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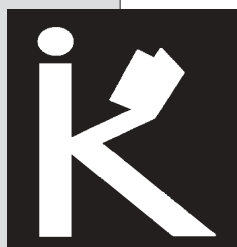


ALA National Library Week

—by Marci Merola
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The Allied Professional Association of the American Library Association (ALA-APA) will sponsor the first-ever National Library Workers Day on Tuesday, April 20, during ALA-sponsored National Library Week (April 18-24). The purpose is to recognize all library workers, including librarians, support staff and others who make library service possible every day.

National Library Workers Day was established by a resolution passed by the ALA-APA Council during the ALA Conference in Toronto in June 2003.



The message of National Library Workers Day is “Libraries Work Because We Do” and libraries are also invited to use the slogan “We work @ your libraryR”

to tie into ALA’s Campaign for America’s Libraries. Libraries may customize the first slogan by adding the library’s name to the beginning, e.g., Freedom Public Library Works Because We Do.

Libraries are encouraged to use National Library Workers Day to focus on individuals or units responsible for the number of materials selected, acquired, cataloged, checked out and back in, and shelved; for handling requests and sending them to other libraries; for

answering reference questions; for planning, publicizing and presenting programs; for developing and maintaining the library’s website; and for other elements of library service.

New customizable tools and materials to help libraries promote National Library Workers Day will be available on the ALA-APA Web site at www.ala-apa.org the first week in March. These include a proclamation, sample letter-to-the-editor, op-ed article, radio PSAs and sample press release. Also posted are programming ideas, such as employee recognition days and “behind the scenes” tours of the library.

This year, National Library Workers Day also coincides with Equal Pay Day, established by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE), a coalition of national organizations to which ALA belongs. Because libraries are staffed predominately by women, library workers tend to be underpaid. Equal Pay Day highlights the gap between the wages of men and women. For more information, see the NCPE website at www.pay-equity.org.

Press materials, programming suggestions and display ideas to help promote National Library Week can be found on the Campaign for America’s Libraries Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary in both English and Spanish. Click on the National Library Week icon. The site includes a link to National Library Week products available from ALA Graphics, including a poster, bookmark and CD of customizable artwork.

Librarians can also find a summary of publicity ideas submitted by public, school, and academic libraries nationwide for this year’s Scholastic Library Publishing/Grolier National Library Week Grant. The winner of this year’s award was the St. Mary Parish Library in Franklin, La. The library will be awarded \$5000 from Scholastic for its National Library Week proposal entitled “do some thing @ your library,” promoting equity of access throughout its rural community.

KLA Legislative Day

—by Rosanne Goble
Executive Director, Kansas Library Association

On behalf of the Kansas Library Association Legislative Committee I want to thank all who helped with and participated in KLA Legislative Day activities this year, at the evening reception and the next day at the State House. These events were successful due to the number who participated and the enthusiasm generated.

A special thanks to those at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library who helped make the Legislator reception on Wednesday evening and author/book signing a success: Susan Marchant of Kansas Center for the Book for arranging the author signing, Stuart Yoho for the wonderful banjo music, and Diana Friend, Public Relations, for assistance in planning the event, and administrative staff for assisting with arrangements. Thanks to authors Roy Bird, Gary Clarke, and Max Yoho for the signings. Support funds for the event were graciously donated by Topeka & Shawnee County Library Foundation Board, Friends of the Topeka Shawnee County Library Board, Friends of the Wichita Public Library Board, Friends of the Johnson County Library Board, Friends of Kansas Libraries Board, and Kansas Library Trustee Association Board.

Between 80 and 90 librarians, library trustees, Friends, and library supporters attended the activities at the State House on Thursday, February 19. Thanks to Duane Johnson for continued briefings in front of the State Library throughout the morning, and to State Library staff for assistance in distributing lunches to legislators and participants. Governor Kathleen Sebelius stopped by for lunch and to visit with Kansas constituents over the noon hour.

Also, a big thanks to Cindi Hickey for taking digital photos at both events.

Many thanks to all of you for your show of support for libraries in Kansas and the Kansas Library Association.

Applications being accepted for 3rd Annual MPLA Leadership Institute

—by Patti Butcher
President, Kansas Library Association

KLA Members:

Applications are being accepted for the 3rd Annual MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch NM. If you:

- have an MLS
- are 10 yrs. or less since your degree
- work in a library organization in Kansas
- have a record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- and are a KLA member,

please consider applying! Kansas has been extremely well-represented at the first 2 institutes, and we'd like to continue that legacy.

