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E-rate info

The Universal Service fund is commonly referred to as E-rate, or Education Rate. It is not a grant but rather a discount established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Telecommunications providers who bid to offer these discounts to Kansas public libraries, schools and rural health centers will be reimbursed from the fund.

At this time, system consultants are working with local public libraries to complete technology plans and applications for these discounts. Plans and applications should be sent to regional system consultants for review and completion.

Comments about proposed federal applications were taken online until September 25. The final version of the federal application will be posted on Blue Skyways as soon as it is available.

The system consultants will send the reviewed technology plans and applications to the State Library for the Kansas submission to Washington.

A question has arisen about Internet service providers (ISPs) being eligible for discounting. Basic Internet service certainly qualifies. The question arose because of federal language using the terms "content" and "conduit." Any conduit, which is an Internet service provider, is eligible, but those which

provide both conduit service and "content"—meaning electronic publishing—can only be used if it is more cost effective. Even then, the content and conduit providers will only be supported for the price of the Internet access. America Online (AOL) is one example of a content and conduit provider.

After the applications are submitted to Washington, public libraries, schools and rural health centers will request bids from telecommunications providers. The library can accept the most cost-effective bid or reject all bids, but the vendor may still be able to charge a fee for preparation of the bid.

A library cannot request bids before submitting an application through the system and the State Library to Washington, but it can be submitted jointly with the application. Bids for additional services can be submitted at any time after the application is approved, but there may not be money available for such later bids.

Only public libraries, schools and rural health centers are eligible for these discounts. Other types of libraries such as institutional libraries are not eligible to apply.

Blue Skyways has an E-rate section at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/telecom.html>. ALA has a discussion list at uniserv@listserv.alawash.org. Further updated information about the E-rate will be mentioned in future issues of this newsletter.

KLA legislative committee

The KLA Legislative Committee met Friday, October 3 at 1:30 pm, in the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library Auditorium. The big item of discussion was the 1998 Legislative Agenda. They attempted to finalize agenda items so that they can be approved at the October 10 meeting of the KLA Council.

Any and all are welcome to attend these meetings.

October is Kansas Library Month! Celebrate and market all the resources your library has to offer.

Postal Service requests steep increase

The U.S. Postal Service has proposed a 28.57% increase for the first pound in the library rate as part of its July 10 request to change postal rates, fees and classifications. On August 6 ALA filed a legal notice to challenge the proposed increases in the library rate. About 50 organizations have signed up as intervenors in the Postal Service's rate case.

The increases for the library rate are much higher than the adjustments USPS says average 4.5% across all types of domestic mail. USPS anticipates the new rates would be effective in April or May 1998.

The library rate is used for mailing books and other library and educational materials among libraries, schools, colleges, museums and other nonprofit entities at less than commercial rates. This same rate is used by libraries for interlibrary loan loans, delivery of books reserved by users, and books-by-mail programs which provide books for isolated and homebound users.

<u>Library</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>% increase</u>
First pound	\$1.12	\$1.44	28.57
Each additional pound through 7 pounds	.42	.52	23.81
Each additional pound over 7 pounds	.22	.25	13.64

Tax forms order blanks available

Public and college libraries should have received their August Internal Revenue Service order blanks for tax forms for the upcoming tax season. The IRS Bank, Post Office, and Library Program (BPOL) allows the IRS to meet the needs of many taxpayers who might otherwise be inconvenienced in their search for tax forms and related materials. Several public libraries complained last year that they did not receive either the application or the forms.

Distributing Internal Revenue Service federal tax forms is an important public service for libraries to perform, especially in locations where there are no other readily available sources. Such governmental services performed by libraries are a powerful argument for funding from federal sources above the local level.

Order blanks were sent only to those who participated in the BPOL program in the previous year, according to Diane Cichocki, IRS management analyst. Libraries are encouraged to either increase or decrease the quantities needed.

BPOL order blanks were due back to the IRS by Friday, September 12. Libraries can join the BPOL

program anytime during the year. For more information call the BPOL program at 800/829-2765 or Ed Hardy, BPOL coordinator at 309/662-2478. Tax forms will begin shipping in mid-November.

