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## Public Library audits

—by Roy Bird  
*Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant*

Following the close of municipal fiscal years, many divisions of state and local government, including public libraries, are required to have audits performed. Typical audits are examinations and verifications of accounts and records, especially of financial accounts. These should be considered helpful to those libraries required to have audits done because a proper audit should assist the library board and staff to run the library more professionally and responsibly. A good audit not only corrects errors but also suggests ways to improve.

K.S.A. 75-1122 requires all municipalities receiving \$275,000 in tax dollars or having bonds in excess of that amount to be audited by either a certified public accountant (CPA) or a licensed municipal accountant. In some cases public libraries are included in the municipal audit; in other cases

public libraries are only reviewed to assure no gross mistakes have been made in allocating and expending library funds. This law affects counties, first, second and some third class public libraries. Townships with libraries often do not receive sufficient funds for audit requirements, but district and regional libraries must perform audits as special districts according to the state Division of Municipal Accounting.

If a library receives federal funds through the State Library, it must

retain records for audit purposes five years after the federal fiscal year the grant was made. Although libraries receiving less than \$300,000 are exempted from having an audit performed, they still must retain and permit access to records of their federal awards. This threshold applies only to federal funds received in the year of the audit and that do not accumulate over more than one year, i.e., a library can only be audited for one year at a time.

From time to time the State Library is asked about auditors. The statutes are mute about who should do a library audit and who should pay for an audit. While it is usually recommended that the same auditor doing the audit of the municipal government be used, this is not required. In addition, auditors are in business and understand submitting bids for library or municipal audits. A library is not required to use a local auditor.

Paying for a library audit varies among communities. In some the cost is absorbed by the municipal government, in others it is the responsibility of the library. This is entirely a local issue that can be negotiated and agreed upon by the library board and the municipal governing body.

An audit should not be feared—instead, it should be welcomed as a means to help your library fiscally function more smoothly. For more information about audits, auditing and auditors, contact your regional system consultant or the State Library at 800/432-3919.

## Thoughts from the State Librarian

—by *Christie Brandau*  
State Librarian

Dear Friends,

I collect quotations much like other people collect stamps or tea cups! A recent quote I came across was attributed to an anonymous author: “The future is already here; it’s just not very evenly distributed.”

This is a true statement and an apt one for library service in Kansas. Frankly, there are haves and have-nots among the state’s library patrons. Of course there are obvious inequities like the variety of services afforded to those who reside in areas with well funded libraries versus those with poorly funded libraries. Or the inequity of new library facilities available to some communities, and not to others. But as to the provision of library information, the 21<sup>st</sup> century has made it possible for us to level the playing field when it comes to access to online information. Whether a person resides in Wheeler or Wichita, it is technologically possible to receive online access to outstanding library services. The future is already here, it’s just not very evenly distributed.

This concern is the reason that the Kansas State Library will be holding a statewide resource sharing summit in June. As the library community, we need to provide excellent library service to every resident of the state, wherever they live. When we have information have-nots, we do not thrive as a state.

“All boats rise in a rising tide” is another quote we’re all acquainted with. Let’s work together to make sure that every Kansan, no matter where in the state they choose to live, has access to outstanding library information online.

*Christie Brandau*

## Wichita State University School Library Media Program

—by *Richard Soash*  
Coordinator of the School Library Licensure Program  
Wichita State University

Wichita State University (WSU) will be starting a new cohort for licensure in school library media this summer. Entrance requirements for the program include a bachelor’s degree and current Kansas teaching certification/licensure. Two years of successful teaching experience is recommended. The program requires 19 hours of coursework plus internships. In addition, children’s literature is required if the candidate has not already completed it. The cohort completes 1-2 courses each summer and one course each fall and spring semester on Tuesdays from 5-7 at the WSU West campus, completing the practicum in the summer of 2007. The State of Kansas now also requires a Masters degree for school library media licensure, so if the candidate has not already earned a Masters, twelve hours can be applied to a Masters in Curriculum & Instruction at WSU.

The program is specifically geared to the needs of school library media center, with an emphasis on practical, hands-on learning. The instructors all have school library experience, and candidates are teamed with current practitioners.

If you have staff in your building who might be interested, please have them contact Richard Soash, Coordinator of the School Library Licensure Program at 316/729-6591 or [Richard.Soash@wichita.edu](mailto:Richard.Soash@wichita.edu).

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## NOTES

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director

### Digitization Grant

All forms are ready for you to complete online for Network Board digitization grants. Point your browser to <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/digit.html> for guidelines and links to all required forms.

### Network Board meeting

Minutes of the Network Board meeting February 24 are available online at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB0205.html> on Blue Skyways.

### Network Board and State Library Advisory Commission

At the behest of State Librarian Christie Brandau, wheels have been put in motion to combine the Network Board and the State Library Advisory Commission into a single State Library board. Representatives of both boards will meet with Christie following the regularly scheduled SLAC meeting this month to plan for the blending of the two boards.

