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System consultants, OKIRSA hold joint meeting

Members of the Older Kansas Information and Referral Services Association (OKIRSA), the regional library system consultants and the subregional Talking Books librarians will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at Lindquist Hall, Wallerstadt Library, Bethany College, Lindsborg.

Each of the three groups will hold one of their regular meetings that morning. Beginning at 1:00 pm, brief presentations will be made by Shannon Roy, Library Development Officer of the State Library; Shirley Wickman, field specialist, North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging (AAA); Joanita Doll-Masden, Talking Books at Central Kansas Library System; Jeff Hixon, North Central Kansas Library System consultant; and Dot Leakey, Social and Rehabilitation Services.

From 1:30—2:00 pm, Shannon will moderate a brainstorming session for the entire group seeking cooperative programming ideas for each of the eleven state AAAs, and from 2:00—2:30, small group sessions based on each AAA area and the area librarians will discuss local planning efforts.

Successful programming between AAA, CKLS and NCKLS has occurred in the past year. The goal of this joint meeting is to encourage similar programming in the future.

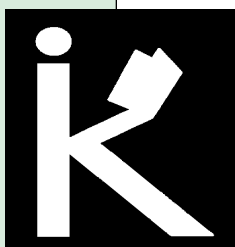
Kansas archeology week 1997

Kansas Archeology Week, invites Kansas students of all ages to join archeologists in a partnership, sharing the joy of discovery AND the responsibility of stewardship for the state's archeological heritage. During the week of April 6—12, many classrooms, libraries, and museums across Kansas will focus on the theme, "A Place to Call Home." Based on the universal need for shelter and a sense of place, the 1997 poster and educational materials will feature Kansas farmhouses from prehistoric to recent times.

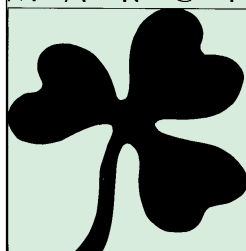
In previous years the "A Place to Call Home" series has presented grass houses, earthlodges, and turn-of-the-century farmhouses. This year's materials summarize the theme. Teaching aids are designed to strengthen the connections between prehistoric and historic cultures and modern Kansas life. Efforts to preserve cultural resources and instill respect for diversity include a poster and companion study guide for each year, with text suitable for a wide audience but directed toward middle school students. Each guide is arranged as a five-day unit of instruction, which can be used at any time of year, year after year.

With help of Kansas Anthropological Association volunteers, poster packets were mailed around February 1 to all Kansas schools (librarians and teachers of social studies and gifted/talented students), libraries, museums, historical and genealogical societies, members of the Kansas Anthropological Association, Kansas Council for the Social Studies, and Kansas Museums Association. Additional unfolded copies of the poster can be obtained in person at no charge or \$2 by mail. The 40-page companion study guide, available early in March, is free upon request. To order these materials, contact project coordinator Virginia Wulfkuhle in the Archeology Office.

Other resources include traveling trunks with information about archeology, Native Americans, farming, and carpentry, available for loan from the KSHS Education/Outreach Division, 913/272-8681 x414.



M A R C H



Community Connections

by Shannon Roy

TEEN project develops information access

A young teacher from Marion sits in a Hillsboro classroom and teaches a wildlife course to four young men in Herington. A few miles away and a few hours later, one of the Herington Public Library staff members points out where the public access to Internet will be hooked up. A technology consultant from TEEN joins in the conversation while ducking under tables and desks.

These were among the exciting glimpses that library consultants Jeff Hixon and Shannon Roy had of the development of the TEEN (Technology Excellence in Education Network) Project that serves the Unified School Districts of Centre, Herington, Hillsboro, Marion and Peabody. TEEN's executive director, Dr. Sharon Tatge, agreed to join the presenters at the Eastern Kansas Technology Conference and also to share an article on TEEN.

TEEN began five years ago as the vision of superintendents in five small and rural school districts in north central Kansas. Their main goal was to expand and enhance curriculum by offering a wider range of elective courses to high school students. The use of two-way interactive television over a 57-mile fiber optic network allows these schools to offer students courses on subjects that otherwise would be very difficult to support. Graduate level and community college classes have also been received at each high school over the network.

