President’s Message

Greetings from the President!

I want to thank the 2010 Fall Conference Planning Committee for an outstanding job. The conference could not have been as successful without all their hard work and dedication. I hope that many of you were able to attend this year’s conference. We had wonderful speakers, including ALA President Roberta Stevens and ALA’s Director of Intellectual Freedom, Barbara Jones. The luncheon speakers were exceptional this year. Please save the date for next year’s conference, Information…The Library Super Power!, 2011 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, September 28-October 1, 2011, Galt House & Suites, Louisville, KY. Conference Planning Chair, President-Elect Terry Buckner is already hard at work on the conference. I would also like to congratulate all the Award Recipients! A listing of recipients is included in this issue.

KLA held our Annual Membership Business meeting during the conference, September 17, 2010. Among other reports to the membership, the members elected our new officers:

Terry Buckner (Academic Library Section), President-Elect

Lisa Rice (Kentucky Public Library Association), Secretary

Terry and Lisa will be joining Emmalee Hoover (Kentucky School Media Association), Immediate Past President and I (Special Library Section) as your Executive Board. Tom Underwood will also be continuing as Executive Director. We look forward to serving you.

Leoma Dunn
Kentucky Library Association President

KLA News

The Transportation Cabinet has approved the Kentucky’s Libraries license plate!

Thanks to all of you who made a commitment. Now is the time to fill out the application and mail it and a check or money order made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer to:

Linda Kompanik
Logan County Public Library
201 W 6th St
Russellville, KY 42276

The application can be found at http://www.kylibasn.org/docs/klalicenseplateapplication.pdf

Right now we are in the application phase. That means those who committed are making it possible for anyone to purchase a “library” plate in the future. The $25 application fee does not change or apply to any future licensing fee.

After Linda Kompanik receives 900 applications and 900 checks for $25 she will send them all
to the Transportation Cabinet. This will generate
the production of the plate.

Then as each person's tag becomes due they will
go to their local county clerk and renew their
tags as usual. At that point they will have the
"library" plate as an option - along with a standard
or other personalized plates. If they choose a
"library" plate they will be asked to donate $10 to
KLA to sponsor library science scholarship. They
can donate or decline.

The cost for their plate will be the same whether
they choose the "library" plate or a standard plate. The only difference will be if they decide to

donate the $10.

The $25 they contributed to get the plate pro-
duced has no bearing on their regular registra-
tion fee.

KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2010 AWARD WINNERS

KLA Lifetime Achievement Award

Pam Federspiel, Director, Shelby County Pub-
lic Library

Given to a Kentucky librarian who has
contributed significantly to our profession
through publications, presentations, and
participation in professional library and/or
information organizations.

KLA William H Natcher Award

Dr. Paul Maddox, Benefactor, Wolfe County
Public Library

The William H. Natcher Award will be
given to an individual, organization, or
corporation that has made a significant
philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky
library. The contribution may be monetary
or equipment.

KLA James A Nelson Advocacy Award

J C Morgan' Director, Campbell County Public
Library

Given to an individual who has been a
strong advocate for a library or libraries on

a local, regional, state, or national level.

KLA Carol J Parris Mentoring Award

Shawn Livingston, Director of Information Ser-
vices, Young Library, University of Kentucky

Given to an individual who has mentored
one or more Kentucky Librarian or library
worker. This mentoring could have oc-
curred in an academic, personal, or work
environment.

KLA Intellectual Freedom Award

Dr. Ron Critchfield, Director, Jessamine
County Public Library

Given to an individual or group who has
actively promoted intellectual freedom in
Kentucky.

KLA Kentucky Libraries Award

Cindy Judd and Nicole Masica Montgomery,
Eastern Kentucky University

"LibGuides and Librarians: Connecting Con-
tent and Community" published Summer 2009
(Vol. 73, No. 3).

Given to author(s) of a feature article pub-
lished in Kentucky Libraries during the
prescribed period.

