Greetings to all KLA Members:

It’s really hard to believe, but the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference is less than seven months away. The 2004 conference, with the theme \textit{LIBRARIANS: ONE PROFESSION, ONE PURPOSE, ONE PROMISE}, is scheduled to be held at the newly renovated Galt House East in Louisville on September 15-18. The conference has been held in October for the last few years, so it will come earlier than you may be expecting. Chair-Elect Linda Kompanik and her Planning Committee are hard at work and are putting together what should be an excellent conference. Some outstanding speakers have already agreed to be on the program. Plans are underway for some fun social events. The Information and Technology Round Table is exploring the possibility of an Internet Room to provide attendees with access to computers. But one of the best things about the fall conference is that it provides an opportunity for Kentucky librarians and library staff to learn from each other. I hope that many of you are planning to submit proposals for mini-sessions and poster sessions. Lots of exciting library projects and programs are being carried out all over the state. Don’t miss this chance to share your expertise and to give others the benefit of what you have done and learned.

I also bring good news on another front. In mid-January we signed a contract with EBSCO to make the contents of \textit{Kentucky Libraries} available in their databases. This contract was the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of Sue Burch who worked with an EBSCO representative to negotiate the terms of the contract. She began the negotiations during her presidency last year and after careful consideration, some legal advice, and some final edits, passed the contract to me to sign. Congratulations are in order to Sue for her accomplishment as well as to Carolyn Tassie and her editorial board for producing this quality publication.

Carol Nutter, President
Kentucky Library Association

Conference News

KLA FALL CONFERENCE. This year we will be meeting in the newly-renovated Galt House. Our theme, \textit{One Profession, One Purpose, One Promise}, will accentuate the interdependence that we share with one another. National and regional speakers will address ways to build and strengthen intra-professional alliances. The conference will be a little earlier this year – Sept. 15 - 18, to avoid conflicts with school breaks. Look for regular updates in your INFOCUS issue and plan to attend a great conference! Linda Kompanik.

KPLA CONFERENCE. “Inspire! Innovate!” The Kentucky Public Library Association and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association invites librarians and trustees to a joint conference in Lexington from May 5 – 7. Pre-conferences include \textit{Reader’s Advisory Services}, Joyce Saricks, Downers Grove Public Library; \textit{Marketing on a Shoestring}, Kathleen Imhoff, Director, Lexington Public Library; \textit{Survivor Kentucky: Don’t let your users Google you off the island!}, Stephen Abram, Pres-Elect of the Canadian Library Association. The luncheon speaker will be Kentucky author Sena Jeter Naslund and the ever-popular statewide awards (Be sure to vote!). At the reception sponsored by Lexington Public Library, Guest of Honor will be Carol Brey-Casiano of the El Paso Public Library, ALA’s President-Elect. Come and share your problems and ideals and take energy and vision home to your community! Nanette Eichell.

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE. The 2004 Joint Spring Conference of the Academic Library Section, Special Library Section, and the Kentucky chapters of SLA and ACRL will be held April 14-16 at Barren River State Park. The conference theme is “The Business & Politics of Information” and speakers will discuss pertinent library topics such as marketing, grants, and navigating the political landscape. Two pre-conference workshops will be offered (library assessment using ACRL standards and music cataloging) as well as mini-sessions presented by our colleagues. Live entertainment is planned for Thursday evening. Please join us for this professional development opportunity in a scenic Kentucky environment! Stacy Nickell.

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KLA Member News and Library Updates

ARMOR SCHOOL RESEARCH LIBRARY, FORT KNOX. The 24/7 Ask A Librarian service provided by Army librarians on Army Knowledge Online (AKO) placed 2nd in the Army Knowledge Management Awards. AKO is the US Army’s official Internet portal. The awards were presented at the 3rd Annual Army Knowledge Management Symposium held in King of Prussia, PA from 11 to 15 August. The project officer for this Army wide initiative was Bill Hansen, Director of the Armor School Research Library, Fort Knox.

Bill Hansen.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. Carrie Cooper (Coordinator or Research and Instructional Services), Kevin Jones and Steve Stone (Reference Librarians), recently conducted a presentation, “Stopping Plagiarism Before it Starts.” The University Archives will host the spring meeting of the Kentucky Council on Archives on April 30, 2004. They will also host a Society of American Archivists (SAA) workshop on Basic Electronic Records. Jackie Couture (University Records Officer) and Debbie Whalen (Special Collections Librarian) recently received a $3,200 transcription grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission to fund the transcription of about 60 African American oral history interviews which will be available to researchers in EKU Archives by the end of the year. Also, the Madison County Historical Society recently donated to the Archives $820.00 to purchase Madison County Circuit Court case files, 1790-1865.

