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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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Greetings from the President

"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it."

Samuel Johnson

Daylight savings time is over, and night closes in around us even earlier than before. Nature and people are hunkering down for the winter, gathering resources for the vibrant spring to come. Part of our professional gathering of resources is done at the conferences that are available to us from our professional organizations. Our state conference in September was a great place to gather contacts and resources to assist us through the coming year. I hope you found something there that you have already put to use, and you are making plans to attend next year. It will be held Sept. 27-30, 2006 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. The theme is ***KLA Celebrates A Century of Change from Carnegie to Gates***. Conference chair, **Laura Davison**, and her committee have begun planning and welcome your proposals and suggestions. In October, I attended the American Assoc. of School Librarians National Conference in Pittsburgh, a benefit available to me via my membership in the ALA. I was fortunate enough to be chosen to present at the conference as well, which was a rewarding and learning experience. Other Kentucky members, **Terri Kirk** and **Marjorie Pappas**, also shared their expertise with professionals around the country, while other Kentucky attendees represented our state well. The sessions I attended brought home to me two "truths" that keep popping up when I venture to national meetings—one is that the obstacles and struggles we encounter in our state are mirrored in other states, and, two, that KLA is unique in our sense of family among our sections: public, school, academic, special and trustees. While I always enjoy meeting and sharing with others from far away, it is comforting to come home to our professional family whose ultimate mission is to serve Kentucky patrons to the best of our ability and resources. Please consider attending your section's spring or summer conference. These conferences give us an energy boost just when we need it the most amid the hustle and bustle of nature's and people's busiest time. I encourage you to be involved in both your section and your state conferences—an involvement that will bear fruit all the year 'round. **Christine McIntosh, Ed.D.**

Study the past, Experience the Present, See the Future @ Your Library: Notes from the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference

Over 1000 librarians from across the Bluegrass state convened in Louisville, Kentucky, on September 14-17, 2005, for the joint Kentucky Library Association and Kentucky School Media Association Fall Conference. This Conference is an annual professional development opportunity to meet the specific needs of public, academic, and school librarians.

This year's Fall Conference revolved around the theme of "Study the Past, Experience the Present, See the Future @ Your Library." All sessions were well attended by school librarians looking to take their libraries into the future development of books, technology, and other resources. Presented by school librarians, professors of library and information science, and regional authors, workshop sessions included Kentucky Bluegrass Awards; Collaboration Using Technology; Flexible Scheduling in the Library; Children's Literature Activities; Photo Story; *What Does Your Web Page Say About Your Library*; Copyright and Multimedia; *Show Me the Money: Funding Your Dreams*, and other sessions pertinent to issues school librarians face.

Featured presenters included Stephen Krashen, the author of *The Power of Reading*, who gave the address at the general opening session on Saturday, and Gratia J. Banta, the Chair of the 2006 Caldecott Committee, who led a session on the Art of Picture Books and the Process of Selecting a Caldecott winner. **Jennifer A. Wetzel**

Awards

During the annual Fall conference in Louisville, the following awards were presented at the Awards Luncheon:

Lifetime Achievement Award
The William H. Natcher Award
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Section and Roundtable News

Second Annual KLA Minority Scholarship Program. This scholarship was awarded to **Stephen Keene** from the ILL Department of the Murray State University Waterfield Library for attendance at the 2005 KLA Fall Conference. **James E. Manasco** Past Chair of AALLERT

Academic Library Section. New Officers: **Mary Margaret Lowe**, Chair; **Amy Osborne**, Chair-Elect; **Margaret Foote**, Treasurer; **Shelley Wood Burgett**, Secretary. The theme for the 2006 Joint Spring Conference at Jenny Wiley State Park will be: *Information: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. Call for presentations will go out in mid-December and deadline for proposals is Jan. 30. Pre-conference workshop topic: Disaster Preparedness and Recovery. Mark your calendars now for Mar. 29-31. **Mary Margaret Lowe**

Kentucky Public Libraries Assn. (KPLA). New Officers: **Lisa Rice**, Chair (Bowling Green Public Library); **Geneva Huttenlocher**, Chair-Elect (Louisville Free Public Library).

Kentucky School Media Assoc. New officers: **Lisa Hughes**, President; **Angie Hawkins**, President-elect; **Pat Hall**, Secretary; **Mary Alice Hunt**, Treasurer; **Crystal Smallwood**, Past-president.

Special Library Section. New Officers: **Constance Ard**, Chair; **Patrick Davison**, Chair-Elect.

