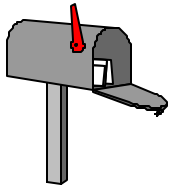




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*A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter*

December, 2003



## President's Message

As each year comes to an end and another one begins, there is always a sense of anticipation of what the coming year will bring: new experiences, new challenges and new opportunities. KLA is beginning a new year with a new Board composed of people who have accepted new leadership roles in their state professional organization. President-Elect Linda Kompanik and a new Conference Planning Committee are already working on the 2004 Annual Conference. Elsie Pritchard is making her debut as the new KLA newsletter editor with this issue of INFOCUS. Newly appointed committee chairs are set to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their respective charges. As your new president, I am excited about the possibilities the coming year holds.

But even as we anticipate the new, we need to reflect for a moment on the past year. Under the able leadership of President Sue Burch, KLA moved forward in several areas. Diversity, recruitment, and promotion of librarianship were important themes with the formation of a new African American Librarians and Library Employees Round Table (AALERT), a resolution to honor Thomas Fountain Blue, and the appointment of a Task Force on Recruitment and Mentoring to explore ways to promote librarianship and encourage membership in the Association. KLA partnered with KDLA and the University of Kentucky Library School to write an IMLS grant proposal. New benefits for KLA members were implemented. The Association entered into negotiations with a major online database vendor to make *Kentucky Libraries* more widely available and accessible. Thanks to Sue and all who served so well in 2003, the Kentucky Library Association is thriving financially, has a growing membership, and is ready to move forward into 2004.

Happy New Year!

**Carol Nutter, President**  
Kentucky Library Association

## 2003 KLA Conference News

**ACADEMIC SECTION.** **Carol Nutter**, Morehead State University, is the 2003 recipient of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award. Carol has served on Morehead's faculty senate, has been active in KLA since 1985, chaired the Academic Section in 2000-01 and has served on numerous statewide library committees. At the fall business meeting, the following officers were elected: **Rose Davis**, WKU, chair-elect; **Nelda Sims**, WKU, treasurer; and **Susan Henthorn**, Berea, secretary. **Stacey Nickell**.

**WILLIAM H. HATCHER AWARD.** The Library Awareness Committee gave the William H. Natcher Award to **Dr. Thomas D. Clark** of Lexington. He was nominated by **Carol Diedrichs**, Dean of Libraries at UK for his work in building primary resource materials to support research programs and for his acquisition of the U.S. government serial set which formed the basis of the library's government documents division. The award is given annually to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library or libraries.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to **Linda A. Stith**. This award honors a Kentucky librarian at the end of his/her career and is given to the person who has contributed significantly to our profession. She was a Regional Librarian, an active participant in the Public Library Section, Kentucky Library Trustees Association, KLA, ALA and SELA, and still serves as Kentucky's ALA Chapter Councilor and the citizen representative on the KLA/PLS Legislative Committee. **Marcia Freyman**

**SUPPORT STAFF ROUND TABLE.** **Karen Jefferson**, Reserves Assistant at the University of Kentucky, is the new KLA Support Staff representative, replacing **Terri Brown**. She welcomes ideas from support staff and may be contacted at (859) 257-0500 ext. 2069 or khjeff00@uky.edu.

### Book Sale A Great Success!

The 2nd Annual KLA Book Sale took place Oct. 9-11 in the Exhibit Hall of the Galt House. Approximately 500 books and other items including CDs, cassette tapes, and videotapes were donated. The sale netted around \$347.00! Thanks to all of the people who donated and bought items and helped with the sale. **Alice Abbott-Moore**, KLA Book Sale Coordinator.

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## KLA Member News and Library Updates



**BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.** The Boone County Public Library held its first of four branch open houses on Saturday, November 15th. Promoted as the Friends and Families Festival, children enjoyed story times, crafts, games, clowns and a theater performance. The adults toured demonstrations of art, cooking, crafts and home improvement. Each demonstration area included an assortment of related library materials. Circulation more than doubled on the day of the event and new card applications tripled! The usual door count for this branch is 250, but on the day of the festival over 1000 people visited the library! The purpose of the event was to showcase what the library has to offer and to encourage people who don't normally visit the library to attend - it was a great success!

