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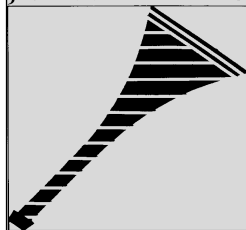
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Eastern Kansas Technology Conference 1997

The North Central, Northeast, and Southeast Kansas Library Systems, and the School of Library and Information Management, ESU sponsor this conference on March 13 & 14, at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.

The rapid development of computer technology as an enhancement to provision of traditional and innovative library services has become so much a part of our thinking that sometimes it's not only our knowledge of technology, but our ideas about it that need to be updated. Over the past few years, the value of technology in libraries has moved steadily away from simple streamlining of repetitive or detail-heavy tasks like circulation, cataloging and book-keeping, towards an ever more sophisticated approach to information sharing that moves library services,

resources, and benefits out of the library and into the broader community. The 1997 Eastern Kansas Library Technology Conference was developed around the idea that now is the time to look at existing collectors and distributors of information, at the latest developments in electronic information management, and at the cultural/social worlds we live in, and ask ourselves: "Communities, Computers, and Libraries—How do we make them fit together?"

The conference will feature programs focusing on topic areas identified in conversations between planners and the librarians of Eastern Kansas:

- Information Access (i.e., making automation part of your library's collection/resources)
- Community Networking (using technology to create a new and efficient information moving-and-sharing system for a community and its libraries)
- Library Automation (sessions focusing on the traditional library functions of cataloging and circulation)
- Technology and the K-12 Library (programs aimed at elementary/secondary education and librarians whose work focuses on children)
- Technology and the Academic Library (issues raised and discussed by the academic library community, but important to libraries of all types)

There will also be an Internet demonstration, a session on upgrading your computer and a mix of "hands-on" labs, including a Walk-In Smorgasbord where you can ask experts for advice on your technology challenges.

The conference registration fee of \$40 covers the cost of the programs, refreshments during break periods, and the luncheons on Thursday and Friday. Other meals and overnight accommodations are not included.

For more information, contact your system consultant, or SLIM at 316/341-5203. Check out the EKTC home page on Blue Skyways (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/ektc/ektc.html>).

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KLA Presidential awards

Presidential awards are presented to recognize distinguished service to the Kansas library community and/or to librarianship in general by individuals and institutions in the following categories:

Library Advocates—to be given to an individual or institution in recognition of exemplary leadership or support for growth and development of the Kansas Library Association and/or a library or libraries in Kansas. Such leadership and support may be, for example, in areas of library-related legislation, media coverage or in writings which further the understanding and appreciation of Kansas and its libraries.

New Professionals—to be given to a Kansas Library Association member who, within the first five years after having earned a professional degree, has made a positive impact on the quality of library service and/or the role of library personnel in Kansas.

Library Personnel—to be given to a Kansas Library Association member, either individual or institution, who has made notable contributions to the library profession, furthered significant development of libraries in Kansas, or performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of the Kansas Library Association.

Potential recipients may be nominated by members of the Kansas Library Association, either individuals or institutions, by submitting a nomination form, (forms are available from the same address) with supporting documentation, ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1997, to the following:

Rowena Olsen
KLA Presidential Awards Committee
McPherson College Library
1600 E. Euclid
McPherson, KS 67460-1402
Fax: 316/241-1649

Supporting documentation includes, but is not limited to letters of recommendation and vita.

Recommendations for award recipients will be forwarded from the Committee to the Executive Committee of KLA, who will make the final selection; the award(s) will be presented at the Tri-Conference General Session.

SLIM marking the value of MLS degree

The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University has embarked on a mission to raise awareness throughout Kansas of the value of their graduates as potential employees. Targeting the local civic and business group audience, SLIM hopes to create new job markets for their graduates as well generate more interest among local business people in the services provided by area libraries.

They have developed a Powerpoint presentation and speech entitled: "Decreasing Uncertainty: The Mission of the Modern Information Professional" which members of the SLIM faculty and administration deliver. They customize the program for each community to highlight the local libraries and SLIM graduates from the area.

Local librarians throughout the state are encouraged to schedule the SLIM presentation for an upcoming meeting of the civic group to which they belong. Please contact Dan Roland at 800/552-4770 or rolandda@esumail.emporia.edu.

Lois Adriance retirement reception

The Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) hosted a reception honoring Lois Adriance, System Consultant and Associate Director, Sunday, January 12 at the Lawrence Public Library. Lois announced her retirement from NEKLS November 11, after 22 years of service.

