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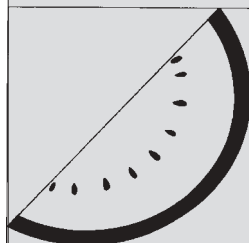
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## Kansas librarians earn high LEEP awards

—by *Shanon Roy*  
Director, Local Library Development

A diverse group of fine Kansas librarians received high level LEEP certificates in the spring of 2004.

Richard Brookman, the director of the Kearny County Library, has received his Level Six LEEP certificate for 600 hours of continuing education. Richard entered the library field in 1992 when he became director of the Great Plains Correctional Facility Libraries. In 1998, he completed his MLIS from the University of Oklahoma. Five months later he became the director of the Kearny County

Library in Lakin, moving there with his wife Michelle, son Logan and daughter April.

Cathy Cook, the Executive Secretary at Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, has earned her Level Five LEEP certificate for 400

hours of training. Cathy has been with the Topeka library almost six years. Cathy is “always interested in classes that help me do my current job.”

Julia Dawdy, the director of the Bern Library in northeast Kansas, has received her Level Five LEEP certificate for 400 hours of continuing education. Julia was originally a volunteer cataloger with the Bern Library. In 1996 she became the library director, shortly after the library was officially established. Several

years later, she received her KPLACE certification. Julia lives in Bern with her husband.

Maxine Ganske has received her Level Six LEEP certificate at the Central Kansas Library System Assembly. Maxine will soon complete her 20th year as director of the Russell Public Library. Maxine recently accomplished two major goals in her personal and professional life simultaneously. She completed her bachelor’s degree and also automated the library.

Kathryn (Kay) Gile, who has been director of the Scandia Public Library since 1989, has received her Level Five LEEP certificate. Kay says she “thoroughly enjoys the Central Kansas System workshops.” Kay is not only library director in Scandia, but works as a para-educator for Concordia High School and is renowned as a storyteller.

Gee Gee Helm has received her Level Five LEEP certificate. Gee Gee is Assistant Librarian at the Kingman Public Library. Gee Gee is a KPLACE graduate and was the first librarian to receive a certificate from the Library Services Certificate Program that is offered through the library school at ESU.

Hannelore (Lori) Leach, the director of Linwood Community Library District #1, has received her Level Five LEEP certificate. Lori started her library career as a volunteer for the summer reading program about the same time that the library started its automation program. She was later promoted to cataloging and eventually became the library director. Lori received her KPLACE certification in 2003. Lori says she “finds it very rewarding to continue my education with the resources available through the Northeast Kansas Library System. It gives me the ability to better serve my community.”

Kay LeBeau, the director of the Norton Public Library, received her Level Five LEEP certificate in her own library at the May meeting of the Northwest Library System. Kay started her library career at the Norton Public Library when she became the children’s librarian and adult circulation clerk in 1976. She became the director in 1983. Kay completed KPLACE in 1992, the same year that the Norton Library moved into a beautiful new building. Kay added, “I’ve seen many changes and loved them all.”

Mary Luehrs received her Level Five LEEP certificate at the same meeting as her director. Kay started her career with the Norton Public Library nearly 17 years ago when she became the children's librarian. She is now children's librarian, assistant director, ILL clerk, automation specialist "and does any other job that needs to be done." Mary completed her KPLACE certification in 1995.

Cindy Stohs, the branch manager at the LeRoy Library in the Coffey County Library System, received her Level Five LEEP certificate at the June Assembly of the Southeast System. Cindy started working at the LeRoy Library "when they didn't have a card catalog or a Dewey organized collection." Cindy was delighted to learn about the new KPLACE program, which was designed to train library staff in library management. She was in the second class that graduated from KPLACE.

Martha Zilkie is the system administrator for Dynix, the program analyst and the copy cataloger for the North Central System and Manhattan Public Library. She has been working at Manhattan since October of 1980. This key staff member in Manhattan has just received her Level Five LEEP certificate at a recent NC book fair.

## Carbondale Friends membership event

—by Carolyn Little  
Staff Assistant, Northeast Kansas Library System

The Friends of the Carbondale City Library membership event was held Sunday, July 11th, and attracted a group of 25 interested citizens. The guest speaker at the afternoon's meeting was David Leamon of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. Mr. Leamon spoke



*David Leamon addresses group at Carbondale City Library*

about the positive impact Friends of the Library have on libraries of all sizes. An organizational meeting to plan activities is scheduled in August. Friends of Kansas Libraries awarded the Carbondale Friends a grant to publicize and host this event. To contact FoKL concerning membership or grants consult our web address [www.skyways.org/KSL/folk](http://www.skyways.org/KSL/folk).

