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LSTA Special population grants funded

In action by the State Library Advisory Commission and the LSTA Advisory Council in a joint meeting on Friday, February 19, 1999, a total of 20 of 30 applications for services to special populations were either fully or partially funded. Included in the funded applications were projects to serve children, disabled persons, foreign language speakers, older readers, institutionalized persons and combinations of these special populations.

Contracts for the funded projects can be expected about mid-March. Those libraries submitting applications which were funded by the Commission and Council include:

- Coffey County Library, \$900
- Frank Carlson Library, \$2,750
- Dodge City Public Library, \$2,500
- Bradford Memorial Library, \$750
- Emporia Public Library, \$7,850
- Goodland Public Library, \$750
- Dorothy Bramlage Public Library, \$2,071
- Lawrence Public Library, \$2,000
- Liberal Memorial Library, \$4,000
- North Central KS Library System, \$1,000;
- Pittsburg Public Library, \$3,000
- USD #305, Salina Public Schools, \$500
- Sunset Elementary School Library, \$500
- Sedan Public Library, \$2,000
- South Central Kansas Library System, \$7,500
- Southeast Kansas Library System, \$1,049
- Stockton Public Library, \$2,000
- Thayer FRC City Library, \$3,440
- Wellington Public Library, \$2,500
- Wichita Public Library, \$3,000.

The State Library welcomes Donna Copeland

The Kansas State Library is pleased to welcome Donna Reed Copeland to the staff. As of February 1, Donna is the Assistant to the Library Technology Division. Donna was born in Nebraska and grew up in Louisiana. She comes to us from the Department of Health and Environment, where her position combined general office duties with special projects such as the organization of Kansas Kid's Fitness Day. She has also worked as a telephone operator and as a bookkeeper.

Donna and her husband Charles live in Topeka, along with two daughters, Sara and Emily, son Kenneth, and granddaughter Raven.

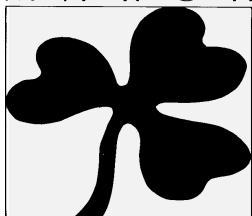
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M A R C H



The Libri Foundation announces BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grants

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hard-cover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$670,000 worth of new children's books to 695 libraries in 45 states.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsor from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

The librarian of each participating library selects the books her library will receive from a booklist provided by The Libri Foundation. The 550 fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist reflect the very best of children's literature published in the last three years. These titles, which are primarily for children ages 12 and under, are award-winners or have received starred reviews in library, literary, and education journals.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000), be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. (Please note: Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population of 40,000 or over; town libraries with operating budgets over \$90,000 and county libraries with operating budgets over \$190,000 are rarely given grants.)

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries which are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. A library system may also apply if all the libraries in the system meet these requirements. A school library may apply only if it also serves as the public library (i.e. it is open to the general public and during the summer).

For more information, contact: Ms. Barbara J. McKillip, president, The Libri Foundation, PO Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440. 541/485-8532 (voice) ; 541/485-9688 (fax); librifdn@teleport.com (e-mail).

Application deadlines: April 1, 1999; June 1, 1999; August 1, 1999. APPLY TO: The Libri Foundation, P.O. Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440 541/485-8532 (phone); 541/485-9688 (fax); librifdn@teleport.com (e-mail); <http://www.teleport.com/~librifd/>.

Banks named Deputy Director of Operations

Robert Banks was named the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library's Deputy Director of Operations by David Leamon, the Library's Executive Director. Banks has worked at the Library for nine years and was most recently the Outreach Division Manager, supervising the Library's Bookmobile, Red Carpet and Talking Books Services.

Banks is a graduate of the University of Kansas where he earned a degree in Music Education. In 1994, he completed his Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at Emporia State University. He is an active member of the American Library Association, the Public Library Association and the Kansas Library Association.

In his new position at the Library, Banks is responsible for its day-to-day operations, working with all service units and the Friends of the Library organization in addition to serving as a liaison with community organizations. He is the Library's representative to the Lowman Hill Elementary School Site Council and was a member of the Board of the Community Concert. He also is a harpist with the Topeka Symphony.