Join 29 other potential leaders from 12 MPLA states, and 6 mentors including workshop leader Maureen Sullivan from Nov. 30—Dec. 5, 2004.

More information and an application form can be found at: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/>.

Deadline is April 30, 2004.

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—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Tri-Conference 2004

This year's Tri-Conference was a successful venture for all programs and activities sponsored by the Kansas Library Network Board. I am grateful to all of you who took the time to attend my presentations about KANAnswer, Western Trails, the Interlibrary Loan Development Program, and the Kansas Library Card. My special thanks go out to John and Susan Howell for managing the Network Board's Internet booth again this year, and for those of you who volunteered to help them staff it. Thanks also to those KANAnswer operators who attended our operators meeting on Friday, the 2nd. Many accurate and worthwhile observations and recommendations came out of this meeting that I'm sure will help to improve our service.

Digitization and ILDP Decisions

Network Board committees to evaluate applications for digitization and ILDP grants are formed and will receive applications during this month. The Network Board will hear digitization grant recommendations at the May meeting, to make awards before the close of this fiscal year. I will present ILDP committee recommendations to the board at its August meeting, because the exact amount available for fiscal year 2005 will be known by then. I am pleased to answer any questions about this at 800/432-3919 (toll free), 785/296-3875 (direct) or by e-mail at eric@kslib.info.

State Library Spellers

Congratulations to my State Library colleagues Anne Damme, Jeff Hixon, and Rhonda Machlan for their superior performance at the "Give KLA a Leg Up" spelling bee at Tri-Conference on Thursday, April 1. Thanks to their efforts, for one year the State Library will be the proud possessor of a leg lamp like that made famous by the 1983 movie *A Christmas Story*.

Celebrate the Book

—by Patti Butcher
Library Development Coordinator
Northeast Kansas Library System

Mark your calendars now! On November 5, 2004 the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library will be hosting **Celebrate the Book: A Regional Reader's Advisory Conference**. The conference will be from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Joyce Saricks and Kaite Mediatore will be the featured speakers. Keep your eyes open for more details, you won't want to miss this exciting celebration of reading!

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

\$49 million and counting! Thank you KLA!

—by Duane Johnson
State Librarian

With the mailing and direct fund transfers last week of the 2004 Grant-in-aid (GIA) to libraries payments, the State Library has completed the 30th distribution of the GIA program. First distribution was in the fall of 1975.

For the first 24 years of GIA, the funding was a combination of federal (Library Services and Construction Act) (LSCA) and state (State General Fund) (SGF) funding. Since 1999 the funding source has been all SGF.

- In the first 24 years, the LSCA provided \$11,391,086.
- In the 30 years, the SGF has provided \$38,267,842.
- The total 30 year GIA contribution has been \$49,658,928.

We hoped you might find these numbers interesting.

Another way to look at this, the Kansas Library Association provided much of the planning and organizational support for the legislative action that created the GIA program. You could think of this as 49 million good reasons to continue your support for your KLA. KLA continues to work for you and for excellent library service.

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*.

SLIM hires new director of SLIM-Kansas MLS Program

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

The School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Candace “Candy” Boardman as the new Director of the SLIM-Kansas Master of Library Science program. Ms. Boardman began her new duties on March 1 as the student advisor for MLS students attending the Emporia and Kansas City campuses.

Candy earned a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and an M.A. in English from Emporia State University. She also completed KPLACE One, sponsored by the Kansas Library System and SLIM, this past May.

While at the University of Illinois, Ms. Boardman worked in the Library Computer Systems Office on a statewide networking project of library systems and academic libraries. Most recently, she has taught English Composition and Literature for Butler County Community College, El Dorado, Kansas, and a course on “Becoming a Master Student” for non-traditional students. Candy has also worked as the Children’s Librarian at the Council Grove (KS) Public Library.

Candy is a freelance writer, editor, and co-founder of Connecting Pieces Enterprises, a freelance writing, editing, and indexing firm. As the administrative assistant for the National Council of Teacher Education, she served as assistant editor to *Primary Voices K-6*, a quarterly journal for elementary schools; developed stories for the *Council Chronicle*, the NCTE newspaper; and provided guidance to school administrators, librarians, and teachers regarding intellectual freedom cases throughout the U.S. Her honors include Butler County Community College’s Excellence in Teaching Award, 2002, and Outstanding Faculty Member, 2003. Candy has lived in Europe and the Middle East and speaks German, French, and Farsi.