Lois began working with the system in 1974. Before starting her career with the system, Lois served on the Wellsville Library Board and the Gardner School Board. She designed the demonstration school media center in Wellsville and also served as President of KASL.

Her NEKLS accomplishments are too numerous to mention all of them. Some of the highlights include beginning and continuing quality continuing education opportunities for member libraries (the annual NEST retreat), many successful assemblies, helping to establish a "Friend of Kansas Libraries" group and providing individual support to the library staffs, trustees, and friends in the Kansas community.

As Shannon Roy stated at the reception, "Lois can retire from her work with Kansas libraries, but she cannot retire from our friendship." Lois' dedication and commitment will be with all of us for a long time.

Catalyst

by Michael Piper
Executive Director
Kansas Librray Network Board

KLNB maps plans for the 1997 Tri-Conference

Every Spring, the annual Tri-Conference affords Kansas librarians with an opportunity to renew acquaintances and re-charge their imaginations. Again in 1997, this annual tradition will continue, as 600 conferees will gather in Topeka on 9-11 April at the Kansas ExpoCentre.

The Tri-Conference is the combined annual conference of the Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Kansas Association of School Librarians, and the Kansas Library Association. This year's conference theme will be "Partnerships: Technology and Tradition." The keynote speaker will be Larry Hatteberg, author, photojournalist and news anchor for KAKE-TV, Channel 10 in Wichita.

Your 1997 Tri-Conference promises another set of exciting learning opportunities, including several programs sponsored by the Kansas Library Network Board. This month in *Catalyst*, I'll preview KLNB-sponsored programs at the 1997 Tri-Conference.

Learn how to put your town on the digital global map

Interested in putting up a Blue Skyways home page for your library and/or your community? Find out how in an all-day preconference on Tuesday, 8 April 1997 in Kansas City. This hands-on session will be led by John and Susan Howell, who have developed Web pages for more than 100 Kansas communities on Blue Skyways (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/towns/>).

There is no charge for this workshop. Attendance is limited to the first 24 registrants, and pre-registration is required. To register, send in the form included with your Tri-Conference registration packet. For a complete Tri-Conference registration packet, call 800/234-0529 (in Kansas) or 316/663-5441.

Explore Cyberspace in the Blue Skyways Room

Again in 1997, the Network Board will sponsor the Blue Skyways Room, where you can explore Blue Skyways and other Internet resources. The Blue Skyways Room will be in the Exhibits area, and will be open throughout the conference at no charge.

Find out about the latest Blue Skyways developments

In the "Blue Skyways User Forum," Network Board members will provide updates on Skyways developments, and invite your suggestions. Discussion topics will include FirstSearch databases, and the KLNB's campaign to raise funds for continuing Blue Skyways in the future. This session is scheduled for 8:30 AM on Thursday, 10 April.

Check your Tri-Conference program to confirm the date and time, and to determine the room location.

Develop your grant writing skills

Learn how to write winning grant proposals in "Developing Effective Grant Proposals." This free session will be held on Friday, 11 April at 8:30 AM. Consult your Tri-Conference program to confirm the date and time, and to identify the room location.

For more on the KAECT/KASL/KLA Tri-Conference, check the Tri Conference '97 Home Page on Blue Skyways (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/tricon/tricon97/>). For a complete Tri Conference registration packet, call 800/234-0529 (in Kansas) or 316/663 5441.

Reminder: Interlibrary Loan Development Grant proposals are due on 31 March 1997. For a complete ILDP grant application packet, go to Blue Skyways (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/KLNB/1998ILDP.pdf>).

Address change

An address published in *Kansas Libraries* for recycling discs has changed from JADCORE, c/o DADC Recycling Program, 300 N. Fruitridge Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47803 to:

Alternative Plastics
c/o DADC Recycling Program
200 Brown Street
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Count On Reading

Consider running a Count On Reading program this spring. As you may know, Count on Reading challenges the nation's young people to read a billion books and to become avid readers and library users. AASL will celebrate the final Count On Reading "count" at its Eight National Conference & Exhibition scheduled for April 1997 in Portland, Oregon. As of October 14, 1996, 32 million books have been read and reported to the "count" by people across the Americas.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a reading initiative or is currently sponsoring one may submit a count. For example, many states sponsor book award programs. The reading of these books can be used as reading for Count On Reading. Public library summer reading programs can send in their statistics for number of books read. Any programs such as Battle of the Books or read-a-thons are examples of reading initiatives that may be included in Count On Reading.

