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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings from the President!

Happy New Year 2010! The new Board of Directors for KLA officially began following the 2009 Conference. I want to thank those departing board members for their service to KLA. A new AD HOC committee was formed to include Kentucky Virtual Library. With all the developments and cuts that KYVL has been going through, I felt it was imperative that we have quarterly reports since KYVL affects all our libraries. My wish is that the KYVL AD HOC will become a full time nonvoting guest on the KLA Board.

Planning for the 2010 conference has already begun. Conference Chair and President-Elect Leoma Dunn chose the theme *In These Extraordinary Times Libraries Now More Than Ever*, which puts emphasis on all of our library concerns. The 2010 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference will be September 15-18, 2010 at Louisville's Galt House Hotel and Suites. Please consider submitting a conference proposal or contact Leoma Dunn, Leoma.Dunn@Thomasmore.edu, if you want to be a part of the conference planning process. Since taking the presidency, I have been very busy with KLA correspondence on behalf of the association. In November I sent a letter to President Robert King, Council on Post Secondary Education in support of Kentucky Virtual Library and not to force more budget cuts. I then sent letters to our US Legislators: Senators Jim Bunning and Senator Mitch McConnell; Representatives Ben Chandler, Geoff Davis, Ed Whitfield, John Yarmuth, Brett Guthrie and Hal Rogers of much-needed reform to provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act before re-authorization.

Kentucky Public Library Association has planned a full legislative day on February 10, 2010 with the Capitol Rotunda reserved for librarians at 11:00 a.m. I hope to see a lot of library presence in their "yellow" colors; I have a new bright yellow shirt

to wear! Please contact J.C. Morgan, KPLA President for more information at jcmorgan@cc-pl.org.

If you have not pledged to purchase a license plate to promote Kentucky libraries, I encourage you to do so. To pledge e-mail Linda Kompanik linda@loganlibrary.org with your name, library, e-mail address and phone. Anyone can pledge who is a library supporter, so please tell your friends, neighbors and parents to support our libraries.

I look forward to serving the Kentucky Library Association as President and helping our association to remain a strong, vital organization that represents all librarians throughout our state.

Emmalee Hill Hoover
Kentucky Library Association President
Library Media Specialist, STLP Coach
Dixie Heights High School

KLA News

Proposals for mini-sessions and poster sessions are now being accepted for the **2010 KLA/KSMA Joint Conference**, In These Extraordinary Times...Libraries Now More Than Ever. The Conference will take place September 15-18, 2010 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites, Louisville, Kentucky. All proposals must be submitted electronically. The forms can be found here:

For direct link to the KLA mini-session form
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dDl6cUJIR0hRU2lMSXlDaVEzMmNFWVE6MA>

For direct link to the poster session form
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dHhBSGZDbHVmLXlnbjlPMTg2VjJtY3c6MA>

For direct link to the KSMA mini-session form
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dGZKeElAM3pzYzhZalF6czdHbWhpY0E6MA>

The deadline to submit a proposal is February 15, 2010. Notification of accepted proposals will take place after March 6, 2010. We look forward to reviewing your proposal.

Leoma Dunn, KLA President-Elect

KLA Web Site Header Redesign Contest



Attention all graphic designers / web enthusiasts: Help give KLA's web site a new look! The Kentucky Library Association is updating its site AND going to a new name in 2010! Help us make the transition to the new web

address – www.klaonline.org -- with a new graphic in the site's header! If you or someone on your staff excels at web or graphic design, please participate by entering the design contest. Besides having one's work showcased on a site used by hundreds of library professionals all over the state, the winner will also receive an Amazon gift card for his/her labors. Here are the specs:

The header image should be...

- 800 pixels wide
- 150 pixels high
- 72 pixels / inch
- saved as .gif file
- Additional information:
- Target file size: 25kb

The KLA logo should be incorporated into the header design.

Do not use copyrighted images without obtaining copyright clearance.

Contact Communications Committee Chair Ashley Fowlkes (ashleyf@warrenpl.org) to request a high-resolution KLA logo or for any further information.

GET INVOLVED IN ROUND TABLES

Round Tables are groups of persons who are members of the Kentucky Library Association and who are interested in a similar aspect of library service which is not within the immediate scope of a Section.