Kari Martin.

GRAYSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Grayson County Public Library won a $500 grant from the Grayson County Community Education office to recruit high school students in a volunteer project. The students will attend training sessions given by the library staff to learn how to use the library’s databases and will, in turn, offer training sessions to the community. Their responsibilities will also include scheduling, advertising, and evaluation. Karen Gillespie.

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY. The Kentucky Virtual Library sponsored a Create a KYVL Public Service Announcement contest for the students of Kentucky public K-12 schools. Winners were Glendover Global Studies in Lexington, Phillip A. Sharp Middle School in Butler, and Lincoln County High School in Stanford.

Kentucky Virtual Library’s Portal Workgroup is investigating library portal software applications to find a replacement of the SiteSearch software currently in use. KYVL also intends to create a Portal Consortium whereby other Kentucky institutions and library systems, through participation, can seek the benefits of collaboration, knowledge- and cost-sharing in the implementation and maintenance of the chosen product or product suite. Enid Wohlstein.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Painters Local #500 presented a $500 check to the Library’s Youth Service department to expand their Accelerated Reader materials for the 30 area schools served. The gift comes from the PATCH Fund (Painters and Allied Trades for Children’s Hope) an International organization. In February, the Library featured a seminar on Elder Law and a historical look at fires and firefighting in Paducah. Marie Liang.

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY. Camden-Carroll Library just began circulating two video cameras to students. The camcorders were funded by a grant from the university’s Student Government Association. Ray Bailey is the new Instructional Technology Librarian, replacing Jennifer Little who is now Head of Access Services. Ray’s responsibilities include managing the Learning Technology Lab and developing online tools for library instruction. Ray came to MSU from Lexington Community College. Timothy Bush will be joining Ray in the LTL as the new Technology and Public Services Specialist position. Gary Austin, Periodicals Librarian, is conducting a use study which will be used for de-selection of subscriptions this spring. The Library’s electronic classroom now has a SmartBoard. The newly renovated facility will be used by Tanzi Merritt on March 17 for a KYVL training seminar. Clara Keyes.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY. Dr. Laurene Zaporozhets is joining the University Libraries in the position of Dean on March 1, 2004. She has been Dean at the University of Toledo since 1999, and she was previously Dean of Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, 1991-1999 and Director at the University of South Florida, 1988-90. Her Master of Library Science was awarded by Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, and her Doctoral Degree was awarded by the University of Oregon. Dr. Zaporozhets is an accomplished grant writer with many successful projects. Likewise, the listings of presentations and publications are outstanding. In the area of administration, she worked with both the building and remodeling of libraries. Among her professional accomplishments is an established record of work with the accrediting agencies SACS and NCATE. Cornelius Pereira joined Murray’s Cataloging Department on February 1, 2004 after having previously worked at the University of Illinois’s Music Library. Cornelius has an MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois, an MM in Orchestral Conducting from Illinois State University, an MA in English Literature from the University of Bombay, India and is presently pursuing his doctorate in Orchestral Conducting at the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati. Jetta Culpepper.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. Steve Neace, Technical Services Specialist in the Cataloging Department, has left Steely Library to pursue a career in teaching. Brandon Combs has joined the library as Night Supervisor in the Circulation Department. In December, Steely Library celebrated the holidays with its annual luncheon and...
ornament exchange. The library also hosted a reception for the NKU Physical Plant workers, who have contributed so much to the library during our year of change, growth, and construction. That growth continues as Steely adds more PCs to the library’s cyber cafe. Sheri Myers.

PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Pulaski County Public Library recently awarded service pins to three of their staff members: Joy Halcomb, Branch Manager, 10 years; Sally Smith, Cataloging, 15 years; Revelie Waddle, Cataloging, 15 years. This gives the community a total of 312 years of library experience from 20 employees. Judith Burdine.

ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Friends of the Rowan County Public Library recently gave the Library $2,000 to spend for equipment and reference books. The Friends made the money at their November, 2003, used book sale. Helen Williams.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES. Reference Librarians Michael Razeeq and Kandace Rogers, William T. Young Library, have resigned their positions. Kandace left at the end of December to accept a position in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Michael is moving closer to family in the Cleveland area. Jan Carver is UK’s new Chemistry/Physics Librarian, effective February 1. Jan’s previously oversaw the operation of the Lexmark Information Center. Eeva Hoch will join Young Reference in early March. Her previous positions were at the University of Iowa. Kazuko Hioki will start as Conservation Librarian in Preservation Services in early April. Judy Sackett.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY MEDICAL CENTER. Mary Congleton, outreach librarian located with the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center in Berea, announces a move of the office and library to Mt. Vernon. Mary’s new address is Rockcastle Hospital & Respiratory Care Center, Inc. P.O. Box 1770, Mt. Vernon KY 40456. Mary was elected Chair-elect of the Professional Recognition Committee for the Hospital Library Section of the Medical Library Association. Lesley Wolfgang-Jackson, head of ILL, will have a review of the netLibrary electronic product published in the April, 2004 issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association. Laura Davison, access services librarian, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Kentucky Virtual Library Users’ Group. She also serves as the web manager for the Bluegrass Medical Librarians. Rick Brewer was appointed to the National Program Committee of the Medical Library Association for the 2005 national conference. Janet Stith.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. A WKU Libraries sponsored exhibit, "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," was held on Jan. 24 at the Kentucky Building. The exhibition was organized by the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association with grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Library of Medicine. WKU Libraries and the partners of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest will sponsor One Campus-One Community-One Book beginning Jan. 15—Mar. 19, 2004. The book chosen is A Parchment of Leaves written by Kentucky Literary Award Winner, Silas House. WKU, Bowling Green Public Library, and Barnes and Noble Booksellers sponsored BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ your library. A Celebration of Kentuckian African American Writers, with events featuring Marie Bradby, Sheila Williams and Crystal Wilkinson.


OBITUARIES

Margaret Robinson Cook Davis, 75, former Government Documents Librarian at Morehead State University, died January 3. In 1994, she retired from Morehead State University’s Camden-Carroll Library after 27 years of service. Prior to coming to Morehead in 1967, she worked in the library at Centre College and for Fleming County Public Library. Elsie Pritchard.

William T. Young, former Natcher Award Winner, suffered a heart attack and passed away in Delray Beach, Florida at age 85. William T. Young spent most of his life using his time and money to enrich the lives of Kentuckians. He was perhaps best known at UK for his contributions to the state-of-the-art library that bears his name. His initial $5 million gift kicked off the campaign for the new UK library in 1991, and his dream of a world-class library on the University of Kentucky campus was realized when the library opened its doors in 1997. Mr. Young’s support of UK’s library did not end with the completion of the new building. In 1998, he announced his intention to spearhead another campaign to create a privately funded book endowment to ensure that the libraries had the ability to fill their shelves. Including the matching state RCTF funds, to date this endowment stands at $65 million dollars and is the largest library endowment at a public university, and the second largest among all of the nation’s universities. UK is not the only institution that has been the beneficiary of Mr. Young’s generosity. Transylvania University’s Student Center bears Mr. Young’s name, and his donations allowed them to become a well-respected private college which attracts top faculty and students. His charitable donations have been recognized by numerous organizations, including KLA, which awarded him the Natcher Award in 1998. Yet, despite his wealth and success, Mr. Young remained a down to earth and humble man. He was a true gentleman and a great man, and his death will leave a void which can never be truly filled. We at the University of Kentucky Libraries will miss him. Robin Vitucci.
KLA Calendar of Events

Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference            March 4-6, 2004
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning           13-Mar-04
Academic/Special/SLA Ky. Chapter Spring Conference  April 14-16, 2004
Legislative Day                                      May 3-4, 2004
Public Libraries Section Spring Conference          May 5-7, 2004
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning           12-Jun-04
ALA Annual Conference                               June 24-30, 2004
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning           14-Aug-04
KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference                    September 15-18, 2004
Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference November 9-14, 2004

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Kentucky Union List of Serials (KULS). With all the budget cutting going on in libraries these days, the cancellation of serials subscriptions is a painfully common event. Please remember to report these changes to your serials union listing agent! For information about the KULS see http://www.louisville.edu/library/kuls/index.html or call 502-852-5931 or 502-852-8725. Thanks! Allen B. Ashman.

Other Conferences

The 7th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations will be held at the University of Kentucky, June 3-5, 2004. The conference was held in Germany last year and will be in Australia next year. Take advantage of its being held locally in 2004! See the conference website (http://www.uky.edu/ETD/ETD2004/) or contact Beth Kraemer (kraemer@email.uky.edu) for more information.

KLA Section News
Greetings from the KLA Special Library Section! Where else can you find a small group of wonderful, intelligent, clever, sassy, and a few folks with a sense of humor? We are a small group of “Special” people in KLA, and are inviting you into our inner sanctum. Students are always welcomed. As a member of Special Section, opportunities abound for you to interact with other librarians who also work in Special Libraries or “Special” areas within their library. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email anyone of the Special Section officers: Immediate past Chair, Amy Osborne, UK Law; Chair-Elect, Mary Congleton, Southern Kentucky AHEC; Committee Chairs: Suzy Palmer, Veronica Perry, Christie Robinson. Go to http://www.kylibasn.org/join.htm for a membership form. Fannie M. Cox, Chair, University of Louisville.