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1998 KLA Legislative Issues

The Kansas Library Association has announced its Legislative Committee's issues for the upcoming 1998 session of the Kansas Legislature. There are three main issues which the KLA Legislative Committee address:

1) A \$1,000,000 Addition to the Grant-In-Aid to Libraries Program. This amount will increase the Grant-In-Aid program in the amount of 19 cents per capita, or a total per capita support for every Kansan of \$1.16. As importantly, it assists in the replacement of \$509,000 which is no longer included in the State's Grant-

In-Aid program due to the realignment of federal library program authorizations.

2) \$150,000 for Continuation of the Legislature's 1998 Authorization of Database Access such as FirstSearch. FirstSearch

is the statewide subscription service for library access to online research databases used in libraries throughout Kansas; public, school, academic and special.

3) Support for the Library Service Programs Funded through the State Library. For more information contact Tim Rogers at the Johnson County Library.

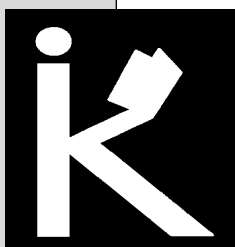
Librarians honor Sedgwick County legislators

Wichita Area Library Association and the South Central Kansas Library System honored two Sedgwick County state representatives at a legislative luncheon November 11, 1997 at Larkspur Restaurant in Wichita. During the 1997 legislative session, Representative Ted Powers, a Mulvane Republican and Representative George Dean, a Wichita Democrat, introduced an amendment which eventually resulted in an additional \$100,000 for state-wide online databases such as FirstSearch and Search Bank. The online database services help provide all Kansans with access to retrieve electronic information from their local university, college, school or public library.

Max Burson, President Wichita Area Library Association resided at the luncheon which had an attendance of about 30. Dr. Jasper Schad, Dean of Libraries, Wichita State University and one of the main speakers for the luncheon commented that since 1989, average use of electronic journal database articles per FTE student had increased 56%. "This confirms what we have known for decades: new information technologies do not supplant but augment those we already have. In other words, the more information Kansas libraries make available, whether electronic or print, the more information Kansans will use," said Schad.

Another speaker, Richard Soash, Library Media Services, Wichita Public Schools thanked legislators for bringing a degree of equity in terms of access to information to the Wichita Public Schools. Wichita is Kansas' largest school district and has more than 75 attendance centers. Presentation of framed certificates honoring the two legislators was made by Betty Cattrell, Director, Haysville Community Library, who along with Marjorie Fox, Director of the Mulvane Public Library initiated contact with the two legislators during the session.

Special guests included Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Wichita, State Library Duane Johnson, Topeka and State Library Advisory Commission member Ardena Matlack, Clearwater. Other libraries represented



at the luncheon included the Sedgwick County Law Library; Wichita Public Library; Newton Public Library; Mulvane Public Library; Friends University Library; Kansas Newman College; Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson and Kitch Law Offices Library; Via Christi Medical Library; Veteran's Administration Library; and Wichita Art Museum Library.

For more information contact: Paul Hawkins, South Central Kansas Library System, 800/234-0529 x113 or e-mail: phawkins@hplsck.org.

Heritage trust fund grants awarded

Ten Kansas properties on the state and national registers have been selected to receive a total of \$556,792 for the second round for 1997 Heritage Trust Fund grants. The program provides matching grants to help property owners preserve resources for the benefit of all Kansans.

Among the ten grants was the Carnegie Arts Center, Leavenworth, formerly the Leavenworth Carnegie Library. It will receive \$19,378 for reroofing over the east wing addition.

The Heritage Trust Fund was created by the 1990 Kansas legislature out of recognition of the important role of historic property owners and the unique circumstance they face in preserving our heritage. This fund is the only state financial incentive program for historic preservation. Several public libraries received grants in the first round of the 1997 program.

Thirty-nine applications were submitted for the second round of the 1997 Heritage Trust Funds. A total of \$1,993,148 grant funds were requested. Criteria for selection consists of level of historic significance, condition of the property, urgency of the work, proposed level of endangerment, administrative ability of the applicant, potential benefit to the community and state-community support for the project, and financial need. The Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review made the final selection at its November board meeting.

For more information about the Heritage Trust Fund grants call Carl Magnuson in the historic preservation office at the Kansas State Historical Society, 785/272-8681 x227.

