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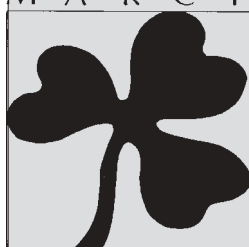
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KLA Kansas authors breakfast

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

How would you like to have breakfast at a table and talk Westerns with other librarians and Don Coldsmith? Or have breakfast while discussing the Civil War with Tom and Deb Goodrich?

Find out about Jerri Garretson's latest project (hint: it's not a children's book, and three other authors will be there for the same title)? Poetry with Steven Hind? Or discuss new books by Thomas Fox Averill, Max McCoy, Linda Madl, and more?

Join many fellow librarians for the Kansas Authors Breakfast on Friday, April 1, 2005, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Tri-Conference in the Overland Park Sheraton Convention Center.

This is a fundraiser for the Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation. But it will be a unique opportunity for Kansas librarians to meet Kansas authors, maybe even set up some programming for the future.

Each author will have a table, and librarians can seat themselves at the table of their choice. Books for autographing will be handled through the Book Kansas booth. There will be a brief program of introductions, but the intent is for communication between authors and librarians—good food with good company to start the last day of Tri-Conference. Make plans

now to attend, help the KLA Educational Foundation, and have a delightful morning. See you there!

Susan Moyer to attend Oxford Round Table

Susan Moyer, Director of the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction City, has been invited to attend the Oxford Round Table on Freedom of Speech and Press on March 20-25. Held at Pembroke College in the University of Oxford, this event will feature five days of keynote addresses and round table discussions on such topics as government restraint and filtering of information, national security interests and the right to know, the U.S. Patriot Act as a precedent of control, mass media complacency and compliance, Internet control and the flow of information. Forty people will participate in this international event including representatives from Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Peru, Poland, Spain and Turkey.

The Oxford Round Table is an independent organization that conducts educational forums and seminars in conjunction with certain of the Oxford Colleges. It was created in 1989 by Samuel Kern Alexander, Oxford alum and then-President of Murray State University. The early gatherings focused on education issues at both the national and international level until this scope was expanded in the late 1990s to include other important public policy matters bearing on human rights, law, economics, public finance and politics.

The purpose of the Oxford Round Table is to promote human advancement and understanding through the improvement of education. To this end, it provides a forum for the study and consideration of current issues facing state and national systems of government. Sessions are held during the spring and summer semesters and typically include 30-40 participants from both the public and private sectors and from a diverse geographical area. Additional information about the program is available at their Web site at <http://www.oxfordroundtable.com>.

Library leaders selected for Senior Fellows Program

—by Dr. Beverly P. Lynch
UCLA Senior Fellows Program

Fifteen top leaders in the college and university library field have been appointed UCLA Senior Fellows for 2005 following a nationwide competition conducted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies.

As Senior Fellows, the fifteen will attend the three-week program conducted at UCLA July 31-August 19, 2005.

The program was first established in 1982 with the support of the Council on Library Resources, UCLA, and the institutions represented by the participating fellows. Over 150 academic library leaders have participated in the program. Held every other year, 2005 marks the thirteen year the program has been held. For more information about Senior Fellows at UCLA, go to <http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/seniorfellows/index.htm>.

The 2005 Senior Fellows are:

Gordon J. Aamot, Head, Arts, Architecture, and Business Libraries, University of Washington; Bonnie Allen, Associate University Librarian, Oregon State University; Rosann Bazirjian, University Librarian, University of North Carolina - Greensboro; **Wanda V. Dole, Dean of University Libraries, Washburn University**; Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries, University of Wyoming; Dan Hazen, Head, Collection Development Department Harvard College Library; Barbara S. Hutchinson, Director, Arid Lands Information Center, University of Arizona; Beth McNeil, Associate Dean of Libraries, University of Nebraska - Lincoln; Deborah A. Nolan, Associate Director, Z. Smith, Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University; Barbara G. Preece, Executive Director, Boston Library Consortium; Mark Roosa, Dean of Libraries, Pepperdine University; Carlen Ruschoff, Director of Technical Services, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, College Park; Mary M. Somerville, Assistant Dean, Robert E. Kennedy Library, California Polytechnic State University, San Louis Obispo; Lee C. Van Orsdel, Dean of Libraries, Eastern Kentucky University; Suzanne T. Weiner, Head Collection Management, North Carolina State University.

