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NEWSLETTER OF THE KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – SPRING 2018

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe my term as Kentucky Library Association (KLA) President is half over! I appreciate the opportunity to travel and visit with librarians throughout our state and the nation. I attended the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver, February 8-12, 2018. The Chapter Leaders Forum provided an opportunity to share successes and challenges with leaders from other states. Membership and annual conferences were two of the topics discussed at length during this all-day meeting.

In March I attended the State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting in Frankfort where Commissioner Terry Manuel gave an update on the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives and a Legislative Review. The March KLA Executive Board Meeting, Kentucky Association of School Librarians (KASL) Executive Board Meeting, and KLA/KASL Joint Fall Conference Planning Meeting were all held in Lexington on March 17 and were well-attended. Members of these boards and committees volunteer their time and are to be commended for the excellent work they do for our state organization.

The Joint Spring Conference of the Academic and Special Sections of KLA was held at General Butler State Park in Carrolton, Kentucky, April 4-6, 2018. The conference theme was "User Experience: Where the Library and the User Meet."

I was fortunate to attend the Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) spring conference in Bowling Green on April 12. The theme of the conference was "Growing Communities through Helping Hands." Although some sessions were unique to the type of library, there were also many sessions that applied to any library. A highlight of the conference included the opportunity to hear Newbery winning author Lois Lowry and Kentucky Bluegrass Award winning author Courtney Stevens. I also attended the KPLA Awards Luncheon where members, trustees, friends, and supporters were recognized for significant contributions to their libraries and communities. James Higdon III, author of *The Cornbread Mafia*, was the featured speaker.

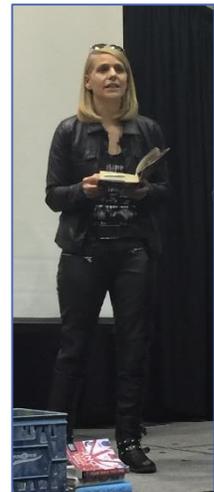
A top priority for many during the past few months has been advocacy for all of our libraries, librarians, and library workers. This continues to be a critical concern at both the state and national levels. KPLA sponsored Kentucky Library Legislative Day on February 15 in Frankfort. One hundred and twenty Library staff, Friends, and Trustees from all over the Commonwealth

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KLA President Tara Griffith with Author Lois Lowry



Author Courtney Stevens

visited 58 representatives and 27 senators on this day. The two main issues stressed with legislators were SB25 and State Aid.

The 2018 Legislative Session ended on Saturday, April 14th. For many librarians throughout the state, it was one that could be summed up as difficult and disheartening due to rushed actions that were done without transparency. But for others it could be viewed as exciting and empowering as we saw so many throughout the state engage in the political process through phone calls, rallies, messages, and unwavering support.

The energy demonstrated over the past few months cannot be lost between now and November. Please continue to contact your legislators and let them know what a crucial difference our libraries make in the state of Kentucky. I encourage you all to find the passion you had for our educators, public employees, and members of our communities during March and April and to continue to work towards political change in November. I believe we can make a difference, but it's important to remember that our words mean little without your support and communication as well.

Another opportunity for library advocacy was the National Library Legislative Day scheduled for May 7-8 in Washington, D.C. Representatives from KLA attended this two-day advocacy event where hundreds of library supporters, leaders, and patrons gathered to meet with their members of Congress to champion national library funding.

And finally ... Conferences give us opportunities to discuss library issues and learn about best practices, new technologies, and innovative programs. Mark your calendars for these upcoming conferences in Kentucky!

📖 The [KASL Summer Refresher](#) will be held at Frederick Douglas High School in Lexington on July 17.

📖 The 2018 [KLA Library Instruction Round Table \(LIRT\) Retreat](#) will be held on July 20 at Eastern Kentucky University's John Grant Crabbe Main Library. Please join us as we showcase the innovations, talents, and lessons learned of Kentucky librarians and to discuss nationwide trends in library instruction.

📖 The [KLA/KASL Fall Conference](#), "Libraries Cultivate Lifelong Learning," is scheduled for September 19 - 22 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. The Conference Planning Committee is busy planning the program and scheduling sessions. Stay tuned for more information!

As I look forward to our next KLA board meeting (June 9 in Lexington), ALA's Annual Conference (June 22-26 in New Orleans, LA), the KASL Summer Refresher (July 16-17 in Lexington), the next State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting (July 20 in Frankfort), and the KLA/KASL Fall Conference (September 19-22 in Louisville), I realize that I will continue to be on the road for the next few months. But I feel so fortunate and privileged to be allowed to represent you. Thank you again for this opportunity and I hope to see many of you at one of these exciting conferences!