Catalyst

by Eric Hansen,
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board

KANLIB-L

KANLIB-L, the e-mail discussion list for all Kansas librarians, is one of our state's most important means of communication for library issues and information. It provides a means by which we can inform and assist one another in many aspects of our work. If you aren't already subscribed, point your browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/lists/> to do so. Don't let another day go by without making this important information resource available to you.

Network Development Grants

At its last meeting on February 11 & 12, the Network Board approved \$35,000 in Network Development Grants. The funds are available for seed money to promote development of high speed, reliable networks, and to foster collaborative relationships between libraries and other libraries or entities. Funds will be awarded as grants for the purpose of access to the Internet and databases at the local level, with priority to be given to proposals that include partnerships. Any type of library in Kansas may apply. For more information and to access the application form, see <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/netdevhome.html>. I will be happy to answer any questions; just call me at 800/432-3919 (in Kansas) or 785/296-3875 (voicemail), fax me at 785/296-6650, or E-mail me at erich@ink.org.

Kansas Legislative Day

John and Susan Howell, well known for their work on behalf of the Network Board in helping Kansas communities produce web pages for Blue Skyways, were on hand for KLA legislative day. Each of them was equipped with a digital camera to record people and activities. Some of the best shots are now in the process of being made into a web page. Watch Blue Skyways for a link to this page in the near future.

Dodge City workshops

Part of the legislative mandate for the existence of the Network Board is to provide training to librarians in Kansas. For that reason, and to give librarians in western Kansas a chance to get to know me, I conducted two advanced search engine workshops at the Dodge City Community College Learning Resource Center on February 24 and 25. The classes were sponsored by the Southwest Kansas Library System. I'm happy to report that many of the participants came away with more knowledge of search engine use than they had going in, and that we had a little fun in the process, too.

Kansas Digital Library

The latest development with the Network Board is its involvement with the Kansas Digital Library, an initiative of the Regents and others. I'll post more information about this project as it becomes available.

May meeting

The next meeting of the Network Board will be May 27 and 28 in Kensington. As always, the meetings are open to the public, and all interested parties are invited to attend. More information will be available on Blue Skyways as the date approaches. I'm always happy to furnish details personally as well.



Governor selects three to library board

Members promote interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing

Topeka - Kansas Governor Bill Graves has announced the appointment of one individual and the reappointment of two others to the Kansas Library Network Board.

The Governor appointed Robert Walter, Pittsburg; and reappointed Mel Cunningham, Overland Park; and Greg Zuck, Winfield, to the Board.

The 10-member board is responsible for recommending statewide priorities for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing, developing and publishing an annual state plan for library network activities, reviewing and evaluating policies and activities of Kansas libraries that implement the state plan, and encouraging public awareness of the need for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing.

Walter, Dean of Learning Resources at Pittsburg State University, received a master's degree in library science from Florida State University. He currently serves as the parliamentarian for the Kansas Library Association, and is an active member of the American Library Association. Walter replaces Jim Bingham of Kansas City.

Cunningham, who received a doctorate in educational policy and administration from the University of Kansas, is the assistant dean/director for the Educational Media Center at JCCC Library. He is a member of both the American and Kansas Library Associations, the American Society of Information Scientists, and the National Council of Instructional Administrators.

An author and editor, Zuck received his doctorate from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin. He currently serves as the library director at Memorial Library, Southwestern College in Winfield, and is a member of the Kansas Library Association.

Each of these appointees will serve terms expiring in June of 2001.

Johnson County Library march madness sale

The Johnson County Friends of the Library announces its March Madness Sale to be held at the Friends of the Library Used Book Store at the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS, (913) 261-2300. The sale will run Thursday, March 11, 5:00-9:00 pm, Friday, March 12, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, and Saturday, March 13, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Those wishing to donate books for the sale may take them to the Antioch Library or any other Johnson County location. For more information about the bookstore, book sales, or on joining the Friends of the Library, call 913/261-2330. Information is also available at Johnson County library locations or on the library's web site: <http://www.jcl.lib.ks.us/news.stm>.

