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Center for the Book celebrated Grand Opening on September 14th

—by Roy Bird
Director, Kansas Center for the Book

A gala occurred at the State Library of Kansas on Wednesday afternoon, September 14, 2005, when dignitaries gathered to cut the ribbon for the new home of the Kansas Center for the Book. Governor Kathleen Sebelius arrived on the 3rd floor rotunda of the Capitol Building in front of the State Library at 1:30 and joined John Y. Cole of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in Washington, DC; Kansas State Poet

Laureate Jonathan Holden; State Librarian Christie Brandau; and a host of Affiliates' representatives and Fellows of the Kansas Center for the Book to celebrate a new era for the Center.

Roy Bird, Director of the Kansas Center for the Book, spoke briefly about the projects already undertaken or planned by the Center, and then introduced Christie Brandau. After brief comments, she introduced Governor Sebelius and presented the governor with an honorary "Block Buster" Fellow membership to the Kansas Center for the Book. Bird then introduced John Cole who brought greetings from the nation's capital and described the relation of the Kansas Center as an affiliate of the national Center for the Book. Bird then introduced Jonathan

Holden, who enthusiastically and meaningfully read a William Stafford poem, a poem by Greg German, and one of his own poems. Christie Brandau, Governor Sebelius, John Cole and Jonathan Holden then officially cut the ribbon. Bird then presented honorary "Block Buster"



l. to r. Christie Brandau, State Librarian; Governor Kathleen Sebelius; John Cole, national Center for the Book; Jonathan Holden, Kansas Poet Laureate; Roy Bird, Kansas Center for the Book

Fellow memberships to Susan Marchant and Jeanne Mithen of Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library in recognition of their work with the Kansas Center for the Book at their library. Susan Marchant reflected on the 18 years of history that the Center has had and recognized Bonnie Campbell and James C. Marvin of Topeka Public Library and retired State Librarian Duane Johnson for their efforts to make Kansas an affiliate of the Center for the Book.

A reception planned and carried out by the State Library's Special Projects Director, Vikki Jo Stewart, assisted by many of the State Library staff, featured punch and cake decorated with either sunflowers or KCFB on each piece. Mums decorated the rotunda and the interior of the State Library, and special guests each received a sunflower corsage. Photographers for the Center and from the Governor's office recorded the event, and WIBW-TV was on hand for videotaping which aired on the news at 6:00 pm.

The gala event was a festive way to launch the next era of the Kansas Center for the Book, which Bird described as not a place but a community of book people. It was a festive way to inaugurate many creative new projects to promote Kansas books, authors, publishers and book-sellers.



Thoughts from the State Librarian

The September 2005 issue of *American Legion* carried a commentary titled "Libraries of Terror." The author, Deroy Murdock, uses examples to fortify his assertion that libraries are "being used as theaters of operations for terrorists and pedophiles." He asserts that "...the ALA and librarians who follow its lead are oblivious to the fact that real people hijack libraries to plan air piracy, bomb attacks and sex with school kids. The time for librarians to stop their facilities from doubling as crime dens is long overdue."

Wow! When did libraries go from being the "cradle of democracy" as Andrew Carnegie described them to "crime dens?" I doubt Mr. Murdock has visited many libraries in Kansas, but if he did he would find precious little evidence of "crime dens" and many examples of hard working library staff and boards who are providing outstanding services for their communities. If a terrorist or pedophile has used a library computer to plan their evil, hundreds of thousands of others have used it for good. Describing the American public library as a "crime den" is false and actually plays right into the hands of those who do not wish us well. What could be more frightening to terrorists and criminals than a public library with open access to information?

A book I have on my list to read is called *The Culture of Fear: Why Americans Are Afraid of the Wrong Things* by Barry Glassner. Glassner asserts that we are being programmed to be afraid to live our lives. With his article, Mr. Murdock certainly adds to that fear.

I would urge Mr. Murdock to refrain from denigrating public libraries and instead heed the words of Kansas' native son, President Dwight D. Eisenhower: "Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go into your library and read every book."
Amen!

