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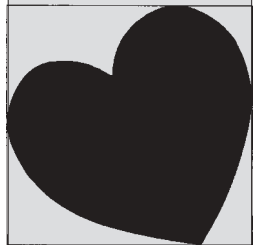
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LSTA Special Populations Grants

—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 e-mail 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 popu-

lation 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.

KLA Legislative Day February 17

—by Rosanne Siemens
Executive Director, Kansas Library Association

The KLA Legislative Committee has planned for KLA Legislative Day to take place this year on February 17 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Briefings on the five legislative priorities will take place in front of the Kansas State Library in the morning along with a reception to welcome new State Librarian, Christie Brandau. Box lunches will be available for all legislators and those who want to visit with their legislators over lunch. Governor Kathleen Sebelius will be presented with an honorary membership to KLA, a Kansas Library Card, and other information about Kansas libraries over the noon hour. The theme for KLA's legislative priorities this year is "Strong Libraries = Strong Kansas: It's Time to Do the Math." To register for the activities at the State House and to order a lunch visit the KLA webpage at http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/legislation/registration_legislateday_2005.html.

Other legislative information and a copy of the push card with the five KLA legislative priorities this session can be found at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/legislation/index.html>.

Kansas Awarded Gates Foundation Grant

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

On November 24, 2004, the Kansas State Library was notified of an award of \$405,520 in Staying Connected Grant Funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation of Seattle.

The third contribution by the Gates Foundation to the enhancement and continuation of public access computing in Kansas' public libraries follows the award of over \$2.2 million in computer hardware and software directly to libraries in 2002, and a Training Grant of \$83,850 to the State Library in 2003.

Staying Connected Grant Funds will be used to "plan, develop, and implement flexible, sustainable improvements to existing systems and provide technical and training support to public libraries." The focus of technical support and training provided via the grant will be public access computing—resources and services that make the public library a place that welcomes the independence of the computer-literate user while enhancing the information know-how of the librarian as a resource for those still learning.

The seven Kansas Regional Libraries will submit proposals for the funding this month, which will be reviewed by the State Library in February 2005.

Grant funds are to be expended by December 2007.

Congratulations to Tabitha Hogan

—by Julie Tomlianovich
Youth Services Consultant, SCKLS

Tabitha Hogan, children's librarian at the Arkansas City Public Library, has the honor of being appointed to the 2006 Caldecott Committee. Tabitha will begin her official work after ALA's Midwinter 2005, ending with the announcement of her committee's choice at ALA's Midwinter 2006. She will bring youth, vitality and knowledge to the committee, besides which, she is a wonderful representative of a Kansas librarian.

Congratulations, Tabitha!

SLIM scholarships awarded

—by Dan Roland
School of Library and Information Management
Emporia State University

The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM), at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, awarded eighty-one financial scholarships in calendar year 2004 totaling \$53,529. Scholarships ranged from \$100 to \$1,000 with an average of \$660. SLIM awards scholarships for fall, spring, and summer semesters. Forty-two scholarship recipients were students at the home campus in Emporia. The remaining thirty-nine scholarship recipients were students in the school's Distance Education program. Students from six different states received scholarships.

For more information about the various scholarship funds available to SLIM students and about the various people in whose memory these scholarships were founded, visit the SLIM website at <http://slim.emporia.edu/studentserv/scholarships.htm>.

Public Library Statistics

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

About 40 public libraries have submitted their statistics on Bibliostat Collect—deadline for submission is March 1, 2005.

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—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

ILDLP Competitive Grant Application Online

For FY 2006, the Interlibrary Loan Development Program grant application will be available as a Web form. The form can be completed, printed out for your records, and submitted electronically. Those of you who wish to submit the form in hard copy are welcome to do so; simply complete the form, print it, copy it for your records, and mail the original printout to me at Eric Hansen, 300 SW 10th Ave., Rm. 343-N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593, or fax it to me at 785/296-6650. When faxing, please call it to my attention on your cover sheet.

Here is the URL for the online form: <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/ILDPApFY06.htm>.

The evaluation form will be converted to an online form as well; watch this column for an announcement.



Thanks to the fine work of KANAnswer's 100+ volunteer operators and the institutions that support their participation, KANAnswer user chats for 2004 came in at 4535, an increase of slightly more than 159% over 2003 (1747).

Network Board Featured in IMLS Report

A condensed version of the Kansas portion of the IMLS 2004 report follows. I am proud to point out that all of the initiatives the IMLS chose to highlight in Kansas libraries were created or subsidized by the Kansas Library Network Board.