Scholarship for Minority Students

Tomie Walters, Bowling Green, Kentucky,
MSLS program, University of Kentucky

Given to encourage minority candidates
who show excellence in scholarship and
potential for accomplishment in librarian-
ship.

ACADEMIC SECTION

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

Perry Bratcher

Given to honor outstanding contribution to
libraries and to the profession.
Professional Development Grants

Nancy Richey, Western Kentucky University

$490 to conduct research on the life of Kentucky's pioneering country music perform- er, Cynthia May Carver.

Susan Martin, Georgetown College

$510 to help fund her sabbatical to con- duct research on the Bodleian Library at Oxford University.

KENTUCKY SCHOOL MEDIA ASSOCIATION

Eleanor W. Simmons Memorial Grant

Leslie Wright, Heath High School, McCracken County

Given to encourage participation in the field of library science.

KSMAService Award for School Administra- tors

Tammie Franks, Principal, Harrison Elementary School, Fayette County

Given each year to either an elementary, middle or high school principal who has made outstanding contributions to the school's library media program.

Outstanding School Media Librarian

Mary Mattingly Elliott, South Green Elementary School, Glasgow

Given to a professional of excellence; one who provides an outstanding media pro- gram, serves her local and state organization, and makes significant contributions to his/her profession.

Jesse Stuart Media Award

Heather Henson, Children's Book Author

Presented to an author/producer who has outstanding media related to Kentucky.

KSMA Award of Merit

Harrie Buecker, Superintendent, Franklin County Public Schools

Honors those who through individual lead- ership have advocated effective school library media services in meaningful edu- cational programs. It also recognizes the responsible and influential role of those other than the local school building admin- istrator in developing successful school library media programs

Donna Hornsby Joint Technology Project Award

Eddie Fossett and Laura Younkin, Ballard High School, Jefferson County

Recognizes two or more individuals in a school for their innovative use of library media center technology to enhance classroom curriculum.

KSMA Student Technology Award

Cole Murray

Given to an outstanding Kentucky school student (grades K-12) who has demon- strated leadership through technology activities coordinated with the school cur- riculum.

Outstanding School Library Web Site Award

Sally Horowitz, Northside Elementary School, Woodford County

Recognizes excellence in web site design and its contribution to the instruction of students.

KENTUCKY PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

James E. Gugeler Outstanding Library Trustee Award

Helen Northcutt, Chair Rowan County Public Library Board of Trustees

Recognizes the contributions of an individual who is currently serving as a trust- see for a Kentucky public library.

Outstanding Public Library Service Award

Debbe Oberhausen, Manager, Crescent Hill Branch, Louisville Free Public Library
Conference Scholarships
Jussie Minor, Director, Carter County Public Library
Cindy Leach, Public Services Librarian, Rowan County Public Library.
Provides assistance to staff members of Kentucky public libraries to attend the KPLA annual conference.

Continuing Education Scholarship
Jill Siekman, Public Services Associate, Boone County Public Library
Provides assistance to staff members of Kentucky public libraries to seek library higher education and Kentucky certification for public libraries.

SPECIAL LIBRARY SECTION

Margaret F. Willis Community Service Award
Beverly Cooper, Director, Fleming County Public Library
Recognizes achievements by certified county and regional library staff that has made outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of public library service on the local level.

James Harrison Outstanding Outreach Service Award
Barbara Faris, Fleming County Public Library
Recognizes and emphasizes the achievements of a bookmobile/outreach librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and implementation of bookmobile/outreach services in the local community.

"Miss Pickle" Outstanding Children's Service Award
Monica Edwards, Logan County Public Library
Recognizes and emphasizes excellence in developing and providing children's library services in the local community.

Richardson/Conway Outstanding Library Volunteer Award
Jean Ellis and Sue Loyall, Volunteers, Casey County Public Library.
Recognizes the contributions of an individual(s) who serves in a Kentucky public library as a volunteer.