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## NOTES

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director

### Special Duane Johnson Edition

State Librarian Duane Johnson left his position on July 31 after 22 years of faithful service. Following a suggestion by State Library CFO Bonnie Keim, and with a great deal of help from Ruth Appelhanz, I prepared a special Duane Johnson edition of this newsletter in his honor. The edition includes remembrances and appreciation from library workers inside the State Library and from the state at large. I presented a color copy of the issue to Duane at a statewide appreciation party the evening of July 26. The issue is available on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/admin/KLIBDuaneJohnson04.pdf> to your Adobe Reader enabled Web browser.

### Network Board meeting

The Network Board will have its summer meeting on Thursday August 12 at McPherson College beginning at 8:30 a.m. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include, but are not limited to, ILDPFY 2005 Committee recommendation, strategic plan update, and FY 2005 budget recommendation. The complete agenda is available at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/meetings.html#agenda> on Blue Skyways. The meeting is open to the public with no charge to attend. I am more than happy to answer any questions about this, at 800/432-3919, 785/296-3875 (voicemail), or [eric@kslib.info](mailto:eric@kslib.info).



### New partner in KANAnswer

I am pleased to report that the Newman Division of Nursing Library, Emporia State University, has joined the ranks of KANAnswer libraries. In the month of August I will be training operators from two to three other libraries who will come on board by the end of the month. For information about how to actively participate in KANAnswer, call me at 800/432-3919, or send e-mail to [eric@kslib.info](mailto:eric@kslib.info).

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



## Upcoming Friends/ Trustee Conference

—by Vikki Jo Stewart  
Literacy and Volunteer Management  
Coordinator

Congratulations to our newest Friends group at Carbondale! Wow! What energetic leadership!!!

The Southeast Kansas Library System hosts a Friends/Trustee Conference Saturday, August 7, 2004 at the Pittsburg State University Student Union. Check SEKLS' website at <http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us/> for more information.

The Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) joins again with Kansas Libraries Trustee Association (KLTA) to offer a Friends/Trustee Day at Tri-Conference on Wednesday, March 30, 2005. Susan Moyer, Library Director at Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction City, is the FoKL program planner for Tri-Conference. Library advocacy, board and volunteer recruitment, and other training is planned.

FoKL, established in 1982, exists to:

- encourage and support new and existing local Friends (start up grants, other grants!)
- facilitate the exchange of useful information among Friends' groups (and *FoKL Point* newsletter and website!)
- advocate for excellent library services (let us know how we can help YOU!)

Check out the website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/fokl/>.

## Settlement CDs at Talking Book Service

—by Duane Johnson  
State Librarian

Price fixing suit settlement CDs arrived at the Kansas Talking Book Service (KTBS) office, Memorial Union, ESU campus, Emporia. The several news agencies that

wanted to be alerted on the arrival have been notified, and several made the trip to Emporia to interview and film what 51,000 CDs look like.

KTBS and other State Library staff will be opening and sorting to create fair share allocations that will be available to each of the regional and urban systems, and we are thinking about creating some additional allocations for the largest of the medium-sized public libraries. Because we don't have space to set out all of the allocations at one time, staff will call system directors and library directors to see how soon you could come to KTBS to pick up and haul home your allocation. The allocations will be put together according to that schedule.

We are told there are 51,000 CDs here. We will allocate proportionately to each system or library by population size as identified in the latest State Library public library statistics publication.

Prepared by the Attorney General, there also is for each receiving library an *Important Notice Regarding Distribution of Compact Discs* that gives background on the distribution and some guidelines on the acceptable use of the allocations. There is the statement, "Further, the compact discs from this distribution retained by your public library may not be sold or otherwise disposed of, except as would be done in the normal course of business by your library system with other similar prerecorded compact discs in its collection." In other words, the local library's current policy for use and disposal of acquisitions of this kind will prevail.

We leave it to each of the regional library systems to design distribution to any publicly supported and/or member libraries in your area—public, school, academic, and private—if they are system participants. My suggestion to someone a month ago was to just put the discs out at one or more meetings advertised in advance and let library representatives select and haul home.

From our preliminary and limited openings of a dozen boxes, there's some useful music here.

Questions? You can get good information and updates from Kansas Talking Book Service director Toni Harrell ([tonih@kslib.info](mailto:tonih@kslib.info)).

