



# IN-FO-CUS

*A Kentucky Library Association Newsletter*

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## President's Message

Spring is almost here and that is a sign that KLA Section and Round Table members are abuzz preparing for spring programs. In March, the Government Documents Round Table will have a program at the University of Louisville; KPLA and the Trustees Round Table will meet in mid April in Bowling Green; and then near the end of April, the Academic and Special Sections' joint meeting will be held at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. Another event being coordinated by KDLA Commissioner and State Librarian, Wayne Onkst is the 2008 ALA National Library Legislative Day. On May 13-14, ten Librarians from Kentucky will arrive in Washington, D.C. prepared as advocates to meet our Legislators on behalf of all librarians in the Commonwealth.

At the December KLA Board Meeting, a new Standing Committee on Fundraising and three new Ad Hoc Committees were established. The new Ad Hoc Committees are: 1) Conference Proceedings, 2) Advocacy Clearing House Materials, and 3) Annual Conference Partnerships. Each Committee needs members, and a Chair is needed for the Fundraising Committee.

Are you up for a challenge? Conference Planning Chair and President-Elect, Debbe Oberhausen and her committee have been hard at work planning new events and diverse programs for the upcoming 2008 Fall Conference to be held jointly with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC). Also joining KLA/KSMA is SELA, the Southeastern Library Association. NDLC is also supported by ARL's Diversity Initiatives and the libraries of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

Many exciting opportunities await members who are looking for a way to get involved with the Association and gain an understanding of the organization from the inside, while participating at a national conference. If you are interested in volunteering, give me a call. And also, if you have ideas, questions, or comments about KLA, please share your thoughts with me.

See you at the Spring Conferences,  
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## KLA Award Winners

Each year the Library Awareness Committee is given the privilege of selecting recipients for KLA's four awards. This year the following were recognized for their contributions to Libraries across the Commonwealth at the KLA Conference:

The **William H. Natcher Award** recognizes an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant philanthropic contribution to a Kentucky library. The contribution may be monetary or equipment. **Rosemary and Mark Schlachter** were nominated by Arne Almquist for contributions to Northern Kentucky University.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** honors a Kentucky librarian who has contributed significantly to our profession through publications, presentations, and participation in professional library and/or information organizations. **Carol Nutter** was nominated by Carolyn Tassie for her extensive service to the Association.

The **Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award** distinguishes an individual who has mentored one or more Kentucky Librarians or library workers. This mentoring could have occurred in an academic, personal, or work environment. Melissa Gardner nominated her mentor **Jackie White**.

The **James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award** pays tribute to an individual who has been a strong advocate for a library or libraries on a local, regional, state, or national level. The nominee may or may not be a librarian. Wanda Gower nominated **Evelyn Richardson** for her volunteerism to the Logan County Public Library and advocacy efforts for public libraries across the region and state.

The **Intellectual Freedom Award** was presented to **Barb Caron**, Grant County Public Library director, and the **Kentucky Libraries Outstanding Feature Article** was given to **Cynthia Houston**, Western Kentucky University.

The first **Scholarship for Minority Students** was given to **Faith Steele**, a student at University of Kentucky, where she is employed at the *Center for Academic Resources and Enrichment Services*. Faith is also a part-time employee of Lexington Public Library.

— Linda Kompanik, *Library Awareness Chair*

## Section and Roundtable News

### Genealogy Roundtable

Dave Schroeder, **Genealogy Roundtable** Chair for KLA, has decided to start a Genealogy Listserv/Mailing List. Dave credits Joe Hardesty Louisville Free Public Library with the idea.

Those interested in this new way of sharing genealogy information can sign up at: <http://www.kentonlibrary.org/mailman/listinfo/kygenealogy>

The list is hosted by Kenton County Public Library, which also hosts the Kentucky Director's List and the Trustees List. Please send this link to any library employee in Kentucky who might be interested.

The intention of the list is to share ideas across the state and to keep everyone informed concerning genealogy and local history trends.

### Library Awareness

"We know that we have the best libraries and librarians in the country!" says Linda Kompanik, **Library Awareness** Chair. "Kentucky has a rich history of library service from the Pack Horse Library Project of the 1930s to the presentation of 84 bookmobiles at the 1954 Kentucky State Fair." One of our Kentucky libraries was recently recognized in a national publication.

Nancy Pearl, famous librarian and author, recently released her *10 great places to find a nook and read a book*. The Crescent Hill Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library made that honored list. As cited in *USA Today* on

"Constructed in 1908, Crescent Hill is one of nine area public libraries endowed by industrialist/philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The elegant, columned building underwent a major renovation in the early 1990s, leaving its original design intact. 'I especially love the children's wing, which has wonderful murals and a small, room-sized castle where kids can read, play and listen to stories,' Pearl says."