Special Librarian of the Year Award
James Manasco, Head, Collection Development, University of Louisville Libraries
Given to recognize continuing demonstration of the highest standards of special librarianship.

KENTUCKY LIBRARY TRUSTEES ROUND TABLE

Outstanding Board of Trustees Award
Larry Prichard, Barbara Davis, Teresa Brown, Mindy Woods and Jenny Knipp, Carter County Public Library Board of Trustees
Recognizes the dedication and volunteerism of the men and women who serve on Kentucky's library boards.

Conference Scholarship
Jeremy Brown, Fleming County Public Library
Provides assistance to trustees of Kentucky public libraries to attend the KPLA/ KLRT annual conference.
Section and Round Table News

Communications Committee

Deadline Schedules for KLA Publications

Kentucky Libraries

Winter Issue deadline is December 15 to be published February 15

Spring Issue deadline is March 15 to be published May 15

Summer Issue deadline is June 15 to be published August 15

Fall Issue deadline is September 15 to be published November 15.

IN-FO-CUS Newsletter Will be distributed in March, June, September and December.

Community & Technical College Roundtable

This past year C&TCR discussed Information Literacy. Patrick Davison created a Kentucky Library Association wiki site about Information Literacy. Those that have participated in the wiki have shared ideas and documents related to this topic.

Kentucky Public Library Association

The last year has been active and productive for KPLA. To highlight some activities:

- The 2010 Spring Conference in Bowling Green drew 340 attendees and was very highly reviewed. Dave Schroeder did an excellent job in planning the events. Martha White will be planning the 2011 conference in Lexington.
- A new committee, the Intellectual Freedom Committee, was formed to monitor and respond to Intellectual Freedom incidents in public libraries.
- The Awards Committee created a new website (currently residing on the Boone CPL website) to distribute award information. A new award (2011 will be the first year for recipients) was established for Public Relations and Marketing efforts in public libraries.
- The Constitution, Bylaws, and Operational Policies of KPLA were completely revised. All of the descriptions of awards and list of award winners were compiled into this document.
- The Standards Committee began its second round of scoring for the current version of the Standards.
- The Public Relations Committee designed a new brochure to advertise the benefits of being a KPLA member. KPLA secured a web domain (www.kpla.org) and remote server space to build its own website. Gabrielle Gayheart has been commissioned to begin work on the site.
- The Education Committee held a very successful fall workshop at KDLA in December 2009. There were 60 attendees.
- The Advocacy Committee sponsored a very successful Library Legislative Day in Frankfort in February 2010. A delegation of KPLA members attended National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington, DC, in May 2010, along with other KLA members. The Committee also began distributing a newsletter several times each year.

Kentucky School Media Association

The association has written letters in support of Kentucky’s partnership in the P21 initiative, to support funding of KYVL, and also submitted a letter to the Race to the Top team to encourage them to include school librarians in the language of their application. The LMS Summer Refresher was held on July 20 and attended by more than 250 school librarians. Dr. Terry Holliday was the guest speaker.

Library Administration and Management Roundtable

During the KLA conference the Library Administration and Management Roundtable held an Unconference session designed to engage the members and set a path for renewed activity. The session was well attended and the discussion was lively and engaging. More news will follow but the highlights are that we, the new leaders of LAMRT, will be working toward a possible Spring Conference session and working on a plan for sharing our knowledge through articles or other written communications.

The Officers for LAMRT are: Abby Thorne, Chair; Lesley Jackson, Chair-Elect and Jack Montgomery, Secretary.
Resource Sharing Roundtable

Participation on the Round Table’s Facebook group, “Access Services in Kentucky Libraries” remains active. The group is open and anyone interested in resource sharing is invited to join. We are participating in gathering information for and editing “KYShares,” a wiki geared toward helping Kentucky libraries find and use services, software and contacts for borrowing and lending materials through statewide circulation, interlibrary loan partners and statewide consortia. KYShares is located at http://www.kyvl.org/resourcesharing/.

