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President’s Message

The following Sections or Round Tables have held or are planning to hold spring or summer meetings:

- The Academic Library Section and Special Library Section, along with the Kentucky Chapter of SLA, held their spring conference at Barren River State Park on April 14-16. The conference, entitled The Business and Politics of Information, attracted approximately 120 attendees.

- The Kentucky Public Library Association and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association held their joint spring meeting in Lexington at the Radisson Plaza Hotel on May 5-7. This conference, with a theme of Inspire! Innovate!, drew over 300 registrants.

- KSMA plans to hold its summer refresher for school media specialists on July 13th at Jenny Wiley State Park. Their meeting theme is A Mountain of Information @ Your Library.

- Both the Library Instruction and the Library Administration & Management Round Tables held luncheon meetings at the Academic/Section spring conference. The Community College Round Table also held a meeting in conjunction with that conference.

- The Government Documents Round Table held its annual spring meeting at Northern Kentucky University on May 28.

The KLA Standing Committees have also been working very hard. Some notable accomplishments include the following:

- The Library Awareness Committee in conjunction with KDLA organized an eight-member delegation to attend the ALA Legislative Day event in Washington, DC, on May 3-4. The group included Marcia Freyman (Chair of Library Awareness), Jim Nelson, Rose Davis, Emmalee Hill, Crystal Smallwood, Debra Oberhausen, James Wyrick, and myself.

- The Strategic Planning and Organization Committee chaired by Carolyn Tassie has revised some standing committee descriptions and has created a new standing committee on Recruitment, Retention, and Diversity. The new committee will focus on promotion of librarianship as well as recruitment and retention of librarians within the state. The committee structure will include subcommittees on mentoring and diversity.

- Linda Kompanik and the Professional Development Committee (aka Conference Planning Committee) and the KSMA Planning Committee have lined up a variety of pre-conferences, many notable speakers, and several fun events for the fall conference. The annual book sale will be back along with mini-sessions and poster sessions. A new feature this year will be an Internet Cafe/Classroom sponsored by the Information and Technology Round Table who worked very diligently to obtain funding for this addition to the conference. Make plans now to come and enjoy another great conference at the newly-renovated Galt House in Louisville on September 15-17.

Have a great summer @ your library!

Carol Nutter

Slate of Officers for 2005

The KLA Nominating Committee presents the slate of officers for 2005:

- Vice President/President-Elect: Christine McIntosh, Kentucky School Media Association
- Secretary: Laura Whayne, Special Library Section
- President: Nanette Eichell, president of the Canadian Library Association; Stephen Abram, president of the Canadian Library Association; Donna Joy Press of the Houston Public Library and Carol Brey-Casiano, president elect of

KLA Section News

The Academic Section held a joint conference with the KLA Special Section, SLA-Ky. Chapter, and ACRL-Ky. Chapter on April 14-16, 2004 at Barren River State Park. The conference theme was “The Business and Politics of Information,” and topics included marketing, grant writing, and navigating the political landscape at the workplace. Our colleagues around the commonwealth presented fourteen mini-sessions. General Session speakers included: Patricia Currie (Dialog), the University of Louisville Libraries Marketing Team, and Robert Holley (Wayne State University).

At the KLA Fall Conference (Sept. 15-17 in Louisville), the Kentucky ACRL chapter and KLA Library Instruction Roundtable will co-sponsoring Patricia Breivik, San Jose State University, as general session speaker. Stacey Nickell.

The Kentucky Public Library Association had a successful meeting in Lexington on May 5-7 with over 300 in attendance. Congratulations to the conference planning committee and its chairperson, Nanette Eichell. Presenters included Joyce Saricks from Downer’s Grove Public Library; Stephen Abram, president elect of the Canadian Library Association; Donna Joy Press of the Houston Public Library and Carol Brey-Casiano, president elect of

Carolyn Tassie and Sue Burch watch as Carol Nutter signs agreement with EBSCO to include Kentucky Libraries in EBSCOHost databases
AL.A. The Lexington Public Library hosted a reception for attendees on Thursday evening. Kentucky Author Sena Jeter Naslund was keynote speaker at the awards luncheon.

KPLA awards for 2004: Outstanding Public Library Service Award - Marie Liang, McCracken Co. PL; Margaret F. Willis Award - Geneva Pullen, Lexington PL; James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Award - Kaye Peterson, Marion Co. PL; Miss Pickle Award for Children's Library Services - Amy Morgeson, Marion Co. PL. Scholarship winners were Laura Lindsey, Grayson Co. PL; Scott Belcher, Grayson Co. PL; Julie-Renee Diamond Hale, Bowling Green PL; Kaye Peterson, Marion Co. PL.