Christie Brandau

An interview with Roy Bird, Director of KCFB

—by Shannon Roy,
Editor

An Interview with Roy Bird, Director of the KCFB

What is the Kansas Center for the Book?

The Kansas Center for the Book (KCFB) is one of 49 state centers approved by the national Center for the Book in Washington, DC. The Center is dedicated to the promotion of books, reading, libraries and literacy.

Who is the Center for the Book for?

The Center's projects will be helping libraries, authors, publishers and booksellers. But ultimately it is for every person who says, like Thomas Jefferson, "I cannot live without books."

What are the current projects of the Center for the Book?

- The KCFB is developing its core of libraries, businesses and organizations that will be Affiliates. Individuals who join the Center for the Book are known as Fellows. Many will volunteer to help with specific projects.
- Letters about Literature is a writing contest for young people in grades 4-12. The letters are written to authors, living or from the past, whose books have impacted students' lives. Top essayists will receive prizes. The first place winner in Kansas will advance to national judging.
- The Center will be developing a list of Kansas Notable Books. Fellows of the KCFB will be judging up to 20 books in a variety of genres. The winners will be announced at the next Tri-Conference and foil stickers will be available for libraries and booksellers to identify these books.
- The Center for the Book will have a newsletter that will be distributed widely and will serve as a major tool for promotion and information. It will also feature many reviews of books that have a Kansas connection or a Kansas author.
- The Kansas Center for the Book has had a major presence at the National Book Festival. Hundreds of flyers and other materials have promoted Kansas authors, Kansas books and Kansas events.

Will the Center have a presence on Blue Skyways?

It will have a very definite presence. The Center is looking for a webmaster to develop the website at kcfb.net. The website will include a database of Kansas authors. The website will also be a major tool for promotion and information.

What future projects are being planned?

- The Center for the Book will be sponsoring a “One Book, One State” program in October 2006. It will also help Kansas communities with “One Book” programs that they want to do.
- The first statewide book fair will be planned for October 2006.
- The Governor will issue a proclamation in October 2006 that celebrates Kansas Library Month.
- The Center for the Book will develop a variety of writers’ workshops and authors’ programs.
- The Center will continue annual events that were first started in 2005.
- The Center will sponsor a major authors’ event at Tri-Conference, repeating the success of the highly commended Author’s Breakfast of 2005.

Have you enjoyed the new position?

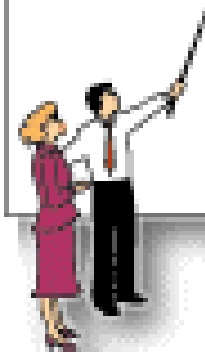
I love it. The overwhelming response makes it obvious that people want to celebrate books. The “book community” in Kansas is everywhere.

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Katrina devastates libraries and librarians

-by *Shannon Roy*
Editor

It isn't possible to write a hard-news story about the impact of Katrina on libraries. It will be months, perhaps years, before the American library profession will be able to assess what it has lost. But we know enough to give some acknowledgement to our present grief.

We know that American libraries have been extensively damaged. Some of them may have to be demolished. Some may never be rebuilt. Older books that people still loved will never be on the shelves again. Priceless documents and archives were lost to the wind and the water. In this age of electronic information, it is hard to know what cannot be retrieved, in some format. But the truly local history, in the smaller communities, may be gone forever.

Librarians have always taken great pride in serving all ages. The dark side of that is that now we must grieve for all ages. We mourn for the seniors who died before rescue or medical care could reach them and for those who now wait in strange places. We grieve for the dazed and ill children scattered across the country and for the students who were torn out of the schools that gave stability and meaning to their lives. We grieve for the working people whose loss in jobs and property may never be fully mended. We grieve for the community leaders whose communities must be rebuilt. Animal lovers grieve for the pet owners who will never know what happened to their pets. Above all, we grieve for the bereaved, for those who have no peace or dignity or cherished home place in which to mourn.