Kansas Reads project

—by Christie Brandau
State Librarian

It has been great to join the Kansas library community, and the warm welcome I have received from librarians and trustees around the state has been tremendous. Thank you all for making me feel “at home.” Another part of my feeling “at home” has to do with living nearer to my young grandchildren now! I visit them often and one of our favorite things to do together is (of course!) to read stories! They never seem to tire of certain books, and a favorite is *One Dark Night*, by Lisa Wheeler. No matter how many times I read it to them, and no matter how well they know the outcome of the story, they get chills of anticipation at wondering if the bear will eat the two little creatures! Reading is so much fun. And studies show that the more a child is read to, the better they will succeed in school. We have recognized this importance for years in libraries by providing preschool story hours and activities, in addition to large selections of picture books.

Every preschooler should experience the joy of being read to and being taken to the library, but sadly, some do not get this opportunity. So, in order to highlight the importance of reading to preschoolers and the important role that libraries have in this, the Kansas State Library is initiating a project called **Kansas Reads**. The goal is that during one week in October, *every Kansan preschooler will be read to!* Governor Sebelius has agreed to be the honorary chair of **Kansas Reads**, and Vikki Jo Stewart will be coordinating the project. But we need volunteers to help put together such a large project, and we need libraries all over the state to participate. Please join us in planning and implementing this project. To volunteer, please contact Vikki at vikkijo@kslib.info.

Thank you again for welcoming me to Kansas!

Christie Brandau



NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Digitization Grant

The Network Board is offering funding for digitization grants again this fiscal year. More information, and all necessary forms, will be available very soon from the Network Board's Web site at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/index.html>.

Network Board meeting

The Network Board was pleased to welcome Kansas State Librarian Christie Brandau to its ranks at its meeting February 24. She complimented the State Library staff, and shared her immediate plans for the State Library, which include space planning, groupware installation, a wireless computer network, and a new and updated Web presence.

Also at the meeting, the Network Board approved my draft report of its activities and accomplishments for 2004. The report is now available to your Adobe Reader enabled Web browser at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/2004annualreport.pdf> on Blue Skyways.

Minutes of the meeting are in process: I will post them to the KLNB web site at a later date.

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

Committees, presentations and continuing education

On February 2 I was pleased to join a grant writing panel discussion hosted by the Central Kansas Library System (CKLS). I discussed the Network Board's digitization grants and Interlibrary Loan Development Program. I drove down to the workshop with Roy Bird of the State Library, who discussed LSTA funding on the panel.

Deputy State Librarian Marc Galbraith and I drove to Wichita on February 10 to visit the Kan-ed vendor exposition at the Radisson Broadview Hotel. I was impressed with the progress Kan-ed has made on its portal over the past year.

On February 16 I went to the Osborne Public Library for "Two Genealogical Resources You Should Know," sponsored by CKLS. The computer lab hands-on workshop about the Obituary Daily Times and Heritage Quest featured Chris and Kathy Rippel as presenters. The session was useful, informative, and easy to understand.

The KLA Kan-ed Position Paper Work Group continues on the path to completion of its position paper. My latest draft is in the hands of the work group with a goal of presentation to KLA at its next council meeting.

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2005 Give KLA a Leg Up Geography Bee!

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy and Volunteer Management
Coordinator

Eleven teams of three people compete for the grand award—a 40" tall leg lamp aka the Christmas Story movie! The Geography Bee is a fundraiser for the Kansas Library Association and will be held Thursday, March 31, 2005 at the 2005 Tri-Conference, Overland Park Convention Center, following the KLA Awards ceremony at 5 p.m.