For more information about Count On Reading, please contact:

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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*.

Fall institutional librarians conference

The Fall Institutional Librarians Conference met in Larned on Friday, November 15, 1996. Ben Buckles, Topeka Correctional Facility, chaired the meeting.

Copyright information, an institutional home page on Blue Skyways, joint acquisition of library materials, and use of computers in institutional libraries were discussed. The director of the Larned State Hospital attended a portion of the meeting and gave a brief description of that facility.

Lunch was provided by the Larned State Hospital. At lunch Anne Graner was honored for her years of library service to the Larned State Hospital and to the Institutional Library organization. She was rewarded with a cookbook signed by all the librarians present. Mr. Buckles moved that Ms. Graner be made an honorary member of the Institutional Library organization, Babette Beach seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

After lunch a tour was conducted of the Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility and its library. The meeting concluded at 2:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Institutional Librarians Conference is recommended for late April 1997 at either the Youth Center at Beloit or the Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

Teleconference "Dancing with Change"

Renn Library, Cowley County Community College, plans to provide a downlink to an exciting two part international teleconference on the Cowley County Community College Campus on Fridays, February 28 and April 4, 1997 from 11:00 am—12:30 pm. The downlink site will be in the Little Theater located in Galle-Johnson Hall, 125 S. Second Street.

"Dancing with Change," a live international teleconference that will explore electronic access in libraries and how that technology will help librarians assist patrons, may be the largest audience to ever view a single event in the library profession.

Sponsored by Information Access Company, a leading provider of electronic reference databases to libraries in the U.S. and around the world, the two-part series will be

satellite broadcast to more than 400 sites in all 50 states and internationally from 11:00 am—12:30 pm., CST on both days. Between 10,000 and 20,000 persons are expected to view each teleconference.

The first teleconference on Friday, February 28, "A Reality Check: Electronic Resources and Service," will address issues related to librarian and patron services: proper uses of technology, redundancy and overlap, cost shifting, staff expectations on digital resources, student and patron expectations, staff training, finding the right balance among traditional and electronic services and resources, creating links among electronic tables of contents, full-text data bases and remote users.

The second teleconference on Friday, April 4, will explore: "A Survivor's Guide to Using Electronic Resources and Services Intelligently" through topics which include: setting priorities, document delivery, alternatives to print journals: online, imaging and electronic "reserved book rooms," selecting and cataloging policies for online, multimedia and interactive materials, rebirth of cataloging in the enhanced library of the future, libraries with and without walls, and how to combine the best of what we have with the best of tomorrow.

Information seeking?

Lawrence Gardner High School library has joined one of the world's most advanced computer information systems. It is called the "Internet." The Internet is a computer system which links computers to share information.

Information can be logged into the Internet as quickly as a minute after an event happens. Students now have access to information about job leads, college, religion, famous people, and current events through the Internet. Of course, YCAT students are not permitted to look up anything that is considered contraband, pornography and gang-related things.

Students may sign up to use the Internet in the library during school hours. LGHS librarian Mr. Rolfstad gives "tours" to students who are unfamiliar with the Internet.

—*The Independent
Youth Center at Topeka*

Community Connections

by Shannon Roy

Stafford Library has lively Computer Training Center

The Nora Larabee Library in Stafford is a turn of the century brick building with stained glass windows that serves a community of 1,300. In addition to its print collections, it has a computer training center that is heavily used by both children and adults.

The computer learning center was the dream of the library staff and Ramon Quijano, one of the community's local doctors. In 1994, Dr. Quijano persuaded Glen and Joy Helmer to help with the project. Exactly one week after the library received the funding, the Helmer Computer Learning Center was a reality.

The Helmer Center was initially started as a children's learning center and the library staff and local computer buffs were delighted to see the children's response. In a 1994 article in the Wichita Eagle, Dr. Quijano was quoted as saying, "Usually, I just put in the program, show them the menus for navigating and then walk away. A few days later, there's more than one kid running the program and they are way beyond where I left them."

Now the computers are often used by adults when the children are in school. The library offered some computer training classes when the Helmer Center was young but now there is more likely to be one-on-one training among library users of all ages. Library Director Dixie Osborne comments: "I learn a new program and teach it to one or two of my young computer gurus and they teach it to other children or to interested adults. It is especially interesting to watch children teaching adults or younger children helping older children."