Audio-Reader HEA-R campaign

The Audio-Reader, at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, has begun its 1997 "Help Expand Audio-Reader" (HEA-R) campaign.

Radio requests have increased drastically, not only from new applications, but many listeners have been with them so long that their radios need to be replaced. Audio-Reader made the commitment to use every dollar contributed this year to buy radios. However, they are expensive at \$95 each. Why are they so expensive? There are very few manufacturers willing to make radios for such a limited market. Also, Audio-Reader wants to purchase radios with the best sound durability. When the best radio is combined with the outstanding signal, the highest quality sound and clarity are the result. Audio-Reader want the many listeners who have hearing problems to be left out of our service.

If you make a donation to this year's HEA-R campaign you will receive their biannual newsletter, Airwaves, that will keep you up to date on advancements at Audio-Reader. Last year alone, they increased their Personal Taping Service by 25%, they began providing the Audio Description service to live theater performances, and added the Topeka Capital-Journal to Telephone Reader. Improvements are not cheap, but Audio-Reader spends money as frugally and efficiently as possible. You can be assured that your donation will directly benefit the listeners.

Teleconference on copyright and the Internet

Three authorities in intellectual property will sit on the panel for the PBS video satellite teleconference "Am I a Crook? Copyright Issues on the Internet." The teleconference, being sponsored by BCR, is scheduled for broadcast April 2, 1998, from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. (Eastern Time). The three panelists are Georgia Harper, Steven McDonald, and Dr. Janis Bruwelheide.

- Georgia Harper is manager of the Intellectual Property Section of the University of Texas System's Office of General Counsel. She has published *The Copyright Crash Course*, a collection of articles, presentations and policy documents related to copyright in the university community.

- Steven McDonald is an associate legal counsel at Ohio State University, where he is also an adjunct professor at the College of Law. He teaches a seminar on Electronic Communications and Tort Law.
- Janis Bruwelheide is professor in the College of Education, Health and Human Development at Montana State University Bozeman. She authored *The Copyright Primer* and is a nationally recognized authority in intellectual property matters for educators.

BCR is obtaining a multiple-site license to downlink the April 2 broadcast. With the multiple-site license, BCR is able to make the teleconference available to libraries at a tier of prices that are significantly below PBS' single-site price of \$375. Through BCR's sponsorship, libraries can downlink the teleconference at the following prices:

\$85 for single downlink site
 \$75 per site for 10-19 sites
 \$65 per site for 20-40 sites

The deadline to register with BCR as a downlink site is January 2, 1998. Libraries from Iowa to Idaho already have signed up for this opportunity.

For questions or to register, contact BCR's Sharon Hoffhines [shoffhin@bcr.org, 303/751-6277 or 800/397-1552]. You may also register at BCR's web site [www.bcr.org], where full information about the teleconference also is available.

Jim Fisher and the Howells at Sampler

Jim Fisher, columnist for the Kansas City Star, met and visited with John and Susan Howell at the Kansas Sampler Festival near Inman the first weekend of October. Some of what he learned follows:

The rattlesnake roundup is on Oakley's home page. It and 174 other Kansas towns as well as every county, has a home page, courtesy of John and Susan Howell of Wichita. The Howells create the pages free in conjunction with the Kansas Library Network Board in Topeka. So far, they have the counties and close to 200 small towns, including Freeport, population 8.

"I love small towns," said John Howell, a computer specialist for Boeing who has been granted a year of paid leave to continue tying Kansas to the world. "We

go in, find out everything we can — history, tourism, where to eat, churches, schools, industrial potential, you name it. We take pictures. Then we create a home page."

Susan Howell said the reaction had been varied. A couple of towns had heard about pornography on the Internet and wanted nothing to do with it. Most, though, have been willing, even enthusiastic.

"What you get first, though, is that old Kansas attitude of, 'Us? On the Internet? You can't be serious 'cause we're way out here in Kansas. How could we be important enough to be all over the world?'"

"Then they start getting hits, and they understand that people are interested in them, that they have something to offer. They have something you don't find on the interstates or in the big city malls. They have reality. And that's why we're here. To create more pages, to let people know what's out there."

SLA sponsors Author! Author!

The Heart of America Chapter of Special Libraries Association's Author! Author! Program was held December 4, 1997, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Kansas City, MO, between the Westport and Plaza areas. Three local authors came to speak to us on what they write about, why they write and how they do research. Books were available to purchase and for autographs.

