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LSTA Special Populations grants

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

The Kansas State Library is now accepting letters of intent to apply for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Special Populations grants. The deadline for letters of intent for FY 2004 awards is Monday, March 1, 2004. Letters of intent should be word-processed or typed on library, agency, or institution letterhead.

LSTA Special Populations grants are open to libraries of all types. To apply, submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th, Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593, fax to 785/368-7291, or e-mail to royb@kslib.info.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for underserved special populations. Libraries that submit a letter of intent will receive a copy of the application and the LSTA Special Populations grant guidelines. To view the application and guidelines online or download these documents, go to www.skyways.org/KSL/admin/lsta/lsta.htm.

A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for FY 2004 LSTA Special Populations grants. If your library is interested in federal funds to support a project serving an underserved

special population during FY 2004, submit your letter of intent by March 1.

Application packets will be mailed March 3, 2004. Completed applications are due back no later than Thursday, April 1, 2004.

Grant awards will be determined at the April 30, 2004, joint meeting of the LSTA Council and the State Library Commission. Funds will be distributed in May 2004, and evaluations will be due November 1, 2005, for an 18-month rather than a 12-month project.

For additional information about LSTA Special Populations grants, contact your regional system consultant or Roy Bird at the State Library.

The LSTA Special Populations grants are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a federal grant-making agency located in Washington, DC, that fosters leadership, innovation and a lifetime of learning by supporting museums and libraries.

Kansas Library Association Legislative Day and related activities

—by Rosanne Goble

Kansas Library Association

The KLA Legislative Committee invites you to attend KLA Legislative Day 2004 in Topeka this year on Thursday, February 19, 2004 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Briefings on library-related legislative issues will be held throughout the morning in front of the Kansas State Library. You are encouraged to have lunch with your legislators and discuss these issues.

You are also invited to a Legislative Reception the night before on Wednesday, February 18, from 5–7 p.m. at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library in the James C. Marvin Auditorium. You are encouraged to invite and meet with your legislators for an evening of Kansas authors, book signings, music, hors d'oeuvres, and more.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend these two events! Public library trustees and library Friends are most welcome to attend also! Contact the KLA office at 785/235-1383 or kansaslibraryassociation@yahoo.com no later than February 17 if you plan to attend.

Have you visited Collaboration Station?

—by Patti Butcher
Library Development Coordinator
Northeast Kansas Library System

Have you visited Collaboration Station? You might not know what you've been missing!

Collaboration Station can be reached by traveling to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/pathway>, and clicking on the link "Collaboration Station."

You'll travel to a faraway place where librarians can meet in cyber space and share their planning questions, answers, tips and plans.

Thomas Reddick, automation coordinator for Northeast Kansas Library System, modified an open source blogging software called Squish Dot. Working with Patti Butcher and Cindi Hickey, developers of Pathways to Planning web site, Reddick kept the "look and feel" of Pathways while exploiting the tools and applications deployed by Squish Dot.

Collaboration Station debuted Oct. 17, 2003, for the State Library Advisory Commission. An LSTA grant from the State Library made possible the enhancements to the Pathways web site.

In addition to Collaboration Station, new links and resources were developed and added to "Pathways to Planning." Pathways was developed in 1998 by Marty Hale and Patti Butcher. It is a planning process and workbook specifically for small and medium-sized public libraries. Cindi Hickey developed the Pathways web site from the print workbook.

Collaboration Station will grow as librarians visit and post messages. It should be a valuable addition to Pathways to Planning.

For more information, contact:

Thomas Reddick (treddick@nekls.org), Patti Butcher (pbutcher@nekls.org), or Cindi Hickey (chickey@sunflower.com).

2004 Writing Contest for Youth

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

The Kansas Authors Club is sponsoring a Writing Contest for Youth in 2004. All Kansas students grades 1-12 are eligible to write about Kansas themes and Kansas authors or enter poems and short stories on any subject.

The contest opens April 1, 2004, with a June 19, 2004 deadline for postmarked entries.

Prizes for three places at \$25, \$15, and \$10, with two unpaid honorable mention certificates, will be awarded for each of four age divisions in each of four entry categories. Prizes will be distributed at the Kansas Authors Club Centennial Convention on October 24, 2004 in Topeka, or will be mailed if the winner is unable to attend.

Complete rules can be found at the Youth Contest website <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/orgs/kac/youthcontest.html>.

Writers "beyond grade 12" may enter the Club's Literary Contest <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/orgs/kac/>, click on "Contest."

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Network Board meeting

The Kansas Library Network Board will have its 2004 Winter meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2004 in the Emprise Bank Community Room, 1 W. Madison in Iola, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and guests are welcome. The agenda is available at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/meetings.html> on Blue Skyways.



KANAnswer article

An article about the KANAnswer pilot project is available in *The Reference Librarian* nos. 79/80 (2002/2003, ISSN: 0276-3877). "KANAnswer: A Collaborative Statewide Virtual Reference Pilot Project" was written by Kansas State University librarians Marcia Stockham and Beth Turtle, with some help from me.