Many tributes will be offered for the dead in the coming months. But we will never really know how many library users lost their lives in the Katrina disaster. All we can do is affirm that all American libraries truly belong to the Katrina refugees, for as long as they need them.

Kate Marek presents successful videoconference

—by Cindi Hickey
Institute for Continuing Education

Kate Marek was the featured presenter for an interactive video workshop sponsored by the Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation (KLAEF) and the Institute for Continuous Education (I.C.E.) held on September 13. The workshop, titled “Drop Your Tools and Build Your Future,” focused on the core values of librarianship, the privileges and responsibilities of the library profession and strategies for exploiting the rapid change of our times to provide excellent, relevant customer service.



Kate Marek

Participants joined the workshop from 11 locations around the state of Kansas: Hiawatha, Lawrence, Louisburg, Topeka, Emporia, Iola, South Hutchinson, Manhattan, Colby, Dodge City and Hugoton. Facilitators at each site led local discussions and reported back to the whole group. Desktop video hardware manufactured by Polycom was used to capture the video and audio and the Polycoms were connected by the KanREN MCU (Multipoint Control Unit). The workshop was underwritten with grant funding provided by Kan-ed.

Marek, who received her Ph.D. from SLIM, is on the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. She teaches in the areas of technology and information policy. She is well known in the Kansas library community as a presenter for KPLACE and instructor for SLIM. Marek has worked in a variety of library settings, including private, academic, and school libraries and as regional library system consultant in Nebraska. Her knowledge of and experience with technology were evident as she led the workshop.

Workshop discussion included the core values of librarianship (intellectual freedom, equity of access, privacy and stewardship) and strategies for responding to rapid change. All workshop participants received a copy of “Librarianship and Change: A Consideration of Weick’s ‘Drop Your Tools’ Metaphor”, (2005, Spring), *Library Administration & Management*, v. 19, n. 2, pp. 68-74 written by Marek and her colleague Karen Brown. The article includes discussion of successful organizational responses to rapid change, including: moving from a library-centered to a patron-centered service model,

initiating construction and renovation projects, establishing new partnerships with community groups and other libraries, creating programs and services centered on diversity, guiding the implementation of technological adaptations and guiding staff attitudes about evolving technology from a reactive to a proactive stance.

KLAEF and I.C.E. purchased seven Polycoms and digital projection screens plus several digital projectors which have been distributed to Mabee Library at Washburn University, the Southeast Kansas Library System, the Central Kansas Library System, the North Central Kansas Library System, the South Central Kansas Library System, the Northwest Kansas Library System and the Southwest Kansas Library System. Funding for the purchase of the equipment was provided through an LSTA competitive grant and a generous grant funding from Kan-ed.

Hamilton County Library director earns undergraduate certificate

Joyce Armstrong of the Hamilton County Library in Syracuse recently received her Library Administration Certificate from the Library Services Certificate Program at SLIM. She received the Certificate after she completed 12 hours of coursework offered through the Institute of Continuous Education and Emporia State University. Earning one of the Library Services Certificates was a great accomplishment for any Kansas librarian, but it showed special dedication on the part of a far-west Kansas director, who had to drive many miles to reach any of the classes.

The Library Services Certificate Program was an undergraduate program designed to improve library services by educating library staff members so that they gained the professional philosophy and information skills to provide client-centered library and information services in their communities. The Certificate Program worked to provide a flexible environment where students could pursue academic work while pursuing their careers.

Joyce has served as Director of the Hamilton County Library for nine years. She is currently serving as the Friends of Kansas Libraries (FOKL) representative for Southwest Kansas and as Vice Chair of the Southwest

Kansas Library System Executive Committee. Joyce has also been invited to be a presenter at KPLACE 2006. State Librarian Christie Brandau presented the certificate to Joyce on August 23, 2005 at the Hamilton County Library immediately following an event that presented Governor Sebelius reading to the children of Hamilton



Joyce Armstrong, left, receives certificate from State Librarian Christie Brandau

County on the promotional tour of the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Program. The Governor read the featured book "No Matter What" by Debi Gliori.

