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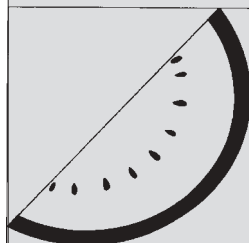
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Kansas Center for the Book ribbon cutting

—by Roy Bird
Director, Kansas Center for the Book

Mark your calendar! A red letter day!

The Kansas Center for the Book will celebrate its new home at the Kansas State Library with an official ribbon cutting on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. At 2:00 p.m., Governor Kathleen Sebelius, John Y. Cole of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, Kansas Poet Laureate Jonathan Holden, and State Librarian Christie Brandau will be special guests at the ceremony. Recognition will be paid to the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library,

home of the Center since it first became a national affiliate in 1987.

The goal of the Kansas Center for the Book is to foster more literary activity throughout the state and to increase the awareness of these

activities. The Center looks forward to building strong relationships and collaboration with librarians, book sellers, publishers, authors and others in the Kansas book community and the new location is a major step toward fulfilling that goal.

The ribbon cutting will take place on the rotunda outside the State Library on the third floor of the Capitol Building. A reception will be held in the State Library following the ceremony, and refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the Kansas Center for the Book at its new home. Please join us at the ribbon cutting, then participate in the many activities planned by your Center for the Book!

Dole book distributed to libraries

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

On April 25, 2005, Bob Dole autographed copies of his book, *One Soldier's Story: A Memoir*, at Watermark Books & Café, 4701 East Douglas, Wichita, for nearly five hours. At that time, Senator Dole suggested providing copies of his book to libraries across his home state of Kansas, using Watermark, a charter commercial affiliate of the Kansas Center for the Book, to distribute them. Using mailing labels provided by the Kansas State Library, Watermark will mail copies as soon as final approval is given to the printed bookplate. That is expected the first week of August, 2005. For more information contact Sarah Bagby at Watermark, 316/682-1181, sarah.bagby@watermarkbooks.com.

From the Editor

Beginning with next month's issue, *Kansas Libraries* will be edited by Shannon Roy, Director of Library Development at the State Library of Kansas. State Librarian Christie Brandau has graciously agreed to let me step down from the post in order to concentrate my energies and attention on my duties as Director of Statewide Resource Sharing.

I will continue to contribute to the newsletter as a writer, and will advise Shannon and Ruth as they make the transition. I am grateful to those of you who have contributed to past issues during my tenure as editor, and I want to thank my assistant Ruth Appelhanz for all her help with images and layout.



Thoughts from the State Librarian

Dear Friends:

Everywhere I go, I talk about the idea of a one-stop-shopping website for the online provision of statewide library information. At this one-stop site, Kansans would be able to locate books, magazine and newspaper articles, digital pictures, and more. Recently I read Jenny Levine's blog (www.theshiftedlibrarian.com) on the concept of the "shifted librarian" and I understood all over again why the one-stop idea is needed to provide good library service now and in the future. Jenny writes:

"Did you know that there are more NetGens than there are Baby Boomers? And you know what kind of an impact those folks had on our culture! If you're around kids at all today, you can see how differently they think and act about information and technology. I live with a six-year old and a seven-year old, and periodically I'll relate stories proving this point.

To my mind, **the biggest difference is that they expect information to come to them, whether it's via the Web, email, cell phone, online chat, whatever.** And given the tip of the iceberg of technology we're seeing, **it's going to have a big impact on how they expect to receive library services,** which means librarians have to start adjusting now. I call that adjustment "shifting" because I think you have to start meeting these kids' information needs **in their world,** not yours. **The library has to become more portable or 'shifted'."**

That idea resonates with me. When I began my career in libraries thirty years ago, people came to our building for information. Now people have more choices, including very convenient online information sources such as Google and Yahoo. And yet the need for authenticated, librarian-chosen information has **not diminished.** As

Jenny Levine says, we just need to become more portable or shifted!