**Becky Kempf.**

**BOWLING GREEN PUBLIC LIBRARY.** As one of 25 libraries selected to participate in "The Sixties: America's Decade of Crisis & Change," BGPL will host programs featuring screenings of award-winning documentary films, supported by scholar-led discussion and extensive suggested reading. The pilot project, which will begin in January 2004, is offered by National Video Resources in cooperation with ALA and with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. BGPL also received a grant for PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME®, made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program is a reading, discussion, and storytelling series based on illustrated children's books and is designed specifically for under-served families with children aged 6 to 10. Other Kentucky PRIME TIME program sites in 2003-2004 are **Breckinridge County Public Library, Kenton County Public Library, and Laurel County Public Library.**

Bowling Green Public Library has been designated to be a Lead Library for LIVE! @ your Library Networks for Literature (LNL). Created by the ALA Public Programs Office and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, LIVE! aims to establish regional networks of libraries, authors, publishers and literary organizations, in an effort to share information and improve access to works of artistic merit for new and under-served audiences through literary programs. **Lisa Rice**, assistant director at BGPL, will serve as the Mid-East region's Lead Librarian. **Ashley Fowlkes.**

**EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES.** In September, ECU Libraries hosted a Liaison Breakfast @Your Library event, providing an opportunity for library liaisons and department chairs to meet one another, enjoy breakfast, and discuss the most recent additions to library resources and services. Over 75 teaching and library faculty attended. **Carrie Cooper**, Coordinator of Research and Instructional Services, provided the leadership for this special event. ECU Libraries recently hosted a Live @Your Library: Big Band Evening of Ellington event. The evening included a pre-concert lecture and a special concert on the music of Ellington. Dr. Jonathan Martin and the ECU Jazz Ensemble performed for an audience of 200 plus individuals. **Greg Engstrom**, Music Library Team Leader, provided leadership for this project. Recently, **Julie George** was appointed Team Leader of the Reference Department; **Brad Marcum** accepted a position as the Reference/Distance Education Librarian; and **Linda Klein** and **Rob Sica** joined the Reference Team. Additionally, **Linda Sizemore** was appointed Team Leader of Government Documents and the Law Library, and **Kari Lyons Martin** accepted the new position of Planning & As-

essment Program Officer. **Kari Martin.**

**LEXINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE.** In partnership with SOLINET, Lexington Community College will bring a paraprofessional certification program to library staff across the Southeast. Designed for individuals currently in or preparing for paraprofessional positions in libraries, the program grants an Academic Certificate in Library Information Technology. The LCC program uses distance technologies to deliver the training; through the agreement with SOLINET, the training is available to individuals from SOLINET member libraries at Kentucky in-state tuition rates regardless of location. The program was developed for paraprofessionals in public libraries, but the courses are beneficial for staff at libraries of all types and sizes. Much of the assigned work during the courses involves performing activities and doing assignments in the students' own libraries, and the training is adaptable to most situations. The online program is administered by **Martha Birchfield**, Professor at Lexington Community College (marthab@uky.edu or toll free at 866-774-4872, ext. 4159). Erica Waller at SOLINET (1-800-999-8558 or ewaller@solinet.net) is available for additional information and assistance. **Martha Birchfield.**

**MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY.** **Jennifer Little** has been appointed head of Access Services. Hired in 2001 to coordinate the Learning Technology Lab, Jennifer came to MSU from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D. C. Jennifer currently serves as chair of the KLA - Information & Technology Round Table. Camden-Carroll Library has been involved in a year-long "One Town, One Book" project, featuring Clay's Quilt, by Silas House. A highlight of the project was a visit with the author, when House came to Morehead in June to accept the Lillie Chaffin Award for his contributions to Appalachian literature. **Clara Keyes** attended Off the Wall and Online: Providing Web Access to Cultural Collections, presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center, November 4-5, 2003, in Las Vegas. New staff include **Laura Rucker**, Interlibrary Loan Assistant; and **Bridgette Whitt**, Periodicals Stacks Maintenance Technician. **Clara Keyes.**