TEEN will also support lifelong learning for the many citizens in the area who need to revitalize their skills to stay abreast of changing job requirements. The network will be available for training sessions for such groups as hospital workers, judicial officials, city employees, firefighters, law enforcement officials, library staff, SRS officials and other government employees. TEEN officials hope that the savings in time and travel will be substantial enough to lure more and more agencies on to the network for workplace training.

TEEN has also offered the opportunity for a number of professionals to network monthly with their colleagues: TEEN board members, superintendents, principals, ITV teachers, district technology leaders, librarians and counselors.

TEEN has installed a CODEC to the network that allows TEEN to connect with over thirty sites that are on the Kansas Access Network. These sites include eight colleges and universities, three large medical centers and the Kansas State Board of Education in Topeka. With this connection, TEEN's fiber optic cable is also a gateway to and from the rest of the world.

TEEN has provided Internet access to the five school districts and to the communities of Herington, Peabody, Marion and Hillsboro. They will also be setting up public Internet access in the public libraries. TEEN has been able to connect library resources at all levels of education. With the use of a library network, students will have access to great quantities of information that have been unavailable to rural school districts in the past. More and more, students are casually using multi-media resources from the World Wide Web to complete their school projects.

Interested Kansans can visit the TEEN homepage at <http://www.teen.k12.ks.us>. For further information, contact Dr. Sharon Tatge, TEEN Office, 19 North Broadway, Herington, KS 67449.

Hamilton dedicates new library

The Hamilton City Library will hold an open house and dedication of its new public library facility on Saturday, April 12, from 2:00—4:00 pm. Representative Peggy Long of the state legislature will be one of numerous guest speakers at the dedication. Hamilton erected the first modular building to provide a physical facility for a public library. Congratulations are due to the entire community.

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KLNB meets in Topeka

This month: a report on the Kansas Library Network Board's Winter 1997 meeting. A complete summary of the Network Board's Winter meeting is available on Blue Skyways at <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/KLNB/KLNB297.html>>

Network Board launches "Support Blue Skyways" campaign

The regional library system directors and the Network Board have pledged to work together to sustain Blue Skyways as a permanent service.

Securing state funding for Skyways could take years. Meanwhile, the KLNB has committed its entire 1997 discretionary budget to Blue Skyways. With contributions from the regional library systems, the Board has also recruited a fund-raising consultant, Susan Lindsay.

Ms. Lindsay has prepared a campaign whose goal is to generate at least \$75,000 in funding from corporate and foundation sources by 30 June 1997. This includes \$40,000 for the annual Blue Skyways contract with the KU Medical Center; \$25,000 to support the CLOUD Committee's staffing proposal; and \$10,000 for equipment and other support items.

The Board has established three teams to begin approaching sponsors. At its May meeting, the Network Board will revise its fund-raising strategies as needed.

KLNB sets Skyways development priorities for early 1997

After reviewing recent Skyways accomplishments, the Board set the following development priorities for the first quarter in 1997:

- 1) Implementing the "Support Blue Skyways" funding campaign, whose goal is to raise \$75,000 by 30 June 1997.
- 2) Continuing the re-design and clean-up of Skyways. Staff at the KU Med Center will continue working on this activity.
- 3) Updating the KLNB's pages on Blue Skyways. Michael Piper will refresh information in the Network Board's documents on Skyways.
- 4) Upgrading the "Communities" section on Blue Skyways by adding more community pages and incorporating the Skyways re-design elements.
- 5) Beginning work on a directory of libraries in Kansas. This directory will include address information for all types of libraries in the state.

State Library will hold hearings on use of federal funds

Network Board services such as Blue Skyways are funded by the federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). Congress has reauthorized LSCA for six years under a new name: LSTA (the Library Services and Technology Act).

Beginning in FY 1999, the new LSTA will have an increased emphasis on Technology. Some programs such as State Grants-in-Aid may be ineligible for federal funding under the new LSCA alignment, according to State Librarian Duane Johnson.

During the transition process to LSTA, all of the State Library's LSCA funded programs—including the Network Board—will be reviewed. As part of this review process, the State Library will hold a series of public meetings to determine how federal LSTA monies will be used in Kansas.

Note: Within two weeks after each quarterly KLNB session, I post a meeting summary on KANLIB-L, the Kansas library community's listserv. For information about subscribing to KANLIB-L, or for more about the Network Board or Blue Skyways, email me at KSSTL2LB@INK.ORG.

