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A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter

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Greetings from the President

This quarter has been a busy one for several of our sections. The Academic Library Section and the Special Library Section held a joint spring conference at Lake Barkley State Resort Park on April 13-15. The theme was *Visibility for Libraries: Communicating our Vision*.

The Kentucky Public Library Association (public library section) and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association (trustees section) held a joint meeting in Bowling Green on April 13-15, with the theme *The Discovery of Ideas, The Joy of Reading, The Power of Information*.

The Kentucky School Media Association (school library section) is planning a "summer refresher" for library media specialists at Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah on July 12. The title of the one-day refresher is *A Patchwork of Knowledge @ Your Library*.

KDLA and KLA's Library Awareness Committee organized an 8-member delegation from Kentucky to participate in the American Library Association's Legislative Day in Washington, DC on May 3-4. Those attending included State Librarian **Jim Nelson**, serving as coordinator; **Lisa Hughes**, representing school media specialists; **Rose Davis**, representing academic libraries; **Debra Oberhausen** and **Nanette Eichell**, representing public libraries; **Randall Winchester**, representing library trustees; **Mary Congleton**, representing special libraries; and myself, representing KLA. The attendees received briefings on proposed and pending legislation that could impact libraries and their services. The eight delegates also visited the offices of all the Kentucky legislators and talked about library concerns including e-rate, school librarians' role in *No Child Left Behind*, access to government information, funding, privacy, fair use, and digital copyright issues.

Plans are well underway for the KLA/KSMA Joint Fall Conference. The meeting will be held this year in Louisville at the newly-renovated Galt House on September 14-17. The conference theme is *Study the Past, Experience the Present, See the Future @ your library*. This year's conference promises to be an exciting mixture of programs to inform and inspire. Mark your calendars now and get ready for a rejuvenating experience.

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Proposed Slate of Officers for 2006

Vice-President/President Elect: Laura C. Davison. Laura Davison currently works as a member of the Research & Education Division of the UK Medical Center Library. She previously worked at the Southeast Area Health Center (AHEC) Library in Hazard, Kentucky. Laura has been actively involved in KLA, serving in many capacities. She has been KLA Secretary, chair of Special Libraries Committee, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Mentoring, chair of the White Paper Committee, co-chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Current Library Issues, and member of several KLA committees including Library Awareness, Communications, and Conference Planning. With her wide experience, Laura will bring a great deal of experience to the Board and to this office. Laura is a member of the Special Libraries Section.

Secretary: Matthew W. Onion. Matt Onion has been at the Ashland Community and Technical College (formerly Ashland Community College) since 1995 and became the Director of Library Services there in July 2004. He has worked with acquisitions, serials, government documents, and extended campus services in the academic setting and has also worked in public libraries in Ashland and in Toledo, Ohio. Matt has been active in KLA, having served as chair of GODORT and chair of the Strategic Planning and Organization Committee as well as serving on the Conference Planning Committee and coordinating the New Member Reception planning for two years. In addition to his work in KLA, Matt has also held the office of President of the West Virginia Library Association. His varied experience with state library associations makes him an excellent candidate for this office. Matt is a member of the Academic Libraries Section.

Submitted by Nominating Committee: **Carol Nutter** (chair), **Fannie Cox**, and **Susan Henthorn**.

Section and Roundtable News

Special Library Section. At the April Spring Conference, the Kentucky Chapter of SLA awarded chapter honors. **Mary Vass**, Director of Interdisciplinary Information Literacy at UK's Young Library, was named Outstanding Chapter Member. **Linda Minch**, News Researcher at the Lexington Herald-Leader, was awarded the Chapter Professional Award for her outstanding work on the Front Page News Back Page Coverage series for the Lexington Herald-Leader in 2004. On May 6 **Shawn Livingston**, Director of Reference Commons at the UK's Young Library was awarded the KY-SLA Diversity Award. At our May 6th meeting we also honored recent retiree and long-time SLA member **Larry Besant**. **James Manasco** was recently nominated to run for SLA Board Position as Chapter Cabinet Chair-Elect. If elected, James will serve as Chair-Elect from June 2006-December 2007; Chair January-December 2008. James is currently Special Collections Librarian at U of L's Ekstrom Library. He is the most recent Past President of the Kentucky Chapter of SLA and former Science Technology Division Chair of SLA. **Constance Ard**, President, KY SLA

Second Annual KLA Minority Scholarship Program. The African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table (AALLERT) will sponsor a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to cover pre-registration for the KLA Fall Conference to allow a person from an underrepresented population group to attend.

