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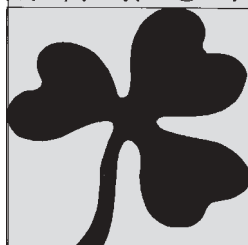
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KAN-ED Vendor Expo

—by *Chrisy Madden*
*KAN-ED Networking Scheduling &
Administrative Coordinator*

Greetings from KAN-ED! KAN-ED is the newly established statewide network in Kansas which provides high speed internet access along with quality content and services to K-12, higher education, hospital and library constituents. More information on KAN-ED can be found on our website at www.kan-ed.org.

KAN-ED is sponsoring its first ever Vendor Expo and Showcase. Scheduled for March 10th - 12th, this event will give our end users an opportunity to view and evaluate potential content to be made available via the

KAN-ED portal. The expo will open for viewing at 3:00 on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 10th at the Radisson Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. The exhibit hall will stay open until 7:00 that night, with a reception to be held during this

time as well. On Thursday and Friday morning, the exhibit hall will open at 9:00 a.m., and vendors will do a 45 minute presentation of their product in another location within the hotel. The showcase will end at 3:00 on Friday.

Don't hesitate to contact Milt Dougherty, content and services consultant, at MDandA@lrmutual.com if you have questions, or need additional information.

KAN-ED Vendor Expo and Showcase:

Exhibits

- Wednesday, March 10th, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday and Friday, March 11th and 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Presentations

- Thursday and Friday, March 11th and 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Linda Lillard joins faculty of SLIM in Emporia

—by *Daniel Roland*
Director of SLIM Communications
School of Library and Information Management
Emporia State University

Dr. Linda Lillard will join the faculty of the School of Library & Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University in the summer semester of 2004.

Dr. Lillard is currently an assistant professor for the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Kentucky and previously chaired the Department of Library Science at Central Missouri State. Her research interests include information needs and information-seeking behavior of people working in online environments; information needs of entrepreneurs; distance learning: online teaching and library services for distance learners. Dr. Lillard holds a B.S. in Business Education from Penn State University, an M.A. in Education: Curriculum and Instruction from San Diego State University, and an M.L.S. and Ph.D. from Emporia State University. She has lifetime teaching credentials from the State of California for teaching Business Education on the high school and community college levels.

Dr. Lillard's doctoral dissertation, *Information Seeking in Context: An Exploratory Study of Information Use Online* by eBay Entrepreneurs, is available from the SLIM website at <http://slim.emporia.edu/programs/dissertationtext.htm>. She has published in the *Journal of Library Administration* and the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

Brown v. Board of Education event

—by Julie Mulvihill
Director of Programs
Kansas Historical Society

On March 14-17, the University of Kansas is hosting an event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1954 landmark U.S. Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. The conference, "Legacies and Unfinished Business of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka" will provide historical information about the case, examine what has been accomplished in the intervening years, and discuss the many remaining contemporary issues related to the court decision. The 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* U.S. Supreme Court decision is considered one of the most important judicial opinions in the country's democratic history. It revolutionized race relations, extended the protection of equal rights to all U.S. citizens, and inspired oppressed peoples around the world to believe in the United States' creed of freedom and equality.

Nationally recognized civil rights leaders, educators, lawyers, and journalists, as well as case plaintiffs, will participate. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the plaintiffs during a Monday session. Other highlighted presenters include Lani Guinier, Harvard Law School professor; Julianne Malveaux, economist and author; and Tony Brown of "Tony Brown's Journal" on PBS.

There is a registration fee for most of the conference, although some events are open to the public at no charge. However, because seating is limited, preregistration and tickets will be required. The public events are a Sunday performance by the renowned Rust College A Cappella Choir from Mississippi, a Sunday presentation by Tony Brown, and presentations by Lani Guinier Monday evening and Julianne Malveaux Tuesday evening.

The conference is available to teachers and students at dramatically discounted fees and continuing education and professional development credits are available.

For conference details, a full listing of presenters, or to register, call toll-free 877/404-5823 or go to <http://www.kuce.org/programs/bbec/>.

The conference is sponsored by the University of Kansas Libraries and University of Kansas Continuing Education.

State Library 2003 cataloging statistics

—by Bill Sowers
Cataloging/Kansas Documents Librarian

State Library cataloging staff were busy last year. In 2003 staff at the State Library of Kansas added 17,073 new records or holdings to existing records in the online ATLAS consortium catalog shared with Washburn University, the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas State Historical Society. The record number of records topped the previous record of 11,985 added in 2001.

U.S. federal documents accounted for much of the increase in 2003 with almost 6,000 titles. Most of the added federal document records were for web documents using a PURL (Persistent Uniform Resource Locator) link within the record to take users directly to the web document.