Professional Development Grants. Academic Section is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Professional Development grants. **Deborah Sharp**, Outreach Librarian (UK) received \$500 to attend a workshop at the ACRL Conference in San Antonio in January. **Leoma Dunn**, Catalog & Systems Librarian (Thomas More College) was awarded \$500 to attend Endeavor Certification training at the 2006 EndUser's conference. **Ginny Norris**, Whitesburg Campus Library Director, (Southeast C&TC) will receive \$1000 to host a free one-day conference for information professionals and paraprofessionals entitled "The Letcher Community Libraries and Archives Summer." **Sean Kinder**.

KLA Member News and Library Updates



Berea College Library. Berea College's Special Collections & Archives recently received an anonymous grant of more than \$65,000 to aid with digital access and preservation of their non-commercial sound recordings. The grant has allowed for the hiring of a temporary Sound Preservation & Access Asst., **John Bondurant**, a recent graduate of UK's School of Library and Information Science. In addition, the grant supports a pilot fellowship program open to scholars, students, public school teachers, and performers that will provide stipends for one or more months of study in Berea's sound collections. **Steve Gowler**.

Boone County Public Library. A new dragon mascot has been developed as part of the library's goal to offer programs, services and materials that inspire children to learn to read and develop a lifelong enjoyment of books and learning. Children suggested more than 650 names for the dragon, and voted to name him "Tales." The library launched a library card, with Tales' picture, just in time for National

Sign-up for a Library Card Month. New library card sign-ups increased from 46 in Sept. 2004 to 291 in Sept. 2005. **Becky Kempf**.

Boyd County Public Library. **Jessica Morgan** is the new manager of the Summit Branch. She came in mid-Sept. from Danville, IL, where she worked at Danville Public Library and at the Schlarman High School Library. **Amanda Gilmore**, community relations coordinator, graduated in Sept. from the KDLA Public Awareness Institute. Currently she is organizing a campaign to reorganize and grow the Friends group. The Library's new Reading Garden opened in November, with a grand opening celebration planned for the spring. The Library recently obtained a movie site compliance license and has begun showing movies to the public at its Main Branch in Ashland. **Amanda Gilmore**.

Eastern Kentucky University. A number of new staff members have joined the EKU Libraries team. **Cindy Judd** is the new Team Leader of the Learning Resources Center. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky MLIS program and was previously employed at the Hutchins Library at Berea College for two years. The former Team Leader of the Learning Resources Center, **Betina Gardner**, has assumed the role of the Team Leader of EKU's Justice and Safety Branch Library. **Kelly Smith** is the new Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian. She too comes from the Hutchins Library at Berea College where she served as Database Maintenance and Processing Manager. **Cristina Tofan** is the new Web Specialist at EKU Libraries. She earned a Master's Degree at Georgetown University and was previously a programmer at the Linguistics Data Consortium at the University of Pennsylvania. **Stephanie Smith** is the newest member of the Reference Team. She is serving a one year visiting librarian position working with our Distance Education Services. She is a graduate of the MLS program at University of South Florida and previously served as a library intern at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Library in Nashville.

EKU librarians actively participated in the recent Kentucky Library Association Conference. **Kari Martin**, Planning and Assessment Program Officer, presented *Planning for the Future @ Your Library*, a session emphasizing the importance of and the process required to conduct an environmental scan in your library. **Julie George**, Team Leader of Reference, and Kevin Jones, Reference Librarian and Library Instruction Coordinator, presented a session entitled, *From Zero to Sixty in Five Years: The History of Assessing Library Instruction at One University*. They discussed the recent growth of and enhancements in EKU Libraries' instructional assessment efforts.

Kari Martin.

Gateway Community and Technical College. **Tanzi Sutton** has been named Director of Library and Information Services. **Charlene McGrath** has joined the Gateway faculty as the Associate Director of Library and Information Services. **Tanzi Sutton**.

Kenton County Public Library. Children's librarian, **Terri Diebel**, was honored for her many years of dedication to bringing Kentucky Bluegrass nominated books to children, for conducting the voting process each year, and for long service on the Kentucky Bluegrass Awards Committee. The Library will receive all the 2005 nominated Bluegrass Award books. **Sara Howrey**, Middle School Coordinator, was presented the Alma Latina Community Service Award by Centro de Amistad for a literacy and storytelling project she organized with Hispanic families earlier this year. **Elaine Koenig**.

McCracken County Public Library users have been quick to

adapt to eAudiobooks as an easy and convenient way to access a wide range of material. Over 100 patrons have access to NetLibrary via the library web site <http://www.mclib.net> **Marie Liang**.

Morehead State University. **Lisa Nichols** joined the Camden-Carroll Library in August as the new Instruction Librarian. Lisa is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science. **Clara Potter** moved into the vacant acquisitions position and is now the Assistant Dean for Technical Services. **Carol Nutter** is now the Assistant Dean for Public Services. Some members of the library staff participated in MSU's intramural University Games this fall, fielding teams for basketball, trivia, (doubles and singles) tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, and the corn toss. **Ray Bailey** brought home the gold for the library by winning the singles tennis tournament. **Alma Fairchild**, Photograph and Manuscript Specialist, retired in October after 26 years of service. The library honored her with a tea party. **Jason Vance**.

