President’s Message

Greetings!

As I near the end of my term as Kentucky Library Association President, I want to thank all of you for a fantastic year. I have enjoyed meeting all the different kinds of librarians and appreciate all the support that you have given me. It has been such a pleasure to meet academic, special, public, and children's librarians and find that we have so much in common. I discovered that we generally are good at our jobs since we are here to serve our students and patrons. What a great profession to be in!

I would like to encourage each of you to invite your co-workers to join KLA if they are not members. I don’t know how anyone survives without this great support group! I don’t think others know what they are missing so let’s spread the word. Encourage them to attend the wonderful KLA Fall Conference October 16-19 that Sue Burch and her committee have put together. Wednesday will be the preconference day and Saturday will be devoted to school librarianship. Thanks to Margaret Roberts and her committee for working so hard on that. I have seen both programs and you will not want to miss either of them. It is going to be a great conference with something for everyone.

Thank you again for a super year. If I can be of assistance to you, please contact me. I have a new job at Reidland High School and my number is 270-538-4210, ext. 8164.

See you at the conference!

Terri G. Kirk, President
Kentucky Library Association

2003 KLA Slate of Officers

The KLA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for 2003:

Vice-President/President Elect: Carol Nutter
Academic Library Section

Secretary: Linda Kompanik
Public Library Section

Additional nominations for these offices may be submitted in writing to the Chair of the KLA Nomination Committee. Nominations must be received by October 1, 2002 and must be accompanied by a written acceptance of nomination from the candidate. Nominations should be sent to:

Judith Burdine, Chair
Pulaski County Public Library
107 N. Main Street
Somerset, KY 42501

Election of officers will be held Friday, October 18, 2002 during the KLA Business Meeting at the Annual KLA Conference in Louisville.

The candidate for KLA’s SELA Representative is Christie Robinson, who represents the Special Library Section. The ballot for this important election has been included in this issue of Info-Cus.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Carol Nutter
Carol, a librarian at Morehead State University since 1976, is the Assistant Director for Public Services. Ms. Nutter holds her MLS from the University of Kentucky and MA in English from Morehead. During her 20 year membership in KLA she has served on various committees and as chair of the KLA Member Services Committee. She has been active in the Academic Library Section and the Library Instruction Round Table, serving as both Secretary and Chair of each of these divisions. Additionally, Carol is a member of SELA, ALA, ACRE, and the Kentucky SOLINET Users Group.

Linda Kompanik
Linda began her library career as reference librarian at the Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library. She has served as the director of the Logan County Public Library since 1995. She has an MLS and MA in Communications. Ms. Kompanik is a past Chair of the Public Library Section and currently serves on the Public Library
Section Legislative Committee. She received the “Outstanding Public Library Service” Award in 1999.

Christie Robinson  Christie is the Director of Administrative Services for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. She holds an MLS and a PhD in Educational Policy Studies from the University of Kentucky. Currently she is Chair of the Special Library Section and Past Chair of both the Library Administration and Management Round Table and of the Genealogy and History Round Table. Additionally, Christie is a member of the Public Library Section and is a past member of the Technology Round Table, the Academic Section, KLA Membership Committee, and the KLA Election Committee. She is a very active participant and 15 year member of both ALA and SLA.

It’s all here @ your library

The KLA/KSMA Joint Conference is right around the corner. Join Mitch Freedman, President of ALA, Claudette Tennant, ALA Washington Office, Dr. Gary Hartzell, University of Nebraska, Kee Malesky, National Public Radio, Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, R. Gregory Christie, children’s book illustrator, Frank X. Walker, multidisciplinary artist, Dr. Ann Weeks, author and humorist, and our own Kentucky colleagues for the annual fall conference, October 16-19, 2002. Other exciting events include four pre-conference programs, Star of Louisville dinner cruise, gallery of authors book signing event, ‘Cooking with Chef Richard’ program/dinner, new members reception, members’ used book sale and lots more. Check the KLA web site for all the details: http://www.kyllabsn.org/conference.htm Register now! It’s all here @ your conference!