Institute of Museum and Library Services Awards \$1,759,339 to Support Library Service in Kansas Washington, DC—Dr. Robert Martin, Director of the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS),

announced grants totaling over \$160 million to state library agencies. “Libraries help connect us to our communities and to each other. They address our many information needs and encourage us to be lifelong learners,” said Director Martin. “These grants play an important role in building the capacity of libraries to help communities address their changing educational, economic, and social needs.”

The grants are awarded under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and are made to each State according to a population-based formula; the State’s library agency administers the funds. Kansas will receive \$1,759,339. States provide at least \$1.00 for every \$2.00 of federal support.

IMLS Library Services and Technology Act funds help state library agencies make library resources and services, which can be prohibitively expensive to the individual, readily available to an entire community. Highlights of how the Kansas State Library uses these funds to benefit the residents of Kansas include:

- **The Kansas Library Network Board** approved a budget of \$15,000 in grant funds to pursue a statewide virtual reference pilot project, **KANAnswer**.
- **Kansas Library Card**: The Kansas State Library enables holders of the Kansas Library Card to access all databases provided through federal or state general funds.
- **Wichita Photo Archives**: In this collaborative project, the Wichita Public Library, Wichita State University, and the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum digitized and delivered an assortment of Wichita’s most fragile documents of history: early photographs of the city. The photographs were compiled into an easily accessible Web-based exhibit. The grant from the Kansas Library Network Board has provided, through the collaborative work of these three institutions, an invaluable gift to the present and future citizens of Wichita. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners. The Institute fosters leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the nation’s 15,000 museums and 122,000 libraries. The Institute also encourages partnerships to expand the educational benefit of libraries and museums. To learn more about the Institute, please log onto: <http://www.imls.gov>.

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



KLA Council new agenda

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy and Volunteer Management
Coordinator

The Kansas Library Association (KLA) Council met Monday, January 24, 2005, at Lawrence Public Library. It



**Patti Butcher, KLA President,
holding flip chart**

was not business as usual. KLA leaders decided to change the way the Council does business by changing the agenda. The new agenda reflected three sections—financials, VISIONING, and continuing education. The VISIONING discussion produced several initiatives. Those initiatives align closely with the KLA Educational Foundation campaign! For more information, go to the KLA website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/index.html>.

FoKL

The Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) board made history January 14 when they met via Internet-based video. Thirteen board members met in four locations—NEKLS, SCKLS, Ulysses, and SEKLS. Board members agreed that the experience worked very, very well. Video conferencing is available for your meetings. For specific information about this new technology, I called Cindi Hickey, ICE Coordinator, and she said, “In 2003, the KLA Educational Foundation and the Institute for Continuous Education (ICE) networked to connect librarians across the state of Kansas using Internet-based video conferencing technology. This original seed grant was supplemented by generous funding awarded to the project by Kan-ed in 2004.

The grant funding has been used to purchase 7 video conference units that have been distributed to 6 of the 7 regional library systems and the Mabee Library at Washburn University in Topeka. The technology is

generously supported by the technology consultants and the 6 regional systems and Mabee Library.”

For more information about availability for your meetings as well as a way to provide continuing education, please call Cindi Hickey, ICE Coordinator, at 786/235-0010 or e-mail her at hickeyci@emporia.edu.

ADA Compliance Review

—by Shannon Roy
Director, Local Library Development

With the start of what I keep calling a very new year, I would like to remind you that the Kansas State Library staff offers ADA Facility Compliance Review as one of their services. We had excellent use of this service in 2004. It is obvious that many Kansas librarians are aware that the number of Kansans with legally covered disabilities and health conditions will be rising as the baby boom generation reaches the senior years.

The process usually works like this:

- A physical review is done of the building and grounds, using a checklist that specifies requirements for library facilities. The Kansas public library statistics for the library are also studied as part of this review.
- An interview is conducted with the library director, and sometimes with other staff members, that gains more information on services, problems, future plans, outreach and emergency preparedness.
- A draft report, topically arranged, is prepared and submitted for the director’s review. The director makes suggestions for corrections, clarifications or additional emphasis on certain points.
- When the report is accepted by the director, enough copies of the report are sent so that it can be shared with all staff members and trustees. At this point, it becomes the property of the library and the board makes whatever use of it they believe to be appropriate. ADA Review is a consulting service and has no policing intent.

