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Letters of intent solicited for LSTA Special Populations Grants

Letters of intent to apply for FY 1998 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Special Populations grants are now being accepted. The deadline for letters of intent is Monday, December 15, 1997. Letters of intent should be written on local library, agency or institution letterhead.

Tax-supported libraries of any type wishing to apply for grants to provide library services to special populations should submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1593.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for special populations. This is the first direct grant available through the State Library using

LSTA funds. Libraries which submit a letter of intent will then receive a copy of the application and LSTA Special Population Grant Program guidelines.

A copy of the guidelines and application forms are available electronically on *Blue Skyways* at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/admin/ksl.admin.html>.

A total of \$50,000 has been allocated for FY 1998 Special Populations grants.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a project serving a special population during FY 1998, submit your letter of intent by December 15. Grant awards will be determined at the February 27, 1998, joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.

For additional information about LSTA Special Population grants, please contact the consultant of your regional system of cooperating libraries or contact Roy Bird at 800/432-3919, or email: royb@ink.org.

PLA at Kansas City

The Public Library Association's (PLA) Seventh Annual National Conference, "Public Libraries: Vital, Valuable, and Virtual," will be held March 10-14, 1998, in Kansas City, Missouri. Over 100 programs will be offered.

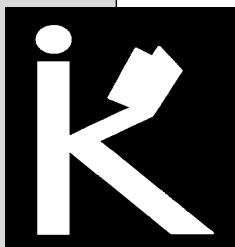
Specific program tracks include adult services/reference, facilities, technology, youth services, author/literacy/reader's advisory, trustees/friends/volunteers/advocacy, staff development, administration, and special populations. There will be author luncheons, tours, and table talks.

Calvin Trillin will be the keynote speaker for the Opening General Session. Popular film maker, Michael Moore (*Roger and Me*), is also scheduled to be a key speaker. There will also be more than 250 exhibitors.

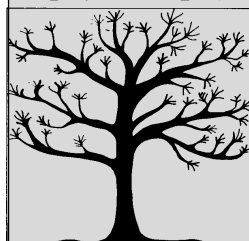
PLA members will receive registration information this fall. Visit the web site, <http://www.pla.org> or call 800/545-2433 for more information. See you in Kansas City!

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*.



NOVEMBER



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Read to Kids - Kansas is Gaining Wide Support in Kansas Communities

The Read to Kids - Kansas Coalition is informally but pervasively marketing the idea that reading aloud to their children is the single most important thing parents can do to ensure their children's success in reading. Families have known this for many years; science has gradually confirmed it.

But what does reading to children have to do with information access in Kansas communities? In the Information Age, it has great relevance. Children will need reading and writing skills more than ever before. Community leaders will be people who have been trained to articulate concepts, communicate ideas and teach skills. These abilities are formed among children who read easily and happily, soaking up vocabulary without conscious effort. An affection for computers is undoubtedly going to be a great asset. But a love of language is going to be even more useful.

The purpose of Read to Kids - Kansas is the goal that every child in Kansas, from six months to ten years, will be read to for twenty minutes every day. This goal has received enthusiastic support from educators, children's service providers, medical professionals and librarians all over Kansas. It has the advantages of being dramatically simple, genuinely enjoyable and incredibly low cost. But while it is a desirable goal, it doesn't go far enough.

There are not one but three steps that parents can take to ensure a child's reading skills. First, talk to the baby. Second, read to the small child. Third, have the school age child read aloud. When children read aloud they develop cadence, phrasing, voice modulation, correct pronunciation and accurate vocabulary. It helps them develop the skills that will make them good public speakers.

Many technologically sophisticated parents would insist on adding: give them early access to computers. One thing does tend to lead to another where children are concerned. But success in many occupations can start with a cherished infant who hears a lot of words.

We know educators are struggling constantly to develop information access in American schools. We know that public librarians are struggling to develop adequate

public access to the Internet. We know that many parents are firmly wedging computers out of the family budget. But reading to children is so simple, so enjoyable and so free that many busy parents in all economic strata are overlooking it as way to help their children succeed in the Information Age. Librarians should help market this idea, not as this year's fad, but as an ongoing priority.



Governor's appointments to Commission and Network Board

Governor Graves announced on October 31, 1997, five appointments to the State Library Advisory Commission and four appointments to the Kansas Library Network Board.