Northern Kentucky University. Cataloger and long-time member of the Technical Services Department, **Peggy Vater**, retired from Steely Library on July 31st. Peggy worked at NKU for over 32 years and was instrumental in the cataloging of Steely Library's Special Collections. **Judy Brueggen**, Government Documents Specialist, retired on August 31st. Judy worked at NKU for 21 years and was recently involved in the acquisition of MARCIVE records for all of Steely Library's government documents. **Perry Bratcher's** "Expecting the Unexpected: Maintaining IT Responsibilities in Non-Disaster Situations," **Jennifer Gregory's** "Archives in the Classroom," **Colleen Kennedy's** "Latest Trends in the Use of the Web as a Scholarly Tool," and **Michael Providenti's** "Having It All: Advanced Web Accessibility at KYVL" were presented at the "Breaking Down Barriers" 2005 KHECC Conference. **Colleen Kennedy** has published "Teaching Information Literacy to the Advanced Writing Class in Three Sessions" in the Summer 2005 issue of E-JASL. **Jennifer Gregory**, Steely Library Archivist, was recently appointed by the Governor to the State Archives and Records Commission. **Laura Sullivan** and **Theresa Wesley** were awarded a \$71,216 University-Community Partnership Grant for "Library Link: Bettering Life In, Life Out." The two-year project will insure Kenton County Detention Center inmates' access to information resources, supporting life skills development and facilitating a smoother reintegration into society upon release from jail. **Jenny Smith** has received a \$1000 grant from Target for "Spinning Yarns and Unwieldy Whoppers: Tales from Appalachia." The grant will provide funds for Steely Library's celebration of Children's Book Week and the Appalachian Culture. **Sheri Myers**.

University of Kentucky. **Rebecca Trammell**, Director of the UK Law Library, has resigned her position effective late Jan. 2006 to accept the Directorship of the Law Library at Stetson College of Law in Gulfport, FL. **Helene Davis**, Associate Director and Head of Public Services, will serve as Interim Director until a new director is appointed. **Cecil Madison**, the first full-time African-American employee of the UK Libraries, will retire in Dec. after 37 years of service. Cecil was awarded UK's prestigious Lyman T. Johnson Award in 2004. He is currently a Library Technician in the Acquisitions Dept. **Wendel Cox** has joined the Libraries to manage an NEH-funded \$310,000 two-year grant that is part of the National Digital Newspaper Project. UK is one of only 6 institutions awarded funding during this beginning stage of what will become a national effort. For more information, go to www.uky.edu/Libraries/NDNP/kycollections.html. **Beth Eifer (nee Seiter)** has transferred from her Library Technician position in Special Collections and Digital Programs to a Library Manager position managing an NEH-funded Appalachian Collections grant project. The project, a collaboration between the UK Libraries and the UK Appalachian Center, will create detailed descriptions and finding

aids for nearly 2,500 linear feet of primary source materials in 47 Appalachian-related collections. **Roger Hamperian** has resigned from his position with the UK Special Collections and Digital Programs Division to accept an archivist position with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. Roger joined UK as Preservation Reformatting Librarian in 2002. **Judy Sackett**. A new UK Libraries website will be unveiled Dec. 19. The old site will be available throughout the spring but will not be updated. The old pages will include a link to the new site, so you can take your time updating any links. A preview of our new site is available at: <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/nlws.html>. The main URL for the UK Libraries will continue to be <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/>. **Beth Kraemer**.

University of Louisville. On Nov. 16, the U of L Libraries held a special ceremony commemorating the Libraries' Two Millionth Volume, **GOAT (Greatest of All Time) A Tribute to Muhammad Ali**. The limited edition book is held in only 6 libraries throughout the world. Dean **Hannelore B. Rader** announced the implementation of a new organizational chart and the appointment of three Associate Deans. Effective Jan., 2006, **Melissa Laning** will serve as the Assoc. Dean for Assessment, Personnel and Research, **Diane Nichols** will serve as Assoc. Dean for Libraries Operations and Director, Ekstrom Library and **Suzy Szasz Palmer** will serve as Assoc. Dean for Collections, Preservation and Digital Initiatives. **Julia Graepel**, Asst. Director of the Dwight Anderson Music Library has resigned to take a position as technical services librarian at the Intl. University Bremen in Germany. **Diane Nichols**.

