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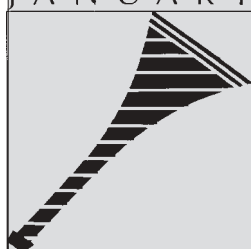
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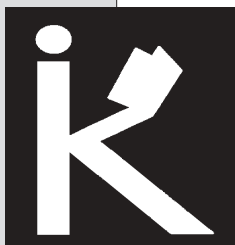
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Governor Sebelius names Christie Brandau to State Librarian post

As libraries play an important part of education, Governor Kathleen Sebelius has announced the appointment of Christie Brandau to State Librarian of Kansas.

“Kansas has gotten a real jewel in Christie Brandau,” said Governor Sebelius. “She has done an incredible job in Michigan and understands that access to libraries and information brings strength to rural and urban communities. We are very fortunate that Christie has followed her heart to Kansas, where her children and grandchildren live.”



Since 2000, Brandau has served as the State Librarian of Michigan. During her tenure, she initiated a statewide one-book project called “One Book, One State,” in which everyone was encouraged to visit the library and read the same

book during the month of April. This program focused on reading to preschoolers and highlighted the importance of libraries and reading to young children. She also launched the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). MeL was the first statewide online library catalog of holdings in libraries around the state of Michigan and included e-books, online genealogy information and online employment test. Brandau also worked with library professionals on statewide resource sharing, enhanced funding for libraries, continuing education and youth services.

Prior to 2000, Brandau was the Assistant State Librarian of Iowa for nine years and also was the Assistant Administrator for the North Central Regional Library System. She has been a member of the Michigan State Humanities Council and served on its Executive Council. Brandau has also served on the National Historic Publication and Records Commission and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies.

Brandau received her bachelor’s degree from Iowa State University in 1975 and her Masters of Arts in Library Science from the University of Iowa in 1988.

Christie will begin her duties as the new State Librarian February 1, 2005.

Welcome Christie!

Bibliostat Collect data collection tool

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

A packet has been mailed from the Kansas State Library to all legally established public libraries in Kansas. This packet announces that the Bibliostat Collect data collection tool will be available on Monday, January 3, 2005, for libraries to enter 2004 public library statistics. The packet includes the Interlibrary Loan Annual Activity Report and the Civil Rights Certificate in hard copy. The packet also discusses minor changes in the report form and the online features.

The Bibliostat Collect online survey can be accessed at <http://collect.informata.com>. The initial screen will request a user id and password which have not changed from previous years. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2005. If you have questions about the public library statistics, contact your regional system consultant or Roy Bird at the State Library.

LSTA Special Populations Grants

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

The Kansas State Library is now accepting letters of intent to apply for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Special Populations grants. The deadline for letters of intent for FY 2005 awards is Tuesday, March 1, 2005. Letters of intent should be word-processed or typed on library, agency, or institution letterhead.

LSTA Special Populations grants are open to libraries of all types. To apply, submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th, Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593, fax to 785/368-7291, or email to royb@kslib.info.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for underserved special populations. Libraries that submit a letter of intent will receive a copy of the application and LSTA Special Populations grant guidelines. To view the application and guidelines online or download these documents, go to www.skyways.org/KSL/admin/lsta/lsta.htm.

A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for FY 2005 LSTA Special Populations grants. If your library is interested in federal funds to support a project serving an underserved special population during FY 2005 submit your letter of intent by March 1.

Grant awards will be determined at the April 22, 2005 joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission. Funds will be distributed in May 2005, and evaluations will be due November 1, 2006.

For additional information about LSTA Special Populations grants, contact your regional system consultant or Roy Bird at the State Library.

The LSTA Special Populations grants are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a federal grant-making agency located in Washington, DC, that fosters leadership, innovation and a lifetime of learning by supporting museums and libraries.

Johnson County Library news

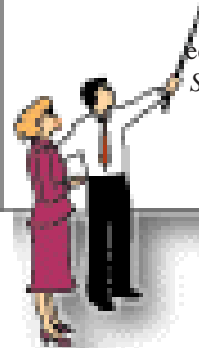
Tricia Suellentrop, Young Adult Librarian at the Johnson County Library, is one of 40 Young Adult Librarians selected to attend the fourth Serving the Underserved: Improving Customer Service for Young Adults in School and Public Libraries Training Seminar in Boston in January to become members of the Serving the Underserved Trainers. This cadre makes presentations in schools and libraries and at conferences on topics such as adolescent development, reading interests, behavioral problems, youth participation, facilities, and computer services for teens.

