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New law affects public library banking

On the last working days of the 1997 session, the legislature completed its work on a bill that affects relationships between Kansas public libraries and their banks, savings and loan associations, and savings banks hereafter referred to as "financial institutions." This bill covered two issues: 1) the requirement that all municipalities complete formal agreements with their financial institutions, and 2) which financial institutions the municipalities can do business with.

The formal agreements, called the security agreements and the custodial agreements, are required to be in writing and must include various provisions. The Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) has drafted sample agreements. Public libraries should be able to obtain these sample agreements through their local financial institutions, the

KBA in Topeka (785/232-3444), or the Div. of Accounts and Reports (785/296-2311).

The second issue involves the question of which financial institutions Kansas municipalities can do business with. The financial institution must have a home office in Kansas—this codifies Attorney General Opinion 95-39. If eligible, financial institutions cannot or will not provide an acceptable bid for banking services, the municipalities may contract with financial institutions that do not have home offices in Kansas.

E-rate directive

On Monday, August 11, in Topeka, the State Library and regional library systems convened a meeting to devise strategies for responding to the Federal Communications Commission's "E-rate" directive. This FCC order mandates telecommunications discounts for public libraries and schools.

The E-rate has precipitated widespread interest nationwide. The FCC is expected to begin accepting applications this month. So state libraries, state education agencies, state public utility commissions, and library consortia are scrambling to help their customers prepare for the E-rate application process.

A working group prepared support materials to help libraries in Kansas benefit from the E-rate. Working group members are Roger Carswell and Brig McCoy (Southeast Kansas Library System, Iola); Rebecca Hinton (Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library); Duane Johnson (State Librarian); and Christopher Rippel (Central Kansas Library System, Great Bend).

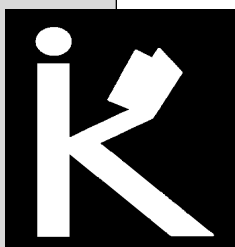
This group prepared the following materials posted on Blue Skyways:

- A template to help local libraries prepare the required technology inventory.
- Guidelines for preparing the required technology plans

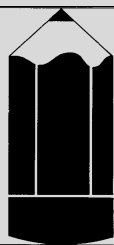
To complement these items, State Library staff has prepared an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) posting for Blue Skyways to outline the program's requirements and provide information to help libraries write their E-rate applications.

Regional library systems use these materials to help Kansas libraries prepare their applications for E-rate discounts. The State Library will certify these applications and send them to Washington as soon as possible after the application process opens.

For information on the E-rate, refer to Blue Skyways (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/telecom.html>). For E-rate clarification, contact your regional library system or Duane Johnson (duanej@ink.org).



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New face at State Library

We are pleased to report that after a nationwide search, Pamela Dawes, a very well qualified Kansas native has been appointed the State Library's position of Director, Library Information Technology Division. Pamela is on board as of August 4, just in time to be under immediate pressure to write program and budget for FY 1999.

In the employment process we interviewed four strong candidates, three from this area and another fine professional from New Jersey. Wish we could hire more.

Pamela is a graduate of ESU, SLIM. She has a variety of library working experiences and an extensive background in public service, information service administration, academic teaching, technical writing, and an emphasis in information technology.

You can reach Pamela through 785/296-3296, toll-free in Kansas 800/432-3919, or email: pamdawes@ink.org.

Help for Grant writers

This fall the Wichita Public Library will offer two programs to assist fundraisers; *The ABCs of Grant Writing* and *Library Resources for Grant Writers*.

The ABCs of Grant Writing, an all-day workshop on Thursday, October 9 at the main library will feature a panel of Kansas experts who have written successful grant applications, and also serve as readers for funding agencies. They will discuss methods to write a grant; what information they need, how they organize and present material and other tricks of the trade. Representatives for the Kansas Arts Commission, the Kansas Humanities Council, and the Heritage Trust Fund will be on hand to answer questions about their guidelines. The cost of the workshop is \$20, including lunch, and pre-registration is required. The workshop is cosponsored by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Arts & Humanities Council and the Library. For more information contact Sondra Koontz or Eileen Simmons at 316/262-0611.

Library Resources for Grant Writers, a free program on Thursday, October 30 beginning at 7:00 pm at the main library will focus on foundation research. Marjorie Zook-Reynolds, who maintains the Library's Foundation Collection, will highlight the resources available in the collection and review other valuable grant resources, including the FC Search CD-ROM, a research tool regularly updated by the Foundation Center.

