

# IN-FO-CUS

Newsletter of the Kentucky Library Association

## Greetings from the President

On December 15, the Kentucky Court of Appeals in Elizabethtown considered the case of two northern Kentucky public libraries (Kenton and Campbell Counties) in lawsuits about taxation and the funding of libraries. A good representation of librarians and trustees were in attendance to show their support. It will take about two months for the court to make its decision. This case is of concern for ALL libraries in Kentucky as it could have a far reaching effect. We hope for a decision in the libraries' favor, but we just have to wait and see.

We all know that libraries make a significant impact in the various communities we serve (public, school, academic, and special). Our community members and leaders, however, may not always be aware of all that we do. If you want to communicate with your communities about the value of your library, the American Library Association website has information that can help called 'Library Matters': <http://www.ala.org/research/librariesmatter/>. The studies listed are divided into the focus areas of economic impact, educational/literacy impact and social impact. Check it out. Hopefully you will find information that can support your efforts.

Looking ahead to this spring, the Kentucky Public Library Association has a conference in March and the Academic and Special Sections have their Joint Spring Conference in April. I'm excited that I will be attending both. Watch for more information and plan to attend one of these conferences.

The KLA/KASL Annual Conference will be September 16 - 19 in Louisville. The Conference Planning Committee is busy planning the program and scheduling sessions. Conferences give us opportunities to discuss library issues and learn about best practices, new technologies, and innovative programs. Stay tuned for more information!

Laura Whyne, KLA President

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## KLA Now Accepting Applications for Minority Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the Kentucky Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students. The deadline is July 1, 2015. The application is posted on the KLA website at: <http://www.klaonline.org/>.

Applicants must use the scholarship money to assist with expenses related to attending an ALA or NCATE-accredited program in Library Science; belong to a minority group; be accepted into an ALA or NCATE-accredited program in Library Science; be a citizen or

permanent resident of the United States. In addition the recipient must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or attending an accredited Library Science program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If the recipient is unable to complete the terms of this scholarship, scholarship funds must be returned.

For further information, please contact Judith Gibbons, KLA Minority Scholarship Chair at [jagibbons@windstream.net](mailto:jagibbons@windstream.net).



## Save the Date for the KLA Library Instruction Round Table's Third Annual Instruction Retreat

Save the date! The 2015 KLA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Retreat will be held on Friday, July 10, 2015 in Lexington at the William T. Young Library on the campus of the University of Kentucky. The KLA LIRT retreat is a one-day library instruction retreat that will showcase innovative approaches to information literacy, including presentations on assessment, active learning, and other topics. It's an excellent opportunity for networking and sharing ideas! Librarians of all types (academic, public, special, and K-12) who perform information literacy instruction are very welcome, and we encourage your participation!

The retreat is FREE, but registration is required. Registration will open to KLA and LIRT

members first, and if spots remain, they will be opened to non-members. (If you are not a LIRT member but would like to join, please send a check for \$6.00 for LIRT annual dues to KLA to add the Library Instruction Round Table to your KLA membership).

Additional details will follow in March. Check out the retreat website for updates: <https://sites.google.com/site/klalirtretreat/>. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions about the retreat or other LIRT initiatives, feel free to email the LIRT Chair, Heather Beirne ([heather.beirne@eku.edu](mailto:heather.beirne@eku.edu)). – submitted by Beth Fuchs, KLA Library Instruction Round Table.

## Kentucky Public Library Association Spring 2015 Conference Preview

The Kentucky Public Library Association Spring 2015 Conference will be held Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 18 at the Griffin Gate Marriot in Lexington, KY.

Following two pre-conference sessions, the conference will follow three tracks:

1. Unconference
2. Programming Innovations
3. From the Frontline to the Ivory Tower: Marketing, Communications, and a Few Extra Bits

The keynote speakers are Wayne Onkst (Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives) and Kris Kimel (Kentucky Science & Technology Corporation).

More information about the conference is available at: <http://kpla.org/spring-conference/2015-conference/>.

The conference schedule can be viewed at <http://kpla.org/wp-content/uploads/KPLA-Conference-Schedule-2-18-15.pdf>.

### Housing

Room rates for the conference start at \$127 per night. Housing reservations can be made online through a link on the main conference web site at <http://kpla.org/spring-conference/2015-conference/>.