Officers for 2004-2005 will be Lisa Rice (Bowling Green PL) Chair-Elect/Conference Planner; Karen Kasaeavage (Logan Helm Woodford Co. Library), Secretary; Helen Williams (Rowan Co. PL), Treasurer. Debra Oberhausen.

KLA Member News and Library Updates

Boone Co. Public Library now has a wireless Internet hotspot for laptop and PDA users at the Scheben Branch. This is the first public library hotspot in the area and only the fourth in the state. Wireless access at the remaining Boone County Public Library branches will follow shortly. Becky Kempf.

Bowling Green Public Library. On March 1 at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfurt, Jonathan Jeffrey received a Kentucky History Award of Merit on behalf of the Friends of the Library / Warren County for his recently revised and updated publication Standing Strong: A History of the Bowling Green Public Library, 1938-2003. With two additional chapters, many additional photographs and an updated format, Standing Strong traces the library’s story through time, from its inception as a Works Progress Administration project through its modern-day metamorphosis into a county-wide system. Ashley Fowlkes.

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries hosted a coffee toasting (ribbon cutting) on April 12 for the new Library Café. The Café was built in a glass enclosed atrium between the Library and the oldest building on campus, the University Building. Brad Marcum, previously serving a one-year appointment as Distance Education Libn., was appointed the permanent Distance Education Libn. Verna Freer (Team Leader of the Justice and Safety Lib.) and Betina Gardner (Team Leader of the Learning Resources Center) recently presented a paper to the Acad. of Criminal Justice Sciences. The paper was entitled Librarians and the Teaching Faculty: Combating Misinformation. Carrie Cooper (Coord. of Research and Instructional Services), Kevin Jones (Ref. Libn.), and Steve Stone (Ref. Libn.) presented a workshop on designing library research assignments in a way that deters plagiarism and re-focuses student energy towards attaining information literacy skills. Todd King (Team Leader of Systems and Technology) presented at the Annual End-User 2004 meeting a session titled Start E-mailing Your Notices.

Margaret Foote (Coord. of Systems and Technical Processing) moderated two of the sessions at the Annual EndUser meeting, one of which was the Cataloging Special Interest Group. Anna Creech (Serials and Electronic Resources Libn.) recently became an official author and contributor for LIISnews.com. Kari Martin.

Kenton Co. Public Library. The Library’s Board of Trustees has obtained an option to purchase approximately eight acres of land in central Kenton County, providing the site for a new, larger library to replace the current Independence Branch. The new facility will provide at least 18,000 sq. ft. of public space, 18,000 sq. ft. of basement space for storage and offices, and a detached garage for the Library's outreach vehicles, and will enable the usage of geothermal heating and cooling and many other features unavailable at the present branch location. Information on the project and construction photos will be available on the Library’s web site, www.kenton.lib.ky.us. Robin Klaene.

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Milton J. Coalter, Vice President of the Library and Information Technology has resigned to join Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education as librarian and professor of bibliography beginning in Fall 2004. Ms. Berry Terry, Associate Director of the library will serve as Acting Director. Angela G. Morris

Marion Co. Public Library. The Marion Co. Farm Bureau and the Marion Co. Cattlemen’s Assoc. donated money to the Library to update materials on agriculture. Additionally, the Garden Club of Lebanon/Marion Co. made a significant donation to the Library for innovative books on gardening. Kaye Peterson.

McCracken Co. Public Library. In March, the Library’s Lunch and Evening program for adults featured a book discussion with Andrew Halford and a night of stargazing with the Amateur Astronomers. With Paducah full of quilters during the annual Quilt Show in April, a quilting program was held during the Library’s monthly Evenings Upstairs program, co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paducah and presented by Polly Mello and Debbie Cooney, curators of the Rotary Club’s Antique Quilt Show. David Dick presented a program in May on Jesse Stuart: a Popular Biography. The McCracken County Public Library was the only public library in Kentucky to receive the “Comprehensive Level” of Public Library Standards for 2004, the highest honor given by the Standards Committee of the Kentucky Public Library Association. In addition, Marie Liang, Library Director also received the 2004 Outstanding Public Library Service Award.

Northern Kentucky University. Steely Library's website has been acknowledged by Eric Meyer on his "Redesign Watch" web page as "cross-referenced under 'accessible', 'efficient,' and 'valid XHTML 1.1,'” Michael Providenti, Web Development Librarian, presented "The Politics of Web Accessibility" at the KLA 2004 Joint Spring Conference, and will be presenting "Equal Access Now: Using Web Standards to Promote Accessibility" on May 20 at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, for Kentucky AHEAD. Allen Ellis, Research and Instruction Librarian, presented "Remembering the Alamo on Film: A Course for Undergraduate Popular Culture and History Students at Northern Kentucky University," at the Popular Culture Association annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. Laura Sullivan, Grants and Liaison Coordinator, is the recipient of an EBSCO (ALA) Conference Scholarship for $1000 to attend ALA's Annual Conference. The Media Services department has recently implemented a Video on Demand service which provides streaming video to university classrooms. Sheri Myers.