Guest Authors: **Robin Wayne Bailey** - author of several science fiction and fantasy books including *Shadowdance* and *Brothers of the Dragon*. **Lou Jane Temple** - author of two culinary mysteries, *Death by Rhubarb* and *Revenge of the Barbeque Queen*, and **Robert Unger** - author of *The Union Station: The Original Sins of J. Edgar Hoover's F.B.I.*

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*.

Happy Anniversary!

Heart of America Chapter/Special Libraries Association

Date: Saturday, January 17, 1998

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Place: Linda Hall Library

Wine and Cheese Reception

Sponsored by: West Group

On this date in 1948, ten librarians came together to form a 'new' chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The first meeting was held at Linda Hall Library.

In honor of our 50th Anniversary, Linda Hall Library and West Group is hosting a wine and cheese reception to celebrate our "official" Anniversary and to kick off events for the rest of the year.

We welcome all librarians, (Heart of America Chapter members and non-members) and their spouses to join us in our celebration. Contact Carol Doms at 816/842-8881 x3072 or email: cdoms@nkhw.com about discount/package deals from the Embassy Suites Hotel.

We would like a head count so our hosts will know how much food and drink to prepare. Please let Kathleen Alshouse know if you are planning to attend by January 5, 1998. Kathleen Alshouse, Linda Hall Library, 5109 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64110 or call 816/926-8727, or email: alshousk@lhl.lib.mo.us.

Please include your name, number of guests, your organization's name, mailing address, phone, fax and email.

Leaping stars reach new heights in library continuing education program

—by Shannon Roy

Two Southeast System public librarians have been awarded their Level Five LEEP (Library Employee Education Program) Certificates for 400 hours of continuing education.

Muriel (Betty) Burrows has been the library director at Johnston Public Library in Baxter Springs since 1989. She has guided the beautiful old library through a major renovation and a damaging windstorm.

Betty is also the children's consultant for the Southeast Kansas Library System. She has served as a children's consultant for the Joplin Public Library in Missouri and the Arkansas State Library. She has also been a system consultant for the Tulsa City-County System.

Betty has a large family since she counts her husband John, her three children Angela, Andrea and John Ryan, her four cats Monet, Josephine, Loki and Evander, her two dogs, Shakespeare and Scrappy and two goldfish.

Virginia Pedroja is the library director at Madison, Kansas. Like Betty, she is a KPLACE graduate; and she is really proud of the many improvements in facility, collections and information access that have been made at the Madison library.

Virginia is a native of Madison who returned to help the community after graduating from KU and working for five years at the Sears Vincent Price Art Gallery in Chicago.

Virginia's other interests include art, music, bird feeding and prairie plant identification. She also has a very green thumb with over 50 thriving houseplants to care for. She owns a cat, Rudi, who visits the library from time to time.

Two other Kansas librarians have become the first to reach the new Level Six LEEP Certification for 600 hours of continuing education. One is a member of the Kingman library staff in the South Central System.

Julie Krebbiel has worked at the Kingman library for 14 years. Seven of those years have been spent in the Adult Services department and seven in the Children's

Department. She is currently working on a degree from Wichita State University, with a major in English literature. She expects to graduate in the summer of 1998.

"Julie's wide background in all types of literature is really an asset to the Kingman library," says library director Linda Slack. "We get real benefits from her commitment to her education and her enjoyment of learning."

Julie lives in Kingman with her daughter Nici who is 17 and her son Nathan who is 16.

Ann Bailey was also in the South Central System when she was director of the El Dorado Library but she is now the director of the Northwest Library System. Earlier in her career she has served as the system's consultant. Ann and her husband live in Norton. Ann and her staff work out of quarters adjacent to the beautiful Norton Public Library.

Ann explained her commitment to continuing education by saying, "When I realize it has been 18 years since I received my library degree and how much the library world has changed since then, I realize why continuing my education has been so important. I have been fortunate enough to be in jobs where I have been encouraged to attend programs that have broadened my knowledge. And I don't know it all yet so I guess I'll have to keep going."

The State Library staff has anticipated that Level Seven LEEP Certificates might be necessary someday for these librarians and other Kansans like them. The levels of professional commitment and intellectual curiosity just keep rising.

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LC unveils centennial plans

-Library Hotline

Preliminary plans for the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Library of Congress (LC) in the year 2000 were introduced at a press conference on October 6. A new logo and theme for the commemoration include the words "Libraries, Creativity, Liberty" in a design featuring the interior dome of the library's famous main reading room.