"Once a week, the Cornerstone Day Care staff bring their children to the library to use the computers. Adults marvel at the three and four-year-old children operating the programs with little or no assistance from the adults in charge. Occasionally residents from our local rest home, Leisure Homestead, will come and watch the children play with the computers. Several of them have expressed an interest in using the computers themselves. The children are very good at explaining how the computers work. It is interesting to watch the interchanges between the children and the rest home residents. We have all ages, 3 to 90, using the computers."

Ms. Osborne adds that the Helmer Computer Center has been a remarkable addition to the library's services: "Many people who cannot afford to have computers in their homes are very pleased to have access to computers at the library. Children and adults that visit from out of town are amazed that a public library in a community this size has a computer training center. Many of them are from larger towns that don't offer this service. It helps us realize that bigger isn't always better. Our small community is able to offer access to a wide variety of electronic information and entertainment."

JCL circulates 4 million

On December 4, 1996 the Johnson County (KS) Library's annual circulation surpassed the 4 million mark. A celebration and special recognition for Brett Merriam, age 7, of Roeland Park who checked out the 4 millionth item was held at Cedar Roe Library to commemorate the milestone. He checked out *Happy Birthday Thomas*, by W. Awdry and was surprised by library staff with a library tote bag, balloon bouquet, library t-shirts, mug and a \$10 gift certificate to the Friends of the Library Used Book Store.

Similar Johnson County Library circulation milestones were achieved in December 1984 for 1 million, December 1989 for 2 million, and in December 1992 when 3 million items were checked out. In 1995 a total of 3,913,811 items were checked out from Johnson County Library locations.

The Johnson County Library annual circulation per capita average is 13.2 items based on the first ten months of 1996, which is well above the national average of 6.4 for similar sized libraries. Turnover is 4.6 which means that on average every item is checked out nearly 5 times each year. More than 171,000 items were added to the Johnson County Library collection in 1996, over a third of which included new materials for the Antioch Library which opened in March of this year.

The Johnson County Library serves a population area of 329,100 with a Central Resource Library and 11 branch libraries. More than 66% of the library district's residents have library cards and are current borrowers. In 1995, 1,948,896 persons visited the Johnson County Library locations, more than visited Chiefs home football games or Worlds of Fun. The Shawnee Library opened in 1992, Leawood Pioneer in 1994, and the Central Resource Library in 1995. The Lackman Library which is currently closed for expansion will reopen mid-1997.

State genealogical award to JCL

The Johnson County Library recently received an Award of Excellence from the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies. The award is given in recognition of meritorious service or distinguished work in the field of family history.

The Library was honored for attention to duties which has shown commitment and dedication that has provided a service to the Kansas Genealogical Community. The award read: "Your contribution is an indication of your willingness to assist and show care to those who are seeking family history documentation. This is an unselfish attribute. It is with deepest thanks that this award is given for First Place, Improvement in Library/Research Center - (with tax base) during the year of 1995-1996."

The Johnson County Central Resource Library is located at 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park and supports 11 branches throughout the country. The 90,500 sq. ft. Central Resource Library houses the library's core collection including local, regional and state history information and government documents. The library is a state and federal depository and also offers electronic resources and microform formats as well as materials to assist beginning genealogists. Fourteen volunteers assist in the local history area.

Book week celebrated at Logan Library

Each November during the week before Thanksgiving, Book Week is celebrated nationally and this year, it was celebrated at Logan Public Library with special activities on November 21. "Oh, The Places You'll Go" was the theme chosen this year by the Children's Book Council. The first slogan, 77 years ago, was "More Books in the Home."

Jo Sammons, Director of the Dane G. Hansen Museum, was a special guest during the Children's Story Hour. She showed the children pictures and told the story, "A Walk in the Rainforest," followed by a visit to the museum to see part of "Feathers & Fibers," artifacts from the Amazon Basin. Jo showed the children head-dresses, explained the spectacular colors of feathers and gave each pictures to color and each received a colorful picture of a parrot.

During the afternoon, students grades 1—6 and teachers visited the library. Librarian Rose Gulick told the story "Ooh-La-La" to the lower grades and gave a

short history of the organization of the library in 1902 to present time and of its many homes before moving to the present location in August 1990. Parts of the history of how old Logan papers were given to Esther Suhr in the 1960's, of how volunteers spent hours sorting and filing the papers and having them bound into hard bound books was of interest to the uppergrades. The indexing system, under the leadership of Evelyn Pauly, was explained and a news item was shown on the Mineolta printer/reader and a copy made for the students to see.