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

KLNB Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the board has been scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Susan Anton Room 202, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting is open and all are invited to attend. The meeting agenda will follow within about 30 days of the meeting date on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/meetings.html>.

ILDP Competitive Grant Application Schedule

In past years the window of acceptance for ILDP Competitive Grant applications was from about the first of February through the month of March. But the State Library budget is not known for certain until near the end of the state legislative session, in April or May. In recognition of this fact, the Network Board has moved the ILDP Competitive Grant application window for FY 2006. ILDP applications will be accepted between 4 April and 3 June 2005. The ILDP Competitive Grant Evaluation Committee will make its recommendation to the board at its August meeting (date, location and time to be determined) for approval. As before, ILDP Competitive Grant award checks are expected to go out by late September. For more information about the Interlibrary Loan Development Program, point your Web browser to: <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/ildp.html>. I am also happy to answer questions about the ILDP at any time.



The Kansas Digital Library Assessment & Evaluation Work Group will meet on January 4, 2005 at the Manhattan Public Library beginning at 10:00 a.m. The work group includes Sara Kearns of Kansas State University, Roy Bird of the Kansas State Library, and me. At the meeting the work group will set the course for how the newly reformed KDL will be evaluated and assessed, based on its mission statement and target audience.



Kansas Library Card statistics took an interesting turn during the closing months of 2004. From September through December the total number of active accounts declined from 41,102 (a high for the year) to 36,237. I don't consider this a cause for concern, because the total number of logins increased during the same time from 415,713 to 507,517, and numbers of repeat logins showed similar increases. A spike in the number of accounts has occurred each September as new K-12 accounts are added.

For information about the Network Board, contact Eric Hansen, KLNB Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (eric@kslib.info).

Kansas Journal of Military History Begins Publication

—by Karen Erickson
General Manager
Kansas Journal of Military History

Topeka publisher Deb Goodrich has announced the founding of a new publication, the *Kansas Journal of Military History (KJMH)*. The quarterly magazine will debut January 2005.

Dedicated to celebrating the spirit of adventure that has lured people into the military for decades, the *KJMH* will be a full-color, heavily illustrated periodical for the general public. Every era of the state's unique military heritage will be covered, from Coronado to Custer, from Ike to Buffalo Bill.

"We will not be confined to Kansas geographically," said Goodrich. "We will go anywhere Kansans have taken us."

Karen Erickson, general manager, said the magazine will be supported through both subscription and advertising sales.

Goodrich and Erickson are both native Virginians. Goodrich moved to Kansas to attend Washburn University more than a decade ago. She met Thomas Goodrich at a meeting of the Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Kansas and the two began collaboration in life and writing. He has written several books on the Civil War and Indian Wars, and the couple collaborated on *The Day Dixie Died*. Erickson recently moved to Topeka from California to join her high school friend on this project.

"Kansas has such a unique military heritage that you can't study the state without talking about military impact. I had published a couple of magazines in Virginia and missed the business. I thought the time was right," said Goodrich. "We're also fortunate to have a great network of resources, historians and writers."

The magazine is soliciting articles. For writers' guidelines or more information, go to www.ksjournal.com or call 785/357-0510.

Kansas Library Directory

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

The Kansas Library Directory (KLD) at <http://skyways2.lib.ks.us/kld/> has for some time included an option allowing for the creation of a file (in Excel or CSV [comma-separated values] format) that can be used to generate mailing labels.

For reasons both technical (size of the database, time required to generate files) and ethical, the option to output the entire directory has not been, and will not be, offered. However, thanks to recent changes in the programming, users now have the option of downloading files for larger subsets of the database than before—either all libraries within a region *or* all libraries of a specific type statewide. We hope these options will make the feature more useful to libraries planning targeted mailings. The new links were added on December 14—just follow the "Get KLD mailing labels" link from the main page.

Please remember that the labels are only as accurate as the records in the database and use with caution. We think our progress towards better record maintenance (by individual libraries, regional systems, and the State Library) makes this a worthwhile project, and an anticipated arrangement with the Department of Education to share their data for K-12 school libraries will help even more.

If, in the worst case, it becomes evident that the directory is not accurate enough to support this function, we will remove it. Your comments and feedback will be most appreciated.

As always, please remember:

"The Kansas Library Directory is a public record. It is a violation of Kansas State Law to knowingly give, sell or receive names and/or addresses from a public record for the purposes of selling or offering for sale any property or service to persons listed therein."