"In highlighting the role of libraries in promoting knowledge, creativity, and liberty in America, we are paying homage to James Madison, who said 'Learned institutions ought to be favorite objects with every free people. They throw that light over the public mind which is the best security against crafty and dangerous encroachments to the public liberty,'" said Librarian of Congress James Billington. John Cole, the library's bicentennial project director and director of its Center for the Book, issued an invitation to libraries of all kinds to participate in the celebration.

In addition to inviting ideas for national, state, and local projects from libraries and Members of Congress, the library announced four core bicentennial endeavors. The "Gifts to the Nation" program will include significant acquisitions for the library's collections, commissioning of creative works of music, drama, art and literature; and the library's effort, through its National Digital Library program, of making available electronically millions of items from its American historical collections by the end of the year 2000.

The "Frontiers of Knowledge" program, a series of lectures and symposia exploring ideas that shape our lives, will begin with a June 1999 conference titled "The Frontiers for the Mind in the 21st Century," including young people from every congressional district, in which scholars will summarize significant developments in approximately 19 fields in the past century and look ahead to challenges in the year 2000 and beyond.

"Local Legacies" will build on local projects underway nationally in partnership with LC offices such as American Folklife Center and the Center for the Book. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky will take the lead in the "favorite poem" project, which will feature, on audio and video, 100 Americans from all walks of life choosing and reading aloud a favorite poem.

The bicentennial projects will be privately funded. The web site is <<http://www.loc.gov/bicentennial>>.

Free to read

Local libraries can't remember the last time a book was banned from library shelves in Wichita or neighboring cities.

"The local community has been very fair with us," Wichita's library director, Richard Rademacher, told the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon*. In his 22 years with the library, he has fielded a few complaints but never removed any of the libraries' 970,882 books, toys or tapes.

So when protesters started gathering recently outside Wichita bookstores in an attempt to rid the community of a book, Rademacher and others watched events unfold with some concern. After all, they said, it's their job to make books of all kinds available to the public.

But Rademacher and fellow librarians in Newton and Derby and in the Wichita schools said the protest hasn't affected life at public libraries. In fact, even though local residents often are adamant about discussing differing points of view, Wichita appears to be more tolerant than other cities across the nation when it comes to controversial books.

Local librarians say people sometimes object to vulgar language or the content of children's books, such as those about Halloween. But they don't complain often, and when they do, they talk it over with librarians.

"They don't always go home happy," said Ruth Hartzler, who works in the Newton Public Library. "But in general, we have a tolerant community here."

Judith Krug, executive director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, part of the American Library Association, said about 150 books have been challenged or banned in American communities between March 1996 and March 1997.

Local librarians said there are two reasons why book banning doesn't happen here: local tolerance for intellectual freedom; and sound library policies concerning what books are bought and shelved, and how complaints are handled.

"We take complaints very seriously, and try to work it out," Rademacher said.

All of the librarians by nature try, in as friendly a manner as possible, to convince people who complain

that it's best to make information available to the public—even if some members don't agree with it.

"We serve a diverse population, where not everyone is of the same mind or opinion," said Judy Bennett, director of the Derby library.

"We have to accommodate for that, because library materials are paid for by all taxpayers and not, for example, only those taxpayers who are mystery readers or who believe in only one way of looking at things."

Open house in Atchison

Atchison Public Library held an open house in celebration of the newly renovated children's library and Kansas Room on Sunday, November 23, 1997 from 2:00—4:00 pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place at 2:00 pm. It was a festive event with refreshments, and was well-attended.

Coffey County grand opening

The Coffey County Library held the grand opening of the New Strawn Branch on November 16, 1997 at 2:00 pm. The newest branch of the Coffey County Library is located at 305 North Main, New Strawn, KS 66839.

Rites of passage discussion series

The Emporia Public Library offered the Rites of Passage discussion series for African-American young men 12 to 18 years of age. The series began on Monday, November 24, 1997 and runs through Monday, February 16, 1998 from 5:30—7:30 pm.

Topics discussed will be positive self-esteem, peer pressure, dealing with racism, positive role models, self-determination, sexuality/relationships and responsibilities, parenthood responsibilities, addictions-drug/alcohol, employment opportunities, teen pregnancy, black male leaders, education, and experience with God. Discussion leaders will be from Emporia and other cities in Kansas.