To the Commission, for terms of four years:

- **Jim Marvin**, Topeka (reappointment)
- **Jud Copeland**, University Library Representative, Director, White Library, Emporia State University
- **Beverlee Kissick**, Director of Libraries and Media Services, KSU Salina
- **Elizabeth Riley**, Farm Operator, Syracuse, Hamilton County
- **Michael Waugh**, Program Director, Television Services, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park

To the Network Board:

- **Shelia Blume**, Phillipsburg, School Library Representative
- **Edwin Burgess**, Chief of Archives and Deputy Director, Combined Arms Research Library, Fort Leavenworth, Special Library Representative
- **Mona Carmack**, Johnson County Library, Public Library Representative
- **Rosanne Goble**, DCPL/SWKLS, Dodge City, Regional Library System Representative

Congratulations to all of these people! We appreciate their willingness to serve in these important positions.

Catalyst

by Michael Piper
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board

Skyways' new Resources for Librarians

Several new items have been added to the Resources for Librarians list on Blue Skyways. Some of the things which are now available can be viewed at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/library/libresources.html> [.]

- Blue Skyways Train Station -- links to Internet training documents developed by Kansas librarians
- Bluestem: Health for Kansans -- a database of health-related web sites for patients and consumers
- E-Rate: Telecommunication Discounts for Libraries -- collection of resources related to the 1996 Telecommunications Act
- Interlibrary Loan Information & Resources -- connect to the Kansas Interlibrary Loan Directory and Manual
- Internet Searching Tools -- links to some of the popular Internet search engines
- Kansas Disaster Recovery Assistance Network (K-DRAN) -- a model disaster plan you can use as basis for your library's plan. Also contains a list of disaster readiness resources and other useful items
- Kansas Job Bank -- a free, searchable listing of jobs in Kansas
- Kansas Libraries Email Directory (EMAD) -- search for Kansas librarians' email addresses by library or by name
- Kansas Library Events Calendar -- find out what's going on in the Kansas library community this year
- Kansas Libraries Newsletter -- download back issues of the official newsletter of the Kansas State Library
- Kansas Public Library Trustee Handbook -- find out all you need to know about being a library trustee
- Librarian's Guide to Cyberspace for Parents and Kids -- info on what parents should know about Internet access at the library
- Library Land -- searchable by keyword and subject listing of links for librarians on a wide range of topics
- Library Links -- Institute for Academic Technology's list of relevant sites for librarians
- Library Public Relations Tips -- get a leg up on marketing the library to its community
- Library Professional Organizations -- listings for library organizations in Kansas and the nation
- Library-related listservs -- a comprehensive description of library-related mailing lists, both Kansas and national
- News on the Net -- some of the top newspaper and online information services and weather links available
- Online Databases -- access subscription databases from FirstSearch and SearchBank, find out who is eligible, and learn how to subscribe
- Public Library Internet Access Policies -- groupings of over 125 Internet access policies for libraries from around the country
- Resources for Librarian Professional Development -- get the latest on upcoming Kansas library conferences
- Specialized Library Services -- links to children and young adult, multicultural, and disability resources
- USA Today's Classline -- integrate today's news into your daily classroom activities
- Young Adult Librarian's homepage -- collection of links to assist the young adult librarian

Standards revision begins

The 1998 Public Library Standards revision committee met for the first time on Thursday, October 9, 1997, at the Lindsborg Public Library. At this meeting, **Sue Blechl**, Emporia Public Library, agreed to serve as chair. Other assignments from this meeting follow:

Chris Rippel, CKLS, will review the standards for integration of evaluation, marketing and community analysis; **Roy Bird**, State Library, and **Margaret Anderson**, Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado, will examine the Structure and Governance section; **Sam Bennett**, Kansas City Kansas Public Library, **Leah Krotz**, Belleville Public Library, and **Marilyn Anderson**, Overbrook Public Library, will work on the Automation and Technology section; **Shannon Roy**, State Library, and Marilyn Anderson will work on Personnel; **Bruce Flanders**, Lawrence Public Library, and **Linda Slack**, Kingman Carnegie Library, will work on the Physical Facilities section; Bruce will review services for children and youth. Chris Rippel will work on services for older Kansans; Shannon Roy will work on services for the disabled. Sam Bennett and Sue Blechl will examine ethnic minorities; and Roy Bird will work on services to isolated rural populations.