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

KLA Archives

KDLA staff has created an electronic archive of KLA Board reports as received by the KLA Secretary. This archive is on the KDLA website at: http://kla.kdla.ky.gov/. The archive currently includes reports from the 2007-8 and 2008-9 years. Reports from 2009-10 will be added as soon as they are finalized.

Budget

2010 was another year of budget cuts. Every program along with KDLA operating funds has been substantially reduced. The new budget started with a reduction of 5% with additional reductions likely during this year.

Professional Development

KDLA was able to offer 3 scholarship programs for public library staff members during the year. Through the Bridging the Gap Grant with NKU and BCTC, LSTA graduate scholarships, and scholarships provided by the State Board for the Certification of Librarians, almost 100 public library staff members attended classes during the year.

KDLA inaugurated the first New Directors’ Orientation for new public library directors and the first Public Library Leadership Institute.

Stimulus Grants

KDLA received a stimulus grant for $325,000 to allow 10 public libraries to offer equipment and training for providing workforce development opportunities to the public.

KDLA also received a grant of $1.3 million from NTIA for equipment and training for 60 public libraries to offer additional broadband service. A matching grant from the Gates Foundation will provide funding for e-rate assistance for public libraries.

Public Library Development


Ground was broken (or construction started) for new libraries in Livingston Co., Lyon Co., Corbin, Mercer Co., Meade Co., Marshall Co., Leslie Co., Boyd Co., and Trimble Co. The new library in Livingston County will be the first library in that county.

The Carter County Public Library celebrated its first year of operation, though a flood devastated the Olive Hill Branch in May.

McLean County received a grant of $250,000 from the Federal government to begin library service.

Legislative Day

The strongest Legislative Day effort to date was sponsored by the KPLA Advocacy Committee in February. The highlight was a rally in the Rotunda where members of the Public Library Caucus spoke in support of libraries.

Though ALA did not hold its traditional Legislative Day on Capitol Hill in May, a large delegation from Kentucky met with Congressmen and aides in support of libraries.

Talking Book subregional libraries closed

The Subregional Talking Book Library in Louisville was closed in 2009 and the Northern Kentucky subregional library will close on Oct. 1, 2010. As a result, Talking Book service for all 120 counties will be provided from KDLA.
Regulations revised
State regulations were revised and approved by the state legislature for the State Board for the Certification of Librarians and for KDLA’s Public Records Division. This was the culmination of several years of work.

New Materials Added to State Archives
For the first time since 2006, additional materials were added to the State Archives as a result of extensive weeding of the State Library Collection. This is only a temporary measure as much more material is awaiting transfer to the State Archives than space permits. However, some additional irreplaceable materials will now be safely housed in the State Archives.

Kentucky Department of Education
The new state school library media guidelines, Beyond Proficiency @ your library are ready! Links to the resource have been emailed to all Kentucky school librarians. Information about Beyond Proficiency @ your library was posted on the main page of the Kentucky Department of Education’s website last week, and a future edition of the weekly memo to superintendents from the Commissioner will include details, as well. I presented a session at the KSMA Summer Refresher in July to introduce drafts of the new resource and to obtain feedback from librarians. I will further introduce Beyond Proficiency @ your library at a mini-session for the Fall Conference.