Leg Lamp Award

The State Library team, “Dapper Mappers,” defend the honor-of-the-leg-lamp against ten teams of three people. Teams competing are:

“Lost in the Stacks,” Northeast Kansas Library System; “Where?” Southeast Kansas Library System; “Shark Bait,” Arkansas City Public Library; “Geocentrx of Central Kansas,” Central Kansas

Library System; “Lost Luggage,” South Central Kansas Library System; “From the Abyss. . . WOS (West of Salina),” Southwest Kansas Library System; “Lattitudes with Attitudes,” North Central Kansas Library System; “SuDocs Sweeties,” Kansas Government Documents Round Table; “KSU Libraries,” Kansas State University Libraries; and “Summer Travelers,” Wichita Area Library Association.

Judge Joe Pierron, Kansas Appellate Court Judge, is the Grand Geographer. Judge Pierron was the Grand Pronouncer for the 2004 Give KLA a Leg Up Spelling Bee. He’s excited to help KLA again this year! Judges for this year’s event are: Ann O’Neill, Dean of the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University; Lori A. Goetsch, Dean of Libraries at Kansas State University; and Stella Bentley, Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas. Susan Moyer, Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction

City and the Kansas representative for the Mountain Plains Library Association, is the official timekeeper!

The rules:

Each team will have three members; team members will self identify as #1, #2, and #3; contestant #1 will compete in Round 1, #2 in Round 2, etc. Teams may confer but only the designated team member may give the answer; questions come from quizzes on geography.about.com; the “Grand Geographer” will ask a question and give at least four answer choices; team members may ask for one repeat of the question and the choices; team members may use paper and pen/pencil and may collaborate on the answer.

Team Challenge. Each team has the option of paying \$20 cash, American money, for a new question. For another \$20 the question may be given to another team. (I remember last year when one team paid in beans!); the designated contestant has 20 seconds to give an answer. Time begins when the Grand Geographer says, “your time begins NOW!”; upon giving an incorrect answer, the team immediately drops out; if after three rounds there are remaining teams there will be a sudden-death playoff; Sudden-Death: teams are given 5 questions, the team answering with the most correct answers is declared the winner. In case of a tie the winner will be determined by coin toss.

**Sponsors for this KLA event are:
AutoGraphics, Ebsco, Kan-ed, and BCR!!!!**

Questions about the 2005 Give KLA a Leg Up Geography Bee? Call or e-mail Vikki Jo Stewart at 620/331-8218 or vikkijo@kslib.info.

Rita Haley—passionate about her work

—by Marc Galbraith
Deputy State Librarian

She starts her day early, way before 6:00am, listening to one news program after another for the most recent developments in Kansas legislative issues and activity. She reads several papers and a stack of clips daily, because she wants a statewide perspective on what the urban and rural residents of her home state think about everything from schools to lagoons and livestock to exotic pets. Few people in Kansas put in so much personal time and energy just getting and staying informed about state level public policy issues. Rita Haley does, it's her job and her passion and she is passionate about it—just check with anyone who has ever visited the State Library to ask her for help.

Rita Haley, as much a part of the state capitol as the dome and the debate and drama that goes on under it, is about to bid it all farewell. Rita started work at the State Library in 1967 as a Clerk Steno II, doing secretary work for Denny Stevens, the State Librarian at that time. Shortly thereafter, Malcolm Wilson, the Director of the State Library's Legislative Reference Department, an astute observer of the public forum himself, noticed that Rita had a decided bent toward everything political. With a nod from the State Librarian, Malcolm hired Rita to be his assistant and she began a long career as the maven of legislative information. Rita not only took to the job, but enhanced and developed tools that allowed her to better respond to inquiries from legislators and legislative staff regarding the subject matter of bills currently before the legislature and from previous legislative sessions. While supervising an in-depth bill indexing process Rita gained a grasp on issues great and small and has been very successful in helping Kansans in the State House, and in all corners of the state, better access and work with the process.