Minimum wage poster

Libraries sometimes receive advertisements from commercial vendors about the "Minimum Wage Poster." Although employers are required by federal law to provide notice of minimum wage, rather than purchase the poster your library can print the poster free-of-charge from the attached link. <<http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/public/minwage/poster.html>>

An approved copy of the minimum wage poster is made available for informational purposes or for employers to use as posters. It is available in two versions—for a color printer or a black and white printer. To use this file as a poster for your place of employment, please follow these instructions:

- The file is only available in PDF format. In order to view and/or print PDF documents you must have a PDF viewer (e.g., Amber or Acrobat Reader) available on your workstation.
- Click on the link for the minimum wage poster (color or black and white) and wait for it to load into the viewer.

In addition, free information posters required to be placed in your library are available free from:

- Job Safety and Health Protection
- Federal Minimum Wage
- Employee Polygraph Protection Act—write or call the Office of Public Affairs, Room 2509, 911 Walnut, Kansas City, MO 64106 or 816/426-5481.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Law—write or call the Equal Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 911 Walnut, Kansas City, MO 64106 or 816/426-5773.

Everything about archives you didn't learn in kindergarten

Everything About Archives You DIDN'T Learn in Kindergarten!— a practical symposium for archivists and others who work with historical materials, will be held Saturday, April 12, from 8:15—4:15 at the RLDS Temple, Independence, MO. Sponsored by the Kansas City Area Archivists.

This symposium is designed for archivists as well as individuals who do not work with historical or archival materials full time. Presenters will offer practical suggestions about what to do and what to avoid.

Some sessions will guide non-archivists who regularly encounter archival materials in the course of their work and assist them in making appropriate decisions about their collection and access policies.

A second track will be offered dealing with advanced archival issues for those who have gotten beyond the basics. Speakers from archives and historical collections will address the acquisition, appraisal, physical care, security, and promotion of collections, as well as donor relations and grant seeking.

Registration fee of \$30 (\$25 for KCAA members) includes lunch catered by KC Masterpiece. Registration deadline: April 4. For registration form and program contact Jennifer Parker, Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 816/235-1547 or e-mail WHMCKC@SMTPGATE.UMKC.EDU.

Children's poetry contest

Emporia Public Library is hosting its second annual poetry contest for children in grades 1—6. The winners will be notified by phone and invited to read their poems at a reading on Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 pm. The contest and reading are in celebration of National Library Week, April 13—19, and National Poetry Month. For more information call the library at 316/342-6524.

MPLA area libraries are "Poets in Person" Sites!

The Modern Poetry Association (MPA) and the American Library Association (ALA) have selected 50 libraries for the fourth round of "Poets in Person: Reading, Hearing, and Talking about Contemporary Poetry in America's Libraries" program, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The program is designed to encourage an interest in poetry and revitalize the place of the humanities in American society. Winfield Public Library in Kansas is taking part in this project.

New area code to be 785

The Kansas Corporation Commission announced the assignment of the new area code to be implemented in a portion of the 913 calling area. The new area code is 785.

The new 785 area code will become operational at 12:01 am on July 20, 1997. This will initiate a permissive dialing period. During the permissive dialing period, a consumer placing a call to the new area code can dial either the old 913 area code or the new 785 area code and the call will be completed.

Based on current projections the permissive dialing period will extend 14 months to October 1, 1998. A 60-day intercept message period will follow the permissive dialing period. During this period, a consumer dialing the wrong area code will receive a recorded message informing them of the new 785 area code.

The Commission relief plan splits the 913 area code along an existing line south through Atchison and Jefferson counties and continues along the western edge of Johnson, Miami and Linn counties.

The existing 913 area code will be retained in the area east of the line, including metropolitan Kansas City, and the new 785 area code will be assigned to the area which extends west to the Colorado state line in the northern half of the state.

Wathena H.S. ILDP materials

During the school year 1996-1997, the Wathena Resource Media Center received an Interlibrary Loan Development Grant for \$2,800. This grant funded 100 videos which included an audiovisual encyclopedia of job opportunities that focus on the School-To-Work concepts.