The first Rites of Passage program was named one of the top 50 library programs in the United States by the American Library Association.

For additional information, please call Earl Williams at 316/342-3805 or Sue Blechl at 316/342-6524.

New director at Pittsburg Public Library

Pat Clement has been named the new director for the Pittsburg Public Library. She began the job December 1.

Clement holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Indiana., Bloomington, IN, and her most recent position was in technology support at Murray State University, Murray, KY.

She is married to Ron Clement, new dean of the Pittsburg State University Kelce School of Business.

Library Board Chairman Bob Tomassi confirmed Clement's selection to the post. She was introduced to staff at the new public library addition.

She fills the position vacated by Dottie Thomas, who returned to her native West Virginia last December. The library has been without a director for several months and Tomassi said there have been struggles finding the right match with the right qualifications.

Literacy pages translated to Spanish on Blue Skyways

Blue Skyways has added a Spanish translation to the Introduction to Literacy Pages. The new URL is <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/spanishlit.html>>. Since these pages were put on Skyways in October there have been 103 requests for the file.

Because Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States, Vikki Stewart, State Library Literacy Coordinator stated, "With the addition of this translation, we can reach more people and help greatly with accessibility." Future plans include expansion of Spanish translation into additional areas of Skyways.

Thanks are due to Tom Roth, Kansas State Library, for his assistance in the translation process. The Blue Skyways home page URL is <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas>>. Be sure to check the "What's New Section" for new features.

Picturing Wichita on CD-ROM

Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm the Wichita Public Library offered a free training session on the Local History Photographic CD-ROM computer at the Central Library, 223 S. Main. With a century's worth of pictures from Wichita and the surrounding area now available on CD-ROM, access to historical photos is easier than ever before. The CD-ROM computer makes it possible to search for portraits, street scenes, agricultural, industrial and interior shots, with one keyword.

The Local History Photographic CD-ROM computer is located in the Genealogy/Local History section and is available for use Monday through Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1:00—5:00 pm, and by appointment. Use of the computer is free and laser print-outs can be made from the station for \$1.

Over 4,000 pictures have been digitized and saved on CD-ROM, in an ongoing effort to preserve the collection and allow access for library users. Funding for the entire project came from private donors; the Latner Foundation, Ross Foundation, Hyde Foundation and John & Helen Hyde. Check the library's web site at www.wichita.lib.ks.us for electronic displays of photos available in the digitized collection.

Legislative committee hearing schedules now on Skyways

Wondering when a particular Kansas state legislative committee hearing will be held? Find out on Blue Skyways at <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/government/las/schedule.html>>.

E-rate info available on Skyways

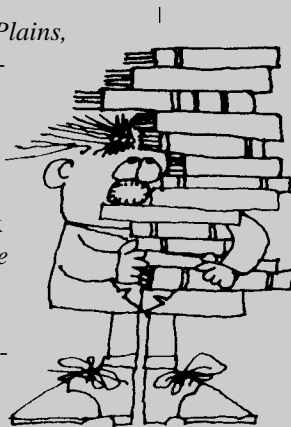
For the latest on telecommunications discounts for libraries and schools, see our Telecommunications Discount Page at <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/telecom.html>>. We'll incorporate updated Kansas info on this page as the State Library and the KCC work out the E-rate implementation details for our state.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird

Scalp Dance: Indian Warfare on the High Plains, 1865-1879, by Thomas Goodrich. Harrisburg, PA: Stackpole, hardcover, 1997.

From the Sand Creek massacre in 1864 through the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876 to the final defeat of the mighty Sioux and Cheyenne nations in 1878, *Scalp Dance* by Thomas Goodrich relates the bloody, bitter clashes between white and American Indian cultures, the former bent on conquering the land of the Plains and necessarily the people who lived there, the latter defending its proud way of life in the only way it knew how.



Goodrich, a graduate of Washburn University living in rural Shawnee County southwest of Topeka, is the author of two earlier works on Kansas Civil War history, *Bloody Dawn* about the Quantrill raid on Lawrence and *Black Flag* about guerrilla warfare on the Missouri border. He allows the participants to tell their own stories by incorporating quotes from documents and reminiscences into a skillfully woven text. In so doing Goodrich takes his reader “on a lurid journey through massacres, skirmishes, raids and pitched battles” according to *Publishers Weekly*.

Scalp Dance is recommended for all adult non-fiction collections.

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