Though the Crescent Branch will celebrate in centennial this year, it is still a vibrant, welcoming place of children and adults. Kudos to Debra Oberhausen and her staff on a job well done!

### Kentucky School Media News

KSMA President Evie Topcik reports that members continue to be very involved and active in their professional organization. Some highlights are: 1) planning the Joint KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL conference in October; 2) intensive planning for the one day Summer Refresher ("Race to the Refresher") on July 8 in Louisville; 3) actively recruiting new members.

In addition, many members have been traveling to profes-

sional conferences, such as ALA in Washington, AASL in Reno, ALA Mid-Winter in Philly, Library Legislative Day in DC, and of course, to various district meetings within the state.

We keep in constant communication, she adds, through our well-used listserv [KYLMS@LSV.UKY.EDU](mailto:KYLMS@LSV.UKY.EDU). "Bill Stillwell, owner of our listserv, recently wrote us that we have 850 subscribers! It's an open forum to discuss trends, procedures, ask for and receive recommendations, execute committee work, etc."

Check out KSMA's website, and especially their scrapblog at <http://www.kysma.org/>.

## Accolades

**BRAVO** to four **Jefferson County Public Schools** elementary schools: Jacob, Rangeland, Roosevelt-Perry and Mill Creek. Every single student at these schools read ten books in the public library's Summer Reading program. Louisville had 30,254 reading champions.

**Becky Ryder**, head of the [Preservation Services](#) at the [University of Kentucky Libraries](#), will be the first recipient of the *Library Binding Institute George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Preservation Award*. This award is given by ALA to honor individuals that foster collaboration for preservation goals. Congratulations, Becky!

## MLS Online @ Drexel University

Through an educational partnership between the Kentucky Library Association and Drexel, KLA members can receive 20% OFF the on-campus tuition rate when enrolling in either the online ALA-accredited MS in Library & Information Science or the Certificate of Advanced Study in Information Science and Technology program.

Drexel's online MS in Library & Information Science is geared toward information professionals who desire careers as knowledge management specialists, Web developers, Internet content librarians, competitive intelligence agents, or digital librarians. The program has two optional specializations; Management of Digital Information and Information/Library Services.

To find out more about this partnership and Drexel's online programs, visit [www.kla-drexel.com](http://www.kla-drexel.com). To speak with a Drexel representative, please contact Valerie Malinowski at 215-895-0915 or [vm97@drexel.edu](mailto:vm97@drexel.edu). To receive 20% off, use "KLA" as the affiliation code.

**NEXT IN-FO-CUS Deadline:** May 23, 2008  
Please send news and items of interest to Ruthie Maslin at [Rmaslin@lexpublib.org](mailto:Rmaslin@lexpublib.org). You can also call her at (859) 231-5519 with any questions.

## Conferences

The **2008 KPLA/KLTRT Conference, "Kentucky Libraries: Your Place to Be,"** is coming **April 16-18, 2008**, in Bowling Green at the Holiday Inn University Plaza.

Pre-conferences on April 16 include Serving Library Customers: How to Make YOUR Library the "Place to Be!" presented by Paige Sexton, Communications Director, KDLA; Spanish Language Outreach: Empowering Library Staff to Reach Out to Spanish Speakers & Increase their Access to Technology, presented by Yolanda Cuesta, Trainer, WebJunction; and What Turns "Space" Into "Place," presented by Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Director La Cross Public Library, WI.

Pre-conference registration ranges from \$30 to \$50 for KLA, KLTRT, and FOL members, and full conference registration rates are \$60 for members, \$100 for non-members. Student registration is \$30, and one-day registration is \$40 for members, \$70 for non-members. Conference Registration deadline is April 1, 2008.

Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center is located at 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103, Phone: (270) 745-0088, Fax: (270) 745-0019.

**NOTE:** when reserving your room, tell them it's for the KPLA/KLTRT Spring Conference to get the discounted rate. For more information, go to <http://www.kylibasn.org/kpla795.cfm>.

The **2008 KLA Academic & Special Sections/SLA Kentucky Chapter Joint Spring Conference, "Unity of Purpose, In Concord with Those We Serve,"** takes place **April 23-25, 2008**, at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park.

According to Matt Onion, Academic Library Section chair, continuing education begins with the pre-conference speaker, Professor Louis Manchise (Northern Kentucky University). His presentation, Preparing, Doing, and Enjoying Negotiating, will focus on the important preparation step for negotiating anything.

The impressive lineup of featured speakers and presenters includes George Needham (OCLC), Opening Session speaker on Thursday morning. His presentation, To See Ourselves as Others See Us, will address the findings of three landmark reports on the ways in which librarians and the public perceive, use, and evaluate information.