The program titled "Enter Here" visually discusses careers that are not dependant upon post-secondary college training, but are entry-level careers for high school or technical school graduates. These videos were also accompanied by over 50 books that focus on careers, teaming, interviewing, employment skills, resumes, etc.

These materials will be listed in the KLC. This catalog electronically indexes holdings of libraries across Kansas. These materials are available for interlibrary loan through local libraries. Please contact Sherry Deaton, Wathena High School, for additional information at 913/989-4426.

A new partnership for TALK in Kansas

A new partnership has developed between KHC and the Kansas State Library. State Librarian Duane Johnson has generously agreed that the library will take over management of the more the 5,500 books that are part of KHC's Talk About Literature in Kansas (TALK) program.

While KHC administers the program, the shipping and processing of books for TALK programs held throughout the state will be conducted by the staff of the Talking Books Service of the State Library under the direction of Patti Lang, regional librarian.

KHC looks forward to working with the State Library to provide this service to the public. KHC will release its updated TALK catalog in late spring, with at least three new series available. To schedule a TALK program, or for more information contact Deborah Pomeroy, KHC Resource Center Coordinator, at 800/562-8057.

Academy award shorts

The 11th annual Academy Award Short Subjects program was held at the Wichita Public Library at 1:15 pm on Sunday, March 16. The program was repeated in its entirety on Sunday, March 23, again at 1:15 pm. The program included current Academy Award nominees in the Documentary Short, Animation, and Live Action categories.

Academy Award Short Subjects provides an opportunity to see non-feature films nominated for awards before the Oscar presentations on March 24. Wichita is the only city to have public showings of these films.

The program is free and open to the public. For additional information contact Sondra B. Koontz, Head of Art, Music, and AV Services at 316/262-0611.

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*.

Distinguished Alumni Award

In a related note, Sondra Koontz is the recipient of the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science Alumni Association's 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be presented at a luncheon on Saturday, May 10, 1997.

Sondra graduated with her MLS in 1971 summa cum laude. She was director of the State Audiovisual Center 1971-1993 and has been head of the Art, Music and AV Services at Wichita Public Library since 1993.

In addition to this honor Sondra has been invited to attend the Academy Awards presentation on March 24, thanks in large part to her work with Short Subjects.

In Memoriam: Ford Rockwell

Ford A. Rockwell supervised the Wichita Public library from 1947 until his retirement in 1976, including its 1967 move from its old home on one side of Main to a larger new home across the street.

He oversaw the growth of the library system from a collection of 125,301 books and a \$161,055 annual bud-

get when he started as head librarian in 1947 to a collection of 360,000 books and a budget of \$1.5 million when he retired in 1976.

He expanded the library system from one building to a network of them, and he oversaw it for more than a quarter of its first 100 years. And just months before he retired, he was honored by having Wichita's first permanent branch library named for him.

Mr. Rockwell, who was 89, died Sunday following a brief illness. A native of New England, he was buried in Westfield, Mass., which he considered his hometown.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; son David of Seattle; daughter Marilyn Rockwell Driscoll of Mission Woods; four grandchildren; and a sister, A. Ruth Drummond of Westfield, Mass.

The family requests that memorials be made to Plymouth Congregational Church, where Mr. Rockwell was a member of the Plymouth Rocks, a social and charitable group of retired men; or the Rockwell Memorial Library Fund at the Kansas University Endowment Association. The fund was started upon the death of Mr. Rockwell's younger son, Jeffrey E. Rockwell, and Mr. Rockwell was a "significant contributor" to it on Jeffrey's behalf, David Rockwell said.

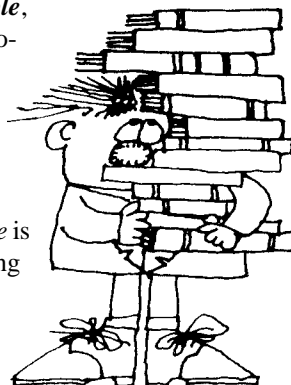
Kansas books

by Roy Bird

Clover Cliff Ranch: The Land and its People,
by Paul G. Jantzen. 160 pp., 100 b&w photos, 7 drawing and maps. \$12.95 + \$3 s&h. Order from Clover Cliff Ranch, Box 126, Durham, KS 67438 or call 800/457-7406.