For more information about this program contact Ms. Zook-Reynolds in the General Reference Section at 316/262-0611.

KLOA: The future in now!

The KLOA annual conference will be on November 5-7, at the Best Western Hospitality House, Emporia, KS.

Featured Speakers:

Pat Wagner, Pattern Research Inc., Denver, CO:

- Everyday Leadership: Marketing As If Your Job Depended On It
- Why Futurists Can't Predict the Future and How You Can Stop the Whining

Judith Siminoe, Board of Regents Attorney:

- Legal Issues in Libraries

Janet Anderson-Story, Flint Hills Technical College:

- Exciting New Program for Paraprofessionals

*Thursday night banquet featuring
Joyce Thierer as Calamity Jane!*

*Four Hands-on Computer Session in
ESU's new electronic classroom*

12 breakout sessions:

Gary and Barbara Bleeker: Great Plains Literature

Jane Forkner: Weeding

Seana Vece: Interviewing Skills

Darrell Garwood: Disaster Recovery

Jean Hatfield: Storytelling

Mary Anne Hille: Collection Development

Cynthia Shively: Records Management

Judy Druse: Designing Web Pages

Don Miller: Supervisory Management

Mary Kay Chelton: Networking

Todd Osborn: Retirement Planning

Jane Hatch: Real-Life Library Management

Cost before October 15: KLOA \$50, Non-KLOA \$60; or after October 15: KLOA \$60, Non-KLOA \$70. Motel Rooms are One Person: \$38; 2-4 People: \$50.

Contact Sally Conard by calling 316/341-5206 or email conardsa@esumail.emporia.edu or Pat Fine by calling 316/341-5057 or email finepatr@esumail.emporia.edu for more information.

Catalyst

by Michael Piper,
Executive Director

[This article includes excerpts from a longer article by Mike Shields for the Harris News Service which is used with permission.]

Wichita couple uses Internet to tell state's story

Carved on a Civil War veteran's tombstone in Attica is this warning and posthumous polemic:

"Through this inscription I wish to enter my dying protest against what is called the Democratic Party. I have watched it closely since the days of Jackson and know that all misfortunes of our Nation have come to it through the so-called party therefore beware of this party of treason."

Attica is one of about 150 small Kansas towns that have a presence on the Internet thanks to John and Susan Howell.

On the Attica web page, among other things, Internet surfers can read about the gravestone editorial and dining at the Dari Cone on East Avenue C. On the Caldwell home page there's a blurb for the onion rings at the Last Change Bar. On the Jewell home page there is mention of the Palmer Printing Museum.

The Howells even did a home page for Crystal Springs, population 9, although they didn't find much to report.

Neither Howell was born in Kansas, but after they moved here several years ago to work as computer professionals they began to translate notes gleaned from weekend and vacation Kansas travels into web pages, which are available to an ever-growing and global audience. They called their efforts: Kansas on the Net.

In addition to home pages for small towns, they also have created pages for each of the state's 105 counties. They've created web pages for each of the state's roadside historical markers.

Putting so much about Kansas on the Internet has cost the couple much time and considerable expense. But their labor of love has been noticed. Early in 1996, John described what he was doing to a group of southwest Kansas librarians at a meeting in Dodge City. They were impressed enough to tell Michael Piper, executive director of the Kansas Library Network Board.

The end result was a collaboration between the Howells and the Kansas State Library. The Howells' Kansas pages have now been incorporated into the library's award winning Blue Skyways home page. The Howells continue to create home pages for small towns, but they are allowed storage space on the library's web server.

Piper said the couple's contribution to Kansas cultural appreciation has been "priceless." He said it would take two library workers to match the hours the couple devote to the enterprise as volunteers.

There are more than 600 incorporated Kansas towns. The goal of state librarians is for each of them to have their own web presence. But the Howells concentrate on smaller communities where there might be people willing to assume responsibility for maintaining their site once it's on the web.

Coming next month in Kansas Libraries, application materials for the Interlibrary Loan Development Program.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

by Shannon Roy

THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY CROSSES HIGHWAY 36 AT PHILLIPSBURG

Phillipsburg is a flourishing town of 2800 on Highway 36 beginning to make use of the information highway. In the spring of 1996, community leaders from government, medicine, education and business met to plan for information access. Since then, Phillipsburg residents have been making more active use of the Internet.

Information access development takes time but Phillipsburg has had help. Classic Cable has chosen the Phillipsburg school district as a pilot Internet site. The cable company made a commitment to providing a school-wide intranet. The internal network for each building was already in place.