-Tara Griffith, KLA President

KLA 2018-19 SCHOLARSHIPS

Reach out, recruit and retain new librarians!

KLA is offering two types of scholarships for 2018-19: the KLA Scholarship for Minority Students and the Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarship. Applications are posted on the [KLA website](#), and the deadline is June 1, 2018.

Applicants must use the scholarship money to assist with expenses related to attending an ALA or NCATE-accredited program in Library Science, be accepted into an ALA or NCATE-accredited program in Library Science, and be a citizen or permanent resident of the US. Recipients must be a resident of Kentucky or attending an accredited Library

Science program in Kentucky. If recipients are unable to complete the terms of this scholarship, then scholarship funds must be returned.

Minority scholarship applicants must belong to a minority group: American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black, Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin), Pacific Islander, or other ethnic group.

The Linda Kompanik Memorial Scholarship is named after the late Logan County Library Director who was a former KLA President. She instituted and coordinated the successful campaign to launch the Kentucky READ library license plate. Funds from the sale of these plates are used to finance this scholarship opportunity.



-Judith Gibbons, KLA Scholarship Chair

KENTUCKY TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Talking Books Outreach Campaign

One of the biggest problems faced by the Kentucky Talking Book Library (KTBL), and others in its network, is reaching those who are eligible for service. As a result, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) launched a radio and television ad campaign on February 26. Commercials direct those interested to a toll-free number or a website where they are forwarded to the appropriate NLS network library. However, it is possible some people may contact their local public library instead.

These ads will air at various times during three-week “flights” that will alternate three weeks on/three weeks off through the summer of 2019. They can be seen on AMC, the Game Show Network, Grit, the Hallmark Channel, the History Channel, and TV Land. The radio ads air on NPR and various sports and news networks. Watch the video on the [NLS website](#).

Librarians may respond to inquiries by filling out and certifying applications downloaded from the [KDLA website](#) or by referring those interested to the Kentucky Talking Book Library at 1-800-372-2968 or KTBL.Mail@ky.gov.

KTBL Successfully Completes Pilot Program

In October, KTBL became one of six libraries to participate in a Duplication on Demand (DOD) pilot program for the NLS. Instead of permanent copies of single audio books pulled from the stacks, multiple books are downloaded onto one reusable cartridge at the time of checkout. For example, a patron who reads five books a month would get one cartridge with five books on it instead of five cartridges with one book apiece. Braille book circulation has not been affected.

What are the advantages for patrons? Every book is available all the time. No more waiting for popular books, and no more interlibrary loans for books not held in our collection. All titles in a series can be loaded onto one cartridge in order, and patrons do not have to worry about returning a cartridge to the correct container—a big plus for those who cannot see well.

There are advantages for the libraries as well. Traditional circulation required KTBL to check in, sort, and shelve hundreds of items a day, then pull and check out roughly the same number of outgoing books. DOD results in approximately 75% fewer cartridges to process each day. Incoming processing requires one scan that checks in the cartridge. The blank cartridges are then inserted into a USB hub to delete existing books and download new books for the next patron. Finally, the cartridges are scanned again to check them out and print mail cards. The whole process takes only one to two hours instead of all day. Better still, KTBL has ceased ordering new Talking Book copies from NLS. This eliminates new book processing, as well as space and shelving issues.

KTBL's goal was to transition 25% of patrons to DOD within the six-month pilot. It has already transitioned over 50% of patrons, and DOD accounts for 75% of circulation. The staff has seen an increase in calls for instructions on how to navigate from book to book, but patron response has been favorable. NLS savings could eventually result in more titles becoming available and the development of more innovations to make Braille and Talking Books more accessible and easier to use.

-Cathrine Giles, Archives & Records Management Division KDLA

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE (OR YOURSELF) TO BE ONE OF 2018'S FRESH FACES



Fresh Faces is the Kentucky Public Library Association's new program to highlight the contributions of public library staff throughout the state, and to encourage idea-sharing among regions, specialties, and library sizes.

Each year, KPLA will select eight members — two from each KDLA region — whose ideas and efforts are moving their libraries into the future.

KPLA members of any age who have been in their current (full or part-time, certified or uncertified) position in a public library for five years or less are eligible.