### Registration

Registration for the conference is now open. To register for the conference, please visit: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eagg2eav65f239e1&llr=sdu7quhab>

## 2015 Joint Spring Conference Preview

The 2015 Joint Spring Conference presented by the Academic and Special Sections of the Kentucky Library Association and the Kentucky Chapter of the Special Libraries Association will be held Wednesday, April 15 through Friday, April 17. The conference will be held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

### Conference Overview

The theme for this year's conference is "*Adapt, Evolve, Innovate: Embracing Change in Libraries.*" The conference features two full days of sessions and networking opportunities. An abbreviated conference schedule featuring all accepted mini-sessions and posters will be available online soon.

Sarah Glassmeyer (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) will be the opening keynote speaker. JP Porcaro (New Jersey City University) will be the closing keynote speaker.

For more information about the conference, please visit:  
<http://kentucky.sla.org/2015/02/2015jsc/>.

### Housing

Lodge room rates start at \$69.95 plus taxes. Call (606) 889-1790 for reservations and mention the Kentucky Library Association to receive the conference rate.

### Registration

Registration for the 2015 Joint Spring Conference is currently open. Registration fees are:

Member full conference registration - \$95  
 Member one-day registration - \$65  
 Non-member full conference registration - \$135  
 Non-member one-day registration - \$90

Registrations submitted after Tuesday, April 7 will incur a late fee of \$20 for one-day registrations and \$30 for full conference registrations.

To register for the conference, please visit:  
<http://surveymonkey.com/s/JSC2015>.

# KLA Member News and Library Updates

## EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

### 2012-14 Biennial Report

In October 2014, ECU Libraries published a report detailing progress from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Read the 2012-14 Biennial Report at:

[http://issuu.com/ekulibraries/docs/2012-2014\\_biennial\\_report](http://issuu.com/ekulibraries/docs/2012-2014_biennial_report).

– submitted by Krista Rhodus, ECU Libraries

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## MCCRACKEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Upcoming Events

#### **Wanted : Freedom – Dead or Alive** February 26, 2015 – 7:00 pm

*Presented by Daryl Harris, Professor of Theatre & Dance, Northern Kentucky University*

*Co-sponsored By The Kentucky Humanities Council & The Friends Of The Library*

This talk explores and honors the lives and legacies of Kentucky travelers on the Underground Railroad.

Rare newspaper “wanted notices for runaways” that provide fascinatingly detailed insight into these courageous individuals inspired this talk. These and other archival newspaper clippings along with texts from “Slave Narratives,” poems, and Negro spirituals give further texture to the lives, personalities, and plights of those who sought freedom by any means necessary: some via the Underground Railroad, others via the “Train to Glory.”

*All library programs are free and open to the public.*

## **Kentucky Women in Traditional Music** March 26, 2015 – 7:00 pm

*With John Harrod, acclaimed musician & scholar*

*Co-sponsored by The Kentucky Humanities Council*

While it may have taken women some time to break into the male-dominated world of bluegrass music, they had always been carriers of the old music traditions that bluegrass drew upon. With the changes wrought by the Great Depression and World War II, they were getting out of the home, into jobs, and onto radio and phonograph records. Musician and scholar John Harrod, who knew and recorded some of these pioneering performers, plays disc jockey with field and commercial recordings of white female singers, banjo players, and fiddlers who continue to inspire young women today who are finding a calling in Kentucky's rich legacy of traditional music. From Lily May Ledford who left home at age 17 to begin her radio career in Chicago to Dora Mae Wagers who played on a haunted banjo, with interviews and stories he puts their lives and achievements into context and recalls some great music that continues to remind us who we are.

John Harrod has documented, recorded, and performed traditional music for more than 35 years. A former Rhodes Scholar and high school teacher, Harrod is widely regarded as an authority on Kentucky's traditional music. Along with Mark Wilson and Guthrie Meade, he has produced a series of field recordings of Kentucky fiddle and banjo players that is available on Rounder Records.

*All programs are free and open to the public.*

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### **Quilting: A Legacy of Love April 23, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

*Presented by Kentucky author Bobbie Smith Bryant*

*Co-sponsored by The Kentucky Humanities Council  
and Friends of the McCracken County Public Library*

Learn how the simple act of making something beautiful from scraps gave women a voice in the days when they had little or none. This presentation pays tribute to the great quilters we have in Kentucky. Participants will get an overview of quilting as craft, and learn about the impact of quilting on women in America.