The Round Tables are:

- African American Librarians and Library Employees Round Table (ALLERT)
- Community & Technical College Round Table
- Genealogy Round Table
- Government Documents Round Table (GODART)

- Information and Technology Round Table (ITRT)
- Resource Sharing Round Table
- Library Administrators and Management Round Table (LAMA)
- Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)
- Library Support Staff Round Table
- Trustees Round Table

You can find out more about the Round Tables and their role in KLA by going to the KLA website and looking in the KLA Blue Book (<http://www.kylibasn.org/bluebook263.cfm>).

If you are a member of a Round Table please attend your Round Tables Business Meetings during the conference. That is a good way to network with the other members that share your interest.

Several of the Round Tables need immediate help with leadership at this time. Some have no officers. Some have officers that have chaired the round table for some time and would like to turn it over to someone else. Some have one officer but need more assistance.

If you are a member of the following round tables and would like to become more involved in KLA we encourage you to step forward NOW:

- African American Librarians and Library Employees Round Table (ALLERT)
- Genealogy
- Information and Technology Round Table (ITRT)
- Support Staff
- Youth Services

Please contact me at debra.oberhausen@lfpl.org if you can help.

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KLA Section and Roundtable News

Academic Section

At its October 1st business meeting held in Louisville during the KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, the Academic Libraries Section elected two new officers. James Manasco (University of Louisville) will serve as Chair-elect, while Maureen Cropper (Bluegrass Community & Technical College) begins a two-year term as Treasurer. Donna Baker (Morehead State University) continues as Secretary, and Lesley Jackson is the new Chair.

The Academic Section's fall conference speaker, Jacob Hill of Elmhurst College, presented a well-attended

session on mobile technologies in libraries and received overwhelmingly positive reviews. ALS members are asked to mark their calendars for the 2010 Academic/Special Sections/SLA KY Chapter Joint Spring Conference, which will be held April 28-30 at General Butler State Park.

Kentucky Public Library Association

There've been many fun (some might say animated) things happening within KPLA:

The annual spring KPLA conference will be in Bowling Green this year from April 14 through April 16. On April 15 (Thursday), an outing has been planned to see the Bowling Green Hot Rods play a game of baseball. Dave Schroeder (Kenton CPL) is working on this year's conference.

The Education Committee (chaired by the Earlene Arnett, Scott CPL) organized a great program in December at KDLA that showed off many of the Department's functions and gave insight into the difficulties of censorship and Intellectual Freedom. KPLA has set aside \$4000 for regional educational events (\$500 for each of the 8 regions). KPLA has also set aside \$1000 for a Leadership Institute to be held by KDLA in the coming year.

The Legislative Committee (chaired by JC Morgan, Campbell CPL) has been planning Legislative Day in 2010. There are two webinars scheduled to help folks understand the planning and logistics of Legislative Day: January 7 (Thu) at 9am and January 12 (Tue) at 1pm. To register: https://kdla.ilinc.com/per/ilinc/lms/event.pl?div_view=reg&event_user_id There is also a YouTube video that will be available for those who are unable to attend a webinar. Please plan to come to Frankfort on February 10 (Wed). You can contact your local library director to arrange transportation if necessary. The only other requirements: wear yellow and say "library" to a legislator.

The KPLA Awards Committee (chaired by Carrie Herrmann, Boone CPL) is taking scholarship applications for a chance for a public library employee to come to the annual spring conference. KPLA will award up to \$500 to cover the cost of expenses (including registration) for one person.

The Kentucky Library Trustees Roundtable (chaired by Paul Poland, Scott CPL) has also set aside a scholarship for a trustee to attend the spring conference. The \$500 scholarship can be used to cover the costs of registration, lodging, and other expenses.

KPLA is in the process of setting up a new committee on Intellectual Freedom to raise awareness concerning these issues. The committee (chaired by the Julie Maruskin, Clark CPL) will offer assistance to directors and library boards when situations arise locally.

71 libraries returned the Public Library Standards Scoring Sheets this year. Of that total, 14 libraries were given ratings of "enhanced." The Standards are a helpful tool for giving libraries direction in their long range planning. Special thanks goes to Lisa Rice (Warren CPL) for her efforts in revising the new Public Library Standards. Special thanks also goes to Charlotte McIntosh (KDLA) for her work in creating the new Excel scoring sheet.

And...KPLA has secured its own website (www.kpla.org) which will be the new online home of KPLA. The new site is being designed by the Northern Kentucky University's Informatics Department.

We ought to be gettin' paid for all of this.