## KLC/KLS/KICNET contract signed

—by Jeff Hixon  
Director, Library Information Technology

I'm happy to announce that, pending a final review by the Department of Administration, the State Library has signed a contract with Auto-Graphics, Inc. for provision of the Kansas Library Catalog and Kansas List of Serials bibliographic databases, and the KICNET Interlibrary Loan messaging system.

The five-year contract (renewable annually) with Auto-Graphics, Inc. continues the availability of services and resources provided under the previous contract with A-G, dating to 1999.

In addition, the new contract includes significant enhancements to the service provided during the past five years:

- A Library of Congress authority control process will be applied to the KLC database annually, improving the consistency of headings and the quality of search results.
- The capability to support the ISO 10160/10161 Interlibrary Loan standard opens the door for direct communication between KICNET and other ISO ILL systems.
- The Union Database Maintenance Module will be available to us here at the State Library to streamline the process of merging and deduplicating database records.
- The ability to make the KLC/KLS databases available via Z39.50 for searching from local OPAC systems. (This feature will be under study for the near future. We hope to have a policy study complete by this fall's KIC Council meeting.)
- The ability to add most if not all of the KanFind and KanEd databases to the AGen main search page (the "Green Screen"). This will allow the option of searching almost any combination of statewide resources from a single screen. An IP authentication component of AGen that will simplify in-the-library access will be one of the first features we work to learn and implement. (You'll be happy to know that Kan-Ed has graciously shared library IP data with us and we hope to be able to do much setup without asking you, yet again, for your numbers!)

Much credit and many thanks for the success of this negotiation must go to the committee that reviewed our

Request for Proposals: Sharon Barnes, SCKLS; Brenda Cash, SEKLS; Pat Hammond and Linda Keith, NWKLS; Ben Lobengilo, formerly of NEKLS; Brig McCoy, Linda Hall Library; Richard Samford, Axe Library—Pittsburg State University; and Susan Weisenberger, KS ILL Board of Directors and Neosho County Community College Library.

Assistance and support, technical, advisory and moral, was provided one way or another by virtually everyone at the Kansas State Library (KSL), but the efforts of Rhonda Machlan, Bonnie Keim, and Duane Johnson had an impact on the final result that would be impossible to convey.

None of our efforts would amount to anything lasting if they weren't grounded in the tremendous support and communication network that is Kansas librarians. As users of these services, you've kept us well-informed as to what works, what doesn't, and what could, and I believe you'll find that this continuation of service from A-G is moving us in the direction you'd like us to go.

Thanks to you all!!

### 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*.**

## Two receive Certificates from SLIM

—by Shannon Roy  
Director, Local Library Development

Kristi Hansen, the highly respected Youth Services Coordinator at the Salina Public Library, received her Library Services Certificate on June 29. Kristi is only the second librarian to earn the Youth Services Certificate, since Youth Services is the newest of the Certificate Programs.

Kristi has worked at Salina Public Library for 18 years and has no plans to leave. She became the Youth Services Coordinator in August 2000. Kristi earned her KPLACE Certification in 2003.

Kristi sent the following comments on the Certificate Program. "My position as Youth Services Coordinator had never been filled by anyone without an MLS degree. My director, Joe McKenzie, is a very supportive boss and he encouraged me all the way in taking the classes required to get the Certificate. I learned a lot, not only from the homework assignments, but from the classmates and instructors. One good thing I learned is that I am doing some things right already. It was a lot of work but a great experience and well worth the time to take these classes. I would highly recommend this program to anyone working in Youth Services who does not have an MLS."

The staff of the Kansas State Library and the faculty and staff of the School of Library and Information Management send their congratulations to Kristi and the Salina Library.

Vickey Long, the Children's Services Librarian at Basehor Public Library, became the first librarian to win the Youth Services Library Certificate from SLIM's Library Services Certificate Program at a library board meeting on June 9th. Cindi Hickey, the Coordinator of ICE, and Shannon Roy of the State Library presented the certificate. Library Director Carla Kaiser and the trustees added their warm congratulations for Vickey's achievement.

Vickey first became involved with the library as a member of the Friends group. She began working for the library in 1997 and was put in charge of Children's Services in 1998. She says that one of her favorite parts of the job is "Storytime on Wheels," a monthly visit to two elementary schools. She gives credit for this idea to Cindy Hoverson of Atchison. Vickey says of Basehor Library, "It's a terrific place to work because of our enthu-

siastic staff and director. Carla is a great boss and a very good friend."

Vickey says of the Certificate Program: "The ICE program is the best way for people like myself who do not have a degree but want to learn more about their job. That was my goal and I feel that I met that goal. I would like to thank all the people who work for the ICE program and the teachers in that program who made me what I am today. Keep up the great work."