Sue Burch, Chair
Conference Planning Committee

KLA Section and Round Table News

Academic Library Section
The Academic Library Section invites you to their program at the fall conference – a talk by Steve J. Bell, Director of the Gutman Library, Philadelphia University, “Get the Professional Juices Flowing@Your Library.” In this presentation Steven will share his philosophies and techniques for renewing passion for the academic library profession. Look for it on Thursday morning, October 17, 2002.

The Academic Section Nominating Committee has drawn up a slate of officers for the election at the fall business meeting. Stacey Nickell has agreed to be nominated for Chair-elect, and Susan Henthorn has agreed to be a nominee for Secretary. Other nominations will be taken from the floor.

Look for an announcement from the Professional Development Committee concerning the availability of two grants. Please give some thought to applying for one of these to help get your “professional juices flowing.” The professional development grants and the award for the Academic Librarian of the Year will be awarded at the fall conference. Kathleen Bryson.

Public Library Section
Public Libraries who were members of the Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield Group Health Plan prior to July 1, 2001, need to contact PLS Chair Susan Eubank. The section is trying to get an accurate listing of libraries who were statutory members of the KAACL (Kentucky Association of County Libraries) from June 1, 1993 to July 1, 2001, when Anthem claims the association was dissolved. Information is needed because PLS is exploring various legal aspects of our termination as a group by Anthem and their subsequent demutualization and distribution of stock. Please contact Ms. Eubank at the address below:

Susan Eubank, Chair  502-241-9899
Public Library Section  502-241-6048 FAX
P.O. Box 406
Buckner, KY 40010

Special Library Section
All KLA members and guests are invited to come to the Special Library Section program at KLA on Thursday, October 17, 2002. Our program for the Annual Fall meeting will feature Kee Malesky, Librarian for National Public Radio. We know that her interesting tidbits and fascinating stories about researching and gathering materials for a national media broadcast will be intriguing and enlightening. Check out your program for time and location. Christie Robinson.

Round Table for Kentucky Libraries and School Partnership (KLASP)
At the request of the Round Table for KLASP, the KLA Board voted for its dissolution at the August Board meeting held in Louisville, Ky. It is the feeling of KLASP that the Children’s and Young Adult Services Section of KLA provides the organization with an avenue for those wishing to participate in services to children, including any partnerships that would be formed. If you have any comments, please send them to: Judith Burdine, Past President KLA, Pulaski County Public Library, 107 N. Main Street, Somerset, KY 42501 or, email at: jburdine@charterbn.com
KLA Member News and Library Updates

BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. James C. Powers, 40 year employee of the Boyd County Public Library, and Director since 1996, has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2002.

CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. On June 3, 2002, the Newport Branch of Campbell County Public Library, along with the East Row Historic Foundation, were awarded an Excellence in Preservation Award for their joint effort to order, purchase, catalog, house, and circulate historic preservation books to assist community members who are renovating homes. The collection includes detailed information on period renovation. June 25, 2002 was declared Newport Carnegie Building Day by the City of Newport to celebrate the building’s 100th anniversary. The library was presented with a plaque in a city commission meeting on June 24, 2002.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY. Greg Mitchell left EKU libraries in August for a position at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas. Victoria Koger has been hired as a Reference/Instruction Librarian. Ms. Koger, who earned her MLIS at Florida State University, worked as a reference librarian at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina before coming to EKU. Peggy Flaherty.

HARDIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. The medical library at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown, Kentucky was renamed the William R. Handley Health Sciences Library by the hospital board of trustees during dedication ceremonies held May 15. Dr. Handley was a member of the hospital medical staff from 1966 until his retirement in 2001 and member and chairman of the Medical Education/Library Committee for 15 years. David Holt, Hardin Memorial Hospital’s health science librarian since 1992, spoke at the ceremony with Dr. Handley and David Gray, President and CEO. The library is a full-service facility for physicians, hospital staff, students, patients and families, and the general public in the Hospital’s 13-county service area surrounding Elizabethtown, located 42 miles south of Louisville. David Holt.

KENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. On Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m., the Kenton County Public Library will open the doors to its new 34,294 square foot, state-of-the-art library building at a grand opening celebration beginning at 2 p.m. Government officials, librarians, community members and library lovers across the state are invited to attend. The new facility will replace a branch in Erlanger that can no longer accommodate the needs of the growing community. Special features include a serene reading garden, an outdoor programming area, a children’s activity room, a state-of-the-art meeting room, drive through drop-off and pick-up windows and ample parking. The new Erlanger Branch is located at 401 Kenton Lands Road. Photos, facts, grand opening information and directions can be found at www.kenton.lib.ky.us or by calling Kenton County Public Library Director Wayne Onkst at (859)491-7610.

Kenton County Public Library announces the retirement of four employees. Nancy M. Ohr, Sarah Shirley, Sue Schwieter and Pat Wilson have worked at the Library a combined total of 102 years. The Library thanks them for their years of service to the community and wishes them well in their retirement. Robin Klaene.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES. The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Clark-Cooper Building, the agency’s headquarters at 300 Coffee Tree Road, Frankfurt, on Tuesday, October 8th. The ceremony will be at 2 p.m., followed by a reception. Tours of the facility will be offered between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Speakers at the ceremony will include Dr. Lewis Bellardo, Deputy Archivist of the United States, and Dr. Robert Martin, Director, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, D.C. Dr. Thomas Clark and Vernon Cooper, for whom the building is named, will also be part of the program. Governor Patton has also been invited to join the speakers. Christie Robinson.

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY. The Kentucky Virtual Library Users’ Group Work Group will formally propose the formation of a KYVL User’s Group to represent the end users of KYVL at a fall conference program: KYVL@yourlibrary - A User’s Group Kickoff Soirée. A Constitution and Bylaws will be proposed and interim officers appointed. The Chair of the Users’ Group will sit on the VLAC, the Virtual Library Advisory Committee, which advises KYVL on policy matters. Come join your colleagues for hors d’oeuvres, drinks and networking on Thursday@4! Bill Hanson.

Louisville Free Public Library. The Courier-Journal of June 22, 2002 featured Tim Renner in an article about librarian recruitment. Tim is a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky’s M.L.I.S. program and a new business reference librarian at the Louisville Free Public Library’s Main Library. Elizabeth B. Covell.

Murray State University. Thirty-seven Librarians and Staff of the Camden-Carroll Library attended its second annual staff retreat on August 12 at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park. This year’s theme was “Gone Fishin’: A Revolutionary Approach to Customer Service.” The planning committee included Larry Besant, Sue Howard, Clara Keyes, Pam Mace, Carol Nutter, and Elsie Pritchard. Jim Dankiewicz, UK Library Science student, worked as a volunteer at MSU’s library for eight weeks this summer. He worked with Jennifer Little to create a virtual tour of the Library and worked with Tom Kmetz to create web pages using the DDC system and canned searches linking into WebVoyage. Carol Nutter.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY. Coy Harmon, Dean of University Libaries since 1984, retired July 1. Janet Brewer has been appointed Interim Dean. Phyllis Lewis, Bookkeeper for the Library since 1986, retired August 8. Reference Librarian Jen Schatz joined the library faculty from the Philadelphia Free Library on August 26. Rick Bragg’s memoir, It’s All Over But the Shoutin’, was selected for the campus-wide literature focus in support of the University’s new Freshman Reading Experience. A display in Waterfield Library presents Bragg’s work as well as examples of other memoirs of the Southern experience. Bragg visited campus August 17-18 in conjunction with MSU’s Great Beginnings events. This fall a coffee bar will open in the lobby of Waterfield Library. A campus-wide contest is being held to name this new service. Laura Ewald.

OLDHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Sandra Thacker, Librarian and Branch Manager of the Duerson Oldham County Public Library in LaGrange, and three time winner of the Margaret S. Duvall Employee Excellence Award, is retiring after 16 years of service with the library. Ann Marple, Public Services Librarian of the Oldham County Public Library is retiring after 24 years of service. Ms. Marple has worked tirelessly in many capacities within KLA and the Kentuckiana Regional Cooperative. Susan Eubank.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY. James Burgett, Collection Services Team Leader in the William T. Young Library, has been awarded an ACRL travel stipend to attend the 54th annual Frankfurt, Germany
Book Fair this October. James, who holds a doctorate in German, will staff the ACRL booth which provides foreign librarians with information on U.S. library practices and services. Whitney Baker, Conservation Librarian with Preservation, has accepted the position of Conservator with the University of Kansas Libraries and will be leaving UK in early October. Whitney has authored the “Preservation Perspectives” column in Kentucky Libraries since 2001.

Sue Burch, Associate Director at the UK Law Library, is the recipient of the prestigious “Service to SEAA LL Award” for her sustained, special service to the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Judy Sackett.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE. The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) voted unanimously in May 2002 to invite the University of Louisville to become the association’s 124th member. ARL is a not-for-profit membership organization of North American research institutions. Hannelore Rader, Dean of Libraries commented “ARL membership is important for the whole scholarly enterprise and will place U of L in a leadership role within the research library community.”


Hannelore Rader, Dean of Libraries, was one of two academic librarians from the United States invited to participate in the 21st Century Literacy Summit held in Berlin, Germany. The “Got Data” marketing campaign developed by Kornhauser Health Sciences Library’s Judy Wulff and Elizabeth Smigielski was awarded “Best in Show” at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in Dallas. Mildred Franks (Ekstrom Library) was recognized for her many contributions to the community by the African American Theatre Program during the annual Juneteenth Festival of New York: A Cultural Celebration of Emancipation! Susan Knoer Special Collections Reference Assistant has been awarded an NEH grant to attend the Rutgers Preservation Management Institute.

Chadwick Owen, formerly the assistant state archivist in Iowa, has joined the University Libraries faculty as University Records Manager. The Kentucky-Indiana Rail Advocates selected Tom Owen, University Archives to become one of the first recipients of the Ralze W. Dorre Award for Contributions to Intercity Rail Transportation. Congratulations to Mike Whiteman, Associate Director and Legal Reference Librarian in the Brandeis School of Law Library. Mike has been appointed Director of the Law Library at the Chase School of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

Now showing through September 16 in the Ekstrom Library Photographic Archives Gallery is an exhibit curated by James C. Anderson and Susan Knoer and titled Broadway Broadway: 100 Years of Louisville’s Premier Thoroughfare. Also showing through September 16 in Ekstrom Library Rare Book Room is The Great American Paperback: Selections from the Donald Guss Collection, curated by Amy Purcell and Bob Roehm. Diane Nichols.

KLA Calendar Of Events*

KLA / KSMA Joint Annual Conference October 16-19, 2002
Galt House Hotel Louisville, KY

SELA/SC Joint Fall Conference October 23-26, 2002
Charleston, SC

ALA Midwinter Meeting January 24-29, 2003
Philadelphia, PA

*A complete KLA Calendar of Events for 2002 will be available for posting in the December issue of INFOCUS.

NEXT INFOCUS DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15, 2002
Send all information to Dee Wood, Editor,
University of Kentucky Law Library, 620 South Limestone,
Lexington, KY 40506-0048
Phone: 859-257-2925, Fax: 859-323-4906, Email: owood@uky.edu

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Louisville, KY
Permit No. 1134