The Closing Session, Five Servant/Leaders Who Changed the World, by Dr. Michael Colegrove (University of the Cumberlands), focuses on the characteristics of five servant/leaders who had a major impact on today's world. There will also be an author presentation at lunch on Thursday by Richard Taylor (Kentucky State University).

The planning committee would especially like to encour-

age participants to attend the Wednesday and Thursday night social events. On Wednesday, attendees can enjoy wine, beer, soft drinks, and appetizers while watching colleagues take each other on at Guitar Hero—or maybe the Wii or Dance Dance Revolution. Even if you aren't a gamer, you will have fun watching your colleagues!

On Thursday night, there will be an Ice Cream Social with a Murder Mystery. You don't want to miss out on the fun!

For more information and the registration form, please see: <http://www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm>.

**SPECTRUM OF THE FUTURE** is the theme for the **2008 KLA/KSMA, SELA and ARL NATIONAL DIVERSITY IN LIBRARIES** joint conference. It will be held **October 1-4, 2008** at the Marriott downtown Louisville.

Two major speakers are already booked:

- **Neal Petersen** was born physically disabled and impoverished in apartheid-era South Africa. His book **Journey of a Hope Merchant** recounts the epic journey that took this misfit kid from a racially segregated, working class neighborhood to the prestigious world of solo yacht racing. He credits public libraries with introducing him to the world of sailing.
- **Jose Aponte** is the Director of the San Diego County Library, a system that includes a new literacy program, 33 libraries and two mobile libraries. The library serves a population that is both geographically and culturally diverse, including ethnic, rural and urban populations in what is the fourth largest (by area) county in the United States.

**"Tots, Teens & In beTweens: Booked for Life"** -- This year's OKI (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky Children's Literature Conference) will be **November 1, 2008**. Featured speakers include Jim Gill (Musician, *Sneezing Songs and other Contagious Tunes*) and Sharon Draper (Young Adult Author, *Tears of a Tiger*.) Registration will begin in the Fall. The conference is being held in Crestview Hills in Northern Kentucky this year. Check out <http://www.thomasmore.edu/oki/Welcome.html> for updates as they become available.

The **Tennessee Library Association's annual conference** will be held in Kingsport, TN, **April 9-11, 2008**, at the Meadowview Conference Center, 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport. Members of the Kentucky Library Association are invited to attend at the same cost as TLA members.

The keynote speaker will be Nancy Pearl, and Masha Hamilton will be presenting a pre-conference.

Full conference registration is \$70 in advance, \$95 onsite for members. One-day registration is \$55, \$60 onsite. Student registration is \$15. Go to [www.tnla.org](http://www.tnla.org) for more info.

# KLA Calendar of Events



- Mar. 29, 2008 KLA Board Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lexington
- Apr. 16-18, 2008 KPLA/KLTRT Conference, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY
- Apr. 23-25, 2008 Academic/Special Sections/SLA Kentucky Chapter Spring Conference, Cumberland Falls State Park
- June 7, 2008 KLA Board Meeting, Downtown Marriott, Louisville

### Save the Date

- Oct. 1-4, 2008 KLA/KSMA, SELA and ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference, Louisville
- Feb. 27-28, 2009 McConnell Conference featuring Gary D. Schmidt and Chris Crutcher

## KDLA

**Nancy Houseal**, Librarian with State Library Services says there are a number of new book discussion kits available through the State Library. Each kit includes 15 copies of a book, 1 audiobook (if available) and a discussion guide. All book discussion kits are listed in the [KDLA Catalog](#). For more information and a listing of Large Print Book Discussion Kits, see <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/collections/lpbooks/request.htm>. For more information and a listing of Regular Print Book discussion Kits, see <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/collections/books/rbrequest.html>.

### New Large Print Book Discussion Kits:

[Rhett Butler's People](#) by Donald McCaig

### Regular Print Book Discussion Kits:

[The Bluegrass Conspiracy](#) by Sally Denton

[Christmas Jars](#) by Jason F. Wright

[The Christmas Pearl](#) by Dorothea Benton Frank

[Come Walk with Me](#) by Joan Medlicott

[Someone Knows My Name](#) by Lawrence Hill

[Thanksgiving](#) by Janet Evanovich

**To reserve a discussion kit**, use the "Visual Materials/Kit Request" at [http://kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib\\_public\\_materials.asp](http://kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib_public_materials.asp). You can also call the State Library at 800-928-7000, ext. 337. Kits will be delivered to your library by the KYVL courier service. Please have a list of alternate titles and/or dates in case the specific one you request is unavailable.

**Have questions?** Contact the State Library by emailing "Ask a Librarian" at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib.htm> or calling 800-928-7000, ext. 341.

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