Carole Mitchell appointed

Gov. Bill Graves has appointed Carole Mitchell to be the Douglas County advocate for rural residents without library services. Mitchell has served on the technical services staff of the Lawrence Public Library for 17 years. She will represent county residents who pay taxes to the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) but not to the libraries of Lawrence, Baldwin or Eudora.

Mitchell hopes to expand library services in Lecompton. She also plans to explore the possibilities of bringing children's services, senior citizen reading programs, and a bookmobile to Vinland, Lone Star, Pleasant Grove, and other areas.

Mitchell's duties will include relating issues or concerns about services to NEKLS, providing legislative advocacy, and seeking to improve library funding throughout the region.

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*.

Academy Award Short Subjects at Wichita Public Library

The thirteenth annual Academy Award Short Subjects program will be held over two Sundays, March 21 & March 28, at the Wichita Public Library (223 S. Main) at 1:15 pm. The program includes current Academy Award nominees in the three short film categories: documentary, animation and live action.

The Academy Award Short Subjects program gives Wichitans an opportunity to see these unique, non-feature films.

For more information contact April Kessler at 316/261-8500, ext. 224

Friends luncheon-lecture series "Big Art"

The Friends of the Wichita Public Library Luncheon-Lecture will be held on Thursday, March 11 from noon-1:00 pm at the Wichita Public Library (223 S. Main). The featured speaker, Steve Murillo, will present slides of the peculiarly difficult and grand art projects he has been challenged to complete over the past 25 years. Murillo began doing mural scale projects as an artist in residence with the Wichita Public Schools and now serves school systems throughout the state. The lecture is free and lunch is available for \$7 per person with a reservation: call the Wichita Public Library at 316/261-8500.

"Please Sign Here" signatures of our nation's presidents

An exceptional exhibit of original letters and documents signed by United States presidents is now on display at the Wichita Public Library (223 S. Main, 3rd floor) through March 31. The exhibit features eight different presidents—their photos, biographical information, and signatures.

The photos, documents and letters in the exhibit are rare and quite diverse. Some of the things you will see include a U.S. land grant dated 1797 with an official seal and signed by George Washington, a personal, handwritten note to a friend signed "Ron" (Reagan), a receipt for

\$43.27 in travel expenses signed by Thomas Jefferson in 1802, and a love letter from "Ike" to Mamie Eisenhower.

Pieces in the exhibit are all from the personal collection of Dr. Jon Kardatzke, whose Presidents collection now includes documents, handwritten letters and a lock of George Washington's hair. Kardatzke, a native of Wichita, began serious collecting about 12 years ago. "History comes alive when you see actual documents and artifacts from the past," explains Kardatzke about his passion for sharing history.

New library phone numbers

Effective February 27, 1999 the Wichita Public Library Central Library will have new phone numbers. The number change allows the library to make improvements in telephone service. The Branch Library phone numbers will remain the same.

Complete list of Central Library numbers:

Main number	316/261-8500
Fax	316/261-4540
Online Catalog (modem)	316/262-8899 or 316/262-8915
Telecirc (touch-tone info)	316/262-6691
Deaf Service TDD only	316/262-3972
Library Foundation	316/261-8523

After 5:00 pm & Saturday numbers:

No phone service on Sundays

Art, Music & Video Reference	316/261-8506
Business & Technology Ref.	316/261-8507
Children's Center	316/261-8512
Circulation	316/261-8508
Genealogy/Local History	316/261-8509
General Reference	316/261-8510
Readers'	316/261-8511
Telephone Directory Service	316/261-8502



Kansas libraries.... ten years ago

Gleanings from the Kansas Libraries, March, 1989, issue.