Topping federal document cataloging numbers at the State Library in 2003 was the increase in analytic records within the catalog; an addition of almost 7,000. At present the library has over 20,000 analytic records in the catalog providing bibliographic access to articles within periodicals, chapters within books and individual biographies out of Kansas and U.S. historical resources.

Besides their availability on the ATLAS catalog (found online at <http://lib.wuacc.edu/>) all of the State Library's bibliographic records are also present in the Kansas Library Catalog and most are available for interlibrary loan.

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Network Board meeting

The Kansas Library Network Board met on Thursday, February 12, 2004 in the Emprise Bank Community Room, 1 W. Madison in Iola. Minutes from the meeting are available at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB0204.html> on Blue Skyways.



KANAnswer bookmarks

The demand for free KANAnswer bookmarks was so great that the supply has been exhausted. For those who still want them, a printable page of the bookmarks is available in PDF format at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KANAnswerWeb/KANAnswerBookmark.pdf>.



Search Kansas Western Trails

Thanks to the good work of the Kansas Western Trails partners and the database creation skills of the University of Kansas, it is now possible to search all the records of the Kansas Western Trails project on the Web. Point your browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/trails/> and click on "Search Kansas Western Trails" to try it out.

Tri-Conference 2004

The Network Board will sponsor an Internet booth at Tri-Conference again this year. I am pleased to report that our friends John and Susan Howell will manage the booth, but they need your volunteer help to staff it. To indicate your interest in helping the Howells, send e-mail to them at howell@kotn.org and CC it to me at eric@kslib.info. We are grateful for your help!

I will present the following sessions at Tri-Conference this year:

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

"You can ask, we KANAnswer!" 2:00-2:50 p.m.

"Get rolling with Western Trails" 3:00-3:50 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, 2004

"Capture the history of your community" (panel discussion) 10:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

"ILDP and your library: tips for success" 3:00-3:50 p.m.

"The new, improved Kansas Library Card" 4:00-4:50 p.m.

Friday, April 2, 2004

KANAnswer operators meeting 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Check the final Tri-Conference program for locations. Hope to see you there!

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

Benefits of the Library Services Certificate Program at SLIM

—by Shannon Roy
Director, Local Library Development

The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at ESU has been working with the Kansas State Library to encourage the development of the Library Services Certificate Program, which offers undergraduate library certifications to working Kansas librarians. Recently, personnel from ICE (Institute of Continuous Education) and from the state library worked on a summary of the benefits of this fairly new undergraduate library program. The initial results are shared here:

- Kansas has an urgent need for this program. The state cannot afford to place MLS librarians in most small library and support staff positions. The Kansas library community has no choice except to pursue a combination of in-service training and academic programs that will result in capable and talented librarians. This state has an excellent record in staff development because of the strong partnership among the systems, the state library and the library school.
- The Certificate Program is an excellent and fairly affordable undergraduate program in library and information science. With the Certificate Program, librarians can acquire sophisticated, in-depth training in administration, technology, reference services, collection management and youth services. Many students are planning to complete one or more special area certificates after receiving their generalist certificate.
- The Certificate Program allows Kansas librarians to build on the excellent continuing education programs that are offered by the systems, the Kansas library associations and KPLACE. Most of the students have had good informal training and are ready to pursue their special interests in an academic program.
- Many Kansas librarians have some undergraduate hours, but would find it difficult to complete their undergraduate degree without an academic program designed for working professionals. Credit hours earned in the Certificate Program can help Kansas librarians complete their degree. After that, many seriously consider the MLS degree, or other post-graduate work that can help them meet their professional goals.
- The Certificate Program courses are taught by Kansas field librarians who work in Kansas libraries, systems and associations. Instructors and students share a common

environment that allows them to explore and solve pragmatic and pressing professional problems. The partnership is rewarding for both students and instructors.

- The Library Services Certificate courses offer academic credit that results in a professional credential that would be recognized anywhere in the library profession as formal library training. Some librarians have expressed doubt that the certificates would result in higher salaries or more respect in their service communities. The best way to win recognition for both skills and training is to work with the system and state library staff to build a case for appropriate professional compensation.
- The Library Services Certificate Program is most unusual in the flexibility it offers to different types of librarians. Librarians may choose to take the courses for academic credit and have their work rewarded with an undergraduate certification. But librarians who do not need undergraduate library credit, but who are very interested in the information and intellectual nourishment offered by these courses, can take the courses as workshops and pay only a \$50 per hour workshop fee. The program will be increasingly designed to serve both students and workshop participants. It is hoped that this will not only increase registration for the courses, but also offer a most stimulating learning environment.
- The Library Services Certificate Program personnel will be planning ways in which they can offer the courses in different geographical areas of the state and also through increasingly sophisticated distance education. While they must work under fiscal restraints and university regulations, both ESU and SLIM are very interested in serving all Kansans by training top quality professional librarians.
- Personnel involved with ICE (Institute for Continuous Education) genuinely want to help both present and potential students. They will be searching for ways to market the Library Services Certificate Program and other ICE programs and to make participation as easy and rewarding as possible. For more information contact Amanda Engelman at 620/341-6155 or AmandaEngelman@emporia.edu.