Scott Co. Public Library. Award-winning Japanese storyteller and educator Hiroko Fujita visited Georgetown in March during her 2004 North American tour thanks in part to a grant from the Blue Grass Community Foundation John S. and James L. Knight Advised Fund. The $1,500 grant was awarded to the Scott Education and Community Foundation for use by the Scott County Public Library.

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Library to present a series of community programs for school children and a regional workshop for children’s librarians from throughout Central Kentucky. KDLA, the Friends of the Scott County Public Library, and the Boone and Clark County public libraries also contributed to the series. Accompanied by Oklahoma-based interpreter and professional storyteller Fran Stallings, Mrs. Fujita told country tales she learned in childhood from farmers and village elders in the traditional manner, with lively gestures and facial expressions - in Fukushima dialect Japanese. Earlene H. Arnett.

University of Kentucky. James Burgett co-authored a book along with John Haar from Vanderbilt and Linda Philips from the Univ. of Tennessee, entitled Collaborative Collection Development: A Practical Guide for Your Library, which will be available in July from ALA. On May 11-13, Pat Wilson, Distance Learning Libn., and Judy Wiza, Assessment Libn., held a workshop to encourage faculty teaching large enrollment, lower division courses to incorporate information literacy skills in their syllabi. Mary Molinaro, Director of the William T. Young Library, was appointed to be a Fulbright Senior Specialist with an assignment in Tunisia, and she has also been invited by the US State Department/US Embassy Quito to give a series of workshops for librarians in four cities in Ecuador. The UK Libraries welcomes three new faculty: Jan Carver, Chemistry/Physics Libn., who previously managed library services at the Laxmark Information Center and was associated for many years with the Technology Applications Center, a grant-funded service affiliated with NASA. Lance Burke, UK Law reference librarian, received his J.D. from Chase and his M.L.S. from the U.K. Library program. He began work at the U.K. Law Library in March 2004. Adrienne Ritter-Phillips is Law’s new Circulation Supervisor. She started work at Law in April 2004. Amy Osborne has been promoted to the position of Foreign & International Law Specialist, and she has also been selected to be a Web author for the EISIL (Electronic Information System for International Law) project, sponsored by ASIL (American Society of International Law). Rebecca S. Trammell, U.K. Law Library Director, has completed the revision of Werner’s Manual for Prison Law Libraries, scheduled for summer 2004 publication by W. S. Hein. Claire McCann, Manuscripts Libn. in Special Collections will retire in August. Claire began working in the UK Libraries as a student assistant in Acquisitions in 1961 and moved to Special Collections following completion of her MLS a few years later. We greatly appreciate her long years of service and wish her a long and rewarding retirement. Mary Molinaro and Judy Sackett.

UK Medical Center. Stephanie Aken, Electronic Resources Librn., has been selected for the editorial board for the official publication of the Medical Library Association, JMLA. Tag Heister, Psychiatry Librn., was co-presenter with Dr. Debbie Katz in New Orleans at the Amer. Assoc. of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training Programs on using portable telemedicine equipment. She will also be presenting in New York on exploring human-pet relationships for self-actualization and psychotherapy. The following received service awards at the UK Libraries Staff Appreciation Day event: Bridgett Kidwell and Mary Vaughn 5 years; Mark Ingram and Rita Tobin 15 years; Winn Theirl 20 years; and Lynne Bowman 25 years. The health science librarians of Kentucky have joined together to sponsor the 2006 Annual Conference of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Laura Davison of UK and Michel Atlas of UL are Co-chairs of the Planning Committee. Janet Stith.

University of Louisville Libraries. On April 12, a groundbreaking launched the $14.2 million expansion to Ekstrom Library. The 42,500 sf addition, to be completed by Fall 2005, will feature technologically advanced instructional laboratories, conferencing space, offices, new entrance, a handicapped accessible auditorium featuring modern in

structural technology, a 24 hour study facility and a European style café. Approximately 8000 sf of the expansion will house an automated storage and retrieval system for on-site storage, including a rapid robotic delivery system. To view an artist’s rendition of the addition go to http://library.louisville.edu/ekstrom/building/ Ekstrom Library was an official U.S. Post Office for two hours on May 5 in conjunction with the issue of a postage stamp honoring choreographer Agnes de Mille from a photograph by Ned Scott. On April 20 the libraries sponsored the first Scholarly Communication Symposium at UofL, on issues facing the scholarly community regarding publishing trends, copyright, ownership, access and preservation. Keynote speakers included James G. Neal (Columbia University), Kenneth D. Crews (Indiana University), and Julia Blixrud (SPARC). Archivist Katherine Burger Johnson has announced a new research tool about American quilts and quilt-making, The Quilt Index (www.quiltindex.org), produced through a collaborative effort between the UofL Archives and Records Center and the Kentucky Quilt Project. Diane Nichols.