Those in attendance for the presentation were Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Southwest Kansas Library System Director Emily Sitz, the Stanton County Library Director Denise Smith, Hamilton County Library Board Chairman Heath Boy, Mayor Larry Ochs, Hamilton County Commissioner Niki Schwerdfeger and a delighted Hamilton County Library staff.

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*.

State Library of Kansas plans new Disaster Preparedness Plan

—by Shannon Roy
Editor

On September 8, 2005, shortly before 9:00, the lights went out at the State Library of Kansas (SLK), as well as the rest of the Capitol complex. The historic facility was very dark and the staff came to a most unusual full stop. State Librarian Christie Brandau inquired, reasonably enough, if the State Library had a Disaster Preparedness Plan. The agency does have one, but the document is over ten years old and completely useless.

The lights came back on again before 9:30. While somewhat disappointed that no real emergency had forced an extra holiday, the State Library staff strongly agreed that a new Disaster Preparedness Plan should be added to the agency's priority projects. At that time, the SLK staff members were just gaining a horrified awareness of the full extent of the Katrina devastation and emergency planning seemed very topical indeed.

The State Library staff has made plans to send Tom Roth, Interlibrary Loan and Cataloging Librarian, to the BCR workshop on "Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery." This two-day workshop is intended to help libraries, museums and archives protect staff, users, collections and facilities in the event of emergencies. These might range from minor emergencies to community-wide disasters. The workshop covers risk assessment, disaster planning and recovery procedures.

The materials from this program will be used by an SLK disaster planning team whose present members are Tom Roth, Bonnie Keim, Bill Sowers and Jeff Hixon. All staff members will be involved in creating the final plan, which will then be regularly reviewed and updated.

The State Library staff is also interested in partnering with the systems to acquire and archive some up-to-date emergency preparedness plans prepared for Kansas libraries. These could be used to help other Kansas libraries with their planning as disaster preparedness remains (or certainly should remain) an ongoing concern.

Western Trails Digitization Grant helps library reach goal

In the winter of 2003, Don Benish, a web developer, visited the Kinsley Library with an offer that they could not refuse. He would design a program that would electronically depict the history of Kinsley's main street if the library would furnish the research data and put it on the World Wide Web.

In a few weeks, Kinsley Library Director Joan Weaver and librarian Rosetta Graff had organized a team of volunteers for the purpose of researching a four-block area of downtown Kinsley. These volunteers would spend the next year digging out the information.

In 2004, the Kansas Library Network Board (KLNB) offered to award grants to digitize materials relevant to the westerly migration of peoples through Kansas. Weaver decided that the in-progress mapping project fit the guidelines and could be greatly enhanced with the addition of images.

As a result, the Kinsley Library partnered with the Edwards County Historical Society and was awarded a \$1,900 grant to provide a computer, printer, external hard drive and digital camera to the historical society to aid in the preservation and digitization of the images and the generation of metadata.

"When you embark on a project like this," says Weaver, "it always looks a lot easier than it turns out to be. But every time we faced a problem, there were local volunteers and staff from the Southwest Kansas Library System and the State Library to help us out."

Pictures from the library and historical society collections, as well as local citizens' family albums, were digitized at the Western Trails Regional Scanning Center located at Southwest Kansas Library System in Dodge City. The center was established in 2002 through a grant from the KLNB as a Western Trails Partner. The KLNB also provided digitization and metadata training workshops which Weaver and Graff had attended. The future mapping project would follow the guidelines of the Western States Best Practice Standards covered in these workshops.

Once the over 200 images were scanned, Benish linked them into the mapping program. The program became available this summer on the library website,

<http://www.kinsleylibrary.info>. The images and metadata can also be accessed through the Kansas State Library's Western Trails Project at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/trails/>.

The final project is a four-block map of downtown Kinsley which makes use of a sliding bar to access an historical year. Then, as the cursor is moved across the map of building locations, the names of the businesses appear in a window.