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*.

MPLA Leadership Institute 2004

—by Mary Bushing
Institute Coordinator, MPLA

The application for the 2004 MPLA Leadership Institute is available on the MPLA website—<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership>. Applications will be accepted electronically from now until midnight on April 30th. Please encourage some of those excellent librarians (perhaps yourself!) to apply if the criteria are met: MLS or equivalent degree acquired less than ten years ago; employment in a library within the MPLA 12 state region; and personal membership in their own state association. Further details of the application process are available at the site. We are looking for some more of the BEST IN THE WEST among librarians from all types of libraries. We now have 60 outstanding alumni from the two previous Ghost Ranch institutes. This year we will bring that number up to almost 100—if we count the mentors who have been involved. The institute will take place from Tuesday, November 30th, through Sunday morning, December 5th, at Ghost Ranch north of Abiqui, New Mexico.

The selection process for attendees will begin once registrations close and state representatives and state association presidents will receive instructions and guidelines soon regarding their role in evaluating and ranking the eligible candidates from their state. If good qualified applicants are available in each state, we expect to receive recommendations to invite two from each bringing the initial number of attendees to 24. The MPLA Leadership Committee will complete the attendee selection to bring the total to thirty selecting those qualified applicants remaining in the general pool. MPLA members will be preferred at this point in the selection process. Accepted applicants will be notified in late July.

State associations and state libraries will soon receive letters encouraging them to help fund registrations and/or travel for those selected from their state.

If you have any questions about the institute or the procedures for selection, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With much excitement and enthusiasm for this year's institute (again to be facilitated by national expert, Maureen Sullivan), I am yours,

Mary Bushing, Institute Coordinator

Studying the Kansas Territory

—by Barbara Watkins
Coordinator, Curriculum and Projects
University of Kansas

University of Kansas Continuing Education has developed a statewide online book discussion (www.kuce.org/kt) and one-hour credit course as part of the 2004 celebration of the Kansas Territory's 150th anniversary. Local book discussion groups will also be offered in Colby, Fort Scott, and Junction City.

Continuing Education has partnered with the Kansas Humanities Council and the Lawrence Public Library in developing this project, and with the Kansas Press Association, Lawrence Convention and Visitors Bureau, Kansas State Historical Society, and KU's Spencer Research Library, which created a comprehensive Web site (Territorial Kansas Online: www.territorialkansasonline.org), in disseminating information and sharing links.

The initial sessions of the four-part book series were held at the Lawrence Public Library in fall 2003 and were audiotaped for the online discussions that began January 14. The books in the series:

- *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Facilitators: Susan Harris, Hall distinguished professor of American literature and culture, and Maryemma Graham, professor of English, both from KU. Discussion began January 14.
- *The Englishman in Kansas*, by Thomas Gladstone. Facilitator: Tom Kreissler, KU doctoral candidate in English. Discussion began January 28.
- *John Brown: The Legend Revisited*, by Merrill Peterson. Facilitator: Jonathan Earle, KU assistant professor of history. Discussion begins February 11.
- *The All-true Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton*, by Jane Smiley. Facilitator: Tom Averill, Washburn University professor of English. Discussion begins February 25.

KUCE has developed a distance-learning credit course, "The Kansas Territorial Experience," to accompany the discussion series. Kreissler will instruct the Web course, which began in January and is cross-listed in the KU departments of English, African and African-American studies, and history.

In support of the discussion series, the Kansas Audio-Reader Network will broadcast readings of the four books to more than 7,000 listeners in Kansas and western Missouri. Audio-Reader services are free to those who have difficulty reading standard print.

The sesquicentennial book discussion series is funded in part by the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit cultural organization, as part of its "Talk about Literature in Kansas" (TALK) program.

Library positions

Administrator, Coffey County Kansas Public Library, Burlington, Kansas

We are looking for a dynamic individual who will collaborate actively with community organizations, six branch directors, a five member governing board and a future-oriented fiber-optic consortium; seek grant and development funding; offer technical guidance especially in the areas of library automation; system upgrade and technology development; demonstrate proven administrative talent through a minimum of five years of senior municipal library experience with evidence of innovative accomplishments; communicate effectively in oral, print and digital formats; provide vision and leadership to a service-oriented organization serving residents of a progressive and growing county; be actively involved in community life through residency in the county, if possible; have a Masters of Library Science or equivalent degree from an ALA-Accredited program.