Two Kansas Movers & Shakers

Two Kansas librarians are recognized among the *Library Journal's* "2004 Movers & Shakers."

Kimberly Martin, Director of the Bonner Springs Library, is identified as a Library Builder. Her presence in the community and fund raising efforts have increased the number and effectiveness of her library's services.

Dennis Wilson is Technical Services and Collection Development Manager at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. He is identified as a Problem Solver for his realignment of technical services staff and reduction in delivery time of materials to patrons.

Congratulations to Kim and Dennis!

Library positions

Library Director, Southwest Kansas Library System

The Southwest Kansas Library System is seeking a director with a progressive vision for library services in the 21st century. This is an exciting opportunity to work at the regional and state level to determine the future of library service for rural communities.

A successful candidate will have the ability to determine the needs of multi-type libraries and address those needs through creative and effective service responses. The skills to manage the multiple facets of a directorship are essential for a person seeking this position.

The Southwest Kansas Library System is a regional system of cooperating libraries covering 21 counties. System offices are located in historic Dodge City. SWKLS provides consulting services, continuing education and several collection-related services to member libraries. Travel, including infrequent overnight travel, is required of the director.

Candidates will have a master's degree in library and information science from an ALA-accredited institution and a minimum of five years of progressively responsible

administrative experience. The salary starts at \$60,000 and it is accompanied by a generous benefit package.

The position is open until filled. Please send a letter of application, resume and the contact information of three professional references to: SWKLS Hire Committee, C/o Emily Sitz, Finney County Public Library, 605 E. Walnut, Garden City, KS 67846.

Regional Library System Consultant/Member Library Services Coordinator, Northwest Kansas Library System

Northwest Kansas Library System, a ten-county multi-type library system headquartered in Norton, Kansas, is seeking applications for the position of Consultant/Member Library Services Coordinator. Applicants should possess strong supervisory, communicational, organizational and public relations skills, and have experience with library technology, planning continuing education events and consulting. Travel is required.

Master's degree from an ALA-accredited school is preferred. Minimum salary \$31,300 with generous benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, or age.

Send cover letter, resume and three references to: Leslie Bell, Director, NWKLS, #2 Washington Sq., P.O. Box 446, Norton, KS 67654.

Additional information, including a job description, is available at: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/nwcls/JOB2.html>. Open until filled. Application review will begin May 1, 2004.

Assistant Director for Public Services Washburn University, Topeka

Job Information: 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.

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.

Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS; understanding of public service 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; demonstrated ability to view issues from broad library-wide perspective; record of dealing successfully with organizational change.

Preferred: Experience with assessment of library services; experience in other areas of public services such as circulation and interlibrary loan; experience with public services application of new and emerging technologies and integrated library systems modules; experience in project management; successful experience analyzing information and preparing written reports; second advanced degree.

Application: Submit a letter; resume; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references (including current supervisor) to: Emily Heller, The Morley Group, Washburn University Project Team, 6201 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; Phone: 317/879-4770; Fax: 317/879-4790; E-mail: eheller@themorleygroup.com.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Youth Services Manager

The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library is seeking applications for an enthusiastic, positive, people oriented and creative Youth Services Manager.

The position of Youth Services Manager reports to the Deputy Director of Operations and performs the follow-

ing essential administrative duties: formulate and oversee implementation and management of Division goals, procedures, programs and projects; oversee day-to-day operation of the Division for interviewing applicants, training, scheduling, assign projects, direct committees and focus groups; evaluating and problem solving; submit annual budget request to correlate with collection development plan and special projects; prepare and submit all reports as required; implement policies and procedures; plan and chart staff training and development. Complete staff evaluations in a timely manner and provide clear, well articulated communication to the Deputy Director of Operations.

The required qualifications include a Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited college or university, three years of supervisory/management experience and three years experience in a related library setting. Preferred skills include excellent reference skills, strong public service orientation, excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office Suite software applications and Internet searching techniques and experience with team building.

The starting salary is \$47,050. Excellent benefits, including BCBS health/dental, retirement and cafeteria plan, with 22 days vacation and 12 days sick leave.

Please submit an application with resume and a list of three professional references to Human Resources, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, Topeka, KS 66604-1374. 785/580-4492. EOE. Applications accepted through April 16, 2004.



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

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

The Carnegie Libraries of Iowa, by John M. Witt. Washington, MO: Robidoux Books, 2003. Softcover, 307 pp. ISBN0-9729219-0-7.