The building locations are also linked to known chronological histories of the location and available thumbnail pictures dating from 1885 until the present. The thumbnails are linked both to larger access images and descriptions created for the library's electronic collection catalog.

"As a small library we could not have accomplished this project without the greater library community's expertise," said Weaver. "Charlene McGuire, Brett Bradley, and Jenni Howell of the Southwest System were instrumental in helping us with the digitization and creation of metadata. Eric Hansen of the KLNB offered us guidance and encouragement, and John Miller of Kansas State University created conversions to move our data onto the KU OPAC."

The mapping project continues to be an ongoing project. This fall, the volunteer researchers will return to try to fill in missing information and also expand the mapping area. Over one hundred additional photographs have been lent to the library and are waiting to be digitized. However, the Kinsley Library is well on its way to successfully showing the formation, growth, changes, and current struggle for survival in the ongoing evolution of a small west Kansas town.

The Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Program is still expanding

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Kansas Reads Coordinator

This project is taking off like a rocket! Here are just a few current developments in the project:

- *No Matter What* by author/illustrator Debi Gliori is now available in Braille from the State Library's Talking Books Service.
- Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Honorary Chair of Kansas Reads, will record *No Matter What* for the State Library's Talking Books Service.
- One of Debi Gliori's presentations will be recorded using OPAL so anyone who wants to hear her author/illustrator talk can. We'll also have a link on the website if you want to hear it again or want staff or parents to have a chance to hear it.



l. to r. Pat Gaunce, Manager of West Wyandotte; Cathy Newland, Director, Morrill Library; Jean Hatfield, Youth Program Coordinator, Johnson County Library

Check out the website at <http://www.kansasreadstokids.org>. The website includes information on events, information on the book and the author, how to order the book and resources for having a program in the individual community. The Kansas Reads Blog also shares events and ideas from librarians around the state. The website is updated often, so please keep checking it.

New Statewide Resource Sharing Division has many projects

—by Eric Hansen
Director, Statewide Resource Sharing Division

KLNB and SLAC hold combined meeting

The Network Board (KLNB) and State Library Advisory Commission (SLAC) met on September 1 at the L.W. Nixon Library, Butler Community College. The Network Board approved the ILDP Review Committee's recommendation for FY 2006 awards. Decision letters have gone out and many signed award agreements have come in. The board and commission discussed the draft merger proposal generated by the task force appointed for that purpose and drafted by me. After some discussion of proposed membership and duties, the board and commission directed me to write up the changes in another draft. I will present this revised version to the board and commission at the next joint meeting, which will be in Topeka on November 10 at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library. In budget news, I reported to the board that its budget with the State Library has been zeroed out, and that the innovative work it has spearheaded for at least the seven years I've worked for it will be carried on at the State Library by the Division of Statewide Resource Sharing.

Task forces update

The deadline for volunteers to commit to our three first-wave statewide resource sharing task forces passed on September 16. I forwarded the names, institutions, and e-mail addresses of all volunteers to the chairs. Volunteer response to the content, delivery and interface task forces was quite good, and I expect very positive results to come out of the task forces' efforts.

Training and travels

Drop Your Tools and Build Your Future linked statewide via video conferencing on September 13 was a stimulating, thoughtful consideration of what a "librarian" is and what we should all be doing, now and in the future.

The Center for the Book ribbon cutting and State Library open house on September 14 was a great success. It was a pleasure to see so many representatives of libraries and library supporters present, and I enjoyed playing a few tunes on the lute as background to the reception that followed.

Saturday, September 24 was the morning I addressed about 30 members of the Topeka Genealogical Society. Statewide online resources were the focus of my presentation, and I was able to issue several new Kansas Library Cards and renew several others.

Librarians in the news

New Director at Topeka and Shawnee County Public

Gina Millsap has become the new director of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. Gina was the director of the Ames Public Library in Iowa for almost ten years. Before that she held several positions, including Head of Reference and Head of Computer Services, at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, Missouri.