The staff of the Kansas State Library and the faculty and staff of the School of Library and Information Management add their congratulations to Vickey on her landmark achievement.

Those who are interested in the Library Services Certificate Program may call Amanda Engelman at 620/341-5303 or Cindi Hickey at 785/235-0010.

## Congratulations in order

—by Patti Butcher  
President, Kansas Library Association

On behalf of the Kansas Library Association (KLA) and Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), I want to congratulate three Kansas librarians who have been selected to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch:

- Kate Capps, Olathe Public Library; children's librarian at the Indian Creek Branch
- Connie Doeden, Eureka Carnegie Library; library director
- Holly Mercer, University of Kansas; metadata coordinator, KU libraries

There were 89 applications for 29 slots this year. Kansas has been extremely well represented each year, and has had three representatives each year. MPLA states are guaranteed two spots; the remaining five attendees are selected from those recommended by all 12 states. (The additional spot is filled by a representative of our funding partner, Ebsco.)

Congratulations to Kate, Connie, and Holly! KLA is proud to have you represent Kansas libraries.

Information on MPLA's Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch is available at: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/>.

## Wichita Photo Archives ten times larger!

—by Jennifer Heinicke  
Wichita Public Library

View images of Wichita, from its founding to today, at <http://www.wichitaphotos.org>, the home of the Wichita Photo Archives. The Wichita Public Library Local History Section, Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, and Wichita State University Libraries' Department of Special Collections have collaborated to provide convenient and free access to the institutions' digitized images.

A prototype project of 150 images has expanded to over 1000 images and boasts two new features. An online exhibit, "Say 'Cheese,' Wichita: Wichita's Photographers Through the Years," spotlights many of the professional photographers who, for over 130 years, have documented Wichita's growth. Another new component of the website will thrill teachers: lesson plans are now available. Plans conform to the Wichita Public Schools (USD 259) Social Studies Standards for 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades and may be freely used.

A grant from the Kansas Library Network Board funded the site's expansion; all repositories donated staff time and other resources to complete the project. Additional funds were received from the Hyde Foundation. History professor Dr. John Hyde, a grandson of Wichita philanthropist A. A. Hyde, shares, "As a society, we have become increasingly dependent on visual evidence since the advent of TV. . . . Nowhere is this more evident than in the field of history. . . . In local history, photographs not only present a 'picture' of the past, but are fragile 'documents' that can be lost either through physical damage or through a lack of knowledge about the picture itself. . . . By being able to identify people and places shown in the photographs and then 'preserving' them . . . we are creating an archive that will continue to serve those who follow us, both as a research tool and as a picture of the city through its history."

While its resources are rich, the web-based archive also serves as an inspiration to visit these institutions in person, Barbara Hammond of Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum suggests. "Viewers who want to locate information about the history of our area will find that the Wichita Public Library and the Special Collections at Wichita State University Libraries are excellent research facilities. In addition, visitors will learn firsthand how Wichitans lived and how the city developed by browsing among the exhibits in the Historical Museum."

## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird  
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

*The Librarian's Guide to Genealogical Services and Research*, by James Swan. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2004. Softcover, 9" x 11", 361 pp., includes CD. \$75.00.

Most librarians in Kansas know Jim Swan, director of Great Bend Public Library and Central Kansas Library System. And most know that Jim is also a prolific author of professional library books. And most also know he is an authority about genealogical research and doing genealogical research in libraries. With his latest book, recently published by professional library publisher Neal-Schuman, Jim has outdone himself. *The Librarian's Guide to Genealogical Services and Research* is not only an invaluable reference work for librarians who consult with patrons about family history but also for individuals.

This newest book is the most comprehensive available. Its first part begins with "Starting Research" and each chapter thereafter builds on important information that library staff who deal with genealogy need to know. It goes right up to "Staying Current Professionally" before launching into a hands-on discussion about how to do a search. There is an invaluable tool kit section that includes handouts, forms, checklist, and a list of handy websites. There are recommendations for doing research beginning in 1700 and bringing it up to 2000.

While the publication is by a professional publisher and therefore pricey, the CD-ROM in the back of the book is worth the price alone. In addition to the forms and sheets available in the hard copy of the book, there are hyperlinked Web addresses to hundreds of institutions, catalogs and web sites that can help a genealogist doing family history research electronically. And today's genealogists are technologically savvy and are doing their family histories electronically.

This is a must for academic and public libraries that have substantial genealogical collections. It is one that every library that serves genealogists should be aware of and own if possible. And enjoy your family's history!