"The public library will be part of the school district's wide area network," said library director Carolyn Little. "It will be wonderful to share resources but we are hoping to strengthen the lines of communication as well. E-mail will be a great benefit as we serve the teachers of the district."

Asked about the community's economic health, Carolyn responded: "Phillipsburg is doing pretty well. The community has light industry that is flourishing, the business district looks good and the town has good medical service. School enrollment is not great; we need to attract more families with school age children. We have many older residents. They are good community supporters and good library supporters and a number of them are delighted with the Internet."

"We have a local economic development planning agency called Phillipsburg Area Industry Inc. They are obviously aware that information access will be important to potential employers considering a location in Phillips County. They are also aware that the town must be marketed as a community that offers opportunities and quality of life so they are in the process of hiring a consultant who will gather some good, objective data about the Phillipsburg area."

"For the community's website," Carolyn added, "It was Kansas On the Net that provided a running start. The Howells developed a homepage for Phillipsburg and we kept asking them if they could add things. They couldn't have been more cordial. Then they came to the

Riverless Festival and gathered a lot of new material for us. People really remembered talking to them. Finally, we agreed to take the maintenance of the website. Its challenging but its a lot of fun, too."

"The homepage builds information that will showcase Phillipsburg and keep it touch with itself. And it is another source of information we can use to help library users. Recently, we used it to publicize the events celebrating Phillipsburg's 125th birthday."

The Phillipsburg library is attractive and welcoming with wild gardens flanking the entrance. All the traditional services are evident, plus several attractive displays but Carolyn reported that Internet access has transformed the library's reference services. "Because of the online databases available through Blue Skyways, we can pull in a lot of answers without making people wait for them. And people who need information usually don't have a lot of time to spare."

"The public library also has an obvious training role to play in community information development. We can help people set up their e-mail, help them learn to explore the Internet, help them learn to assess the value of the information they find."

Asked about the future of information access in Phillipsburg, the library director considered the question thoughtfully. "There are a lot of unknowns right now," Carolyn said finally. "We don't know what the impact of the e-rate discounts for schools and libraries will be. We don't know how fast in-home Internet access will grow in towns like Phillipsburg. We don't know how fast business and industry will choose to develop their own websites."

People here have appreciated the possibilities of the Internet but I believe they are just beginning to take advantage of what it offers. And its been our experience that people see these possibilities when they are ready to see them. We have had people in the library just sorting out what the Internet IS. As it continues to grow, they will see the connections with their own lives."



A day of learning and relaxation

The Southeast Kansas Library System sponsors a Day of Learning and Relaxation at Westminster Woods Campground.

This casual dress experience is designed for librarians to choose from several workshops throughout the day, ending with a delightful BBQ provided by the System and an entertaining talk by Pat Gaunce. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Plenty of time is provided for hiking, paddle-boating, volleyball or just sitting among the cool oak trees. Please arrive before 9:00 am on Thursday, September 18, 1997. Six miles west of the 96/39 intersection north of Fredonia, then north 1 1/2 miles to gold stone arch.

Sessions include:

Bruce Flanders: Future of Small Libraries

Hans Fischer: Building Maintenance

Jim Minges: Fair Labor Standards

Shannon Roy: Policies

Chris Rippel: Activity Management

Roger Carswell: Copyright

Patti Mersmann, Michelle Rice: Children's Internet

Rosemary Chance: YA Services

Tim Rogers: Legislative Advocacy

Harry Willems: Idea Exchange

For more information contact Harry Willems, 218 E. Madison, Iola, KS 66749.

Mark your calendar for PLA

Author and columnist Calvin Trillin will keynote the Opening General Session of the Public Library Association's Seventh National Conference, "Public Libraries: Vital, Valuable, Virtual," to be held March 10-14, 1998, in Kansas City, MO.

Trillin, who was born in Kansas City and graduated from Yale University in 1957, is best-known for his columns in the *New Yorker*, although his columns have also appeared in *The Nation* and *Time* magazines. He has been called a "classic American humorist" and is the author of several books including the best-selling *Remembering Denny*.

Popular documentary filmmaker ("Roger and Me") and author ("Downsize This!") Michael Moore also is scheduled to keynote a program during the conference.

The conference will feature more than 100 continuing education programs, more than 250 exhibits, talk tables and author luncheons. Registration materials will be mailed in the fall. For more information, call 800/545-2433, ext. 5PLA, or visit the PLA Web page at <http://www.pla.org> [.]