"Underrepresented group" may be ethnic, sexual or political orientation, religious affiliation, geographic, economical, etc. This scholarship is co-sponsored by the Community College Round Table, the Library Instruction Round Table and the Resource Sharing Round Table. Deadline for submitting information is June 30, 2005. For more information, contact **James E. Manasco** Chair of AALLERT: james.manasco@louisville.edu

Professional Development Grants. Academic Library Section's Professional Development Committee is pleased to announce the availability of money for professional development grants. An award of up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) is available, with the possibility of multiple partial grants, depending on qualifying proposals. Go to <http://www.kylibasn.org/academic/welcome.htm> for more information. **Sean Kinder.**

Call For Performers. The KLA Recruitment, Mentoring, and Diversity Committee is sponsoring a talent show, "Out of the Stacks and Onto the Stage" at the 2005 Annual Conference on Thursday, September 15, 8:30pm-11:00pm. If you are a Kentucky library employee who can sing, dance, tell jokes, juggle, or have a "must see" act or skit, then bring it on. Eight acts will be selected and each will perform for no more than ten minutes. You can't lose because this is a talent show, not a contest. All performers will receive a special thank you gift. So, get out of the stacks and let's have some fun! Deadline for entering is June 30, 2005. To sign up, contact **Reinette Jones** at rjones@uky.edu or phone (859) 257-0500 x2147.

KLA Member News and Library Updates



Berea College. Hutchins Library welcomes **Mary Beth Bonet** as the new Library Technical Services Assistant. Mary Beth has been with the College for several years, first in Admissions, then in Information Technology. She will oversee copy cataloging, processing, book repair and office supplies. Other news includes the library's updated website as of June 1 at <http://www.berea.edu/library>. **Susan Henthorn.**

Boyd Co. Public Library. Construction has started on the new Reading Garden at the Library's Main Branch in Ashland. The 2,000-square foot walled garden room will include benches, swings and bistro tables, as well as sculptures and an eight-foot wall of water flowing into a shallow pool. The Children's Grotto area will include a place for storytelling and a special children's mural. Construction is expected to be complete by mid-summer. **Amanda Gilmore.**

Eastern Kentucky University. Dean **Lee Van Orsdel** has accepted the Dean of Libraries position at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. She has been with EKU for 6 years and has accomplished many wonderful things including opening the Library Café, addressing faculty and staff contract and salary issues, and growing an organization focused on delivering excellent library services and resources to the University. **Carrie Cooper**, currently the Coordinator of Research and Instruction will serve as Interim Dean of Libraries, and **Betina Gardner**, currently the Team Leader of the Learning Resources Center, will serve as the Interim Coordinator of Research and Instruction. **Mary Anne Dewey**, Coordinator of Administrative Services, is retiring effective July 1, 2005. She has worked with EKU Libraries for 28 years and has served in various

capacities including the Team Leader of Reference and Coordinator of Research and Instruction. Recently joining our Reference Team is **Karen Gilbert**, a MLS graduate of Texas Woman's University. She comes to us from Pima Community College Library in Tucson, Arizona. **Linda Sizemore**, Team Leader of Government Documents, and **Brad Marcum**, Distance Education Librarian, recently presented a session entitled "Making the World Better One Student at a Time: Using Constructivist Learning Theory to Teach Information Literacy Skills to Future Social Workers" at the LOEX conference in Louisville. **Brad Marcum's** article entitled "Digital Reference: 'Stressmaker' or Savior?" will appear in the forthcoming issue of *Kentucky Libraries* and his article "EKU Libraries and the NOVA Program: Collaborating to bring information literacy to first year students" will appear in the forthcoming issue of the *South-eastern Librarian*. **Linda Klein**, Reference and First Year Initiatives Librarian, recently presented "Creating Meaningful Research Assignments for the First Year Seminar," at the 24th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience in Phoenix, Arizona. She also held a poster session on the same topic at the ACRL 12th National Conference in Minneapolis. **Linda Klein** is currently working with EKU's New Student Days Committee to plan an introduction of first-year students to the academic library this fall. In conjunction with orientation classes, students will complete three new online tutorials created by EKU. **Kari Martin.**