Christie Brandon

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation grants

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is offering school and public libraries the opportunity to apply for \$350 grants to support programs encouraging literacy and creativity in children. These small grants can be used for several projects. Past grants have funded guest authors, series of presentations, storytellers, and activities such as bookmaking, puppet-making, collages, painting and quilting; or staging plays or puppet shows based on specific books with copyright permission from the author. Funds can be used for purchasing puppets or props, rehearsing or performing. Funds have also been used for book writing or illustrating contests, displays of children's illustrations, early stimulation programs and book workshops.

The deadline to apply each year is September 15, 2005. An application form is available on the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation website in PDF format. It can be completed, copied and mailed to Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grants, 450 14th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215-5702. For more information visit www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrants.htm.

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director



Cal Melick of
Mabee Library,
Washburn
University,

assumed KANAnswer administrative duties during my absence for the week of July 18. I'm grateful to Cal for standing in for me.

KILDBandMRF

On July 15 I traveled with Jeff Hixon and Rhonda Machlan of the State Library to the headquarters of the South Central Kansas Library System in Hutchinson. There I presented information about statewide resource sharing and the merger of the State Library Advisory Commission (SLAC) and the Kansas Library Network Board (KLNb). But the topic that elicited the most discussion was the Materials Replacement Fund (MRF).

At the meeting it was brought to my attention that MRF claims paid to a lending library without notification to the borrowing library leaves the lost item's status uncorrected on KICNET. To help with this situation, the State Library will copy MRF payment vouchers and send them via USPS to the lending library to inform them that payment has been made. This information should help borrowing and lending libraries to keep KICNET records more current. This new addition to our MRF procedure took effect the week of August 1.

To expedite this process, libraries submitting MRF claim forms will need to complete all information on the form. The form is available for printing in PDF at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/MRFclaim.pdf> on Blue Skyways.

Meetings

I had two other opportunities in July to spread the word about statewide resource sharing and the merger of SLAC and the KLNb. One was a meeting of the Chief Officers Deans and Directors of Libraries (CODDL) at the Anderson Library, Emporia State University, on July 6; the other was at meetings of the LSTA Advisory Council and the SCKLS staff, both in Hutchinson at SCKLS headquarters on July 28. In the coming months I will furnish progress updates as processes of resource sharing task forces and the boards' merger move forward. For more information, feel free to contact me at erich@kslib.info, or 800/432-3919.

Family Day

The fifth annual Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children will be celebrated on September 26, 2005. Studies by the National Association on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University continue to find that the more often children eat with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. Research also shows that teens who eat frequent family dinners are less likely than other teens to have sex at young ages, get into fights or be suspended from school, and are at lower risk for thoughts of suicide. Frequent family dining is also correlated with doing well in school and developing healthy eating habits.

Some ways your library can help to celebrate and promote Family Day are:

- sponsoring a cooking demonstration or holding a substance abuse prevention or parenting lecture close to Family Day
- distributing Family Day brochures that can be downloaded for free from www.CASAFamilyDay.org. (The latest brochures will be available this summer)
- hanging Family Day posters around your library (The newest posters, which can be downloaded for free from www.CASAFamilyDay.org, will be available this summer.)
- publishing Family Day information on your Web site, or printing a related story in your monthly newsletter

For more information, please visit www.CASAFamilyDay.org.

Kansas books

—by Tom Roth
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Thinking Out Loud, by Naomi B. Patterson. Order from author at 3505 SW Westport, Topeka, KS 66614-4595. 2001. Softcover, 5" x 9", unpaginated, \$9.00.

For Crying Out Loud, by Naomi B. Patterson. Order from author at 3505 SW Westport, Topeka, KS 66614-4595. 2004. Softcover, 5" x 9", unpaginated, \$12.00.

These are the second two books of poetry by Naomi Patterson. The first book, published in 1999, was *Living Out Loud*, and is out of print. This is mentioned in case any readers are familiar with her writings. You will not be disappointed in these two short volumes. Both of these volumes deal with the human condition, problems and pleasures in the world around us. *Thinking Out Loud* is broken up into small sections, such as "People Watching," "Mother Nature," "Interception," etc. that cover everything from the quiet of Mother Nature in "First Thaw," to pain of divorce in "Grounds for Divorce." In this volume, Ms. Patterson covers many topics that help us understand people who are different, such as the visually impaired, and poems such as "Brow-beater," which seeks to look into an unhappy mind. All readers will find something in this volume that makes them laugh or will make them become introspective.