SWKLS meeting scheduled

The Southwest Kansas Library System presented an evening for library trustees and directors on Thursday, September 11, at the Lawson Room, Civic Center, Grant Co. Fairgrounds, Ulysses.

After the bi-monthly meeting of the Southwest Kansas Library System Executive Board was held Frances Roberts, Director and Irene Velasquez, Trustee at Grant County Library, made arrangements for dinner.

From 6:30—8:30 Ellen Miller presented a workshop called "Getting the Most From Your Trustee/Director Team." Ms. Miller, currently serving a trustees at Johnson County Library, is a trained librarian who has served in both capacities on the "Team."

- "Where to start? Play your position"—includes division of labor between board/director and symptoms of slippage
- "Remember, there's only ONE employee: Your director"—covers selecting, nurturing, evaluating and even firing.
- "Good monthly meetings are a must!"—Five ways to grade your meetings
- "Is there a lawsuit in your future?"—Quick review of libraries and FLSA, ADA and sexual harassment laws
- "Four ways to protect your library from lawsuits and grievances"—covers modern job descriptions, application forms, evaluation forms & user behavior policies
- Wrap up

For more information contact Carolyn Guernsey, SWKLS, 800/657-2533, carolyng@trails.net [.]

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*.

D-RISK workshop announced

D-RISK, Disaster Recover in Southwestern Kansas, held its first workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Recovery. D-RISK is one of three regional branches of K-DRAN, the Kansas Disaster Recovery Assistance Network. D-RISK members include all libraries in the SWKLS and SCKLS systems, as well as all historical societies, museums and county records agencies in those counties. The workshop was held on September 10-11 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Wichita State University.

Tom Claeson, Preservation Officer for Amigos Bibliographic Council, led the session. Day 1 focused on developing a working disaster plan and Day 2 addressed hands-on salvage techniques. For more information contact Mike Kelly, Director of Special Collections at WSU at 316/978-3590 or kelly@twsuvm.uc.twsu.edu.]

Issues for the '98 Kansas Legislatures

The Friends of the Wichita Public Library Luncheon-Lecture began on Sept. 11 from noon—1:00 pm at the Wichita Public Library. The featured speakers were Senator Pat Ranson and Representative Doug Johnson. The second-term Republican female senator and the first-term Democratic male representative discussed issues facing the 1998 Kansas Legislature.

The lecture was free and open to the public; lunch was served by featured caterer Cafe Lafayette.

This was the first lecture in the 1997-98 Friends Luncheon-Lecture series. Lectures will continue on the second Thursday of the month through May. This year's nine-part series features lectures on a variety of topic including family, poverty, religion and fitness.

White Award Luncheon

Author Mary Downing Hahn will be both the honoree and guest speaker at the 45th William Allen White Children's Book Award Luncheon in the Salina Bicentennial Center on Saturday, November 15.

The 1997 White Award Winner, *Time for Andrew, A Ghost Story* was chosen by votes of more than 45,000 Kansas students in grades four through eight. Each student selected a favorite book from a Master List prepared by the White Award Book Selection Committee.

This year's winner, *Time for Andrew* is about contemporary twelve-year-old boy who changes places with his namesake in 1910, then fears he will be trapped in the bygone era.

The present-day students who attend the luncheon, as hundreds do each year do each year, will have an opportunity to have the author autograph up to two copies of the book between 9:00 and 11:30 am as well as after the luncheon.

Reservation forms for the November 15 William Allen White Children's Book Award Luncheon are available from Mary E. Bogan, White Award Program, William Allen White Library, Box 4051, Emporia, KS 66801-5092, or call 316/341-5037 or 5038. Tickets cost \$9 for boys and girls through the ninth grade and \$13 for adults. Phone reservations may be made by calling Carol Fox at 316/321-7216 between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.

Time for Andrew, A Ghost Story is the third book by Mary Downing Hahn which has been a White Award Winner. *A Doll in the Garden, A Ghost Story* received the White Award in 1992. *Daphne's Book* was the 1986 White Award Winner.

KHC celebrates silver anniversary

In 1972, the then Kansas Committee for the Humanities made its first awards. Almost a quarter of a century later (in 1996), the now Kansas Humanities Council supported over 1,000 programs statewide totaling nearly \$300,000.

This October during Arts and Humanities Month, the Kansas Humanities Council will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with special events and recognition ceremonies. On Saturday, October 18, Marty E. Marty, University of Chicago, will deliver the 1997 Public Humanities Lecture. Marty's talk will focus on the renewal of civic culture in American life. A panel of Kansas leaders will respond to his remarks. The lecture begins at 5 pm at the Ramada Inn and Tower in Topeka.