Georgetown College. **Misha Mueller** has accepted the position of Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Ensor LRC. Ms. Mueller was formerly the Evening Supervisor and a Visiting Assistant Professor at Georgetown College. **Mark Walters** has accepted the position of Public Service Cataloger and Assistant Professor at the Ensor LRC beginning July 1st. Mr. Walters previously worked and taught at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. **Greg Decker** joined the library staff in October 2004 and will help develop new library web pages. **Mary Margaret Lowe.**

Greenebaum Doll & McDonald. **Lynn Fogle** has been elected to the board of the Private Law Libraries section of the American Association of Law Libraries for 2005-2006. **Lynn Fogle.**

Kentucky Virtual Library is pleased to welcome new Senior Reference Librarian **Tim Chase**. Tim came to KYVL from the UK College of Law Office of Continuing Legal Education where he was the Publications Director. **Enid Wohlstein.**

Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Ernest Miller White Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Douglas L. Gragg** to be Director of Library and I.T. Services and Associate Professor of Bibliography and Research. Dr. Gragg leaves Emory University, where he has been Head of Public Services in the Pitts Theology Library. **Angela Morris.**

McCracken County Public Library now provides a "Hot Spot" for wireless Internet access. **Marie Liang.**

Morehead State University. **Elsie Pritchard** was recently appointed Dean of Library Services to replace **Larry Besant**, who retired in December 2004. Pritchard has been serving as Interim Director since January, and was formerly the Library's Assistant Director for Technical Services and Automation. **Jennifer Little**, Head of Access Services, and **Granuaile O'Flanagan**, Coordinator of Automation, presented a poster session, "On-Campus Delivery Service Using the Call Slip Function," at the EndUser 2005 Endeavor Users Group Meeting in Chicago. **Elsie Pritchard**, Dean of Library Services, also presented "The Missing: A Basic Guide to Tracking Library Materials on Voyager" at the April meeting. **Jason Vance.**

Murray State University. **Dr. Laurene Zaporozhetz**, Dean of MSU Libraries, and **Jennifer Schatz**, Head of Research & Instructional Services, gave a presentation entitled "Making a Place: A Vision of the University Library as Community Center" at the recent KLA/SLA/ACRL joint conference in April. Dr. Zaporozhetz also attended the annual SOLINET membership meeting in Atlanta from May 5-6. Calloway County Humane Association pet therapy volunteers visited Waterfield Library on May 9th with therapy dogs (and one therapy cat!) of all shapes and sizes to provide a stress break for students during finals week. Reference librarian **Ben Bruton** resigned his position effective May 31, 2005 to pursue a master's degree in history full-time in the fall semester. Good luck, Ben! **Jennifer Schatz**.

Spencerian College. **Jan Hudson Berry**, most recently the Johnson Space Center Liaison Librarian for the University of Houston - Clear Lake (Texas), was appointed the Librarian for Spencerian College - Lexington. The College recently moved out of shared facilities with Sullivan University - Lexington into a newly renovated building on the northeast corner of Winchester and New Circle. The new building includes a small but beautiful Learning Resource Center, with a small collection of books and journals, access to all of the library electronic resources of the Sullivan University System, seating for 30, and 12 brand-new Dell computers for patron use. **Jan Hudson Berry**.