I believe in this work and it also pays major dividends for me. It is often my best chance to get to know a librarian, to study a facility and to learn more about a community. I believe that ADA Compliance Review has really helped me become a better statewide consultant.

If you would like to schedule such a review, please respond via e-mail (shanroy@kslib.info) or call me at 785/296-3296 and I will look forward to working with you.

Kan-ed Vendor Expo

—by *Chrisy Madden*
Portal & Membership Services Coordinator

2nd Annual Kan-ed Vendor Expo
February 9-10, 2005
Radisson Hotel in Wichita

Kan-ed will be hosting its second annual Kan-ed Vendor Expo and Showcase on February 9-10 in Wichita, Kansas at the Radisson Hotel. We believe the expo and showcase will be another avenue through which Kan-ed users can better realize the potential which exists for helping make Kan-ed a major solution provider to Kansans. The Vendor Expo and Showcase will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9th, with presentation sessions beginning at 8:30. These sessions will allow vendors 30 minutes to give a more in-depth presentation on their product than just the expo hall exhibit would have otherwise allowed. There will be a 15 minute break between presentations, with an hour and thirty minutes for lunch.

To keep the focus on the content and services being showcased, our event will not be held in conjunction with any conference, but instead will be an opportunity for Kan-ed members to see a number of vendors and to give input on content decisions.

To these ends, we ask that you and others from your organization attend at least part of the Vendor Expo and Showcase. There is NO CHARGE to attend, and there will be breakfast provided both Wednesday and Thursday. There will also be a reception Wednesday afternoon. We also seek your assistance in getting the word out about this important event. More information can be found at <http://www.kan-ed.org> and a schedule of presentations will be posted by February 4th.

It is important that Kan-ed constituents attend the vendor exhibit and showcase as this not only allows you to see what's "out there" to help your organization serve its customers, but also to send the message to vendors via turnout that Kan-ed is positioned to negotiate better prices for you.

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Accreditation review for SLIM

—by *Dan Roland*
Assistant to the Dean, SLIM

The School of Library and Information Management at ESU is currently in the process of completing its comprehensive accreditation review by ALA's Committee on Accreditation (COA). The external review panel (ERP) will visit SLIM Feb. 19-22, 2004. As part of the review, the panel would like to speak with students, alumni, employers, national faculty, and other interested groups.

If you are interested in speaking with members of the panel, please contact James Benson, Chair of the ERP, at bensonj@stjohns.edu. He will then make arrangements for you to speak with panel members.

There will be a reception in Emporia on Sunday, February 19, 2004 for students, alumni, and employers. Details will be announced shortly.

For more information about the ALA accreditation process, please visit www.ala.org/accreditation. You may contact me or Ann O'Neill if you have any questions.

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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*.

FoKL Challenge Grants

—by Andrea Sobba
Garnett Public Library

The Friends of Kansas Libraries invite libraries and local Friends groups to apply for grants to be awarded in 2005. The Challenge Grants are to encourage local library advocates to establish Friends groups and to encourage existing Friends groups to grow. A library must have a Friends group in order to receive a grant. Grant funds may be used for a variety of things including personnel, library materials, contractual services, telecommunications, postage, and equipment or equipment rental.

Applicants for the Library Programming Grant and Friends Development Grant must provide at least 50% of their total project costs in cash or with in-kind contributions. A \$1,000 project, for example, could be funded with \$500 from FoKL and \$500 from the requesting group. Limited funds are available. Not all requests may be granted and some grants may be for less than requested amounts.

Forms and information may be found at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/fokl/> and click on FoKL Challenge Grants, e-mail garnettlibrary@yahoo.com or call 785/448-3388 and ask for Andrea Sobba.



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

Library positions

Academic and Digital Applications Librarian KULibraries and Computer Center Lawrence, Kansas, Job #: 11553

The University of Kansas Information Services invites applications for the newly created position of Academic and Digital Applications Librarian in the Enterprise Academic Systems Unit of Information Technology. Reporting to the Director of Enterprise Academic Systems, the Librarian provides leadership and direct support for library, digital library, and academic systems, services, and projects that enhance the digital presence and technical architecture of the University. Participates as a member of the digital library development team, and manages digital library projects and initiatives that integrate digital content with the University's enterprise-level services to support teaching, learning and research at the University. Currently supported systems include Voyager, ENCompass, LinkFinderPlus, Blackboard, LUNA Insight, and DSpace. A librarian in a tenure track position must engage in scholarly activities, research and publishing in the area of faculty choice and must perform service activities for the University and relevant professional associations.