White house launches Millennium Program

On Friday, August 15 at the National Archives, the President and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched the White House Millennium Program—a multi-year national initiative to mark the end of the 10th century and the beginning of the new millennium. The Millennium Program will celebrate the accomplishments of the 20th century, recognize and initiate projects, and engage every sector of society in conveying the American heritage to future generations.

The President said that the White House Millennium Program “will guide and direct America’s celebration of the millennium by showcasing the achievements that define us as a nation—our culture, our scholarship, our scientific exploration.”

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Catalyst

by Michael Piper,
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This issue of *Kansas Libraries* includes an application packet for the Interlibrary Loan Development Program. To help you write the best possible ILDP proposal, this month's *Catalyst* outlines the process the Network Board uses to award ILDP grants. As you prepare your proposal, please pay careful attention to the criteria presented here. (An electronic copy of the ILDP application can be found at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/KLNB/ildp.html>).

KLNB team scores ILDP proposals according to established criteria

Every year, the Network Board appoints an ILDP grant review team. This group reads all of the proposals, and recommends to the Board which of them should be funded.

In making its recommendations, the team appraises each proposal according to the criteria outlined below. Team members assign point scores in these categories on a scale from 0-3, with 3 being the highest score possible in each category. Then the committee discusses each application. Proposals with the highest point scores receive funding priority.

Interlibrary loan (ILL) value

- 3 Applicant has checked the Kansas Library Catalog to see if materials proposed for purchase are available in Kansas. If similar materials are already available, applicant offers a convincing explanation as to why more copies will enhance statewide ILL.
- 2 Applicant provides an explanation of ILL value and limited evidence is provided to support the explanation.

tion. Applicant does not appear to have checked the KLC to determine availability of similar materials.

- 1 Explanation of ILL value is vague or incomplete.
- 0 No evidence of interlibrary loan value.

Need

- 3 User need is clearly documented with statistics and specific examples of unfilled requests. It is clear that the proposal has been developed based on client interest in and need for information on the proposed topic.
- 2 User need is described and limited evidence is provided as support.
- 1 Uses incomplete or vague examples to describe need. Reader is left with unanswered questions.
- 0 No clear user impact is evident.

Commitment to continue the project after the grant expires

- 3 Proposal cites the amount of money the library plans to commit, or details how many additional materials will be added in the future.
- 2 Moderate or very short-term commitment is described.
- 1 Commitment to project continuation is mentioned, but no specifics are provided.
- 0 No commitment is described.

Budget

- 3 Budget reflects complete expenditure information, including shipping costs and processing. Source for costs estimates is cited. Library indicates a willingness to absorb some costs so all grant funds are used for materials.
- 2 Amount requested is appropriate for the type and quantity of materials requested.
- 1 Cost figures are vague. Reader does not understand exactly how the requested amount was computed.
- 0 Cost figures are incomplete and/or exorbitant.

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Individual communities and the public will also participate. Among the examples of individual participation cited by the First Lady was "helping to raise money for a library." The President said the best local community millennium projects will be awarded the honorary title, Millennium Communities, and their stories will be posted on the White House website.

Among the White House and federal agency millennium projects these are of special interest to the library community:

- **Internet Goal**—work to connect every classroom and library in America to the Internet by the year 2000.
- **National Digital Library**—The Library of Congress is putting part of its collection online for students, teachers and citizens. (Hillary Clinton noted that 2000 is the 200th anniversary of the Library of Congress.)
- **National Archives Preservation Project**—The National Archives has proposed a 3-year preservation plan to ensure that precious American documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights, survive into the next millennium.

A summary and additional information about the program are available on the White House website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/Millennium/>

The Millennium Program would seem to hold many opportunities for library participation, and could spark library-related community millennium projects. The State Library will report on significant developments and highlight opportunities for the library community.

KLOA hotel phone change

The 800 number to the Best Western Hospitality House Motel in Emporia for the KLOA Conference November 5-7 has changed. Please disregard the number on the registration form. The correct number now is 800/362-2036.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

New BCR Internet trainer

Michael Sauers has joined BCR's staff as Internet trainer he will be responsible for Internet, World Wide Web and reference service workshops.