Northern Kentucky University. Research and Instruction Librarian, **Ann Harding**, has retired from Steely Library. Ann began work in the cataloging department in 1984. She has taken a new position as Reference Librarian with Campbell County Public Library. Systems Librarian, **Geraldine [Gerry] Williams** will retire from Steely Library at the end of June. Gerry has served Northern Kentucky University as an Associate Professor of Library Services since 1972. She was one of the first librarians to join the institution, and has been an integral part of its life and development. **Perry Bratcher** presented "Leading-Edge Technologies & Libraries: Biometric Security Measures" at the 2005 Computers in Libraries conference in Washington D.C. on March 18th. Three Steely Library faculty members gave presentations at the KLA joint spring conference at Lake Barkley State Resort Park: **Arne Almquist** presented "Library Marketing as a Communication Process: an Integrative Approach to the Issue," **Colleen Kennedy** presented "Teaching to the 'Research Paper' Course in Three Units," and **Sheri Myers** presented "Copyright and Online Learning: How Libraries Can Help." **Sheri Myers**.

Rowan Co. Public Library has gone wireless! Patrons may use their laptops anywhere in Library. If their laptop does not have a wireless card, they may check one out to use while in the Library. Groups using the Rowan County Public Library's Community Room for meetings and workshops may use the Library's new SmartBoard, data projector, and laptop. The equipment was purchased with funds provided by IMLS through a grant administered by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. To commemorate 100 years of Rotary, the Morehead Rotary Club presented the Rowan County Public Library with a \$1,500 donation. Rotary members raised the money with their annual Christmas Tour of Homes project. One hundred fifteen new books are now circulating as a result of the gift. **Helen Williams**.

University of Kentucky Libraries. **Mary Beth Thomson** joined the UK Libraries on June 1 as Associate Dean for Collections and Technical Services. She comes to UK from the University of Houston where she served as Head of Acquisitions and Collection Development. **Alex Grigg** has joined the University of Kentucky Libraries as Library Manager in charge of the Lexmark International Information Center. Alex had previously been at Lexmark in a temporary position. UK Libraries hosted the XIth World Congress of the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists and the 2005 Bi-

ennial Conference of the U.S. Agricultural Information Network. The conference took four years to plan and had an attendance of about 200 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. **Toni Greider**, Associate Dean of Research and Education, served as conference chair. A conference blog can be found at <http://IAALDworldcongress.blogspot.com>. **Judy Sackett,, Toni Greider**.

The House Resolution to **Cecil R. Madison, Sr** was adopted March 21, 2005, in recognition of his social activism and integration the University of Kentucky Libraries. It was a very proud occasion as Cecil stood before Members on the House Chamber floor to hear the reading of the resolution that was followed by a standing applause by everyone present. Cecil Madison is the Depository Support Technician at the University of Kentucky Libraries. **Reinette Jones**.

UK Medical Center. **James Burgett** has joined the UK Medical Center Library faculty in the Research & Education Division. James' expertise in editing and translation allows the MCL to offer new services to researchers and faculty. James is also developing an electronic newsletter to be shared with other academic health center libraries and attends morning rounds with the family practice department as part of his library activities. **Janet Stith**.

University of Louisville. Dean **Hannelore B. Rader** represented ALA at the UNESCO meeting in Paris, April 5, 2005. On April 15 Dean Rader gave a presentation at the KLA/SLA/ACRL joint conference. She spoke about "Achieving High Visibility for the Academic Library" using the University of Louisville Libraries as an example. Dean Rader was also the keynote speaker at the Indiana University Librarians' Day at Indiana University Southeast on April 22, speaking on "The Importance of Information Literacy in Positioning Academic Libraries in the 21st Century." Thanks to University of Louisville President James Ramsey, the Ekstrom Library Rare Books Department is the proud owner of a rare first edition of Herman Melville's classic *Moby Dick*. Congratulations to Professor **Anna Marie Johnson** and her local planning committee for such great success with the 33rd National LOEX conference held in Louisville May 12-14. **Diane Nichols**.

Western Kentucky University. Seven quilts from the University's Kentucky Museum are a part of the "Contemporary and Traditional Quilts From Kentucky Quilters" exhibition at the Museum of Decorative and Applied Arts in Riga, Latvia. The exhibition was organized by Louisville's Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft (KMAC) at the request of U. S. Ambassador Catherine Todd Bailey, who is from Louisville, "to...broaden U.S.-Latvian cultural relations...." Color images of these quilts are available at: <http://www.wku.edu/Library/kylm/collections/inhouse/km/quilts2.html> **Earlene Chelf**.