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.** **Phil Yanarella**, Steely Library's Government Documents Librarian, presented "Marcive Retrospective Item Number Profiling" at the annual KLA conference. **Peggy Vater**, Technical Services Specialist II, is celebrating 30 years of service with Steely Library. **Wanda Durham** has retired from the Circulation Department. In November, Steely Library hosted a dinner and reception for **John Ruthven**, internationally renowned wildlife artist. A selection of Mr. Ruthven's paintings are currently on display in the Steely Library Archives. Also in November, the library presented the sixth annual Northern Kentucky University Holiday Tree Lighting. Spectators were entertained by the singing of children from the NKU Early Childhood Center, and were invited to hang ornaments on the tree. **Sheri Myers.**

**ROWAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.** Rowan Co. Public Library recently received a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart for the Library's 2004 Summer Reading Program. **Helen Williams.**

**SOUTHERN KENTUCKY AHEC LIBRARY.** The Southern Kentucky AHEC Library in Berea recently mailed to each public library in its 15 county area a copy of the video and training handbook titled "The Librarian Is In: Facing Modern Consumer Health Issues in the Public Library." Developed by the Reference Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library of Medicine in Omaha and geared for the public library setting, this video demonstrates interactions between librarians and consum-

ers seeking health information and suggests print and electronic resources. The AHEC library seeks to collaborate with the public libraries in its region to bring consumer health information to the patron. The 15 counties include Madison, Jackson, Estill, Mercer, Knox, Laurel, Whitley, Wayne, Boyle, Pulaski, Casey, Garrard, Rockcastle, McCreary and Lincoln. For more information about the video, go to <http://www.iconlibrary.org/hhqvideo.html>.

**Mary Congleton.**

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE LIBRARIES.** The U of L Libraries Marketing Team, under the leadership of **Elizabeth Smigielski**, launched a two-year promotional campaign as part of the American Library Association's nationwide promotional initiative @ *your library*®. The U of L campaign is using "Success begins @your library" as the main slogan to promote the value and role of academic libraries. The first special event was a fun filled afternoon solving a murder mystery as part of "Get a CLUE@your library®" in the Ekstrom Library on Halloween. Nearly 60 students played the game. A live cast of costumed characters including university faculty and administrators portrayed the classic CLUE suspects in this lively interactive game.

University Libraries Dean **Hannelore Rader** was a speaker and facilitator for the Pacific Northwest Information Literacy Institute at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, in July and served as a delegate to the IFLA annual conference, held in Berlin in August. A new IFLA Section on Information Literacy was established and Rader was elected Information Officer for the section. In September, Rader served as a guest speaker at a symposium sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Library Council in New York City. Rader also participated in an international meeting to address e-literacy, sponsored by NCLIS (U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the National Forum on Information Literacy). **Susan Knoer**, Ekstrom Library Photographic Archives, participated in a three day workshop, "Photographs and Preventive Conservation: Theory, Practice and Implementation," at the Library of Congress in September. **James C. (Andy) Anderson**, Curator, Photographic Archives and **Susan Knoer** gave a presentation on September 20, 2003, to the Louisville Genealogical Society on dating photographs by physical form and by costumes. **Delinda Buie**, Curator, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Ekstrom Library, participated in the ARL Special Collections Task Force Conference, "Exposing Hidden Collections," held in Washington, D.C. in September.

**Diane Nichols.**

**Suzu Szasz Palmer** will move from her current position as Public Outreach Librarian in Special Collections to a new position on January 1, 2004, as Team Leader for Collection Development, and **Judith Niles** will be moving from Collection Development to Special Collections, focusing on grant writing. **Suzu Szasz Palmer.**

**Kornhauser Health Sciences Library.** **James Manasco**, formerly employed at UK's Shaver Engineering Library, was appointed to the University Libraries Faculty as Coordinator of Liaison Activities. In conjunction with Kentucky Archives Week, the library published its first online exhibit from its Historical Collections. The exhibit, "19th Century Medical Education at the University of Louisville," may be viewed at <http://library.louisville.edu/Kornhauser/19thcenturyarchives>. **Diane Nichols.**

**Kersey Library of Engineering, Physical Science and Technology.** **Adam Lawrence**, a graduate of the Engineering school at U of L, is the new Computer Lab/Classroom supervisor. **Catherine Lavallée-Welch**, Electronic Resources Librarian, pre-

sented a session at the KLA annual conference entitled "Blogging the Librarian Way" and prepared a hospitality guide; **Carol Brinkman**, Director, and **Jan Kulkarni**, Head of Reference and Instruction, worked at the Registration Desk. Carol completed her term as Chair of the Library Administration and Management Roundtable and will now start the project of indexing **Kentucky Libraries**. Several new classes were offered during the Fall semester, taught both by the librarians and by vendors on various databases but also on thesis and dissertations preparation and on e-journals access. The library also prepared its annual exhibit on Nobel Prizes winners in Chemistry and Physics. The exhibit got high praise by the teaching faculty.