### Statewide Resource Summit

State Librarian Christie Brandau has proposed sweeping changes in the nature of library resource sharing in our state. To explore the potential for these changes, a statewide resource summit will take place in Wichita on June 16 during the Kan-ed Annual Membership Conference. I am grateful to Kan-ed for generously agreeing to host this conference within a conference. Details of time and location will go out via KANLIB-L soon.

### Committees, presentations and continuing education

It was my pleasure to attend the CKLS All Librarians Day at that system's headquarters on March 2. Presentations

about Firefox, blogs and RSS newsfeeds by Chris Rippel and Anne Liebst made the trip more than worthwhile.

On March 10 I traveled to Wichita to present "The Kansas Library Card: Information to Kansas Students & Teachers, When & Where They Need It" for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Kansas Community Education Association. The educators present were most impressed with the card's user friendliness and the quality of the resources available to cardholders.

### Patti Butcher appointed South Carolina State Librarian

—by Eric Hansen  
Editor

Patti Butcher, Library Development Coordinator for the Northeast Kansas Library System since 1997, has been appointed South Carolina State Librarian, effective July 1, 2005. Patti has served NEKLS and the Kansas library community with intelligence, dedication, and good humor for more than 10 years. Among her many other contributions, Patti is also the President of the Kansas Library Association. She will be missed by us all.

About her new position, Patti says: "I am really excited about the possibilities waiting in South Carolina. The state library board and current state librarian, Jim Johnson, have worked very hard to increase state support for public libraries. Visibility of libraries in the state is at an all-time high. While I regret having to leave Kansas in order to pursue this opportunity, I am hopeful that I will find an equally wonderful group of librarians, trustees and friends to work with in South Carolina. Working with Kansas librarians has been a great joy and honor!"

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



## Friends and Trustees ask Christie to toss coin

—by Vikki Jo Stewart  
Literacy and Volunteer Management  
Coordinator

The Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) and the Kansas Library Trustee Association (KLTA) settled a friendly wager Monday, March 14, 2005 at the Kansas Library Association office in Topeka when State Librarian, Christie Brandau, tossed a special coin. Christie wrote and read the following disclaimer prior to the toss:

“I am pleased—I think—to be chosen for this honor. But before I flip the coin, I want to make several disclaimers:



*l. to r., Christie Brandau, State Librarian; Carolyn Little, President-elect of FoKL; and Hans Fischer, President-elect of KLTA*

1. Data suggests that a coin will land the same way it started at least 51% of the time. In 1994, a statistician named Persi Diaconis had Harvard University engineers build a mechanical coin flipper and proved through the flipper that if a coin is launched in exactly the same way, it lands exactly the same way.

Thus I will not look at the coin to see how we started.

2. According to statisticians, randomness in a coin toss is actually just bad flipping by humans. Each human-generated flip has a different height and speed, and is caught at different angles, giving different outcomes.

Thus, I will work hard to not do bad flipping!

3. It is speculated that the extra material on the head side of a coin shifts the center of mass slightly, thus we will first flip a coin to determine who gets to choose heads or tails.

4. Under no circumstance—absolutely no circumstances—will the flipper be held responsible for the outcome of the flipping. The flipper reserves the right to eat dinner with the winners and losers but will not accept the check.”

Friends will be pleased to know that FoKL won the toss. We all won really because the coin toss determined which board (both with 100% giving participation to the KLA Educational Association) would give an additional donation or the cost of lunch at the 2005 Tri-Conference in Overland Park.

### KLA Educational Foundation working for you!

The KLA Educational Foundation board met Monday, March 14, 2005 at the KLA office in Topeka to prepare for the big campaign kickoff event at Tri-Conference in Overland Park the end of the month.

Have you made your donation yet? Check KLA Educational Foundation's website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/foundation/>.



*l. to r., KLA Educational Foundation board chair Jane Hatch; Jim Dodson, consultant; KLA President Patti Butcher; and board member Hans Fischer*

### 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*.**

## Immroth Award to Hays Public Library Board of Trustees

—by Nanette Perez  
American Library Association

The Hays (Kansas) Public Library Board of Trustees have been named the recipients of the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Intellectual Freedom for 2005, presented by the American Library Association (ALA) Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT).

The Immroth Award honors intellectual freedom fighters in and outside the library profession who have demonstrated remarkable personal courage in resisting censorship. The award consists of \$500 and a citation.

The Immroth Award Committee recognizes the Hays (Kansas) Public Library Board of Trustees because, in the words of Chair Laurence Miller, “The Board persevered long after many others would have been discouraged and defeated. The result has been a series of victories that have made Hays Public Library a role model for other libraries throughout the country.”