Accolades
**Boyd County Public Library** Board of Trustees have signed a 10-year lease with the Kyova Mall in Cannonsburg, KY, and the library plans to have its new mall branch open by early 2011. The 6,200 square foot space will be a contemporary branch, and will house an extensive collection of popular materials for adults and children. There will be a large space for meeting room(s) and programming, and at least a dozen computers and laptops. "We are thrilled to be opening a branch in the Kyova Mall," said Director Debbie Cosper. "We are positioning the library to serve the needs of the community for the next decade, or longer." A branch in the mall means more convenience for the consumer/library patron," Cosper said. "We are putting a library branch right in their path, as they do their shopping or go out to eat or to a movie." Having libraries in a mall, aka lifestyle center is a slowly emerging national trend. In communities where it’s been done, libraries have reported huge upswings in the number of items checked out, and the number of story times and other programs offered each week. The American Library Association does not have a comprehensive list of how many libraries are in malls or shopping centers, but its informal tally is about two dozen such branches, according to a July report. There are also a handful of libraries in art centers, museums and even apartment buildings. The BCPL Summit Branch, located just a few miles from the mall, will become an outreach center, housing materials for the homebound and other outreach programs and services. A books-by-mail service is also being discussed. "We anticipate being able to reach many more people in Boyd County through outreach programs by having a center dedicated to those services," Cosper said. BCPL anticipates hiring 8-10 new staff members during the next few months, to staff the Kyova Branch and expanded outreach services, and handle the increased demands on other departments. "All of this is being done with one goal in mind: to serve more people in our community, and to serve them in the best way possible," Cosper said.

** Tomie Walters**, an MSLS student at the University of Kentucky, has been awarded the 2010 Kentucky Library Association Minority Scholarship. Mr. Walters is currently employed at Bowling Green Technical College Library as well as the Warren County Public Library. Once he completes his master’s program he plans to pursue a career as a public library director or assistant director. The KLA Minority Scholarship was...
created in 2007 for the purpose of increasing the number of minorities pursuing careers in the library profession in Kentucky. The scholarship is for minority candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in librarianship. The scholarship recipient receives $1,000 (paid in two equal installments) as well as a one-year KLA student membership and free student registration to the KLA Annual meeting. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for the 2011 Minority Scholarship. The scholarship application can be accessed at http://www.kylibasn.org/docs/klascholarship.pdf For more information, please contact Elliot Appelbaum, Scholarship Committee Chair, eappelbaum@lexpublib.org or (859) 231-5560.

**Kentucky Library-WKU—**Though the Kentucky Library and Museum’s major focus has followed our mission statement, “We Collect Kentucky,” our collections can now be characterized as both local and global. A sample of recently cataloged items illustrate this new focus: Institutes of Hindu Law and the History and Antiquities of Carborough, Viciniti: with Views and Plans, The Northern Campaigns and History of the War, from the Invasion of Russia, in 1812, and Memoirs and Recollections of Count Segur: Ambassador from France to the Courts of Russia and Prussia. Additionally, our unique holdings are now more accessible through our “KenCat” catalog which uses the collection management program, PastPerfect. The collection is searchable online at http://wku.pastperfect-online.com/35749cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks and covers a wide variety of materials in four areas: objects, archives, photographs and library materials. For more information about these unique collections contact kimref@wku.edu or 270-745-6092.

Minder received the award for Outstanding Adjunct Technical Faculty Instructor at Bluegrass Community & Technical College for 2009-2010. Jane has been teaching in the online undergraduate program, Library Information Technology, at BCTC since 1999.

Registration for Spring Semester 2011 library science classes at BCTC begins in October. For information see http://legacy.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/csis/lit

**EKU Libraries** are excited to announce the opening of the new **Noel Studio for Academic Creativity!** The Noel Studio opened on Monday, September 20, with a dedication ceremony planned for Friday, October 29. Much exciting press has surrounded the opening of this innovative space, including a feature in Praxis: http://projects.uwc.utexas.edu/praxis/?q=node/310. In addition to director Dr. Russell Carpenter and 26 new graduate and undergraduate consultants to support students, three coordinators have been hired: Leslie Valley as Writing Coordinator, Shawn Apostel as Communication Coordinator and Trenia Napier as Research Coordinator.

EKU Libraries are also excited about the addition of Lexington native Emily Bayma to the EKU Libraries staff as Library Associate II for the Library Technology & Data Services Division, where she will be supporting classrooms and meeting rooms and providing technology support for staff and patrons. Emily has previous experience with UK’s Young Library and at Lexington Public’s Central Branch.