Among other services Rita helped initiate is the Legislative Hotline, a toll free in-watts line into the Capitol. Rita uses the Hotline to assist thousands of Kansans who want to convey their opinion on a bill, or issue, or want to research a legislative topic.

Years ago, Rita helped a library patron named Bob research a question related to state finance. It's assumed she did a good job because Rita and Bob are now married. A little over twenty years ago their daughter Britney was born and is currently a certified athletic trainer in Nebraska. Now, Rita and Bob are setting off on a new adventure that takes them to Denver, Colorado. Rita's last

day at work will be March 11. Rita contributed to the State Library and the state of Kansas, every day, including a good many weekend days, for more than 37 years.

Rita will be missed by all those she has helped including elected officials, candidates for office, legislative staff, reporters, lobbyists and people who have an interest or a concern related to legislation and/or public issues. Rita has been a decided asset, the value of which is not easy to calculate, but of which no one has any doubt. We wish her luck. We advise her to keep her phone number unlisted for there are many who would call her, even in Colorado, to ask about Kansas legislation.

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*.

Library positions

Executive Director

The Board of Trustees of the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library seeks an enthusiastic, energetic, dynamic leader to serve as its Executive Director.

The Library's Executive Director reports to a ten member self-governing municipal Board of Trustees and performs the following essential administrative and leadership duties: formulate and oversee implementation and management of library goals, policies, procedures, programs and projects.

Minimum qualifications include a Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited college or university and seven years of progressively responsible administrative and managerial experience in public libraries. The applicant should be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership and vision, communication and administrative skills, thorough knowledge of financial and personnel management, strategic management, budgeting, successful working relationships with Library Foundation and Library Friends citizen-based boards, public relations and facilities management. The applicant should also possess personal attributes of political acumen, integrity, positive attitude, strength, drive, confidence, a sense of humor, enthusiasm, ambition, compassion, creativity and a general interest in people.

Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience. An attractive benefits package is available.

Please submit an application (required), resume and a list of five professional references to: Tracy Seitz, Human Resources, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, Topeka, KS 66604-1374. 785/580-4492. An application form is available at www.tscpl.org/Information/employ.asp.

Further information about the library can be found at www.tscpl.org. Inquiries regarding the position should be addressed to employ@mail.tscpl.org. The Board of Trustees of the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library will be reviewing applications and candidates until the position is filled. Application and supporting materials postmarked by March 11, 2005 will receive first consideration. A pre-and/or post-employment drug screen, a criminal history record check, and a physical capacity test are required as a condition of employment. EOE.

Business Librarian

Wichita State University Libraries is seeking a tenure-track Business Librarian to serve in the Reference and Research Services Department. Qualified candidates will provide a client-centered approach to reference, instruction, collection development/management, and liaison and outreach to the Barton School of Business and for other subject areas as assigned. In addition, the incumbent is responsible for providing general reference services, including participation in the evening and weekend rotation at the reference desk and in chat and other reference services initiatives. The incumbent further participates in general library instruction, information literacy education and tours, cooperates in general collection development efforts, and shares in overall Libraries and Reference and Research Services projects, programs and committees. Minimum salary: \$40,000. A detailed position description may be found at: <http://library.wichita.edu/positions/Business.htm>.

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Technology Support Specialist: reports to Library Director

The Dodge City Public Library is re-advertising for a Technology Support Specialist. Responsibilities include research, management, analysis and programming for technology issues including planning, budgeting and implementation. Experience with Internet, DNS, LAN/WAN setups, OCLC, servers, CISCO routers and bridges, multiple software and operating systems, including Unix, Aix, Redhat Linux, Windows, C, C+, PERL, MySQL and GIS. Bachelor's degree in computer science or related field plus two or more years advanced experience in above technological areas. Previous experience with PC/ network software applications, training for public and staff, and automated library systems with emphasis on GIS. Library experience preferred. Salary range \$17.14 - \$18.32/hr. dependent on experience. Send introductory letter, resume and 3 references to: Director, Dodge City Public Library, 1001 N. 2nd Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801-4416; 620/225-0248; maryt@trails.net.