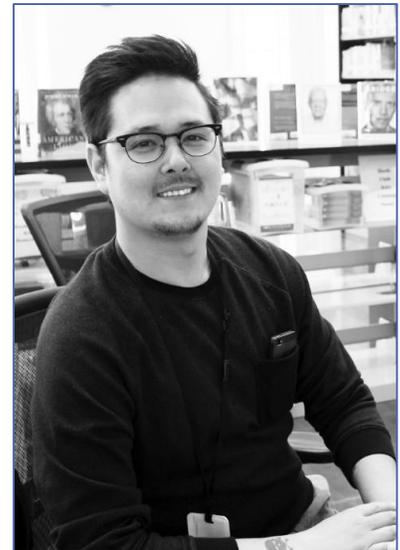
Honorees will receive a complementary registration for the full 2019 KPLA Spring Conference, recognition in print and online, and opportunities to learn from KPLA executive leadership, committee chairs, and fellow Fresh Faces participants.

Don't miss this opportunity to help a deserving colleague grow in his or her career, and to let the rest of the state know about the great work that's being done at your library!

Submit your nomination online www.kpla.org/freshfaces by August 15, 2018.

Honorees will be announced at KLA/KSLA Fall Conference.

-Daniel Aken, Chair Public Relations Committee KPLA



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2018 KLA LIRT RETREAT!

Join us for the 7th annual KLA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Retreat.

When: Friday, July 20

Where: John Grant Crabbe Main Library at Eastern Kentucky University

What: Share information literacy projects, collaborations, and pedagogies from your institution. Reconnect and recharge before the academic year begins.

Registration: Register by Thursday, May 31 for discounted pricing. Registration opened May 11. Don't delay! As always, spots are very limited. Not a member yet? You are always welcome. KLA members and non-members can register for an additional fee. Consider joining KLA and add the Library Instruction Round Table to your KLA membership for only \$6.00 annually. Priority will be given to LIRT members.

Find out more and register at sites.google.com/site/klalirtretreat.

KLA LIRT Officers:

- 📖 Ashley Cole, Interim Chair and Chair-Elect, Eastern Kentucky University
- 📖 Esther French, Secretary/Treasurer, Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College
- 📖 Heather Beirne, Site Coordinator, Eastern Kentucky University

–Esther French

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR KLA AWARDS

From June 1-31, 2018, KLA is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- 📖 William H. Natcher Award
- 📖 Lifetime Achievement Award
- 📖 James A. Nelson Advocacy Award
- 📖 Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award
- 📖 Kentucky Intellectual Freedom Award

The Award(s) (a plaque from the Association) will be presented during the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference Awards Luncheon on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Please see the [KLA website](#) for criteria and a list of prior winners. Nomination forms can also be found on the [KLA website](#). The award nomination form and supporting documentation must be submitted by Tuesday, July 31, 2018 to Lisa Rice, KLA Awards Committee Chair.

MAIL: Lisa R. Rice, Warren County Public Library, 1225 State St., Bowling Green, KY 42101

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–Lisa R. Rice

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) Library Information Technology Classes fulfill KDLA certification requirements, and are 100% online. Registration for new students began April 1st.

For the first time, BCTC will be offering a course in the summer! LIT 247, Library Services for Adults will be offered during the 8-week summer session. In addition, the following courses will be offered in the fall:

- 📖 LIN 175 19Z1: Information Literacy
- 📖 LIT 115 19Z1: Introduction to Reference
- 📖 LIT 124 19Z1: Library Administration
- 📖 LIT 132 19Z1: Introduction to Technical Services
- 📖 LIT 245 19Z1: Library Services for Young Adults

Visit the the website for more information on [the LIT Program](#), for [LIT Course Descriptions](#), for [admissions](#), and for information on [costs and Financial Aid](#).

If you have questions or need help enrolling, please contact Terry Buckner, the BCTC Library Information Technology Program Coordinator and Public Services Librarian/Professor, at terry.buckner@kctcs.edu or 859-246-6397.

-Terry Buckner

KPLA AWARDS

The Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) held its annual Spring Conference at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, April 11-13. The conference, which enjoyed record attendance, featured a keynote speech by Lois Lowry and a variety of educational speakers from around Kentucky and beyond. Kentucky author James Higdon spoke at Thursday's awards luncheon, which provided an opportunity to recognize many outstanding library staff and advocates. Award winners were:

- 📖 Zach Underwood, McCracken County - Charlene Davis Excellence in Technology Award
- 📖 Jonathan Coleman, Pike County - KPLA Conference Scholarship
- 📖 Sheila Lindsay, Perry County - Jim Nelson Continuing Education Scholarship – Graduate
- 📖 Brittany Skinner, Gallatin County - Jim Nelson Continuing Education Scholarship – Undergraduate
- 📖 Adam Wheeler, Jessamine County - James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Service Award
- 📖 Sarah "Bookie" Wilson, Woodford County - Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award
- 📖 Stacy Tiller, Spencer County - "Miss Pickle" Outstanding Children's Services Award



Judith Gibbons accepting her 2017 KLA Lifetime Achievement Award.