The **Business Library and Academic Commons** is also new at EKU Libraries. Situated in the Business & Technology Center at Eastern Kentucky University, the space features quiet and group study areas, moveable whiteboards for student collaboration, as well as a solid collection of reference materials and popular business magazines and newspapers. Julie George, a seasoned librarian at EKU Libraries, was hired as Team Leader and Librarian for the new branch. In addition, Sarah Richardson has been hired as Library Associate III and will be supervising student employees as well as engaging in library instruction. Sarah previously worked at Bluegrass Community and Technical College as well as Northern Virginia Community College. Daniel Weddington, Library
Associate I, has also been hired in the new Business Library; Daniel will be staffing the service desk as well as helping create and organize the print collection. He previously worked for the University of Kentucky in the Division of Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Media.

**Gregg Stevens** joined Eastern Kentucky University Libraries on August 23 as Visiting Assistant University Librarian. Gregg is a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science. As part of the Reference and Instructional Team, he brings experience as a high school teacher to the library’s instructional programs.

The Learning Resources Center at EKU Libraries also has a welcome addition to their staff with the hiring of **Heather Beirne** as Library Associate III. Heather was a Reference Intern from University of Kentucky from fall 2009 through spring 2010. She also worked as a Volunteer Coordinator for Jessamine County Public Library in 2010. Heather will be responsible for supervising student workers, maintaining the LRC’s Youth Collection and handling lost materials and fines and fees.

For fall 2010 and spring 2011, EKU Libraries will continue to host Reference Internships for the University of Kentucky’s School of Library and Information Science. **Amanda Mardis** and **Emily Aldridge** serve as the Reference Interns for this current term, with their main duties being answering reference questions through both Instant Messaging and at the Circulation Desk as well as writing scripts for future streaming video tutorials.

EKU Librarians have also been responsible for exciting publications and presentations over the past few months. EKU’s **Kelly Smith** and **Laura Edwards** (along with Kurt Blythe) published “2010 Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference,” in *Serials Review.* (*Serials Review*, In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 12 August 2010, ISSN 0098-7913, DOI: 10.1016/j.serrev.2010.05.001).

**Kelly Smith** and **Amy Tabb** presented “Clean Up Your Act!: A Voyager Acquisitions Overhaul for Greater Efficiency” at the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference in September 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky (http://www.slideshare.net/kellysmith72/kla-2010-clean-up-your-act).


**Jeremy Turner, Jens Arneson, Carrie Cooper, Amy Tabb, Margaret Foote and Trenia Napier** presented, “Digital Content and Your Library: A how-to presentation on the circulation of Kindles and iPods,” at KLA in September 2010.

**Cindy Judd** and **Nicole Montgomery** were chosen as this year’s Kentucky Libraries Award winner for the article, “LibGuides and Librarians: Connecting Content and Community” published summer 2009 (Vol. 73, No. 3). Awards were presented at the KLA Conference’s Awards Luncheon.

**Kyle McQueen**, Library Associate I, has illustrated the following books for History Press over the last year: *Forgotten Tales of Wisconsin*, *Forgotten Tales of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula*, *Forgotten Tales of Alabama* and the upcoming *Forgotten Tales of Pittsburgh*.

**Seven public and school libraries have been awarded grants totaling $7,500 from proceeds of the 2009 Kentucky Book Fair.**

- $1,500 to the **Academy@ Shawnee** in Louisville to increase student literacy skills.
- $1,500 to the **Caldwell County High School** in Princeton for contemporary biographies and social sciences books.
- $500 to **Fairdale Elementary School** in Jefferson County to enhance the collection of books on countries and cultures.
- $1,000 to **Jamestown Elementary School** in Russell County to purchase high interest books for reluctant readers.
$1,500 to Lee County Public Library in Beattyville to aid in the recovery from a disastrous water main break.