Library Administration & Management Roundtable

LAMA Roundtable elected new officers:

Constance Ard, Chair - Answer Maven, Independent information Consulting

Abby Thorne- Chair-Elect, Bluegrass Community & Technical College

Kandace Rogers - Secretary, Sullivan University, Lexington Campus

Kentucky Library Association Minority Scholarship

Yolanda Brack-Jones, an MSLS student at the University of Kentucky, is the recipient of the 2009 Kentucky Library Association Minority Scholarship. Mrs. Jones is currently working as a language arts teacher at Edyth J Hayes Middle School in Lexington with plans to become a school media specialist after completing her master's degree. The KLA Minority Scholarship was created in 2007 for the purpose of increasing the number of minorities pursuing careers in the library profession in Kentucky. The scholarship is for minority candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in librarianship. The scholarship recipient receives \$1,000 (paid in two equal installments) as well as a one-year KLA student membership and free student registration to the KLA Annual meeting. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for the 2010 Minority Scholarship. The scholarship

application can be accessed at <http://www.kylibasn.org/docs/klascholarship.pdf>

For more information, please contact Elliot Appelbaum, Scholarship Committee Chair, eappelbaum@lexpublib.org or (859) 231-5560.

Accolades

At KLA's annual conference several awards were presented. The *Scholarship for Minority Students* was presented to **Yolanda Brack Jones. **Elaine Allen** from the **Fulton County Public Library** was the recipient of the *Carol J Parris Mentoring Award*. **Scott County Public Library** trustee **Paul Poland** received the *James A Nelson Advocacy Award*. **JC and Azalie Egnew**, longtime supporters of the **McCreary County Public Library**, were awarded the *William H Natcher Award*. The prestigious *Lifetime Achievement Award* was awarded to **Carolyn Tassie** who recently retired from **Transylvania University**.

The Academic Library Section awarded a Professional Development Grant to **Sean Kinder** and **Emily Symonds** of **Western Kentucky University** and **University of Louisville**, respectively. The *Outstanding Academic Librarian Award* went to **Shelley Burgett Wood** from **Somerset Community College**.

Leoma Dunn, **Thomas More College**, was awarded the *Special Library an of the Year Award* by the Special Library Section. The KLA Communications Committee gave the *Kentucky Libraries Outstanding Feature Article Award* to **Lisa Nichols**, **Morehead State University**, for her article, "Pushing Your IL Program Forward: Five Lessons from My Immersion Experience."

Submitted by Linda Kelly Kompanik, Library Awareness Committee Chair

****Peggy Myers**, library specialist, will retire on January 4, 2010. Peggy has been in charge of interlibrary services at **Hopkinsville Community College** since 1999.

Bowling Green native **Tom Durbin has worked for the **Warren County Public Library** for 33 years. He started as a student worker in May of 1976. He began driving the bookmobile on July 1, 1977. "It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the citizens of Warren County for the past three decades," says Durbin. "I

will truly miss the good friends I have made over these many years."

In April 2007, Durbin was awarded the James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Award given by the Kentucky Public Library Association. Tom is an active member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. "We are saddened to say good-bye to Tom on December 30," says library director Lisa Rice. "Tom has been a vital part of the library and our community. We wish him all the best as he enjoys his retirement."

** **The Anna Ashcraft Ensor Library** (Georgetown College) welcomed two librarians this past year: **Greg Decker** (Cataloguing Librarian) and **Helen Beaven** (Reference Librarian).

During December 2009, the library held a Food for Fines Drive. In lieu of money, the library accepted non-perishable food items for library fines. As of December 21st, the library had collected nearly 280 non-perishable food items, which were donated to the AMEN House, a local Scott County, Kentucky charity.

After forty years of service to **Murray State University and its libraries, **Ms. Jetta Culpepper** is retiring. Ms. Culpepper began her career at the rank of Instructor in the Cataloging Department in 1969 with a graduate degree in Education from Murray State University. The next three years were spent completing her Master of Library Science degree at the George Peabody School at Vanderbilt. Almost immediately upon finishing her MLS in August of 1972, she returned to Peabody to complete her Ed.S in Higher Education and research librarianship, which she finished in 1975. At retirement, Ms. Culpepper leaves the university at the rank of Associate Professor. Ms. Culpepper has held numerous positions in the University Libraries – including ten years as a cataloger, Interim Head of the Education Library, and thirteen years as the Head of Acquisitions. Her most recent position, as the Director of the Curriculum Materials Center in the College of Education, has earned Jetta much praise and respect from the faculty and students there. Under her leadership, the Curriculum Materials Center has thrived. Ms. Culpepper's contributions to professional publication cover over 90 reviews and research articles. She contributed service to the university and library with participation in committees nearly too numerous to mention, including Faculty Senate, Academic Council, SACS and other accreditation, Tenure and Leave. The 4

university library and its staff wish Ms. Culpepper a productive and enjoyable retirement after many years of service to this community.