Rosemary Meszaros, Coordinator, Government Information & Law has selected and annotated all of the titles to be included in the sections on Federal and State Government for the upcoming 14th edition of *Magazines for Libraries*. **Bryan Carson**, Coordinator of Reference and Instructional Services, has had an article entitled "The Top 10 Intellectual Property Cases of the Last 25 Years." published in the most recent issue of *Against the Grain*. Collection Services Coordinator **Jack Montgomery's**, book enti-

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tled *Conflict Management for Libraries: strategies for a positive, productive workplace* has been published by ALA Editions. Jack 's co-author is Eleanor II Cook of Appalachian State University. Jack also spoke on a public panel on divorce and domestic violence sponsored by the WKU Women's Studies program. **Roxanne Spencer**, Educational Resources Center, and **Dr. Cynthia Houston**, Library Media Education program, received travel support grants from WKU to Barcelona, Spain. They will be researching and building library activities programs and an English language K-12 collection for SEK Catalunya, a private boarding school. **Sean Kinder**, Humanities and Social Services Librarian, **Jack Montgomery** and **Roxanne Spencer** worked with other members of the Bowling Green Community to produce the second annual Kentucky Writers Conference in Bowling Green. WKU Libraries, in partnership with Bowling Green Public Library and Barnes and Noble Booksellers hosted the 2005 Kentucky Book Festival now considered the state's largest literary event. During his recent research leave, **Sean Kinder** did research in the archives of West Virginia State University on the African-American writer John F. Matheus for an upcoming encyclopedia article. He also received a Western Kentucky University faculty award for public service for 2005. **Jack Montgomery**, **Sean Kinder**.

KLA Calendar of Events for 2005

June 23-29 ALA Annual Conference , Chicago, IL
 July 9 KLA Board & Conference Planning, Galt House East, Louisville
 Sept. 14-17 KLA/KSMA Joint Annual Conference, Galt House East, Louisville

Southeastern Library Association News

The Southeastern Library Association held its biennial Board Meeting and Leadership Conference May 12-13, 2005 in Decatur, Georgia. This meeting, a combined planning conference and Board and leadership meeting, is held in the years between the Joint Biennial Conferences. The next conference will be held in 2006, jointly sponsored with the Tennessee Library Association. The cover of the peer review journal, spring edition featured a photo of the Bowling Green Public Library's bronze sculpture of a little girl reading a book in the grass. The SELA web site has been relocated to <http://sela.jsu.edu/>. **Christie Robinson**.

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Membership as a Staff Development Initiative

A Message from **John Chrastka**
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Support staff have significant opportunities for professional development through membership in library associations. Membership has traditionally been a way to make essential connections that benefit one's work and personal life. However, many support staff do not consider association membership as a regular part of their career development. With encouragement from progressive directors and department heads, support staff can begin to see association membership as a vital, natural component of their professional journey.

Membership is an often overlooked staff development area. Studies have consistently shown that feelings of 'connection' motivate staff to perform better at work, have lower absentee rates and stronger personal identification with the success of projects. Look for ways to encourage your support staff to make connections with others in their field by joining a library association. Demonstrate that you believe in your staff by identifying ways they can personally contribute to a library association as a member.

The American Library Association (ALA) recently lowered membership dues for support staff to \$35.00/year, making membership in the national organization very accessible. ALA offers distance education and skills building workshops, support staff conferences, and opportunities for committee work. Information about support staff participation can be found at www.ala.org/ssirt along with information about specialty divisions and round tables at www.ala.org/membership. For information about the Kentucky Library Association's Support Staff Round Table, go to www.kylibasn.org/ssrt.htm.

Membership can also be used as a staff appreciation technique. Consider gifting a yearly membership in ALA or your state association for an employment anniversary. Offer membership as a prize during National Library Workers Day or a staff appreciation day. You can encourage your board or friends group to provide membership as a non-salary benefit for key employees. Any efforts to encourage support staff in their career development will return dividends to your library through a well motivated, better informed, and more connected staff.

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