A complete job description can be viewed at www.themorleygroup.com.

Application:

Please submit cover letter, resume, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references (including current supervisor) to:

Lindsay Priebe, The Morley Group, KU Project Team;
Fax: 317/879-4790; E-mail: Lindsay_priebe@hotmail.com;
Website: www.themorleygroup.com.

Assistant Director for Public Services Washburn University, Mabee Library

Washburn University seeks a knowledgeable and innovative leader who has a thorough understanding of the evolving role of libraries in contemporary higher education and a strong public services background. The Assistant Director will provide administrative oversight for the newly created Public Services division and direct the development, implementation and marketing of new and existing programs to provide user-centered services. This position reports directly to the Dean of University Library.

Responsibilities:

Provide vision, direction and operational management for the planning, development, marketing, delivery and assessment of all user services functions, including reference, instruction, circulation, course reserves and interlibrary loan; supervise, train and evaluate one instruction librarian, one public services librarian, one circulation manager and one interlibrary loan assistant; supervise, train and evaluate personnel involved in the provision of reference and instruction; coordinate public services activities and workflow with other functional areas of the library and university; play an active role in the assessment of library services and resources; identify, evaluate and promote new technologies in user services; participate in library-wide programs such as collection development, assessment, and strategic planning; take a leadership role, locally and nationally, in identifying and implementing new developments in the field through active participation in professional organizations.

Requirements:

ALA-accredited MLS; understanding of public services functions, best practices/current trends in the provision of information services in an academic environment; at least three years of professional experience in public services, reference and instruction; excellent interpersonal, analytical, written and oral communication skills; evidence of successful supervision and mentoring of librarians and staff; solid record of working well with all levels of library personnel as well as university faculty and students; ability to view issues from broad, library-wide perspectives; record of dealing successfully with organizational change.

Application:

Submit a letter, resume, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references (including current supervisor) to: Anne Liebst, Chair, ADPS Search Committee, Washburn University, Mabee Library, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621. Telephone: 785/231-1010, ext. 1983; Fax: 785/357-1240; E-mail: anne.liebst@washburn.edu. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Salary range: high \$40's to low \$50's. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. This is a 12-month non-tenure-track faculty position. Comprehensive benefits packages. Washburn University is an EOE.

For more information, please visit the Washburn University website: <http://www.washburn.edu>.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library consultant

A Window to the World, by Eunice Boeve.
PublishAmerica (www.PublishAmerica.com).
Softcover, 5" x 9", 110 pp. 2004. Or, order from author,
269 West F Street, Phillipsburg, KS 67661.

Eunice Boeve is a young adult novelist familiar in northwest and north central Kansas because of her two previous books. One of her loves is historical novels, and *A Window to the World* is that, but much more. Set near Morgantown in 1850 in what was then Virginia, now West Virginia, a 12-year old girl's father disappears on his way to the California gold rush. Annie, the main character, suffers some of the growing pains of a young girl while coping with dramatic changes in her life such as a new suitor, a proponent of slavery, for her mother's hand in marriage. This became complicated when a fugitive slave is hidden on the family's farm, and especially from Annie's potential future stepfather. Filled with vivid descriptions of geography and rural life in antebellum rural West Virginia, the drama around a young girl's coming of age, and some themes of diversity, *A Window to the World* is recommended for young adult collections in public and middle school/junior high libraries.

The Collected Sonnets of Robert Lawson, by Robert Lawson. Softcover, 5" x 9", viii + 189 pp., 2004. Woodley Memorial Press, Washburn University, Topeka, KS 66621. \$10.00.

If you have readers who like poetry and enjoy the creative use of language, "you'll find a feast for the heart and mind in these pages," as Eleanor Bell, editor of this collection writes in her introduction. Robert N. Lawson is a retired English professor at Washburn, where he taught composition, Shakespeare, and his love, poetry. This collection consists of one of his favorite forms, the sonnet. Each expresses a thought, idea or feeling in 14 lines, and Lawson sometimes experiments by using the name of the subject for the first letters of each line—each line in the sonnet "Amelia M. Earhart" starts with the letters in the title. The subjects vary from memorials to people he's known like Bob Woodley, to places he's been like Britain or Japan, to the many things in which he has an interest—including a sonnet about writing sonnets. They appeared in such publications as the *Kansas Authors Club Yearbook* and literary magazines like *Inscape*. It concludes with a short essay, "How to Write a Sonnet." Recommended for adult literature collections in public and academic libraries.