What we have to offer:

Competitive salary and benefits including health, life, dental and cancer insurance, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, voluntary 403(b), paid vacation and paid sick leave; talented and dedicated staff; exceptional library and community facilities; location near the Kansas City/Lawrence/Topeka Metro Area; six vibrant communities with branch libraries offering more than 129,000 holdings, public access computers and programming for all ages; a budget of just over one million dollars; Equal Opportunity Employer.

About us:

Coffey County offers organizations that collaborate to get outstanding things accomplished; Coffey County hosts a major utility generating plant, three excellent school districts, a superb regional hospital and an expanding regional airport; Coffey County has the living

experience of a rural setting with the amenities of cities within an hour drive; see more about Coffey County: www.cclibraryks.org and www.coffeycountyks.org.

Job description can be found at <http://www.cclibraryks.org>.

Send letter of application, resume with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references to: Coffey County Library Search Committee, Jackie Clarkson, Financial Resource Specialist, 410 Juniatta St., Burlington, KS 66839. or send as Word documents to: coffeycountylibrary04@yahoo.com e-mail: coffeycountylibrary04@yahoo.com. No calls please.

Priority consideration given to applications received on or before March 15, 2004. Position open until filled.

Library Director

The Liberal (KS) Memorial Library is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic Library Director. Liberal is a growing community on the high plains of southwest Kansas. The library, located near the downtown area, serves a diverse population of 25,000.

The director will oversee a staff of 15, \$475,000 + budget, 16,000 sq. ft. building, 20 + years old, and print and multimedia collection consisting of 71,000 items.

We would prefer an ALA-accredited Masters Degree in Library Science and experience in public library administration, but will consider someone with experience that might be considering getting their MLS or already working towards that goal. The annual salary for this position will range from \$40,000 to \$55,000 depending on education and experience. An attractive benefit package is included.

The complete job description is posted at <http://www.lmlibrary.org/index.htm>. Send letter of application, resume and 3 professional references to Juneil McQueen, c/o Liberal Memorial Library, 519 N. Kansas, Liberal, KS 67901 or e-mail to juneil@swko.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To ensure consideration applications should be received by September 30.

Kansas books

—by Tom Roth
Interlibrary Loan Librarian

Kansas Hunting and Fishing, by Neal Danielson. 2003. D's Enterprise, 673 Lexington, Wichita, KS 67218-2725. Tel.: 316/683-9534. \$75.00.

Neal Danielson, a native Kansan, has written an exhaustive account of the history of hunting and fishing in the state of Kansas. Kansas laws and regulations for hunting and fishing are covered, from the state's beginning to the 21st century. A history of the agencies that have governed hunting and fishing is also included.

The main body of the book is taken up by the large number of hunting and fishing licenses and stamps depicted in this spiral bound volume. The stamp and license pictures are well produced and will be of interest to persons interested in the philatelic history of game and fishing stamps produced by the state of Kansas. The illustrations are very clear and easy to read. The book also has a very useful chronological history of hunting and fishing history at the end of the book.

This book would be a good source for anyone who is interested in collecting any type of licenses, stamps or other materials of philatelic history concerning this area of Kansas history and government. This book would be an excellent addition to reference collections of all public and academic libraries.

—by Tom Roth
Interlibrary Loan Librarian

The Things That Are Caesar's: A Comic Tale of Politics, Religion and Other Impolite Topics, by Bud Norman. Order from: Alexander & Fraser, Inc., 507 Barlow, Wichita 67207. 2003, \$28.00. ISBN: 1879915138.

Bud Norman, a journalist and writer from Wichita, has written an entertaining account of gubernatorial and of Kansas politics in general.

Frankie Livengood is about to lose his job, because the Republican Governor that he works for has no hope of being re-elected. So Frankie, the seasoned political hack, must find someone else to run for Governor. He convinces Harley Christianson, a hopespun western Kansas Mayor to run for the office. Harley is a typical small town guy. He is a Viet Nam vet, is handsome, kind, and has a typical family life. He is completely manipulated by Frankie in the beginning. From the Republican primary through Governor Christianson's first term, we get a satirical, but sometimes accurate, look at legislative politics and Kansas politics in general. The book follows Frankie Livengood and a host of Kansas characters from the political left and right through Governor Christianson's first term. While somewhat exaggerated, all of the characters are believable. This is a hilarious look at Kansas politics in the extreme.

The book starts a bit slow, but the pace picks up halfway through and is a good read until the end. A good read for anyone who enjoys reading political fiction and non-fiction. There is some strong language and light descriptions of sex.

Recommended for adult public and college library collections.



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