Sauers comes to BCR from the Computer Skills Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he provided training in Internet skills and web page creation. He also has written Internet-related articles and columns for various publications. Prior to that, he had his own PC/Internet consulting business and served as a graduate assistant to the network services librarian at the University at Albany (New York) Library.

Sauers has an MLS from the University at Albany. He is a member of the American Library Association, the Library and Information Technology Association, HTML Writers Guild and Internet Trainers and Consultants Association.

Kansas libraries lose friends

Janice Weast, director of the Morrill Free Library in Hiawatha and public library representative to the Kansas Library Network Board, passed away Thursday, September 4 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Larry, a daughter and two sons. Services were Saturday, September 6. Her progressive outlook and warm demeanor will be sorely missed in the Kansas library community.

Marilyn Thaete, Claflin Jr./Sr. High School library media specialist, died on Sunday, September 21. Marilyn was the Assistant District Director for KASL District III and had been a presenter at district workshops and Tri-Conference.

Her funeral was Thursday, September 25 in the Claflin High School gymnasium. Memorials may be made to Claflin School libraries or Claflin Community Scholarship.

Claudia Thornton, who had been at Pittsburg Public Library for 19 years, passed away, Sunday, September 7. She did Interlibrary Loan for several years. She is survived by her husband, Mackie, and two daughters, Christy and Jenny. Services were Friday, September 12 in Fort Scott. She will be sadly missed by all co-workers and patrons.

Word was recently received that the mother of former Pittsburg Public Library director, Dottie Thomas, died after suffering a stroke earlier in September. Services for **Alice Byard** were in Wheeling WV. Condolences may be sent to Dottie at the Ohio County Public Library, 52 16th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 or by phone at 304/232-0244. She'd appreciate hearing from her Kansas connections.

...and on a happier note

Denise (formerly Schulte, Stanton County Library) and Russ Smith are the proud parents of two wonderful babies, delivered by C-section at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 16. Kennedy Jo, who was born first, weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and is 19.5" long. Her brother, Caiden Eugene, weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and is 19.75" long. Mother, father and babies are doing great!!

American Indian Law resource

The University of Kansas Law School Library received a grant worth \$7,500 from the Kansas Library Network Interlibrary Loan Development Program in August 1996 for American Indian Law. Following is a bibliography entitled Resources for American Indian Law 1995 published in the Southwest Association of Law Librarians Bulletin, vol. 27, no. 1, p. 25.

Given the grant monies the law library has been able to purchase nearly all the books and microforms listed in it. Please consider the K.U. Law Library to be the state-wide ILL depository for the listed books and microforms. Below is a listing of items in the bibliography that the library does not contain (either because the items are out-of-print or currently too costly):

- *Indian Law Reporter.*
- *United States Claims Court Digest.*
- United States. Court of Claims. *Cases Decided.*
- *Expert Testimony Before the Indian Claims Commission, 1973-79* (microfiche)
- *Constitutions and Laws of the American Indian Tribes.* 53 volumes.
- *American Indian Documents: Treaties and Laws, 16707-1789.* Vaught, Aldon T., ed.
- United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. *Digest of Decisions Relating to Indian Affairs.* **Out-of-print.**
- United States. Indian Claims Commission. *Annual Report.* **Out-of-print.**
- American Indian Policy Review Commission. *Final Report Submitted to Congress, May 17, 1977.* 2 vols. **Out-of-print.**
- *Meetings of American Indian Policy Review Commission.* 6 vols. **Out-of-print.**
- *Task Force Report of American Indian Policy Review Commission.* 11 vols. **Out-of-print.**
- United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs. *Treaties Between the United States of America and the Several Indian Tribes from 1778 to 1837.* Out-of-print.

- United States Attorney General. *Official Opinions.* **Out-of-print.**
- United States. Attorney General. *Digest of the Official Opinions of the Attorneys General of the United States.* **Out-of-print.**
- United States. Department of the Interior. *Decisions of the Department of the Interior.* **Out-of-print.**
- United States. Department of the Interior. *Digest and Index-Digest to decisions of the Department of the Interior.* **Out-of-print.**
- United States. Department of the Interior. *Alaska Native Claims Appeals Board Decisions.* 7 vols. **Out-of-print.**
- United States. Interior Board of Indian Appeals. *Decisions.* **Out-of-print.**
- United States. National Archives. *List of Documents Concerning the Negotiation of Ratified Indian Treaties, 1801-1869.* **Out-of-print.**

If you are aware of where one or more of these out-of-print items may be purchased, please contact Joseph A. Custer at 785/864-9262. My e-mail is jcuster@law.wpo.ukans.edu.