—by Bill Sowers, *Kansas Documents Librarian/
Tech Services Librarian*

- Steve Hanschu, a librarian at Emporia State University, logged the 20,000,000th interlibrary loan request on the OCLC ILL subsystem.
- Haysville Community Library received a large donation of PBS VHS videocassettes as a gift from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.
- Junivee Black, children's services consultant at the Hutchinson Public Library was featured in the January issue of WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN.
- Judith Krug, director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom spoke at a February Northeast Kansas Library System workshop on the censorship battle over Salman Rushdie's book, SATANIC VERSES.

Library positions

Library Director Abilene Public Library

The Abilene Public Library has an opening for the Library Director position for the city Library. The library has a 1999 operating budget of \$196,000 in a community of approximately 7,000. This is a full-time position in charge of all management aspects of library services and administration, including supervision of 4 full-time clerical staff, budgeting, collection development, adult programming, library instruction, troubleshooting of minor computer problems, and other duties as needed. Duties include rotating Saturday work with other full-time staff. Need familiarity with automated libraries and public library policies and philosophy. MLS from an ALA-accredited school and 5 years experience required. Initial phone interviews with in-person interviews for top candidate (s). Salary range is competitive. Health, vacation, and retirement benefits. Library holdings approx. 74 k volumes and 125 magazine subscriptions. Member of the 12-county North Central Kansas Libraries System. Located in north central Kansas, Abilene has a long and colorful history dating from the 1860s when it was the northern terminus of the Chisholm Trail.

Today it is better known as the site of the Eisenhower Center, a complex built around the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, and as the headquarters of the National Greyhound Association. Abilene's central location provides easy access via I-70 to Kansas City and other points east and west; highways 15 and I-35 offer equally easy access to Wichita. Abilene is the county seat of Dickinson County. Additional city and county information is available through visitus@abileneneks.com. Copy of job description and related information may be secured by writing the Abilene Public library or calling 785/263-3082. Fax number is 785-263-2274. Send cover letter, resume, and 3 references by April 5, 1999, to Library Board, 209 NW 4th, Abilene, KS 67410.

Assistant Librarian Fort Scott Community College

Fort Scott Community College invites applications for the position of Assistant Librarian in the Learning Resource Center (LRC). This is a forty hour week, ten month tenure track position based on the following position description: Education: Masters Degree required. MLS or media degree preferred. Experience/Training: Experience with a variety of media equipment and programs, experience in reference utilizing Internet, Ebsco-host, Blue Skyways, CD-ROM, indexes and basic print tools, Online circulation with Dynix. Job Description: Capable of providing assistance and training to patrons and staff in IDL instructional media like Destination systems, laser disk players, TV/VCR equipment. Responsible for the circulation of materials and equipment in the LRC. Answer general reference requests including manual reference, subject searches, online searching, use of multimedia files and indexes. Serve as work supervisor during absence of the director. Assists patrons with routine requests for fax machine, computers and copier. Evenings and weekend hours may be required. Interested individuals need to submit a letter of application, current resume, transcripts and names and telephone numbers of three references familiar with past work experience to: Human Resources Office, ATTN: Debra Cummings, Fort Scott Community College, 2108 South Horton St., Fort Scott, KS 66701. Position open until filled. EOE.

TECHNICAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR
Kansas City, Kansas Public and School
Libraries (Search Continues)

Plan, develops, directs and evaluates the overall acquisitions, cataloging, processing and database maintenance of the department for public and school libraries. Manage OCLC training, usage and services. Supervision of 16.5 FTE's. ALA/MLS with 3-5 years of technical services and progressive supervisory experience preferred. The KCK Public Library system serves the Kansas City, Kansas School District and outlying areas with three branches and one bookmobile. Current population served is 146,898 residents with a student population of 20,943. The area is rich in cultural diversity and is located in the center of the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Salary range: \$32,327.00-\$48,063.00. Expected hiring range: \$32,327.00-\$37,500.00 d.o.q. w/benefits. Cover letters with resume and three references may be sent to Personnel Coordinator, KCKPL Library Administration Office, 625 Minnesota Avenue, KCK 66101. Inquiries accepted through March 15, 1999. EOE. Visit our website at: <http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us>.