Bobbie Smith Bryant is a native Kentuckian, born in the Black Patch of Calloway County. She is proud of her family's farming heritage and deeply committed to Western Kentucky. Bryant co-produced a one-hour documentary titled *Farming in the Black Patch*. This film was recently awarded the 2013 Education Award from the Kentucky Historical Society and it continues to air on Kentucky Educational Television.

Bobbie also serves the Kentucky League of Cities as community development advisor. For more than twenty years, she has assisted cities with community and economic development issues. She also hosted a daily morning television show and a monthly broadcast featuring notable people of Western Kentucky.

*All programs are free and open to the public.*

*– submitted by Bobbie Wrinkle, McCracken County  
Public Library*

## **MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **Staff News**

Jason Griffith has joined Camden Carroll Library at Morehead State University as the new Cataloging Librarian. Jason received his MLS from the University of Kentucky.

Dieter Ullrich has also joined Camden Carroll Library as the new Special Collections Librarian. Dieter received his MLS from University of Kentucky and comes to us from Murray State.

Theresa Ball has joined Camden Carroll Library as the new Outreach and Instructional Librarian. Theresa received her MLS from University of Kentucky.

Haley Fannin has joined the Camden Carroll Library as Library Intern. Haley is working on her MLS from the University of Kentucky. –  
*submitted by Theresa Ball, Morehead State  
University Libraries*

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## **UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE**

### **University of Louisville Libraries To Host Kentucky Women's Book Festival**

Julie Kibler, author of the bestselling novel *Calling Me Home*, will deliver the keynote address at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival at the University of Louisville's Ekstrom Library on Saturday, March 7. The novel has been published in 15 languages, named a finalist for the 2014 Kentucky Literary Award, selected as a book club pick for *Ladies' Home Journal* and named a Target Club Pick. Warner Brothers has optioned the film rights to

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the book. The festival sessions and presentations are free. More information is available here:

<http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/community/kwbf>. – submitted by Virginia Mattingly, University of Louisville Libraries

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### WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Upcoming Author Talks

##### Terry McMillan

The Warren County Public Library will host bestselling author Terry McMillan at the Sloan Convention Center on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Each of Terry McMillan's seven previous novels was a *New York Times* bestseller, and four have been made into movies, including *Waiting to Exhale* and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*.

McMillan's latest book, *Who Asked You?*, was published in September 2013.

##### Liz Curtis Higgs

Warren County Public Library is excited to announce that bestselling author Liz Curtis Higgs will be visiting the Sloan Convention Center on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Liz is the author of more than 30 books, with 4.5 million copies in print.

##### Steve Berry & Lis Wiehl

Steve Berry & Lis Wiehl will be appearing together for an Author Event at the Kirby Branch on April 23rd, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Steve Berry is the *New York Times* and #1 internationally bestselling author of *The Lincoln Myth*, *The King's Deception*, *The Columbus Affair*, *The Jefferson Key*, *The Emperor's Tomb*, *The Paris Vendetta*, *The Charlemagne Pursuit*, *The Venetian Betrayal*, *The Alexandria Link*, *The Templar Legacy*, *The Third Secret*, *The Romanov Prophecy*, and *The Amber Room*. His books have been translated into 40 languages with 19,000,000 copies in 51 countries. They consistently appear in the top echelon of *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and Indie bestseller lists.

Lis Wiehl is an American author and legal analyst for Fox News.

She is an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School, and formerly was an associate professor at University of Washington Law School. She formerly offered legal commentary for National Public Radio program and on Bill O'Reilly's radio program, *The Radio Factor*. She appears weekly on *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Your World with Neil Cavuto*, *The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly*, *Lou Dobbs Tonight*, the *Imus* morning shows, and hosts the *Legal Lis* radio show.

## Benefits of Membership

- Updating skills and exchanging information.
- Adding your voice to the collective voice of librarianship (particularly in legislative concerns).
- Meeting others working in your type of library setting to share common problems and solutions.
- Receiving association publications such as *Kentucky Libraries* and *IN-FO-CUS*.
- Opportunities to receive grants and scholarships.
- Contributing sessions or papers at meetings.
- Receiving CEUs.
- Contributing to the profession on a professional level.
- Receiving discounts on annual and other meetings.
- Networking with your peers.



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