Ransom Public Library gets grant

Riding on the coattails, so to speak, of the Ransom couple who won \$1.7 million in the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes, the Ransom Public Library was given a check by Reader's Digest for \$15,000 plus books and videos. You might like to know that the sweepstakes was won on a non-order return!

Children's consultants win SWB grant

The statewide children's consultants representing the regional systems and the State Library received a Southwestern Bell Community Enrichment grant to fund the design and development of the 1998 statewide Summer Reading Program online manual and to underwrite seven regional training workshops in Spring, 1998.

We were very pleased and excited to have this project chosen for funding. Southwestern Bell will be issuing news releases in the future.

Free bookmarks

The Romance Reader is the largest site on the Internet devoted to providing unbiased, in-depth reviews and feature columns on the latest in romance fiction. We have bookmarks with our URL available free to libraries. Your romance patrons might enjoy getting to know a book-related site on the Internet. If you'd like a set, all we ask is that you send us the stamps for postage (we are a non-profit site). Four 32-cent stamps will cover shipping for 150 bookmarks; six 32-cent stamps will cover 300 bookmarks.

Several of our ten reviewers are librarians. These bookmarks also make great training aids for Internet workshops.

If you are interested, send to: Romance Reader Bookmarks, P.O. Box 2516, Midland, MI 48641-2516. We invite you to visit our site at: <http://www.theromancereader.com>. Your comments are always welcome. If you have a list of Internet sites/links for patrons, may we be added to the list?

Information: that's entertainment

The June 1997 issue of Survey of Current Business reports detailed national data on consumer spending on recreation from 1993 to 1995. By 1995, more than a third of such expenditures were for "information"—that is, books and periodicals as well as audio and video cassettes, CD-ROMs, computer software packages, and the hardware they each require.

Between 1993 and 1995, the "information as entertainment" economy grew by nine percent, making it, by 1995, more than a third of the recreation economy. This can be credited largely to a 28 percent increase, during that two-year interval, in consumer spending on electronic information and related equipment. But spending on recreational print matter increased, too. Between 1994 and 1995 alone, spending for books grew by four percent and spending for periodicals grew by almost seven percent.

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*.

BOOKS REMEMBERED

The Children's Book Council announces the publication of a new work for professionals in the field of children's books, and for anyone interested in children's books and their creators. *BOOKS REMEMBERED: Nurturing the Budding Writer* is a wonderful collection of pieces by children's book writers and illustrators, who share childhood reading experiences which greatly influenced the artist each grew up to be.

The pieces—amusing, touching, frequently revealing—originally appeared, from 1975 to 1997, in the Council's magazine, *CBC Features*. In *BOOKS REMEMBERED*, a short biographical note accompanies each article and, in nearly all cases, the original pieces are illustrated by photos of the authors as children as well as with current pictures. A complete bibliography of each author's work for children and young adults rounds out the work and, as a bonus, an introduction by Putnam & Grosset Group Chairman Margaret Frith sets the tone for this exploration of the influence of childhood reading on major voices in children's literature.

The articles are arranged chronologically as they originally appeared, providing an historical perspective as well as a literary frame of reference for each of the writers. An alphabetical listing at the beginning of the book aids in quickly locating a particular writer.

The authors included are: Joan Aiken, Lloyd Alexander, Natalie Babbitt, Ashley Bryan, Betsy Byars, Eleanor Cameron, Pauline Clarke, Beverly Cleary, Robert Cormier, Julia Cunningham, Roald Dahl, Russell Freedman, Jean Fritz, Jean Craighead George, James Cross Giblin, Lee Bennett Hopkins, M.E. Kerr, E.L. Konigsburg, Ursula K. LeGuin, Myra Cohn Livingston, Patricia MacLachlan, Eve Merriam, Scott O'Dell, Katherine Paterson, Tobi Tobias, Rosemary Wells, Patricia Wrightson, Laurence Yep, and Jane Yolen.