Kansas Public Library Services: 2003 Statistics online!

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

As of December 21, the Kansas Public Library Services: 2003 Statistics—commonly known as the statistics book—is online. It has been placed under Professional Development Resources and Publications for Librarians on the Library Development page of the Kansas State Library website on Blue Skyways. The URL is http://www.skyways.org/KSL/development/lib_stats.html.

All sections of the statistics that appear in the 2003 hard copy publication are on this site, including Benefits; Salary Survey; Number of Branches & Bookmobiles; Staff; Local Government Revenue; Federal & State Revenue; Expenditures-Staff and Collection; Expenditures-Capital and Other; Collection Description; Electronic Access and E-Format; Circulation and Interlibrary Loan; and Public Services. The content of each of these sections is exactly as they are in the print version.

For those who also use the print version for the directory, that too has been online. It can be found under the Site Features heading on the right column of the Blue Skyways home page by clicking on Library Directory. In the lower right-hand corner of the next page, the “printable .pdf version” icon precisely reproduces the directory as seen in the statistics book. The URL is <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/admin/publiclibrarydirectory.pdf>. The online directory is regularly updated so it is more current than the print version.

Visit these sites and discover the convenience and ease with which you can now locate important library statistics. Jeff Hixon of the State Library’s Library Information and Technology has said: “It’s a quantum leap forward from the status quo, and a great beginning for the next generation!”

An invitation

Do you have news items of interest to other librarians? An especially successful program or grant project, for instance? Let us know so that we can tell your colleagues in *Kansas Libraries*.

2005 3M Salute to Schools call

—by Steven Hoffman

*American Association of School Librarians/
Division of American Library Association*

School libraries may apply now for valuable detection systems awarded in 3M Salute to Schools program

School library media specialists can help reduce the loss of valuable library resources by applying now for the 2005 3M Salute to Schools program, which will provide \$1.5 million worth of much-needed security products to 100 schools across the country selected by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

3M will provide up to two 3M Detection Systems for the entrance/exit of the school’s library media center and a supply of Tattle-Tape Security Strips for marking print material (i.e., books)—a package with an average value of about \$15,000.

3M Salute to Schools is open to middle and high schools in the United States. Individual donations will vary depending upon specific needs of the library media center, such as the size of a collection and the physical layout. To be considered for the donation, a school must meet eligibility requirements and be able to demonstrate a need for a detection system.

Applications are available online at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/3msalute>.

All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2005. Recipients will be announced in early April.

3M and AASL share a strong commitment to education and value investing in the nation’s schools. Now in its sixth year, 3M Salute to Schools is sponsored by 3M, in partnership with the American Association of School Librarians. In 2004, 3M donated \$1.5 million worth of its detection systems to 100 schools selected by AASL.

For more information about the 2005 3M Salute to Schools program, contact the AASL Awards Program at 800/545-2433, ext. 4383, or aasl@ala.org.

Library positions

Collection Development Librarian Lawrence Public Library

The Lawrence Public Library seeks an experienced and adaptable professional librarian to build and maintain the library's adult collection. Will serve as the primary selector for adult library materials. Works closely with staff to develop a well-rounded collection that is responsive to the needs of the community. This is a new position. Full-time position, 8–5, M–F. Benefits include health insurance, vacation, sick leave, and retirement plan. Salary range: \$24,000-30,000, d.o.q.

Position requires MLS and 2 years public library experience. Preferred qualifications include: collection development experience, strong commitment to the principles of intellectual freedom, strong patron-service orientation, ability to work independently, demonstrated ability to communicate well in both oral and written English, facility with computer software (especially word processing and spreadsheets), experience using DRA Classic or other ILS, good interpersonal skills, experience managing budget, and good organizational skills.

To apply, please submit an application and a resume to Sherri Turner, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044-2371, sturner@lawrence.lib.ks.us. 785/843-3833.

Application forms are available at the library or on the library's web site (www.lawrencepubliclibrary.org). Preference given to applications received by 5 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2005. EOE.

Dykes Library, Kansas City, KS: Health Sciences Assistant Librarian

This is a full time, para-professional position which participates in weekend rotations. Bachelor's Degree is required. Experience in a medical library is preferred but not required.