**** Haiwang Yuan's (Western Kentucky University)** book, *Princess Peacock: Tales from the Other Peoples of China* (Libraries Unlimited, 2008) won the 2009 Aesop Accolade Award from the American Folklore Society Children's Section. According to the committee who selected the book, "This well-organized and richly documented volume is designed to give the American reader a fair view of China as a multi-ethnic nation of diverse cultures...The contents of *Princess Peacock* provide extremely valuable material for the families of the many Chinese children adopted by Americans by introducing and reinforcing knowledge of their ethnic origins."

****Special Section Member and LAMA RT Chair, Constance Ard** recently published her first book: *Next Generation Corporate Libraries and Information Services*. The book is published by ARK Group. This title takes a close look at the evolving roles of corporate information services and its providers. An in-depth look at Competitive Intelligence services in private law libraries and the impact of 2.0 tools on information services including the delivery of information is included. More information about the publication is available at <http://www.ark-group.com/downloads/NGTOC.pdf> Purchasing information can be found at <http://www.mpmagazine.com/bookshop.asp>

****Morehead State University. Clara Potter** is retiring from **Camden-Carroll Library**, after twenty-two years as a librarian. She has most recently served as Assistant Dean for Technical Services. The library is welcoming a new librarian in January; **Ophelia Chapman** will join the **Camden-Carroll Library** as the Library Technology and Systems Coordinator. **Camden-Carroll Library** had two groups present at KLA's annual conference in October. **Tom Kmetz** and **Clay Howard** presented "A Method for Integrating Subscription databases in Blackboard," together with **Jing Zhang**, a MSU IT professional. **Ray Bailey** and **Helen Beaven** did their talk on "Creating a Library Research Prize To Reward and Encourage Information Literacy," which was also presented at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in September 2009. Additionally, **Lisa Nichols** was selected at the Kentucky Libraries Award winner for her article, "Pushing Your IL Program Forward: Five Lessons from My Immersion Experience," published in the Fall 2008 edition of *Kentucky Libraries* (Vol. 72, No. 4).

****During December's dead week and finals week,**

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries and ECU's Information Technology department provided 24 hour study and lab space for students. The Crabbe Library Java City Café and an adjacent lab remained open in a secure area outside of the library proper. A security officer was hired and funded by the Academic Affairs department to ensure students' safety during the overnight hours. Students greatly appreciated the extra effort to accommodate their need for late night spaces. Students also appreciated the tasty snacks provided to them during finals week as a part of ECU Libraries' end of the semester Brain Food event. Free granola bars, trail mix, candy bars, pretzels and more were made available to studying students at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday of finals week.

****Eastern Kentucky University Libraries'** staff members have provided a number of exciting presentations and publications throughout the semester. **Karen Gilbert's** article, "Kentucky Public Health Resources," was published in the "Internet Reviews" section of the Fall 2009 issue of *Kentucky Libraries*. **Kelly Smith**, along with **Kathryn Harnish** of *Ex Libris*, presented "NextGen Acquisitions: A Paradigm Shift for a New Era," at the Charleston Conference on November 5, 2009. **Dr. Russell Carpenter**, Director of the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity and **Dr. Jayne Violette**, Communications Professor, presented "From Dream to Reality: Building the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity," at the National Communication Association Annual Convention in Chicago on November 12, 2009.



Debbie Johnson of Ashland is the newest member of the **Boyd County Public Library** board of trustees. She joined the board in September, for a four-year term. Johnson has worked in law, finance and logistics. She has a deep appreciation of books, and libraries. "Most of my education and some of my happiest times as a child were spent in libraries and I want to keep that opportunity alive for others," she said.

****Boyd County Public Library** now offers Mango Languages online to its patrons. The language learning system focuses on teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages.