KANAnswer bookmarks

KANAnswer bookmarks are available for free to any library, school, or academic institution that is willing to distribute them to the public. To order, contact either myself at eric@kslib.info or my assistant Ruth at rutha@kslib.info.



The Booth Hill Museum Western Trails Web site is now up and open for searching. Point your Web browser to <http://boothill.readinks.info/> to search by keyword or browse photos or articles.

Workshops held at Andale District Library

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy and Volunteer Management Coordinator



Book lamination workshop

These volunteers from the Andale District Library in the South Central Kansas Library System recently spent the morning with Hallie Evans from Tabor College Library of Hillsboro and Vikki Jo Stewart from the Kansas State Library. Hallie assisted the volunteers as they learned book lamination and Vikki Jo shared information related to volunteer management.

Pictured above from left to right: Kathy Focke, Dee Marnane, Barb Martin, Vikki Jo Stewart, Lenita Moore (volunteer librarian/library trustee), Hallie Evans, Donna Warrington, Arrah May, Mary K. Stech, and Janet Hintz. Nancy Malone, Continuing Education Coordinator at SCKLS, coordinated the workshops.

For information about the Network Board, contact Eric Hansen, KLNB Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (eric@kslib.info).



Friends of Kansas Libraries board under construction

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy and Volunteer Management
Coordinator

The Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) board is “under construction” to better serve local libraries! This past year the Executive Committee took a hard look at how they were doing business and decided to make some changes. The most dramatic change is to broaden the communication to include library directors with local Friends leaders. Traditionally, FoKL communicated to Friends concerning grants, awards and other opportunities and tips. Local Friends leaders are a fairly fluid cast of characters—coming into office and often leaving with no forwarding address! The one constant for Friends groups is the library director! The library director is an important partner with local Friends organizations regardless of size or location.

FoKL offers a wonderful opportunity to recognize local library leaders! Consider nominating an individual for the Outstanding Friend Award. The winner will receive a \$50 award to the Friends group of their choice, a certificate of recognition and a personal membership to FoLUSA (a national Friends organization). Four group awards will be given on the basis of the service population of the library. Winners receive a \$100 cash award, a certificate and a personal membership for the local Friends group president! For a copy of the application e-mail Andrea Sobba at garnettlibrary@yahoo.com or call her at 785/448-3388.

FoKL also gives grants to help form new Friends groups and grants to revitalize existing Friends programs and for exemplary projects!

Join us at the FoKL/KLTA Luncheon (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) at TriConference in Wichita at Century II on March 31, 2004. Awards will be presented!

Visit our website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/fokl/>.

Bibliostat Collect has new Web address

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

To public libraries completing the Bibliostat Collect statistics survey: Some of you have experienced problems logging in to Bibliostat Collect using the instructions sent with your packets. Please be advised that Baker & Taylor changed the Web address. No one, including their product support staff, were informed.

No longer use www.informata.com. The new Web address is <http://collect.informata.com>. No "www" is used.

This Web address will take you directly to the login page. Your userid and password has not changed.

Sorry about the inconvenience this has caused to many of you.

Hays Public Library grand opening



Please Join Us for
The Hays Public Library
Grand Opening Festivities

Saturday, February 14
Ribbon Cutting at 10 a.m.
Kelly Werts, Cowboy Singer at 10:30 a.m.
Kevin Pfannenstiel, Magician
at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Rosun, Celtic Music at 3 p.m.

Sunday, February 15
Concert by Byrnell Fighr
2-3 p.m.
Gallery Opening Featuring
the Art of Dr. John Cody
3-5 p.m.

Award and grant opportunities from your Friends Group from Friends of Kansas Libraries

—by Andrea Sobba
Garnett Public Library

Does your Friends of the Library Group do great things? Could they use a little extra cash to continue doing great things? Do you have a wonderful Friend in your group that deserves special recognition? Let us know! Apply for the Friends of Kansas Libraries annual awards. It's a painless process and could result in your group receiving \$100.00 cold hard cash, a one year individual membership in FOLUSA, the national Friends organization, and a wonderful framed certificate to hang on your wall. If your individual nominee wins they will receive \$50.00 for their local Friends, a certificate and a personal membership to FOLUSA. The deadline is Feb. 13th. For more information or forms email garnettlibrary@yahoo.com or call Andrea at 785/448-3388.

FoKL also has several grant opportunities available. We have waived the letter of intent and extended the deadline for these until March 1st. (Start-up grants may be applied for year round.)

FoKL invites libraries and local Friends groups to apply for grants to be awarded in 2004. The grants are to encourage local library advocates to establish Friends groups and to encourage existing Friends groups to grow. A library must have a Friends group, or plans to use the grant funds to establish one, in order to receive a grant. Grant funds may be used for a variety of things including personnel, library materials, contractual services, telecommunications, postage, and equipment or equipment rental.