Chris Rippel found seven states with public library standards on the web. A web page listing these standards is at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/central/standards/>.

Comments or suggestions may be addressed to any of the committee members for consideration by the entire committee.

Governor proclaims archives week

Documents about Kansas communities and families are being preserved in more than 335 institutions in Kansas. To recognize the significance of archivists and archival institutions in preserving the state's documentary heritage, Governor Bill Graves last month proclaimed October 19-25, 1997, as Archives Week in Kansas.

County historical and genealogical societies, in public libraries, which preserve recorded aspects of community and family history, comprise most of the archival institutions. Included in the list of institutions are special collections within academic libraries and some libraries of other types.

In observance of Archives Week, staff at the Kansas State Historical Society gathered together information on preservation including technical leaflets, brochures, and conservation supply catalogs from a variety of companies. People interested in preserving personal documents, books, photographs, and film can pick up the information in the research room of the Kansas State Historical Society, Center for Historical Research, 6425 S.W. Sixth Ave., Topeka, KS 66615. The information is free to the public.

ESU sponsors worldwide I-net conference

Emporia State University sponsored a library conference of global proportions.

The School of Library and Information Management brought together university librarians, administrators and teachers from eastern European and former Soviet countries November 5-7, in Warsaw, Poland, to discuss "Information Restructuring for Democracy."

Using cutting-edge Internet technology, an elaborate web site was designed to augment and document the conference's happenings. In addition, the Warsaw conference was linked to five virtual conference sites in Emporia; Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.; Warsaw; and Australia.

The conference aimed to help libraries in former communist countries re-establish how they do business and integrate library practices from the West.

"This is definitely a grassroots, civic action in a wired world," said conference co-organizer and SLIM professor Roger Wyatt. "We're a regional university in the middle of Kansas, yet our goal is to educate knowledge brokers."

Wyatt and fellow co-organizer Herbert Achleitner said the conference was developed as a way to emphasize and highlight the role of libraries in the development of emerging democracies and free-market economies.

And Kansas universities are playing an integral part in that development. Along with ESU's involvement, the University of Kansas's Center for Russian and East European Studies and Watson Library also are participating.

About eight different students and representatives attended the conference in Warsaw, while an army of studies in Emporia helped and participated with the virtual version of the conference. At least two representatives from KU attended the conference.

Health and environmental information library catalog

Due to limited resources, the KDHE is no longer able to mail copies of the Kansas Public Health and Environmental Information Library (KPHEIL) Catalogue to as many interested parties as in the past.

This change comes despite the continued popularity of materials available through KPHEIL. This year, the Catalogue was mailed only to local health departments, schools, county extension offices, and major libraries.

The KPHEIL Catalogue is, however, available for downloading and printing from the Internet. Simply point your browser to: <http://www.ink.org/public/kdhe/kpheil.html>.

We plan to make the Catalogue available from this location on the Internet throughout each year, and to continue our regular mailings for years to come. Look for supplements to the Catalogue to be posted to this Web address as well, and be sure to bookmark us! Call Jenny Ransom at 785/296-1529 if you have questions.

The Office of Public Information will be reviewing and updating the KPHEIL information on an ongoing basis. If you have any library program questions or suggestions of public health-related videos or printed information, Jenny Ransom will be glad to discuss these with you.

A resource information supplier list including free materials and those items no longer in KPHEIL is available through the Office of Public Information.

All library orders should be directed to Chris Ponte, KPHEIL, KSU, 10D Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-3407, faxed to 785/532-5121, or e-mailed to KHPEIL@oz.oznet.KSU.edu. KPHEIL does not take phone orders but can answer your questions about orders at 785/532-5120.

Partridge and Mulvane win library awards

The Partridge Public Library and the Mulvane Public Library have been recognized as the "Outstanding Small Public Libraries" for 1997 by the 129-member South Central Kansas Library System. The awards, which each include \$500 cash, will be presented at the SCKLS Semi-annual Business Meeting on October 27 in Wichita.

The Partridge Library was recognized for "its addition of a new children's room; programming for children; historical displays of the community; use of library technology; and library promotion campaign." Partridge, population 230 was chosen from among 21 public libraries in south central Kansas which serve communities with populations fewer than 1,000. Vikki Stewart, one of the three judges for the award, commented that the Partridge Library "is small but ready for the 21st century. Partridge is more of a community because of its library and librarian."