$750 to Mayfield Middle School in Graves County to add to the biography collection.

$750 to Newport Junior High School in Campbell County to expand the number of social science books.

Since the inception of the book fair in 1981, more than $300,000 has been awarded to libraries across the commonwealth. Each year approximately 150 authors attend the Kentucky Book Fair to autograph and sell copies of their latest books. The event draws about 4,000 patrons to purchase books and related media, with proceeds used for operations of the fair and the library-grant program. Kentucky Book Fair Inc., a nonprofit organization, was founded to coordinate the annual Kentucky Book Fair, with proceeds supporting Kentucky’s libraries and literacy programs. The 2010 Kentucky Book Fair is Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Frankfort Convention Center. Proceeds from the 2010 book fair will be distributed in 2011. For more information, visit http://kybookfair.org/2010/.

National Library News

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA) is offering the Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) Research Grant for 2011. This grant of $1000 provides seed money for small-scale projects that will encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda. Details regarding the applications for the 2011 Frances Henne YALSA/VOYA Research Grant are available from the YALSA Web site at http://www.al.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/awardsandgrants/franceshennecf. Applications for the grant are due in the YALSA Office by Dec. 1.

For more information please contact us via e-mail, yalsa@ala.org; or by phone: 800-545-2433 x 4387.

The ALA Public Programs Office and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) are now accepting applications for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. Electronic applications for the reading and discussion series will be accepted through November 19 at www.al.org/greatstories. Funding was provided for this program by Oprah’s Angel Network.

The Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens and Books) is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books that are relevant to their lives. All types of libraries (public, school, academic and special) located within or working in partnership with facilities serving troubled teens in the United States and its territories are eligible to apply for a Great Stories CLUB grant. Potential organizations for Great Stories CLUB partnership include juvenile justice facilities, drug rehabilitation centers, nonprofits serving teen parents, alternative high schools, agencies serving teenaged foster children, shelters serving homeless and runaway youth and other agencies. For tips on creating a partnership, visit www.al.org/greatstories.

Following the application process, 150 libraries will be selected to develop a book discussion program for troubled teens based on the three themerelated titles and will be given copies of the books to share with participants. Participating libraries will also receive access to an online toolkit to support the program, including sample discussion questions, recommended titles for further reading and other resources. Small cash grants ($100-$200) will be awarded to up to 25 sites for the support of program-related expenses. YALSA’s Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Interest Group selected “Second Chances” as the Great Stories CLUB theme, along with the following titles:

- **Hate List** by Jennifer Brown (Little, Brown Books, 2009)
- **Dope Sick** by Walter Dean Myers (Amistad, 2009)
The Brothers Torres by Coert Voorhees (Hyperion, 2009)

For more information on the Great Stories CLUB, including guidelines, book descriptions and reviews, application instructions and feedback from past participants, visit www.ala.org/greatstories.

**Continuing Education Opportunities**

**KDLA Continuing Education Events**

For more information, check the website at http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm

October 13 & 14  The Resource Sharing Detective: Citation Tracing
October 21 or 26  Just Passing Through—Legal Aspects to Library Services to Transient and Indigent Populations
November 1  Gifts for Libraries: Be Careful What You Wish For
November 1  Using Databases
November 5  KDLA Kit Talk
November 9 or December 1  Where’s the Romance
November 17 or 18  Storytimes with KDLA Programming Kits: Farms and Construction
December 1  Technical Services: What they do, How they do it, How it’s changing
December 1  Weeding: It’s not optional
December 17  Tapping into Kentucky Government Information Resources

**Keep the Date Open**


February 9, 2011 KPLA Legislative Day in Frankfort

March 15, 2011, deadline for submission to Kentucky Libraries for the Spring Issue, published in mid-May

April 11-13, 2011, Kentucky Public Library Association Annual Conference in Lexington