For categories two through four applicants must provide at least 50% of their total project costs in cash or with in-kind contributions. A \$1,000. project, for example, could be funded with \$500 from FoKL and \$500 from the requesting group. Limited funds are available. Not all requests may be granted and some grants may be for less than requested amounts.

There are four categories of grants:

1. Start-up Grant. To create a Friends group or to revitalize and strengthen an existing group. Maximum Grant, \$150. Applicants may apply at anytime during the year by sending a letter to President, Friends of Kansas Libraries,

Kansas State Library, 200 Arco Place, Building Box 132, Independence, KS 67301.

2. Special Populations Grant. For innovative programs to attract library patrons, with emphasis on special populations. Maximum Grant, \$500. Address & details listed below.

3. Program Grant. For programs directed toward increasing membership of the Friends group, to reflect its community or constituent population and demographics. Address & detail below.

4. Marketing Grant. For marketing, advocating, publicizing, or otherwise supporting a library. Maximum Grant, \$500. Address & details listed below.

For categories two through four, send a request for an application to: Friends of Kansas Libraries, 200 Arco Place, Building Box 132, Independence, KS 67301.

Grant recipients will be announced at the annual Kansas Library Tri-Conference.

Visit the FoKL website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/fokl/> for full details of all the FoKL activities and membership benefits.

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*.

One thing to do in 2004

—by Michelle Swain
Director, Arkansas City Public Library

What's the one thing you can do in 2004 to promote networking among libraries and library staff?

You can make sure your library and its staff are listed in the Kansas Library Directory at <http://skyways2.lib.ks.us/kld/>.

I use this resource all the time to find people and contact information for libraries across the state.

How do you get started? The Kansas State Library or Kansas Regional System staff member creates a preliminary record for a library, and then assigns the library a userid and password. It is the responsibility of the individual library to create and maintain its own information. To add your library to the directory, or to obtain a userid and password, contact Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) at 785/838-4090 with the following information:

Library Name
Street Address
City
Zip Code
Library Type (from the list in the KLD)
Phone Number
Director's/Librarian's name

If your library is already in the directory, call one of the persons listed below for the username/password assigned to your library and staff record:

Donna Copeland, Jeff Hixon, or Rhonda Machlan 800/432-3919; or NEKLS at 785/838-4090.

If you've forgotten your password, there is a neat e-mail remedy to get your password sent to you right away on the Directory Administration login page. <http://www2.kumc.edu/kld/update/>.

I'm updating my library's record today. How about you?

MPLA Award winners

—by Katie Mediatore
MPLA Awards Chair

At the joint MPLA/NLA Conference in Incline Village, Nevada, November 5-8, 2003, individuals and organizations were recognized as the 2003 award recipients for MPLA. They were honored at the joint MPLA/NLA President's Banquet held Friday, November 7 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe.

The MPLA Youth Services Award was presented to the Public Libraries Serving Sedgwick County Kansas. The Youth Services Award is given to a library that exemplifies excellence in library services to youth. For the summer of 2003, thirteen public libraries in Sedgwick County, Kansas pooled their resources and talents to expand and enhance library services to children and teens throughout the county. With help from the Leonard and Celia Levand Trust, libraries were able to expand existing summer reading services from weeks to months; teen reading programs were created where they did not previously exist. Activities, special events and programs were offered with greater frequency and variety. As a result of these efforts, the number of children and teens participating in the 2003 summer reading programs reached record levels for Sedgwick County and finishing rates hovered at the 50% mark.

State Library Kansas Day activities



Roy Bird at the storytellers booth



Vicky Wolf concluding a library tour

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

Fatal Fortune, by Elizabeth Delisi. Douglas, MA: NovelBooks, Inc., 1998, 2002. Order from: NovelBooks, PO Box 661, Douglas, MA 01516. ISBN 1-059105-194-0 for trade paperback, 1-059105-169-X for electronic version.

Elizabeth Delisi is a prolific author from Hays. This column reviewed her time-traveling romance *Lady of Two Lands* last summer. In the fall she published *Fatal Fortune*, a romantic mystery. The tarot-reading heroine Lottie Baldwin uses her psychic abilities in a small town in North Dakota (which sounds curiously like the Hays vicinity) to solve the mystery of her friend's murdered husband and abducted child while having time to romance the sheriff's officer doing the investigation of the crimes. Low level intrigue at a nearby college, small town gossip, and a skeptical community of disbelieving persons who do not trust her psychic skills combine to make this fast-paced mystery romance an exciting read.

One of the interesting things about Elizabeth's publishing is that she is working with print-on-demand publishers (PODs) which are producing not only trade paperbacks for regular library romance collections but also electronic versions that can be downloaded. Your library patrons can have their choice of these if your library acquires both formats. *Fatal Fortune* is worth its cost not only because of the fine writing of Elizabeth Delisi but also for its availability in multiple formats.

Recommended for all public library romance and mystery collections.



Check out the Topeka libraries online
"ATLAS" catalog at:
<http://lib.wuacc.edu/>