****Patron response to a new book leasing option at Boyd County Public Library** has been great. BCPL started leasing books in September from Baker and Taylor Books for its smallest branch in Catlettsburg. Patrons can now find the newest releases on the shelf much sooner. When the title is no longer popular, it is returned to make room for more. Leased books are

convenient and economical, and just another way BCPL is helping to recycle.

****Helene Davis**, Director of the **University of Kentucky Law Library**, has submitted her letter of resignation effective June 15, 2010, to become the Director of the Law Library at Albany Law School in Albany, New York. Helene started at UK in 2005 as Head of Public services, becoming director in 2006.

****William (Bill) Marshall**, Curator of Manuscripts, Archives Department, Special Collections and Digital Programs, will retire from the **University of Kentucky Libraries** on January 8, 2010. Bill joined the Libraries in 1973 as manuscripts cataloger/archivist and served as Head of Special Collections for many years. Many UK SLIS graduates will remember taking Bill's Archives course.

****University of Kentucky news: Eeva Hoch** resigned to relocate with her family in the state of Washington and was replaced as Academic Liaison to the College of Business and Economics by **Peter Hesseldenz**.

Kathryn Lybarger was hired to head the Cataloging and Metadata Unit within the Collections and Technical Services Division.

Heath Martin was named to the Head of Collections Management position.

Deirdre Scaggs became Director of Archives, Special Collections and Technical Services.

Jason Keinsley has joined the Library Information Technology Division as Director of Desktop Support.

Beth Kraemer is now Director of Project Management within the IT Division.

Brad Carrington is serving as the head of the Education Library.

****Carol Pitts Diedrichs**, dean of libraries and the William T. Young Endowed Chair at the **University of Kentucky Libraries**, has announced she will resign that position Jan. 4, 2010. Diedrichs, who was appointed to the post in July 2003, led the university's library system to a position of prominence as one of the nation's leading research libraries. Diedrichs will leave her position at UK to become director of the Ohio State University Libraries.

"Dean Diedrichs has been an innovative leader of our libraries, always serving the best interests of the

patrons even in the middle of budget woes," said **UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy**. "We are grateful for her service, and wish her well in her new position." As dean of UK Libraries, Diedrichs has provided intellectual leadership for the educational and service programs of 12 libraries; administered a budget of more than \$21 million; and served as a member of the Provost's Dean's Council.

Considered the ultimate practitioner/scholar in her field, Diedrichs has written and spoken extensively on issues in acquisitions, serials, electronic resources, preservation, collection development, technical services organization and scholarly communication.

Diedrichs served for more than a decade as the editor-in-chief of *Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services*, one of the premier peer-reviewed journals in the field. Her outstanding record of professional involvement extended to the local, regional and national level. She is a former president of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) and held leadership positions in NASIG (North American Serials Interest Group Inc.), the Association of Research Libraries and SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network). In 2008, Diedrichs was named the recipient of the Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing her extraordinary service to the field of library science in the U.S.

Under Diedrichs' leadership, the UK Libraries added its first information commons known as The Hub at WT's, renovated and consolidated three libraries to form the Science Library, supported the development and enhancement of the Notable Kentucky African Americans database, and developed a nationally recognized digital libraries program.

"Leaving UK is definitely bittersweet as the services and programs of the UK Libraries are critically important to the success of our students and faculty as well as the Commonwealth at large," said Diedrichs. "Returning to OSU is a dream come true for me having spent 16 years there earlier in my career and to have the opportunity to lead one of the great research libraries in the US."

Terry Birdwhistell, Associate Dean for Special Collections and Digital Programs, has been named Interim Dean of the **University of Kentucky Libraries**.

Provost Subbaswamy will appoint a committee to carry out a national search for Dean Diedrichs' successor.

****Public Services Librarian and Adjunct Writing Instructor, Sara Brown (Ashland CTC, Mansbach**

Memorial Library) has been selected to receive a \$310 grant from the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) to attend its annual convention. This year's convention will be held March 17-20, 2010 in Louisville.

The theme is Remix: Revisit, Rethink, Revise, Renew. The grants afford part-time and adjunct faculty the opportunity to attend the CCCC Convention. They are part of a broad-ranging Professional Equity Project (PEP) to support the concerns of part-time and adjunct faculty, such as improving working conditions and promoting the scholarship of teaching. Sara will be teaching three sections (2 online, 1 in-person) sections of ENG 102 at ACTC this semester in addition to handling her regular responsibilities for the library.