In the more recent volume, *For Crying Out Loud*, the poet continues her quest to write about the problems and amusements that we face every day. Every subject is covered, from a section on "Children and Families" to a section on "Death and Dying." The author is a keen observer of what goes on around her, and has the perception to make poetry from everyday life. For example, "Caws for Alarm" seems to be about the noisy habits of crows, but the reader can also see that in this poem lies a problem with many people who talk too loud and are not capable of picking up on the small things in life.

Both of these books are recommended for anyone's personal library; you can find something for every mood and moment of life in these pages. These would be good books for all public, academic, and school libraries from at least junior high and up. So, read and enjoy some really nice poetry.

The Storytellers, by Donna Penley. Order from author at 7560 S. Hoover Road, Haysville, KS 67060. Softcover, 8½" x 11", spiral bound, illustrations, 25 pp. approx. 2004.

Donna Penley, who lives in Haysville, has been writing cowgirl poetry for some years. Some of her best-known previous collections include *No Preservative Added*, *Letters from a Cowboy*, *Tall Tales an' Lessons Learned* and *At Home on the Range with Donna Penley*. Some examples of her poems can be found on the Internet by going to Google and putting in her name.

The poems in this collection are much like the past work of the author. She is a great devotee of all things concerning the Old West, and in particular cowboy literature. Anyone who enjoys reading about the Old West and Western history and literature will enjoy the poems in this collection. Some of her poems are about young men aspiring to be cowboys. There is a poem entitled "Carlotta Heap O' Birds" about an old Cherokee woman that is quite nice, and points out how bad things were for the Indians. Also, she admits that all was not good in the Old West. Her poem "He Helped Kill Off th' Buffalo" tells an unflattering tale of the days of the likes of Kit Carson, Wild Bill Hickock, and others, who helped kill off the buffalo in the Old West. If you have just finished a western novel, reading some of these poems would be a nice finish to a good read. These poems are easy to read, and could be useful in libraries and classes of all levels of education. The author has done readings in public libraries in her area.

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*.

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*September 14, 2005 @ 2:00 p.m.
Rotunda outside the State Library
Mark your calendars!*

Kansas Libraries..... 40 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
Cataloging/Kansas Government Documents

Gleanings from Kansas Library Bulletin, vol. 34, nos. 2-3, Summer/Fall, 1965

- Miss Louise McNeal, State Librarian from July 1, 1926, until her retirement in 1962, died on August 6, 1965, in Topeka. Miss McNeal devoted her life to Kansas libraries and probably did more to promote their growth than any other person.
- New grant monies will now enable Kansas libraries to develop a major informational service for the whole state. In September, 1965, Topeka, Kansas City, Johnson County, Hutchinson, Wichita and Salina, the state's six [public] libraries with collections of more than 100,000 volumes, began operations as the Kansas Information Circuit. Each of these libraries will install teletype-telephone communication systems in October. Each morning requests received at the State Library for books via mail

from libraries around the state will be checked within the collection of the State Library and then passed to other libraries within the Kansas Information Circuit [K.I.C.]. Libraries will be encouraged through grants to develop special collections that will be of assistance to other libraries as well. KIC's major problems involve administrative decisions on procedure. The necessity of making it work, not the circuitry, should be the deciding factor. Hoxie and Colby, July 2, became Kansas' first system of cooperating libraries. The territory and taxing district consists of Sheridan and Thomas Counties. The system serves 11,731 persons compared to 5,389 served by the two city libraries. The designation culminated a year of planning and demonstrations by local residents and State Library staff.

- Miss Elizabeth Ebright, head librarian at Washburn University for the past twenty years, resigned in July because of her mothers' health and left August 1 to live with her in Baldwin.



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