Many Kansas librarians will recall John Witt for his time in this state's library community. In 2003 he accomplished for Iowa what Allen Gardiner did for Kansas with *The Carnegie Legacy in Kansas*. Witt's book, *The Carnegie Libraries of Iowa*, covers the 99 libraries in that state which received gifts from Andrew Carnegie. John Witt is a native of St. Louis, the author of several other books, and is a high school librarian near St. Charles, Missouri. His style is scholarly yet friendly, readable but indicative of the amount of work he included in this book. Heavily illustrated and with a lengthy index, *The Carnegie Libraries of Iowa* pleased the communities and institutions in Iowa that benefited from Carnegie grants at the turn of the last century to build libraries. It will be a useful complement to Gardiner's *Carnegie Legacy in Kansas* which is owned by many public, academic and school libraries.

The Haunting of Emily, by Anne McCourtie. Order from the author, 15700 154th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. Softcover, 212 pp., 2003. \$10.47 (library discount) + \$1.00 p/h.

A ghostly romance best describes *The Haunting of Emily*, by Anne McCourtie. After her husband is lost at sea in a sailing accident on the Great Lakes, the main character, Emily McLofflin, leaves her Kansas City home for a writers' conference in Michigan. In her effort to find closure over her husband's sudden death the children's book author encounters a supernatural mystery, a man who could be her dead husband's twin, and a search into the past that connects the eerie phantasm with her new romantic interest—and an unexpected destiny.

Anne McCourtie's novel is in some ways autobiographical. Like her main character, she is a published children's book author, and like Emily, she has written her first novel. The work of fiction is tightly knit, fast-paced and exhibits an outstanding use of dialog and close attention to detail. An interesting quirk is her use of eating habits as a device—it seems that the reader knows what the

characters consume at three square meals per day! But that only complements the humanity of the characters.

The Haunting of Emily is a remarkably good read, entertaining, intriguing and a book that every public library can use in its adult romance—or maybe gothic—collection.

Audiobooks

Long Road Turning and *Blue Horizons*, by Irene Bennett Brown. Order from: Books In Motion, 9922 E. Montgomery, Suite 31, Spokane, WA 99206. 2003, 2004. Audiobooks. Unabridged.

Librarians have reported patron demand for more Kansas audiobooks. This column has contained numerous reviews of books by Irene Bennett Brown. The December 2002 issue included *The Women of Paragon Spring Series—Long Road Turning, Blue Horizons* and *No Other Place*. Kansas librarians will be pleased to learn that these popular books are available on cassette, CD and MP3. *Long Road Turning* (6 cassettes @ \$39.95, CD @ \$43.95, MP3 @ \$24.95) begins with women in sod houses on the Kansas frontier. *Blue Horizons* (8 cassettes @ \$49.95, CD @ \$51.95, MP3 @ \$24.95) relates the struggle to settle the late 19th century plains. *No Other Place* (release date April 2004 in all three formats) takes these women up to the birth of aviation in Kansas. Those who have enjoyed these books in print can now enjoy them in audiobooks as well. Recommended for adult fiction or Kansas collections in all libraries.

Kansas libraries..... 20 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
Cataloging/Kansas Documents Librarian

Gleanings from various Kansas library newsletters

- Bruce Bumbalough is the new system director at Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton. He fills the vacancy left by Ed Nickel. (*CKLS Kite*, Central Kansas Library System, March/April 1984)
- Edna Buschow, member of the Kansas Library Advisory Commission, died January 12, 1984, at the age of 76. She had been president and treasurer of the Valley Center Library Board and a worker for the library for 20 years. (*CKLS Kite*, Central Kansas Library System, March/April 1984)
- On January 27, the Plainville Public Library oil well struck oil. Currently there are no reports on what the well is producing. (*CKLS Kite*, Central Kansas Library System, March/April 1984)

- The Morton County Library Board of Directors have recently contracted Claus Heppner and Associates of Denver to do the interior design of the new library. (*System Scene*, Southwest Kansas Library System, April, 1984)
- Elaine Engleman has been hired as the new librarian at Ford. She is doing a great job of getting that library organized and moving again. Ida May Davis is new at Kismet and Doris McGowan is new at Dighton. (*System Scene*, Southwest Kansas Library System, April, 1984)
- In response to concerns expressed by the Kansas library community, the Kansas State Library has established a Kansas Union Catalog Maintenance Center (KUCMC). Located at the State Library, the Center will be a primary function of the Division headed by Bruce Flanders. Morry Anderson of the State Library will work most directly with the KUCMC.



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