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Newsletter of the Kentucky Library Association

Greetings from the President

Advocacy is a word our predecessors understood, but didn't have to put into practice on a regular basis. Just a few decades ago, academic, school and public libraries were seen as a 'public good' – something every community needed and wanted. Our profession has changed tremendously over these decades, primarily through technology. Our mission is the same, but how we carry it out has been transformed.

As librarians, we have learned to be adaptable. Each day we continue to meet the demands of our work and to provide vital services to our community – we are still that 'public good.' We have learned new ways to connect people to information and we have done so without compromising our dedication to serving everyone. As Andrew Carnegie once said, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." His words, now more than ever, ring true.

Today, librarians and library staff are being asked to do more – to advocate for our profession and for our institutions. Shrinking staffs, budget cuts, and damaging legislation make it all the more important for us to get out and start talking about libraries. Each year in the county in which I live, our county attorney holds a government academy. Citizens can sign up and go through a series of classes to see how county government works. One of these sessions covers the topic of Special Purpose Government Entities (SPGE). Most public libraries in Kentucky are SPGEs. For the last ten years I have been invited to talk to the class about libraries and what we do. Every year I am delighted at the response. First of all, people love their libraries. Secondly, it gives me a chance to talk about the new services and materials we can

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offer. Each year I leave this presentation knowing that libraries not only have a future, but a bright future.

As library advocates, we have so much to be proud of and so much to share with our communities. But we can no longer sit on the sidelines and expect patrons and students to come to us. We need to make our libraries a destination – a place where people want to spend their time. Our spaces, both physical and online, must be engaging places of active learning.

As I write this column, the Kentucky Legislature is in session, and again a bill has been filed that could damage public libraries. As chair of the Kentucky Public Library Association's Advocacy Committee, I have been in the thick of things this year. The two things that have stood out so far are the dedication we have to our profession and the support we have in our communities. When libraries are threatened, librarians, staff and trustees answer the call. Each year I am also reminded of the significant amount of public support we enjoy. I have no idea how many citizens in Kentucky made phone calls to their legislators this year to oppose the anti-library bill, but I know it was enough to put the bill in severe jeopardy.

Each one of us is now an advocate, by choice or by circumstance. Look for ways to promote what you are doing for your community, school or institution. Demand a seat at the table whenever you can. We do a lot of things and we do them well. The time to sit back and let people come to us is over. The time to reach out, engage and advocate is upon us.

Dave Schroeder
KLA President



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Save the Date for the 2017 KLA LIRT Retreat!

Make plans now to join your colleagues around the state for Kentucky's only conference dedicated to information literacy - the 6th annual KLA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Retreat!

When: Friday, July 21

Where: Ekstrom Library at the University of Louisville ***

Who: You!

The 2017 KLA LIRT Retreat is a one-day event that brings together librarians from around the state to share successful projects, collaborations, and pedagogies that have shaped information literacy at your institutions. It also provides some much-needed time and space to reconnect with colleagues and recharge your information literacy battery before the academic year begins. Registration will open to LIRT members first followed by KLA members, and if spots remain, they will be opened to non-members.

Newly-instituted for the 2016 LIRT Retreat, there will continue to be a registration fee for the retreat to continue this retreat for years to come. LIRT members will enjoy lower registration fees and priority registration, so now would be a great time to become a LIRT

member if you aren't already! (To become a member of LIRT, please send a check for \$6.00 for LIRT annual dues to KLA to add the Library Instruction Round Table to your KLA membership.)

More details are available at <https://sites.google.com/site/klalirtretreat/>.

If you have any questions about the retreat or other LIRT initiatives, feel free to use this form to contact the LIRT officers.