Immediately following the lecture, there will be a banquet and awards ceremony. Recipients of the 1997 Public Humanities Awards will be recognized, along with other persons and groups who have contributed to KHC's success. Tom Averill will present *When the Humanities Came to Here, Kansas* in the character of William Jennings Bryan Oleander.

In recognition of the Silver Anniversary, KHC will formally announce in October a multi-year initiative focused on community, citizenship and the common good. Titled *Democratic Vistas: Creating Community for the New Century*, the initiative invites Kansans to engage in the urgent task of defining our civic life by discovering how communities and citizenship connect and nourish each other. Along with a special Speakers Bureau and book discussion series on the theme, KHC will make grant funds available in support of applications from local organizations on the topic.

For additional information about the public lecture and anniversary banquet on October 18 or the *Democratic Vistas* initiative, please contact the KHC office in Topeka. Write 112 S.W. 6th Ave., Suite 210, Topeka, KS 66603. Call 785/357-0359 or e-mail: KSHUMCOUN@aol.com.

Library positions

Hutchinson Correctional Facility Librarian I

Specialized, professional library work with a limited range of services. Work involves maintaining a limited range of services. Work involves maintaining a system of

operational procedures; evaluating library materials for classifications and composing original cataloging materials; recommending sources of information to library patrons; performing purchase and inventory functions; operating and monitoring computer database for the library; preparing library statistics and assisting in preparing grant applications. Requires a master's in library science. Pay starts at \$12.20 per hour.

Fort Scott Community College Media Specialist

Fort Scott Community College has an opening for a Media Specialist based on the following description. Interested individuals should send letters of interest, transcripts, and three references to: Dr. James Baber, Dean of Academic Instruction, Fort Scott Community College, 2108 S. Horton Street, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Further information may be obtained by contacting Connie Park, Learning Resources Director at 316/223-2700 x83. Position open until filled. EOE. Ten months per year: August—May. Forty hours wk. (varied by assigned). Bachelor's Degree required. MLS-ALA preferred. Knowledge of methods and techniques of electronic data processing equipment. Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing. Ability to work in a team environment. Ability to establish and meet goals and objectives. Familiarity with educational instruction library operations and with multimedia. Competency in cataloging, circulation, reference work, acquisitions and selections of materials, bibliographies and resource sharing. Experience with Dynix circulation and cataloging systems. Experience with automated library services. Knowledge of online reference, experience with Internet, variety of databases, and vendor products. Knowledge and skills of various media-based content delivery technologies in audio visual and digital formats. Job purpose: Provide leadership for all aspects of library multimedia services and distance learning lab. Serves as library supervisor during absence of the director. Responsible for the circulation of materials and equipment in the LRC and IDL lab. Provide media assistance to students, faculty, staff and administration. Primary coordinator for AV equipment, policies and scheduling. Work with the library equipment repairs and maintenance in order. Answer general conference requests that come to the LRC. Work with instructors/staff to provide taping of events of programs. Coordinate scheduling of equipment and lab use.

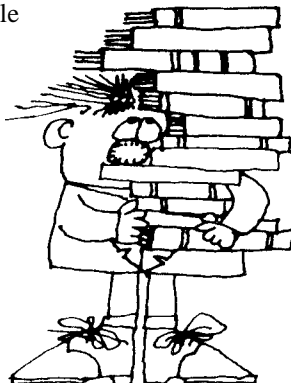
Kansas books

by Roy Bird

At Eden's Gate: Whole Health and Well-being, by

Evelyn Maxwell, M.N. Order from: Whole Health Ed. & Cons., 414 E. Wayne Ave., Salina, KS 67401-6778. ISBN 0-944996-18-3. 5½ x 8½ softcover, \$18.80. Available November 1997.

Available just in time for the stress of the holiday season, *At Eden's Gate* outlines practical, easy-to-follow steps to overcome stress and enter a vital, spiritual mode of healthy well-being. Stress is a nationwide problem that harms not only individual Americans but also the national economy. This book, entirely produced in Kansas, is a long-needed holistic health self-help work which helps relieve stress and promotes well-being.



Evelyn Maxwell has been a mental health nurse and whole health consultant in Kansas for more than three decades. She also recently served as a Salina city commissioner and mayor. The pages of *At Eden's Gate* contain a compendium of health-promoting principles. It is useful to any individuals who read it.

It also is helpful to health and social sciences professionals. The author is also available to schedule speaking engagements about her book and autographing engagements by calling 785/827-3304.

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