipient, Toni Greider shown with Academic Section Chair, Kathleen Bryson

Outstanding Special Librarian Award recipient, Janet Stith pictured with Special Section Chair, Christie Robinson

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