***** This information has been updated to reflect the new location of the 2017 LIRT Retreat.**

KLA LIRT Officers:

Samantha McClellan, Chair, University of Louisville
 Robert Campbell, Chair-Elect, Transylvania University
 Amber Willenborg, Secretary/Treasurer, University of Louisville

– Submitted by Samantha McClellan and Amber Willenborg

Technology Hosting Services from KLA-ITRT

For the past couple of years things around the IT Round Table have been pretty quiet. It's almost as if people have forgotten the wealth of resources that ITRT makes available for experimentation and production use.

Since 2007, ITRT has subscribed to hosting services through HostMonster, and offers access to Kentucky libraries and ITRT members. Ever wanted to have your own WordPress site that you could experiment with? Need to host a one-off website for a conference or a program at your library? Want to start a blog, but don't have the resources in-house? The tools are here and available for your use. The only cost to your library would be domain name registration, but if you just want a development environment to play in, that isn't even necessary.

Platforms available include WordPress, Drupal, Joomla, PHP, My SQL, LimeSurvey, and much more. If you'd like to get set up with a sandbox to play in, contact me, your KLA-ITRT chair, at lee.burchfield@lfpl.org.

If you want to learn more about the scope of services available, you can check out Hostmonster's extensive offerings at <https://www.hostmonster.com/hosting-features>. And of course, stop by and share your thoughts on the ITRT website at www.kla-itrt.org.

– Submitted by Lee Burchfield, Asst. Director,
Louisville Free Public Library

BCTC Library Information Technology Program: Registration is Now Open

Registration for the fall semester at BCTC is now open! For more information on the LIT program, visit the program's website at http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/en/BCIS/LIT/Academic_Certificate.aspx.

Prospective students should apply at <http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Admissions>.

For more information, contact:

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New Directions, New Jobs for Two KLA SLS Members

Past Chair of the KLA Special Library Section, Ben Rawlins, and current Special Library Section Chair-Elect, Andrew Adler, both have transitioned into new, exciting jobs this year.



Ben Rawlins

Ben Rawlins is now the Director of Milne Library at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo, beginning Jan. 12, 2017. Before that, Ben was Director of Library Services at Georgetown College in Kentucky. Ben mentioned that one of the things he is most excited about in his new position at Milne Library is the prospect of working on SUNY's Open Education Resources Initiative with Geneseo's new OER Executive Director. Together, they have been working on developing a model to integrate OER services into the curriculum at Geneseo and at other SUNY schools. He is happy about the library's role in working with faculty, staff, and administration across the SUNY system to look at ways to help cut the cost of course materials. In addition, Ben has been working on finalizing and implementing the library's strategic plan, to provide a vision for the next few years at the library.



Andrew Adler

Andrew Adler also has moved into a new position. Andrew has been selected as the new Director of Library Services at Georgetown College, Kentucky. Andrew began his work as library director in December 2016. Before that, Andrew held the position of Public Services Coordinator at Georgetown College. Andrew mentioned he is very excited to be in this new role, and he looks forward to being able to chart a new course for the library. He graciously credits the previous director, Ben Rawlins, for helping lay out many ideas and a future vision for the library space at Georgetown, and sees his own role now is to lay out a plan, advocate for it, and guide it to fruition. He has a number of ideas regarding library spaces, marketing, events, and much more, that he is excited to put in place over the coming months and years at Georgetown College.

Both Ben and Andrew have been active members of both KLA ALS and SLS for several years; we wish them the best in their new jobs!

– Submitted by Maureen Cropper, Public Relations Chair, KLA Special Library Section

KLA Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The Kentucky Library Association will again offer two scholarship opportunities for graduate students entering or continuing their library education in an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE) - accredited library school:

Kentucky Library Association (KLA) Scholarship for Minority Students

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2017

Kentucky Library Association (KLA) Linda Kompanik Memorial

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2017

The applications can be reached from the Kentucky Library Association homepage:

<http://www.klaonline.org/index.cfm>

Submitted by Judith Gibbons, KLA Scholarship Chair

Upcoming Events of Interest

June 22-27, 2017

ALA Annual Conference
Chicago, IL

<http://2017.alaannual.org/>

July 18, 2017

KASL Summer Refresher
Warren Central High School
Bowling Green, KY

<http://www.summerrefresher.com/>

July 21, 2017

KLA LIRT Retreat
Ekstrom Library
Louisville, KY

<https://sites.google.com/site/klalirtretreat/>

September 21 – 23, 2017

2017 KLA/KASL Annual Conference
Louisville, KY

April 4-6, 2018

2018 Joint Spring Conference
General Butler State Resort Park
Carrollton, KY

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EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Biennial Report Now Available

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries recently published their 2014-16 biennial report, which is available online by visiting https://issuu.com/ekulibraries/docs/biennial_report_issuu.

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

Kentucky School Librarians Invited to Attend School Library Symposium

Camden-Carroll Library invites all regional Kentucky school librarians and media specialists to attend the 9th Annual School Librarian Symposium in June, held on Morehead State University's main campus. The symposium is a free, one-day professional development workshop. Details, key dates, and registration info will soon follow. For information about previous symposia, visit <http://research.moreheadstate.edu/SLS>.

Inaugural Wilma Grote Lecture

The Wilma Grote Lecture Series hosted its inaugural event on March 29th at 6 pm in the Athena room of Camden-Carroll Library. Guest speaker Dr. Bernadette Barton will present Research as Social Justice Work. Dr. Barton's body of work merges activism and scholarship by giving voice to members of marginalized groups.

A faculty member at Morehead State University and researcher on gender, sexuality and religion,

Barton regularly draws on her scholarly findings to participate in public conversations about current issues. In this talk, Barton illustrated how her research projects on exotic dancers, Bible Belt gays, and raunch culture advance social justice goals.

Working Together to Put Students First

A joint project between Camden-Carroll Library and university entities culminated in a spring open house event, titled "Working Together to Put Students First." The project, which introduces new technology into existing library spaces, highlighted how campus partnerships can benefit students when repurposing furniture and re-envisioning common areas. Offices and services that offered assistance to the library include: The Offices of the President and Provost; Information Technology; Facilities Management; Auxiliary Services; Architecture & Planning Services; Transition Services; the Student Government Association; and, Aramark. – *Submitted by Sarah Mollette, Morehead State University.*

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Appointments

Matt Ertz became Assistant Director of the Music Library effective December 1, 2015. Matt received his MLS from Indiana University with a specialization in music librarianship in 2010. He also has a Master of Music degree in composition from the University of Oregon and his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa is in composition and trombone performance.

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Jessica Petrey joined the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library as Clinical Librarian effective January 11, 2016. Jessica received her MSLS from UK in 2014 and previously worked as a library technician in Acquisitions at the University of Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Cecelia Railey was appointed Hospital Librarian at St. Joseph Hospital (Lexington) on March 14, 2016. Cecelia's prior experience includes serving as Medical Librarian at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas and as Health Sciences Librarian at Hardin Memorial Hospital. Cecelia received her MSLS from UK in 2011.

Amber Ballinger became the Online Learning and Digital Media Librarian in the Ekstrom Library Research Assistance and Instruction (RAI) Department on July 1, 2016. She received her MSLS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2016 where she served as a Graduate Assistant in the Undergraduate and the Main Libraries.

Lauren Robinson was appointed Emerging Technologies Librarian at the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library effective July 25, 2016. Lauren received her MSLS from UK in 2015. She previously served as Instructional Technologist and Adjunct Instructor at Midway University, and held internships at the National Library of Medicine and at UK's Agricultural Information Center.

Elizabeth Sterner is now the STEM Teaching and Faculty Outreach position in the Research Assistance & Instruction Department effective August 1, 2016. She received her MLS degree from University of Illinois in Urbana-

Champaign in 2016. Additionally, she holds a MS in Biology and taught high school science and German for 16 years including overseas positions.

Rebecca Morgan became Hospital Librarian (University) effective September 12, 2016. She received her MLIS from Drexel University in 2008. While she was a student at Drexel, she served in a staff position at the Drexel Health Sciences Library. Prior to her appointment at UofL, she worked at the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency Library at Fort Belvoir, VA.