"I knew I was ready for a new challenge," Gina commented. "I also knew that there were creative things that could be pursued in a larger library. When Christie Brandau became the Kansas State Librarian, she told me about the public library position. I had visited Topeka before as part of a strategic study project. I was very pleased with the new library and with the library staff I met during the interviews. I knew the library had a strong service philosophy. My husband and I also liked the community and the Topeka area."

Gina and her husband Ried are interested in purchasing a country place after they have completed the move and have had a chance to study the county.

When asked about her personal interests, Gina cheerfully admitted that her current passion is her new grandson, ten-week-old Austin David Millsap. Ried and Gina have one son, Nick, who is the police chief in Hamburg, Iowa.

Coffeyville Director is retiring

Karyl Buffington, the director of the Coffeyville Public Library, will retire in February. Karyl has been with the library since 1966 and became director in 1977.

The Coffeyville Library has seen many changes during Karyl's administration. A new library was constructed in 1979 and an addition in 1998. An integrated automation system, full Internet service and other library technologies were also developed during her administration.

Karyl has served as president of KLA, president of the Southeast System and has served three terms on the SEKLS Executive Board. She has also been a community leader in Coffeyville for many years, serving in many capacities. Karyl expects to continue her role with several local groups, including her church, the Red Cross and the Coffeyville Public Library Foundation. But she hopes to FINALLY have enough time to read.

Karyl lives in Coffeyville with her husband, retired educator Alfred Buffington. They have one son. Major Todd Buffington, USA, is in Ft. Hood, Texas.

State Library staff receives award for good federal data

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the National Center for Education Statistics have presented the John G. Lorenz Award to the State Library of Kansas. The John G. Lorenz Award is presented annually for the "timely and accurate submission of State Library Agency data." Good statistical data has not always received much recognition. This award was designed to give such recognition to state library agencies that worked effectively to generate the data requested by the federal government. The award was presented to Marc Galbraith, who was Acting State Librarian during Fiscal Year 2004, and to Roy Bird, who was in charge of federal statistics at that time. In the future, federal data will be handled by Marc Galbraith, Deputy State Librarian, and Bonnie Keim, Chief Fiscal Officer.

While the statistical data is requested by federal government agencies, it is also used very heavily by the State Library staff and the regional system staff as they work with public libraries across the state. The information gained from the statistics is essential to good consulting.



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

Kansas Libraries..... 20 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
Cataloging/Kansas Government Documents

Gleanings from Kansas Libraries, October 1985

- At least three Kansas towns are among the 500 in the nation to be chosen to receive the 60-volume set of the *Library of America* under the terms of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Librarians in St. Marys, Anthony and Fort Scott have informed *Kansas Libraries* that they've received a letter from the Library of America folks telling them of their good fortune.
- Dodge City Public Library has been chosen as one of five libraries in the country to be a demonstration site for Ingram's new laser search service. Announcement that the library will be a demonstration site for the "Anybook," 1,275,000-title database was made at the Mountain Plains Library Association Conference in September.

- Louise L. Kaufman, Cherryvale librarian, died September 2, at the age of 78, following a brief illness. She had been librarian at Cherryvale for 40 years. The new librarian in Cherryvale is Mrs. Audrey Crowder.

- Marilyn Goodrich and Bruce Bumbalough have been appointed to the Kansas Library Network Board by Gov. John Carlin. Goodrich, librarian at Rolling Hills Elementary School in Olathe, is the Board's new school library representative. The new regional library system representative, Bruce Bumbalough, is director of the Northwest Kansas Library System in Norton. At the September meeting Jasper Schad, Dean of Wichita State University's Library and Media Center, was selected as chair of the Board for the coming year.

- Some recent Kansas library personnel changes: Serena McAnulty has replaced Ruth Graham in Bronson; Carol Frasure has replaced Wilma Anderes in Chapman; in Nickerson, Kathy Theede has replaced Penny Gitchell; Mankato has Lorraine Frye replacing Opal Lamb; and Jolene Hart has taken the place of Lucille Ellison in Savonburg.



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