- 📖 Michele Lawson, Bell County - Outstanding Public Library Service Award
- 📖 Speaker Jody Richards - Public Library Advocacy Award
- 📖 Meagan Knifley, Warren County - Public Relations and Marketing Award
- 📖 Trish Bentley, Floyd County - Richardson/Conway Outstanding Library Volunteer Award
- 📖 Paul Johnson, Campbell County – Outstanding Public Library Trustee Award.

Judith Gibbons, a longtime advocate of libraries throughout the state, was also on hand to receive the 2017 KLA Lifetime Achievement Award, since she was unable to do so in person at last fall's KLA conference.

Congratulations to all the winners!

-Jenni Link, Assistant Director Paris-Bourbon County Library

KLA MEMBER NEWS & LIBRARY UPDATES

Western Kentucky University

WKU annually recognizes outstanding contributions by faculty members in the areas of Teaching, Research/Creativity, Public Service, Student Advisement, and Part-Time Teaching. The following faculty members have been selected by University Libraries for awards this year, and are finalists for the university-wide awards.

- 📖 Carol Watwood, Associate Professor in Library Public Services, received the Public Service Award.

📖 Sean Kinder, Professor in Library Public Services, received the Research/Creativity Award.

Professor Jack Montgomery, Acquisitions and Collection Development Librarian, spoke at Harvard University as part of an international conference titled "Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of healing charms and medicine" on April 8th. The scholars attending this conference were from all over the U.S., continental Europe, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Asia. Jack's presentation "From Tobies to Nation Sacks: the role of the magical charm in the practice of Carolina Low-Country 'Hoodoo'" reflects his 44 year interest in folk medicine and Southern folklore.

Associate Professor Roxanne Spencer, Coordinator of the Education Library at WKU, is the editor of a new poetry collection. [CAVERNS: Kentucky Middle School Poetry, volume 1](#), 2018, is now freely available as a PDF. Submissions for CAVERNS, volume 2, to be published Spring 2019, are being accepted from middle school teachers and school librarians. See "[Call for Poems](#)" for CAVERNS 2019 information and submissions forms in Google Docs.

Professor Sean Kinder, Humanities/Social Sciences Librarian, gave a presentation in French about Appalachian films at a conference at the University of Angers (France) on January 12, 2018.

Professor Rosemary L. Meszaros, Coordinator of Government Information Services and Law/Federal Depository Librarian for the Second Congressional District at WKU, won the 2018 [ProQuest/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" Award](#). This award honors an individual, library, institution, or other non-commercial group that has most effectively encouraged the use of government documents in support of library service.



Rosemary L. Meszaros

More than 130 authors and illustrators attended the 20th annual Southern Kentucky (SOKY) Book Fest on April 20-21, including New York Times bestselling author/illustrator Loren Long, well known for his Otis series along with his illustrations for President Obama's *Of Thee I Sing*. Held at WKU's Knicely Conference Center, SOKY Book Fest weekend was full of author presentations, panel discussions, and book signings. The Kentucky Writers Conference, held on Friday, April 20, featured writing workshops presented by several authors who were at the main event on Saturday, April 21. Friday also included Teen & Children's Day, with hundreds of school-aged children and teens visiting presentations and getting books signed by favorite and newly discovered authors. In addition to meeting and talking to authors in the bookselling area, fans attended panels and presentations throughout the weekend to learn more about the writing process and nerd out with fellow word-lovers. All the literary bases were covered with debut novelists, authors of inspirational romance, many authors of exciting thriller/mystery books, musicians, and chefs. To learn about the upcoming Young Adult Southern (YAS) Book Con being offered this fall or to see pictures from the most recent book fest, go to sokybookfest.org for more information.

-Jennifer Wilson

Transylvania University

On March 3rd, the Library hosted a second annual Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon. Transy librarians volunteered on a Saturday afternoon joining nearly 100 students, faculty, and community members to contribute and update articles on the digital encyclopedia.



Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon event



Helen Bischoff, Head of Public Services, and Susan Brown, Director of the Library, are serving on working groups for Transylvania University's new strategic plan. The groups are expected to continue their planning efforts through Spring 2019.

-Jason D. Cooper

Eastern Kentucky University

The spring 2018 issue of ECU Libraries' [Between the Columns newsletter](#) is now available.

Scholars Week is an annual celebration of the culture of scholarship, research, and creative endeavors at ECU. Scholars Week 2018 took place April 9-13 and included a diverse series of events highlighting the scholarly and creative achievements of our students and faculty. To see highlights, visit [@ekuscholarsweek](#) on Twitter.

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-Krista Rhodus

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