BOOKS REMEMBERED is 6" x 9", 128 pages, with nearly 60 b&w photographs and a full-color cover with original art by Ted Rand. The durable paperback edition, ISBN: 0-933633-04-1, is priced at an affordable \$25. To order, send a check or money order (plus \$3.50 per order for s&h), payable to The Children's Book Council, Attn: Order Department, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012. Schools, libraries, and other institutions may be billed for orders over \$25 (plus 10% of materials subtotal for shipping and handling) when accompanied by purchase order or official letterhead.

Kansas books

Johnny Kaw—*The Pioneer Spirit of Kansas*, retold by Gerri Garretson. Order form: Ravenstone Press, P.O. Box 1791, Manhattan, KS 66505-1791. Soft-cover, 8 1/2 x 11, 32 pp. (can be used as a coloring book) 1997. ISBN 0-9659712-0-1. \$4 + \$2 p&h on individual personal orders. 20% library discount on orders of two or more.

It's about time a Kansas folk hero got his due. And there's no bigger folk hero in the state than Johnny Kaw—literally. He's the big statute standing boldly on the southeast corner of the city pond in Manhattan. And there's probably no one better suited to revive the legendary giant than Gerri Garretson, Children's Librarian at Manhattan Public Library and native Manhattanite.

Johnny Kaw was born from the mind of Dr. George Filinger in a book of tall tales published in 1955. A decade after the publication of the KSU horticulture professor's book, boosters raised money to erect the concrete sculpture. Filinger credited Johnny Kaw with creating the Kansas ("Kaw") river, inventing the game of golf, clearing the Flint Hills into a valley where Manhattan now lays, taming tornadoes, planting sunflowers and wheat, and inventing Wildcats and Jayhawks.

Gerri's new treatment is in a folksy style which includes the tall tale elements with which kids can connect. A color cover encloses line drawings by KSU art professor Diane Dollar suitable for coloring by children, and Gerri is quick to add, adults. As Gerri said, it's about time a folk hero of Johnny Kaw's proportions got his due. Her retelling in this children's book for all elementary school and public library children's collection does just that.



Good Land: My Life as a Farm Boy, by Bruce Bair. Order from: Steerforth Press, Box 70, South Royalton, VT 05068. ISBN 1-883642-34-5. Hardcover, 189 pp. 1997. \$22.00

This little book is a labor of love about the love of labor. It's about the love/hate that relationship that exists for many Kansans who've left the family farm as the machines and the acreages grow bigger while the number of farmers grows smaller.

Bruce Bair worked on the family wheat farm near Goodland from the time he was nine years old until he left to pursue a career in journalism.

His new book is not a pastoral reminiscence of the good old days; instead, it's an attempt to portray the hard life of Western Kansas farmers from the point of view of a single family.

He tackles machines, religion, siblings, drought, family relationships and growing up in general since the end of World War II.

In the process, Bair will gain some fans, but he will also offend some readers. Those who left and washed their hands of agriculture are liable to agree with him and maybe say he didn't go far enough. Those who are romantic and/or nostalgic about the farm they left behind—or those whomever left the farm and love their way of life—are likely to feel that the author is committing a sacrilege. Either way, *Good Land* is one sure to stir up trouble in adult or Kansas collections.

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Highlights

Americans spend...

- four times as much on books as on tickets to movies or sporting events.
- more on books and periodicals combined than on children's toys or adult "toys," such as cameras, boats, and exercise equipment.
- twice as much on electronic information and the equipment it requires as on amusements parks, bowling alleys, bus tours, dance halls, golf courses, skating rinks, and swimming pools combined.

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Proposal

- 3 Shows evidence of careful planning and preparation. All sections of the proposal are complete and clear. Reader is given a clear understanding of the project's statewide ILL value. Proposal meets all grant criteria.
- 2 Answers are adequate. Proposal meets most criteria outlined in grant application directions. But value and need address local needs rather than statewide ILL needs.
- 1 Most answers lack specificity. The reader is left with questions concerning the project's need, ILL impact and costs.
- 0 Proposal is not well thought-out.

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