Clover Cliff Ranch: The Land and its People is the history of a Kansas Flint Hills ranch along U.S. Highway 50 southwest of Elmdale in Chase County.

Beginning with prehistoric geologic forces that shaped the land and influenced the climate on the ranch, this account describes how Native Americans used its resources, how early European



explorers viewed its wildlife, and how white settlers introduced cattle to its hills and crops to its valleys.

While the ranch has been operated by only three families since 1860, there were severe hardships: oppressive droughts and floods, blizzards and heat waves, insect invasions and fires, diseases, and deaths, human achievements and failures, and interpersonal struggles.

Personal accounts of these stresses are sprinkled throughout the narrative.

Currently owned and operated by Jim and Joan Donahue, the ranch was purchased in 1987 to continue its use as a working ranch and to serve as a family retreat. This book was commissioned by the Donahues.

No dark CLOUD

Or there's a CLOUD over Kansas, but it's a CUMULUS, not a nimbus

*by Mary K. Bird-Guilliams,
Wichita Public Library*

Amidst the stampede to get libraries and schools connected to the online resources of the Internet, some of us are realizing there are at least two major problems with it. One is that good sites are hard to find. The other is that even good sites are poorly organized by library professional standards.

It's a new slant on an old problem: how best to get the information to the seeker. Librarians to the rescue! While that might be hyperbole, the reality is our profession is uniquely suited to organize the wealth of sources online, and the choice part is—the public is already convinced about it. We don't have to foist the format on them, just massage it. The business community is intensely aware of the commercial advantages of the Internet, and the more forward thinking of local governments are understanding the visible, electronic presence of their community as necessary for growth.

A large portion of what patrons seek through the Internet/Web is contacts; persons, places and things that they need and want.

Libraries have been in this line of work for a long time. It was called "Information & Referral" and now is more commonly referred to as "Community Resources." All libraries provide this as a service to our public, even if it is just assisting them to find the right phone number in the phone book.

An opportunity has arisen here in Kansas to be part of an innovative use of new technology to fulfill traditional goals of library service. The CLOUD website (Community & Library Organization Union Database) is a first-rate project that has already been recognized as progressive by the library community nationwide.

Since 1993, a group of librarians has worked together to develop the concept of a statewide community resources database. It has been quite a ride. When we began, there was no World Wide Web, and our initial struggles involved finding a suitable format and host for the scope of our vision. The Kansas State Library has always been a backer of the project, so when Blue Skyways was developed as the State Library website, the CLOUD project was figured in right from the beginning.

Even the privatization of the government social services has resulted in beneficial fallout for the development of our database. The Kansas Department of Human Resources in Kansas has mandated the creation of a statewide database of their services and cooperative efforts have been discussed at the state level between their contractor and our group. We are extremely optimistic about the chances of receiving funding to carry out the technological aspects of this project. Such funding could be most advantageous to smaller and rural libraries.

Participation in the CLOUD database is achievable by all libraries in Kansas, regardless of their current level of service in community resources. Our multi-talented programmers have engineered the ability to load files directly onto the Web version of CLOUD, or to utilize a special interface product called CUMULUS, loadable onto any PC, which allows data entry off-line which may then be loaded easily into CLOUD.

We are even developing transfer and upload protocols for other software common to libraries, to allow preexisting databases to be loaded into it. Thus, whether your library already has a community resources database, or the files are paper, or if your community resources are mostly what the reference staff can remember, CLOUD has a method for your to participate.

A comprehensive training manual is being assembled to follow the entire process from data collection, through CUMULUS and/or CLOUD entry. Training sessions are being planned, with follow-up on-site assistance. A mentor program is being explored. The April KLA conference will feature a user's group for CLOUD contributors.

The CLOUD task force has been approached by the Community Information Section (CIS) of PLA to do a presentation on the project for the 1998 PLA Conference in Kansas City. Our goal is to have as much content in the database as possible, and a list of contributing libraries as big as Kansas!

You may or may not agree with John Perry Barlow when he said "...with the development of the Internet, and with the increasing pervasiveness of communication of networked computers, we are in the middle of the most transforming technological event since the capture of fire."

—originally from Harper's Magazine, quoted in an article from the Fall 1996 issue of Daedulus

but we know our profession is changing. Come and join us at the front edge.

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.

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