Western Kentucky University. **Roxanne Spencer**, Educational Resources Coordinator and **Jack Montgomery**, Collection Services Coordinator presented a program on community outreach at the 2005 Kentucky Library association meeting and again at the 2005 Charleston Conference in Charleston, S.C. **Jack Montgomery** also presented at a program on gifts management at the same conference and his band, Shadowdancer, performed for the reception at the S.C. Aquarium. Jack also had an article entitled "Subcultures on the Web" published in the November 2005 issue of *Against the Grain*. **Rosemary Meszaros**, Government Documents Coordinator was a presenter at Finding Free GOLD: Government OnLine Documents Pre-Conference Workshop at KLA's Annual Conference in Louisville on September 14, 2005. This was a collaborative effort of Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL), the Government Information Access (GIA) Workgroup and government information librarians from around the state. **Jack Montgomery**.

Obituaries. **Walter "Lee" Robbins**, 71, former Director of the Allara Library and associate professor of German at Pikeville College, died June 8. **Robert Hilton**, retired Library Director at the Lees Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College, died Sept. 17. **Alexander (Sandy) Gilchrist**, 74, former Reference Librarian at UK, died in January. **Bradley Grissom**, 56, retired UK librarian, died suddenly in May. **Myrtle Frances Kelley**, 84, retired UK Librarian in collection development, died in June.

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KLA Calendar of Events for 2006

- Jan. 20-25 **ALA Midwinter Conference**, San Antonio, TX
 Mar. 29-31 **Academic/Special/SLA/ACRL Spring Conference**
 (Jenny Wiley State Resort Park)
 Apr. 5-7 **SELA Biennial Conference**, Memphis, TN
 June 22-28 **ALA Annual Conference**, New Orleans, LA

Kentucky Book Fair, Inc.

Twelve grants totaling \$10,600 were awarded to Kentucky libraries from the proceeds of the 2004 Kentucky Book Fair. **Ballard-Carlisle-Livingston Public Library** (\$1,000) to purchase accelerated readers for school children. **Bath County Memorial Library** (\$1,000) to expand the scope of award winning juvenile literature. **Freedom Elementary School**, Bullitt County (\$600) to purchase books for children in kindergarten and first grade. **Hannah McClure Elementary School**, Clark County (\$1,000) to provide new non-fiction books for the student body. **Crittenden County High School** (\$1,000) to add biographies of important persons to the collection. **Eminence Independent School Library**, Henry County (\$1,000) to update books on countries of the world. **Sand Gap Elementary School**, Jackson County (\$1,000) to give students access to Kentucky Bluegrass Award winning titles. **Lewis County Public Library** (\$500) for board and picture books for preschoolers. **Metcalf County Public Library** (\$1,000) for soft cover large print books for the bookmobile. **Bloomfield Middle School**, Nelson County (\$500) for increasing the number of Kentucky Bluegrass Award books in the library. **North Todd Elementary School**, Todd County (\$1,000) for 43 bilingual stories for families. **Simmons Elementary**, Woodford County (\$1,000) for updating the history and science collections.

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Southeastern Library Association News

Memphis, Tenn. That's the place for the SELA Biennial Conference with the Tennessee Library Association. April 5-7, 2006; E. Memphis Hilton Hotel/Memphis Convention Center.

Outstanding Southeastern Library Program Award

Purpose: To recognize an outstanding program of service in an academic, public, school, or special library in a SELA member state. Nomination deadline is Jan. 10, 2006. For more information, see <http://sela.jsu.edu/Awards/OutstandingProgram.htm>.

President's Award

Purpose: to honor an individual outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to the development or promotion of libraries in the Southeast. Deadline is Dec. 31, 2005. For more information:

<http://sela.jsu.edu/Awards/President.htm>

New Voices for New Librarians Are you looking for the perfect venue to present and publish? New Voices is an opportunity for new librarians to present their ideas and perspectives on current library issues. **What:** Papers to be presented at the 2006 SELA and publication in the *Southeastern Librarian*. **Who:** Professionally employed librarians with less than 5 years of experience. Must be able to attend and present paper at the next SELA Conference. Contact Camille McCutcheon at cmccutcheon@uscupstate.edu. **Christie Robinson.**

Shop for the Library

As you think about buying holiday gifts online, you can raise money for your local public library at the same time. Shop for the Library is a fundraising program available at no charge for use by any U.S. public library, Friends group, or library foundation. Every purchase initiated from the site (www.shopforthelibrary.net) generates a commission for the library of the user's choice. More than 700 merchants are participating, including big retailers like Macy's, Gap, and Circuit City. Benefits include: no cost to the libraries, other than local promotion; no additional cost to library users—they simply support the library through everyday online purchasing; and easy-to-use optional one-time software download ensures the library gets a commission. Promotional materials for participating libraries are available on the web site under the "about" link. The project is a joint venture of i2i Communications and TopMoxie.



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