Kyna Herzinger was appointed Archivist for Records Management effective October 17, 2016. Ms. Herzinger received her Master of Library and Information Science and an MA in Public History from the University of South Carolina in 2010. Her previous experience includes 3 years as Records Analyst/Appraisal Archivist at the North Carolina State Archives and 3 years as Archivist/Librarian for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Tryon Palace Historic Site.

Resignations/Retirements

Sarah-Jane Poindexter resigned as Archivist for Manuscript Collections/Co-Director of the Oral History Center effective Dec. 31, 2015.

Chad Owen resigned from his position as Archivist for Records Management on April 29, 2016 after 14 years of service at U of L. Chad accepted a position at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

Belinda Yff resigned from her position as Hospital Librarian at University Hospital on April 30, 2016. She had worked at the Hospital

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Library since 2013.

Margo Smith retired on June 30, 2016 after 30 years of outstanding service to the University Libraries. Margo began her career in the libraries as Head of the Bibliographic Control Unit when catalog maintenance was a large scale operation. Since then, she has held several different leadership positions in the libraries, most recently as Head of the newly-created User & Access Services Department in Ekstrom. – *Submitted by Melissa Laning, University of Louisville.*

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Staff News

Jack Montgomery, Professor, Coordinator Acquisitions and Collection Services, WKU Libraries and Michael Richter, Director, Bath County Memorial Library presented a workshop entitled “Conducting Powerful and Productive Performance Appraisals” at the 2017 KLA Academic/ SLA Joint Spring Conference on Thursday, March 30th at Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

Nancy Richey, associate professor and Visual Resources Librarian, WKU Libraries, presented “A Tree without Roots Cannot Grow: Beginning Steps in African Genealogy” on Monday, February 27 at 6 pm in the Kentucky Building on Western Kentucky University’s campus. Richey’s topic was featured on WKU News Channel 12 at: <http://www.newschannel12live.com/2017/02/28/african-american-genealogy/>

Jonathan Jeffrey, Head of WKU Library Special

Collections, has published a book titled *That Perfect Feeling in the Air* about WWI Flying Ace and native Kentuckian, Victor Strahm.

The biography *Una Merkel: the Actress with Sassy Wit and Southern Charm* written by Sean Kinder, professor, WKU Library Public Services, is a finalist for the Kentucky Literary Award.

Brian Coutts Named Winner of the 2017 Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award

Bowling Green, Kentucky - Brian Coutts, Professor and Head of the Department of Library Public Services at Western Kentucky University, was selected as the 2017 winner of the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award, which is Reference and User Services Association’s (RUSA) highest honor. The award recognizes Coutts for his distinguished contributions to reference services and librarianship.

The America Library Association (ALA) website states, “For a career spanning over thirty years, Coutts has established a prominent legacy of reviewing and authoring reference books, essays and articles, including the annually selected, widely-read and highly valued, “Best Reference” in Library Journal.”

Coutt’s research interests include reference publishing for print and web resources, history reference sources, travel on the web, the history of Spanish Louisiana, the history of Belize, and much more. A complete list of published and forthcoming works can be found at <http://people.wku.edu/brian.coutts/>.

According to ALA, the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award selection committee unanimously selected Coutts “for his enthusiastic advocacy

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for reference, his passion for librarianship, and his superb writing and reviewing of reference sources.”

Sponsored by Credo Reference, the award consists of \$5,000 and a citation, which will be presented to Coutts at the RUSA Achievement Awards Ceremony and Reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association, represents librarians and library staff in the fields of reference, specialized reference, collection development, readers’ advisory and resource sharing. RUSA is the foremost organization of reference and information professionals who make the connections between people and the information sources, services, and collection materials they need. Learn more about the association at rusa.ala.org/update. – *submitted by Jennifer Wilson, WKU Libraries.*

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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