Mulvane, population 4,831 was chosen from among 29 public libraries in south central Kansas which serve communities with populations greater than 1,000. Judy Eller, a judge for the award, said that the Mulvane Public Library "has a good sense of the past, present and future." The Mulvane Library was recognized for "its improvement of library facilities, services and collections; use of library technology; programming for children and families; and business and community involvement.

Judges for the award were Vikki Stewart, Literacy Coordinator for the Kansas State Library, Topeka; Lynette McNally past chair and board member of the Hardtner Public Library; and Judy Eller, Chair of the South Central Kansas Library System Executive Committee and Librarian at Clearwater High School. The annual SCKLS Outstanding Small Public Library Award program is in its ninth year.

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Historical society receives interlibrary loan grant

Kansas family history researchers will gain access to 25 rare books previously unavailable in most of the state courtesy of a grant from the Kansas Library Network Board. The board awarded the Interlibrary Loan Development Program grant, designed to improve access to library materials for all Kansans, to the Kansas State Historical Society's Library & Archives Division for fiscal year 1997.

The grant was used to purchase microfiche copies of the rare books that were previously held in obsolete microcard format. The fifty-year-old microcards were fragile and worn from use. Microfiche is a standardized format and many libraries in Kansas have microfiche readers available to the public.

The nineteenth- and twentieth-entry family history titles are connected with New England states and influenced the settlement and economic development of Kansas. Many Kansas families today still have ties to the new England states.

Information about the titles can be obtained by calling the Society's Reference Desk 9:00 am—4:30 pm Monday—Saturday at 785/272-8681, ext. 117. The title list appeared in the August issue of the *Kansas Review* and will also be found on the Society's World Wide Web page at <http://history.cc.ukans.edu/heritage/kshs/kshs1.html>.

The books on microfiche are available for interlibrary loan through the Society's Microfilm Loan Department. Contact your local library to request interlibrary loan services.

Researchers are invited to visit the Center for Historical Research at the Kansas History Center, 6425 S.W. Sixth Ave., Topeka, KS 66615; 785/272/8681; TTY 785/272-8683; <http://history.cc.ukans.edu/heritage/kshs/kshs1.html>.

The Book Kansas! catalog mailed

The Book Kansas! catalog has been mailed to public and school libraries. Many are familiar with this service, but others are not, so a note was added in this catalog to introduce the program.

Linda Hubale, is the author of eight books about Kansas pioneer women. Her titles include the *Butter in the Well* series, the *Trail of Thread* series, and her latest book, *Planting Dreams*. She and her husband bought Book Kansas! from the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publications in May 1996 and added it to Butterfield Books, Inc.

They now sell over 350 titles through their mail order catalog, working out of Linda's hometown of Lindsborg, Kansas. They specialize in books about Kansas, by Kansas authors, and subjects about which current and former Kansans would like to read. Topics range from history, nature, travel, sports, to cookbooks and children's fiction.

They offer public, school, and college libraries a 20% discount, with terms of net 30 days when the order comes with a purchase order through your school or library. The shipping and handling charges are added to the invoice.

As a special for this mailing, if you order ten or more titles from this catalog by December 1, 1997, Book Kansas! will add an autographed copy of **Planting Dreams** free. Please photocopy the enclosed letter and send it with the order to remind them to add your free book!

Other specials you may order: *Hayseeds, Moralizers & Methodists*, paper, retail price \$7.95, on sale for \$5.50. *Tough Daisies*, cloth, retail price \$22.50, on sale for \$15.75. *Enduring Indians of Kansas*, paper, retail price \$12.95, on sale for \$8.95. *Living Landscapes*, cloth, retail price \$29.95, on sale for \$20.95.

Book Kansas! will have a booth at the 1998 Tri-Conference, so please stop by to see their selection of books.

Augusta voters said no

Augusta voters on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, said no to a library addition bond issue. The \$1.4 million proposal was defeated, 1,378 - 1,191. The proposal included an addition to the existing library, a parking lot, remodeling to meet requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and new equipment.

Augusta Public Library received one of the last LSCA Title II New Technology grants in 1997.

Voters reject library plans

Park City residents, by a vote of 617 to 523, have rejected a 3-mill tax to create a city library. The mail ballots were counted November 6.