Bookmarks with artwork and library hours and a treat were given to each child. Artwork was done by contest winners in grade 5 and 6: Jason Reese, Kelli Berg, Tyler Thomas and Jami Tidball.

Library Positions

Emporia State University

Director of Library Services and University Librarian

The Director will provide dynamic leadership and vision to all library services into the 21st century, and oversee the continuing move to Internet and CD-ROM accessible databases, the migration to a new Integrated client/server library automation system, and the creation of accessibility at remote sites. Applicants must have an ALA-MLS and doctorate in library science or related field with 5-8 years of academic/research library administrative experience. Qualifications must merit a tenure track appointment as full or associate professor. Applicants with university teaching experience, understanding and commitment to resource sharing, networking, library automation, new information technologies, successful grant acquisition/administration, and a record of scholarly and professional achievement, are especially invited to apply. Screening will begin February 24, 1997 and continue until the position is filled, no later than June 15, 1997. Send letter of application, vita, names, telephone and e-mail addresses of 3 professional references who are submitting letters to John O. Schwenn, Academic Affairs, Campus Box 4045, ESU, Emporia, KS 66801-5087. E-mail: schwennj@esu.emporia.edu. AA/EOE.

Kansas State University Libraries

Rare Books Librarian

Responsibilities: the head of the Rare Books unit within the Special Collections Dept. (University Archives/Manuscripts and Rare Books), develops and implements policies for reference, collection development, cataloging, outreach (including use of WWW), and preservation. *Required qualifications:* MLS from an ALA-accredited

library school; minimum of two years experience with rare books or special collections; knowledge of specialized online and printed reference sources for rare books; knowledge of cataloging standards, such as AACR2, LC classification, LCSH, MARC formats; evidence of ability to develop cooperative and partnership relations with constituencies; knowledge of preservation; excellent oral and written communication skills; strong interpersonal skills. *Preferred qualifications:* experience in the following areas: subject-specific instruction using rare books or special collections holdings; donor and dealer relations; utilization of WWW resources; exhibitions; manuscripts and archives; academic setting; working in team environment. *Salary/Benefits:* minimum salary of \$28,000 for 12 months, dependent on experience and qualifications; librarians have faculty rank and are eligible for tenure. Benefits include: 22 annual vacation days; Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance; choice of retirement plans. Review of applications will begin March 3, 1997. Anticipate on-campus interview to begin after March 31, 1997. Send letter of application, resume, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three work related references to M. Jean McDonald, Administrative Services, Kansas State University Libraries, Manhattan, KS 66506. KSU is EOE, affirmative action employer.

Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

Youth Services Manager

The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library is seeking applications for a dynamic, energetic, and creative Youth Services Manager. The Youth Services Manager reports to the Deputy Director for Operations and serves on the Management Council which meets weekly with the Executive Director. The applicant must share a strong vision of children's services and library goals and possess a "Can Do" attitude. This leadership position requires innovative skills, the ability to develop, plan, and implement programs and outreach activities for children and young adults. Required qualifications: include MLS degree and four years progressively, responsible, administrative experience in public libraries. Comprehensive knowledge of children's and young adult literature, excellent communication, interpersonal skills, self motivation and knowledge of new technologies in youth services are required. Salary range: \$30,202—\$45,635. Excellent benefits, including BCBS health/dental at no cost to employee (\$50 mo for family plan), retirement and cafeteria plan, with 22 days vacation and 12 days sick leave. Send resume and three professional references to Russ Blosser, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1374. EOE (Applications accepted until position is filled.)

KLC CD-ROM update

I know many of you are wondering about the next issuance of the Kansas Library Catalog on CD-ROM. You received your most recent copy last year at this time. However, due to budget constraints, the next production has been postponed until after July 1, 1997 (which is a new fiscal year for us). We have notified Auto-Graphics of this schedule change, and are included in their production schedule for late summer. CD-ROM catalogs will be mailed to you in early fall.

The next production of the KLC CD will most likely be the last. The funds are just not available to support both online and CD formats. The KLC WebPac is avail-

able through Auto-Graphics, and many libraries also have access to WorldCat through our FirstSearch subscription. Both of these are updated very frequently and have proven to be quite popular.

If your library has been sending updates to Rhonda, you should still continue to do that. The cutoff date for inclusion in the next CD production will be approximately June 15, 1997. Rhonda is now sending updates to Auto-Graphics on a monthly basis, so please continue to send that information to us.

I apologize for any confusion or concerns caused by the delay of the next CD production. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me at 800/432-3919. My email address is pattim@ink.org.

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