**Catherine Lavallée-Welch.**

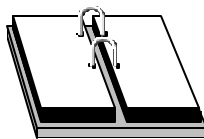
**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY.** **Deana Groves**, formerly a Western Ky University catalog assistant, became Assistant Professor/Education Catalog Librarian in August, following completion of her MLSc from the University of Hawaii. **Roxanne Spencer**, **Elizabeth Knight** and **Jack Montgomery** participated in the 23rd annual Charleston Conference on issues in book and Serial Acquisitions in Charleston, SC. **Spencer** and **Knight** presented a program entitled "To Boldly Go Where No Librarian Has Gone Before! Tips on Enhancing a Science Fiction Book Collection and improving its Circulation" **Jack Montgomery** is one of the conference directors and presented a musical program at the South Carolina Aquarium with his band "Lost River." Members of the WKU Libraries participated in The Books and Baskets project which was a huge success! Thanks to an overwhelming response from the Bowling Green community, we collected over 900 books at the WKU Men's home game on Saturday, November 15. These books will be distributed to children this fall in celebration of National Children's Book Week. Some of the recipients are: Warren County Head Start, Community Education, Family Enrichment and Girls, Inc. **Jack Montgomery.**

## OBITUARIES

**Hallie Day Blackburn**, 96, died in Lexington, Kentucky on August 22nd. She was a University of Kentucky Fellow and a retired senior extension librarian for the Commonwealth. Mrs. Blackburn was a strong advocate for federal funding to public libraries through the LSCA program. She was instrumental in establishing local public library service and in the development of the contemporary Kentucky bookmobile program. Memorials are recommended to the University of Kentucky, Hallie Day Blackburn Scholarship Fund, College of Communications, School of Library and Information Science, 106 Grehan Building, Lexington, Kentucky, 40506 or the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Bookmobile Program, P. O. Box 537, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602.

Mrs. **Sibbie Playforth**, a retired assistant librarian at Morehead State University, died September 30, in Morehead. She was 91. A staff member at Camden-Carroll Library from 1958 until her retirement in 1976, Mrs. Playforth was an active member of the community, serving as a volunteer in the St. Claire hospital auxiliary, a member of the Morehead Woman's Club, an avid bridge player, and a member of the First Baptist Church. She was the widow of Dr. Roscoe Playforth, a former dean at MSU. Survivors include a son, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lexington School Library, Roscoe and Sibbie Playforth Library Fund, 1050 Lane Allen Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

## KLA Calendar of Events



KLA Board Meeting and Leadership Conference	December 6, 2003 Four Points Sheraton, Lexington
ALA Mid-Winter Conference	January 9-14, 2004 San Diego, CA
Public Library Association National Conference	February 24-28, 2004 Seattle, WA
Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference	March 4-6, 2004 Louisville
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning	March 13, 2004 Inn at Jewish Hospital Louisville
Academic/Special/SLA Ky. Chapter Spring Conference	April 14-16, 2004 Barren River State Park
Legislative Day	May 3-4, 2004 Washington, DC
Public Libraries Section Spring Conference	May 5-7, 2003 Lexington
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning	June 12, 2004 Holiday Inn University Plaza Bowling Green
ALA Annual Conference	June 24-30, 2004 Orlando, FL
KLA Board Meeting and Conference Planning	August 14, 2004 Galt House, Louisville
KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference	September 15-18, 2004 Galt House, Louisville
Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference	November 9-14, 2004 (tentative) Charlotte, NC



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Sue Burch, KLA President, Emily Sheketoff, ALA Washington Office, and Carol Nutter, KLA President-Elect at the KLA Conference, October 8, 2003



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