Efforts to get a library are dead for now, said Carol Oldham, who heads the Library Committee. The fate of the 3,000 donated books in the old senior center is uncertain. PRIDE, the civic group that pushed for the creation of the library, owns the books, but they are housed in a city-owned building and may have to be given away. Planning Director Jack Whitson said the city would give PRIDE plenty of time to remove the books.

Genealogy Lock-In

The Emporia Public Library will host a Genealogy Lock-In on Saturday, November 15 from 5:00 pm to midnight. Novice and experienced genealogists are invited to spend the evening, after the library has closed,

doing genealogy research. Participants will have the opportunity to use a wide array of print and electronic information resources.

In addition, Charley Kempthorne of the LifeStory Institute will give a program beginning at 2:00 pm on "Writing Family History" in the large meeting room of the library. The program is free and open to the public.

Participants are encouraged to bring any books or quarterlies they are willing to share with others for the evening. Participants are also encouraged to order microfilm, books and other materials on interlibrary loan well in advance to insure that they will be available for the evening.

The free program is co-sponsored by the Flint Hills Genealogical Society. Researchers participating should bring a covered dish or snack. Door prizes will be awarded. For more information call Katharine at 316/342-6524.

Kansas books

by Roy Bird

The Big Blue Eggventure: The Hatching of Baby Jay, by Deeann Downs and Jennifer Embrey Orth. Order from: KU Bookstores, Lawrence, KS 66046. 800/458-1111. 32 pp., softcover, 1997. \$12.95.

Even after the K-State KU football game in November, Jayhawk Fans still have one thing to cheer about—a new children's book hitting the bookshelves featuring Baby Jay, the popular pint-sized KU mascot.

University of Kansas graduates Deeann Downs and Jennifer Embrey Orth have teamed up with Kansas City artist Katherine Trueman-Gardner to create a colorful story for children as well as a trip down Jayhawk memory lane for Mom and Dad.

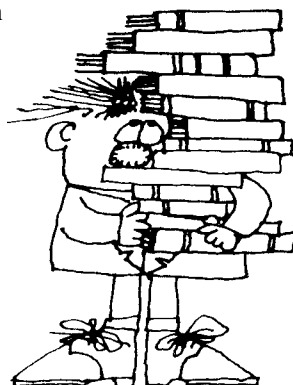
The Big Blue Eggventure: The Hatching of Baby Jay begins on the day of the KU vs. K-State football game and finds the visiting Willie Wildcat up to

mischief. The K-State mascot's antics take readers to the Chi Omega Fountain, Wescoe Beach, Potter Lake, Memorial Campanile, and other unforgettable Mount

Oread landmarks as he eventually maneuvers a big blue egg to Memorial Stadium—the perfect setting for the hatching of Baby Jay.

The real birth of Baby Jay happened at the halftime show of the 1971 Homecoming game against Kansas State University. Jay Jayhawk, the original KU mascot, watched on as Baby Jay hatched from a large blue egg. To complete the excitement the Jayhawks went on to beat the Wildcats 39-13. That game determined 7th and 8th place in the Big 8 that year.

The Jayhawk children's story was a natural for the first-time authors and illustrator. Downs and Orth both received Elementary Education degrees from the University of Kansas while Trueman-Gardner attended KU for four and half years as an illustration major before completing an Art Education degree at Emporia State University.



Library positions

Library Director

Morrill Free Library, Hiawatha

Creative, customer-oriented person to direct the activities and operations of recently expanded Carnegie facility in beautiful northeast Kansas county-seat town of 3,700. Fully automated library with multi-county service area. Bachelors's Degree required. MLS-ALA preferred. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Minimum \$24,000. Send resume by November 30 to: Morrill Free Library, 431 Oregon, Hiawatha, KS, 66434-2290. EOE.

Librarian

Menninger Clinic, Topeka

The Menninger Clinic is seeking a full-time Reference Librarian to join the professional library staff at our Topeka, KS location.

This position is concerned with providing reference services to patrons of the Menninger Professional Library and serving as a resource to library patrons regarding available services and programs. Requires an MLS in library science or MLIS in information science from an ALA accredited library school; expertise with library automation systems and information retrieval methods; knowledge of psychiatric, psychological and psychoanalytic concepts and familiarity with current trends in the mental health field. Must have two years experience within a medical library setting and the ability to communicate with staff, patients, and the public. MLA Certification is desirable. Menninger Clinic, 5800 S.W. Sixth, Topeka, KS 66606.

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