The ideal candidate will be a team-oriented individual who is able to handle multiple tasks and who possesses strong organization and communication skills. This individual should also be self motivated with an ability to work independently and efficiently with minimal supervision. Strong service orientation is essential as are solid

customer service skills. This individual has various library skills, providing patrons with technical assistance in library operations and materials use, reference/circulation desk duties, as well as assisting patrons with various questions regarding print and computer resources. Additionally, may be responsible for specific segments of library service, specializing in designated areas.

For a complete position description and to submit application, cover letter, and resume for position number J0020233, please go to: <https://jobs.kumc.edu/>.

The hiring manager for this position is Sarah McQueeney, Manager of Public Services, Dykes Library.

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Check out the Topeka libraries online
"ATLAS" catalog at:
<http://lib.wuacc.edu/>

Kansas books

—by Tom Roth
ILL, Kansas State Library

The Western: The Greatest Texas Cattle Trail 1874-1886, by Gary and Margaret Krasinger. Mennonite Press, Newton, KS, 2004. ISBN: 0975482807. 373pp., illustrations, maps, appendices, bibliography and index. \$40.00. Includes a large map insert. Large format book. To purchase, write to the authors via The Old Hardware Store, 208 N. Main, Halstead, KS 67056-1915 or call toll-free 877/731-1188.

The Krasingers, longtime residents of Halstead, Kansas, have written an extensive and very well done history of the Western Cattle Trail that came up from Texas through Western Kansas and points North. This extensive history covers not just the history of the Western Cattle Trail, which started up as a result of the growing population in eastern Kansas, but also tells the story of the men and places that played a part in the trail's history. The Kansas legislature passed quarantine laws from 1872-1885, placing boundaries where cattle could be brought through Kansas. There is some information on the Chisholm Trail, but as the authors point out, the Western Cattle Trail has often been confused with the Chisholm Trail, although it was in fact separate and just as important in its own right.

This book is well researched, and extensive documentation is provided to back up the text. There are many primary sources provided. There are hundreds of beautiful illustrations, and the maps, which are many, are an invaluable help in following the historical narrative. This trail has not been as well documented as its eastern counterpart (the Chisholm), and the goal of the authors is to fill in that lack of historical information. The book follows the Western Cattle Trail from Camp Supply, Indian Territory, up to Ogallala, Nebraska.

This is truly a great book on Kansas western history, and should be in every Kansas library. This book is not just a great read, it is also beautifully put together. It should be noted that the Krasingers' book will become an invaluable tool for historians and researchers.

The True Life Wild West Memoir of a Bush Popping Cow Waddy, by Charley Hester. Edited by Kirby Ross. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE, 2004. ISBN: 0803273460, 139pp. with map and notes. \$13.95. Bisonbooks.com or call toll-free 800/755-1105.

The title of this book may seem a bit odd to some, so first, a few definitions. "Bush popping" refers to getting a cow out of a thicket, and a "cow waddy" refers to a cowboy or cowpoke, in particular, how they walk after riding for long periods (from chapter 9).

This is the story as told in the first person by Charley Hester (1853-1940), who at sixteen ran away from his childhood home in Illinois and moved to Texas. He eventually settled in Phillips County, Kansas. As of this time there have been seven generations of Hesters in Phillips County. This book, while told in the first person, was edited by Charley Hester's great-great-grandson Kirby Ross, a Kansan who lives and writes in Phillips County, Kansas, and writes a column on county history for the *Phillips County Review*.

In 1869 Charley Hester ran away from his home in Illinois and went to Texas to find his fortune. Over the years he traveled the Chisholm and Western Cattle Trails, spent time in Missouri, Texas, the Indian Territory, Nebraska and Kansas. During his adventures Charley ran into robbers, many Indians, and some famous men such as Wild Bill Hickok and Doc Holiday. Due to his great knowledge of the Old West, Mr. Hester was used as a consultant for the 1939 western classic, *Dodge City*.

Most of this short book is pure western Americana. The reader really gets the flavor of what it was like to live on the range with the cattle herds, and what life was like on late 19th century Great Plains America. This book would be suitable for any Kansas library, and most readers from 5th grade up should understand and enjoy it.

The True Life Wild West Memoir has been nominated for the Western Heritage Literature Award, given by the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. This book has also received the attention of Governor Kathleen Sebelius. On a proclamation dated December 6, 2004, the Governor proclaimed January 30th, 2005, to be Charley Hester Day. For copies of the proclamation you can call the Office of the Governor toll-free at 877/579-6757, or you can e-mail Tom Roth in the State Library and have a copy faxed or sent to you (Troth@kslib.info or call 800/432-3919).