Technology Coordinator

The Lawrence Public Library seeks a dynamic and knowledgeable individual to lead the technology services team

for a growing, dynamic public library in a great community. Lawrence, Kansas is an exciting university community with extraordinary educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.

This position serves as system administrator in charge of all computer and telecommunications technology in the library; supervises a Technology Specialist; maintains and upgrades the library's VMS-based integrated library system; develops the library's expanding local-area network (LAN), Internet connectivity, computer-based technologies, and voice and data communications systems; assists in the development and maintenance of the library Web site; and assists in the development of staff and public technology training. The Technology Coordinator will also ensure communication with staff regarding changes in library technology, and will participate in staff technology committees, as well as relevant local, regional and statewide technology groups.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science (or similar significant education background) AND/OR Master's degree in Library Science from an American Library Association accredited school, and significant experience with integrated online library systems, LANs and WANs, telecommunications networks and application software. Knowledge of VMS, UNIX, html, PERL and CGI. A minimum of one year of supervisory experience. Strong organizational and communication skills, as well as a strong commitment to teamwork and customer service.

Beginning salary \$35,000-\$45,000, dependent upon qualifications. Outstanding benefit package.

The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, however, please apply by March 10, 2005 by sending employment application, resume and references to: Bruce Flanders, Director, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044-2371, or by e-mail to bflanders@lawrence.lib.ks.us. An employment application may be downloaded at: <http://www.lawrence.lib.ks.us>. EOE.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

A Fan's Guide to KU Men's Basketball in Allen Fieldhouse, by Mary D. Burchill. Softcover, 5" x 9", 32 pp., 2004. Order from author, 1329 Kasold G1, Lawrence, KS 66049.

A Fan's Guide to KU Men's Basketball in Allen Fieldhouse was written for a very specific audience—KU basketball followers. Librarian and major Jayhawk fan Mary Burchill says she wrote this “for Jayhawk fans who either regionally attend a game or those others who have not had, or rarely had, the privilege of watching a game in Allen Fieldhouse.” Becoming hooked as a student, through her career in the KU law school library, and right up until now, Mary has seen KU b-ball since the fieldhouse was dedicated in 1955.

This booklet vividly describes games from the moment the teams take the floor until autograph seekers line up outside the locker rooms and the coach speaks on the post-game show. Even if the reader has only seen merely part of a single game and has the meagerest familiarity with the game, Mary's book imparts the sights, sounds, feelings, even, one thinks, the smells and tastes of game night. If you can't be at the fieldhouse but must settle for watching the game on TV, curl up in your easy chair with a bowl of popcorn and this little book—you'll feel like you're really there!

The History of Richmond, Kansas, by the History Book Committee and Richmond Library Board. Softcover, spiral bound, 8 1/2" x 11", 167 pp. Order from: Richmond Library, 107 E. Central, Richmond, KS 66080-0237.

In 1969 a centennial booklet of the history of Richmond, Kansas, was published. The suggestion of an update was followed up by the Richmond Library Board of Trustees in 2002. The result was the publication in 2003 of this expanded popular history. Retired library director Nadine Peine, a local family, Pat Vining, and author Todd Mildfelt produced a more comprehensive and readable history of their hometown in Franklin County.

The authors include chapters about founding and early history of the town; early entertainment and the Richmond Free Fair; early businesses, current businesses, and city services; churches, schools and social organization; and the people of Richmond, with special emphasis on some veterans. Well illustrated with photos and a map of the city and its business enterprises through history, this is a valuable addition to Kansas or local history collections for all libraries.



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