Science Librarian
Kansas State University Libraries

Kansas State University Libraries is seeking an energetic, creative leader for the position of Science Librarian. The successful candidate for this entry-level, tenure-track position will be part of the team in the highly-automated William R. Love Science Library. The Love Science Library is housed in Hale Library, the newly renovated, multi-million dollar main campus library. As part of Kansas State University Libraries, Love Science Library operates in a flexible, team-based environment. Kansas State University, a land-grant institution with an enrollment of 19,000, is a 664-acre campus convenient to both business and residential districts. Manhattan, a community of 40,000, is located 2 hours west of Kansas City in the scenic Flint Hills of northeast Kansas. **Reports To:** The Chair of Science Libraries **Duties and Responsibilities:** include, but are not limited to: 1) the provision of reference and research assistance to faculty, graduate and undergraduate patrons of the Science Library; 2) development and delivery of instruction and orientation in the use of library resources;

3) collection development in assigned subject areas; 4) working cooperatively with faculty in assigned subject areas in interpreting their information service needs and advocating those needs within the Library; 5) active participation in a variety of projects relating to the development of "digital library" programming for KSU Libraries. The position also requires participation in a rotating schedule of reference desk duties which includes nights and weekends.

Required qualifications: 1) M.L.S. from an ALA-accredited program; 2) familiarity with the literature of science and technology; 3) skill using electronic information resources; 4) strong interpersonal and communication skills, both oral and written; 5) ability to meet requirements for tenure in KSU Libraries. **Preferred qualifications:** 1) database development expertise or training; 2) image digitization and management expertise; and 3) evidence of ability to work as a member of multi-unit teams. **Salary:** entry level 12 month, tenure-track faculty appointment is competitive, commensurate with qualifications.

Position Available: April 1, 1999. **Deadline for Application:** Review of applications will begin **March 15, 1999** and continue until the position is filled. Please send cover letter, resume, and the name, address and phone number of three work-related references to M. Jean Darbyshire, Director of Administrative Services, Kansas State University Libraries, Manhattan Kansas 66506-1200. Phone: 785/532-7465; Fax: 785/532-7415; Email: jdarby@ksu.edu. For more information about this position, KSU Libraries, and the city of Manhattan, see <http://www.lib.ksu.edu/geninfo/openpositions.html>. KSU is an equal opportunity employer. KSU actively seeks diversity among its employees.

Senior Librarian
Adult Services Division
Wichita Public Library

The Wichita Public Library has an immediate opening for a Senior Librarian in the Business & Technology Section of the Adult Services Division. Responsibilities include: planning and directing the work of the Business & Technology Section including employee selection, scheduling and evaluation; assigning and monitoring section budgets; supervision and provision of reference

services within designated subject areas; and service as a Librarian-in-Charge on designated evenings and Sundays. Collection development responsibilities include the subject areas of business, economics, technology, engineering, manufacturing, mathematics, physics, chemistry, earth sciences, automobile manuals and directory information. Participation in system projects and teams is expected. This position reports to the Coordinator of Adult Services. Requires: MLS from an ALA accredited institution plus three years of library experience; thorough knowledge of library principles, practices and methods; the ability to effectively plan, organize and supervise the work of others; the ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with associates, representatives of outside agencies and the public; and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively, orally and in writing and/or by whatever

creative means are necessary to cross communication barriers. Experience with Dynix and the Internet is preferred. City residency will be required of the successful applicant. Salary range: \$34,276 - \$47,986. Offers of employment may be made contingent upon passing a pre-employment drug screening and will be made contingent upon satisfactory evaluation of a police records check. Send resume and letter of application to: Cynthia Berner, Coordinator of Administrative Services, 223 South Main Street, Wichita KS 67202. Application deadline is March 19, 1999. The Wichita Public Library is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer which actively seeks and encourages applications from minority candidates.

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