The **2010 Emerging Leaders (EL) program, which is in its fourth year, kicks off with a daylong session during the **2010 American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting** in Boston. Connie Paul, one of the program's facilitators said, "It's networking at its best."

It will enable approximately 100 library staff from across the country to participate in project planning workgroups; network with peers; gain an inside look into ALA structure; and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers.

Participants will receive two days of orientation and education with Maureen Sullivan, an organizational development consultant whose practice focuses on leadership development for the profession, and Connie Paul, executive director of the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative. "The first three groups have shown what dynamic promise the Emerging Leaders hold for moving ALA into its future. Our fourth program will build on the lessons learned and success achieved by them," Paul said.

Following the kickoff session, it will grow and develop in an online learning and networking environment for six months, culminating with a poster session showcasing the results of the project planning work at the 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Participants commit to taking part in all aspects of the program and may have an opportunity to serve on an ALA, Division, Chapter or Round Table committee or a taskforce or workgroup upon completion of program.

More than one-third of this year's participants have received sponsorships. The sponsors included ALA divisions, offices, roundtables, state chapters,

ALA affiliate groups and other organizations. Each sponsor commits to financial support of an Emerging Leader in order to defray costs for attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference. Kentucky has three representatives in the 2010 Emerging Leaders program: **Nick Wilczek, Faith Mulberry, and Stephanie Carr**

The complete list of the selected participants and sponsoring organizations is available online at: http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/hrdr/abouthrdr/EL_2010Class_Final.pdf

In Memory



Public librarians across the state have lost a treasured colleague and friend. **Karen Gillespie** former director of **Washington and Grayson County Public Libraries** passed away over the Thanksgiving weekend. Karen retired from Grayson County in 2003 due to complications following surgery. Karen began working at the Hardin County Public Library with no library degree or experience. She fell in love with library work and, along with delivering and caring for a child, earned her bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University. She served several terms on the KPLA Board. Karen was a participant in the first Public Awareness Institute class. She had planned to earn an MLS before her illness. After retirement she began volunteering at the **Hardin County Public Library**. She will be remembered for her boundless enthusiasm, passion, and energy. Karen was an inspiration to her colleagues and will be sorely missed.

Dr. Eliza Atkins Gleason died on her 100th birthday, December 15, 2009. Eliza Atkins Gleason was born in North Carolina, she came to Kentucky in 1931 to take up her first library job at the **Louisville Municipal College for Negroes**. In 1932 she became head librarian and also taught library classes in the new library department that she had created. The department, in conjunction with the **Louisville Western Colored Branch Library**, was established to continue offering the only library classes for African Americans in Kentucky between 1932 and 1951. Dr. Gleason left Kentucky in 1936, and in 1940 she graduated from the University of Chicago and became the first African American to earn a Ph. D. in librarianship. She was later hired at Atlanta University [now Clark Atlanta University], where she structured and organized the library school

beginning in 1940 and would become the first African American library school dean 1941-1946. Decades later, Dr. Gleason returned to Louisville.

Continuing Education Opportunities

KDLA Continuing Education Events

For more information, check the website at www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm

January 21st: Gaming in Libraries

January 28th: Planning for Service Disruption

February 2nd & 3rd: Pop Culture & Literacy: Keeping up with your patrons

February 17th & 18th: Libraries and Services Going Mobile: Handheld Services for Libraries

February 18: YA Lit 2.0

March 10th: Horror and Fantasy Reader's Advisory: More Than a Skeleton Crew

March 17th: Instant Messaging for Communication, Reference and Outreach in Libraries

March 25th: Volunteer Management: Delegating, Retaining and Rewarding

March 31st: Volunteer Management: Selecting, Screening and Training

Keep the date open

February 10, 2010 is Legislative Day in Frankfort. Plan your trip and look for more information from the KPLA Legislative Committee.

April 14-16, 2010, Kentucky Public Library Association/Kentucky Library Trustee Round Table Conference Bowling Green, KY. Look for more information from KPLA.

September 15-18, 2010, KLA/KSMA Joint Conference, In These Extraordinary Times...Libraries Now More Than Ever. The Conference will take place at the Galt House Hotel & Suites, Louisville, Kentucky

Next IN-FO-CUS deadline: March 19, 2010. Please send news and items of interest to Carrie Herrmann at cherrman@bcpl.org. You can also call her at 859-292-3387 with any questions.