Kersey Library of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Technology at UofL mounted an exhibit on quantum computing for the month of April in honor of Engineers’ Week. Catherine Lavallée-Welch.

Western Kentucky University. WKU Libraries hosted the first annual Kentucky Writer’s Conference on April 15-16 in association with the 2004 SOKY Book Festival. Roxanne Spencer, Education Resources Coordinator and Jack Montgomery, Collection Services Coordinator presented a pre-conference on “Basic Collection Development” on March 17th to the 2004 meeting of the Texas Library Assoc. in San Antonio. Connie Foster, Head, Department of Library Technical Services gave a presentation on April 14th entitled “Insights into Getting Published: Tips for librarians” to the 2004 meeting of the Indiana Library Federation in Indianapolis. Jack Montgomery gave a presentation on April 14th, entitled “Emotional Intelligence in the workplace” with Mary Hudson, Reference/Circulation Librarian, Indiana School of Law Library, to the 2004 meeting of the Indiana Library Federation in Indianapolis. Bryan Carson, Coordinator of Reference & Instructional Services was awarded the University Libraries 2004 Faculty Award for Research, and Jack Montgomery received the 2004 Faculty Award for Public Service. Sean Kinder’s article on silent films appears in “Wandering the Web” in the April issue of Against the Grain. Jack Montgomery.

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OBITUARY

Ralze W. Dorr: University of Louisville, University Librarian Emeritus, died suddenly on February 3, 2004. He was 74. Ralze’s career in libraries spanned over half a century, beginning as a student assistant in 1948. Following Graduate School, he held positions at Indiana University, the University of Cincinnati and Catherine Spalding University where he was responsible for planning and coordinating the library building project. By the time of his retirement in 1996, Professor Dorr had directed the planning and construction of two award winning libraries at the University of Louisville, the University’s first library building on Belknap Campus and Ekstrom Library. He also planned renovations and additions to the Art, Music, Law and Engineering Libraries. Active in the community, Ralze supported efforts to establish a light rail system in Louisville. He also served as an advisor for the renovation of the Cathedral of the Assumption. While our memories of this remarkable man may fade, his legacy will live on through the students who have the opportunity to study and work in his library buildings. Diane Nichols.
KLA Calendar of Events

KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning 12-Jun-04 Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green

ALA Annual Conference 14-Aug-04 Orlando, FL

KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning 14-Aug-04 Galt House, Louisville

KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference 14-Aug-04 Galt House, Louisville

Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference 14-Aug-04 Galt House, Louisville

Southeastern Library Association (SELA). A joint conference of the North Carolina Library Association Centennial Conference & The Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference will be held Nov. 9-13, 2004 at the Charlotte (NC) Convention Center. The Westin Charlotte Hotel, just across the street from the convention center, will provide housing and meeting space for the conference. For more information, go to http://nclaonline.org/conference/ Christie Robinson.

The Kentucky Book Fair, Inc., will award 13 grants to libraries from the proceeds of the 2003 event. Libraries receiving grants include Artemus Elementary School Library, Belfry High School Media, Cumberland County Elementary, Grayson County Public Library, Green County Public, Metcalfe County Public Library, Millersburg Elementary School, Nicholas County High School Media Center, North Middletown Elementary School, Reidland High School, Rowan County Public Library, Tate’s Creek High School Library, and Union County High School. Judith Gibbons.

Save those books for the 3rd Annual KLA Book Sale! Sale will take place in the Exhibit Hall at the Galt House, Sept. 16-18 during KLA. Items accepted for donation: Gently used books, cookbooks, vinyl records, CDs, videos, books on tape, bookends, and other library–related odds and ends. No Reader’s Digest books, National Geographic, nor library withdrawals, please! To volunteer to set up, work the sale, clean up, and more information contact: Alice Abbott-Moore at alice.abbott-moore@louisville.edu (502) 852-8719 or Barbara Whitener bhwhit01@louisville.edu (502) 852-0172. Alice Abbott-Moore.

Library Information Technology Classes. Registration is open for Library Information Technology classes offered online by Lexington Community College. Students may register via the Kentucky Virtual University, http://www.kyvu.org. For the fall class schedule, see the LCC LIT web site, http://www.uky.edu/LCC/LB/LIT. The LCC undergraduate library science courses may be used to satisfy library experience and library paraprofessional certifications for Kentucky public library employees, and for re-certification credit for all Kentucky library employees. In addition, the LCC courses count towards the LCC Academic Certificate in Library Information Technology and the Associate of Applied Science degree in Information Management & Design. For information, contact Martha Birchfield, martha@uky.edu. Martha Birchfield.

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