Starting with an effort to remove Jennifer Aho’s *Learning about Sex* in 1981, to a controversy in 1998 over *Daddy’s Roommate*, to the current pressures to limit access to the Internet, the Board has resisted and defeated censorship efforts that “call the roll” of major censorship issues of the last quarter century. The Board also has fought off organized efforts to “pack” its membership with censors.

The Immroth Award will be presented Saturday, June 25, 2005, at a special awards reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

For more information on the award, visit <http://www.ala.org/ifrt>.

## Three Kansas Movers & Shakers

—by Eric Hansen  
Editor

The *Library Journal* has named three Kansas library workers to its esteemed roster of Movers & Shakers for 2005.

Cindi Hickey, Coordinator, Institute for Continuous Education, SLIM, was selected for taking professional devel-

opment workshops to librarians, a reversal of the normal procedure. She holds an MLS from Emporia State University and is presently a Ph.D. student there.

Kathy McLellan and Tricia Suellentrop of Johnson County Library were included for their service to teens in the juvenile justice system. Their Read to Succeed collaboration, and the existing sentencing program, Changing Lives Through Literature, that they salvaged, have drawn national attention. Kathy McLellan is Youth Outreach Librarian at the Johnson County Library. She holds a B.A. in Communications from Ottawa University. Tricia Suellentrop is Teen Services Librarian at the Johnson County Library. She holds an MLS from Emporia State University.

Congratulations to Cindi, Kathy and Tricia. Kansas libraries can be proud of what they have accomplished.

## Toronto Public Library: Kansas and Canada

—by Kristin Ramshaw  
Director, Toronto Public Library

Recently, a Canadian TV reporter came to the Toronto Public Library in Southeastern Kansas. His name is Antony Robart and he works for Global News/ Global Television Network in Toronto, Canada. He had previously spent some time in Washington, DC working with Ted Koppel. His assignment was to report on the “other Torontos.” He stated that barely anybody in Canada knows there are other cities named Toronto outside of Canada.

There happens to be four American cities named Toronto (Kansas, Ohio, Iowa & South Dakota). His first stop was Toronto, Kansas, which has a population of 296, as opposed to Toronto, Canada, with a population of approximately 4.2 million (a slight difference to say the least)! Incidentally, Toronto, South Dakota, is even smaller than Toronto, Kansas.

He came into the library looking for local history. I informed him that the settlers who came here in the 1800s named our town after Toronto, Canada. Interestingly, he later discovered that all the American Torontos were named after Toronto, Canada.

He took video of the library, the local history books, and even some of the articles printed in the Yates Center

newspaper. I was interviewed on camera, as well as the Mayor, a library Trustee, and various citizens around town. It should make for some interesting footage.

The film aired the last week in February and was three and a half minutes long. The reporter chose to look at the different towns with a bit of fun and humor. We are planning a library event to have a public showing of the film as soon as our copy of the video arrives. The whole town is anxious to see how our "Toronto" measures up.

## New Deputy State Librarian

—by *Eric Hansen*  
Editor

Marc Galbraith was recently appointed Deputy State Librarian after 29 years of service to the State Library. He reports being excited and challenged by this promotion, and he looks forward to working on State Librarian Christie Brandau's plans for the State Library.

Marc says that the new State Librarian brings to Kansas a whole new experience base and load of new ideas and that he is very excited about helping to introduce and implement. He says nothing could be more rewarding than working with colleagues to deliver innovative development that promises to be very useful to library users around the state.

In addition to duties associated with Deputy State Librarian Galbraith is also expected to continue work with KSPACE, the Kansas State Data Center, Kan-ed, Kansas Historical Records Board and statewide database developments.

Marc received a BA in political science from Washburn University, MLA from Emporia State U, and an MPA from KU. In addition to his library interest, Marc is also a community activist serving time on Topeka's Community Development Advisory Commission and the Topeka Planning Commission.

Congratulations to Marc!

## Library positions

### Library Media Specialist

Immediate Supervisor: Building Administrator  
Salary: According to the Professional Agreement  
Duty Date: 2005-06 School Year

#### Qualifications:

Applicants must meet the Kansas State Department of Education licensure requirements.

#### Requirements:

Responsible for the planning and coordination of the library media program within the school. This includes teaching information literacy skills, collaborative teaching, print, non-print, and electronic information collection development, management of the electronic library catalog and circulation system, and ability to support students and staff in the use of various technologies.

USD 501 Application is required and may be obtained from the address below. Current employees need only submit a letter of interest. Posting will remain open until positions are filled.

Applications should be submitted to:  
Lynn King, General Director of Human Resources  
Topeka Public Schools, USD-501  
624 SW 24th Street  
Topeka, KS 66611

### Assistant Classroom/Teaching Technology Librarian

Washburn University's School of Law Library invites applications for two general faculty librarian half-time positions beginning immediately. These are 12-month, 20-hour per week appointments.

Qualifications: MLS required or in progress.

Responsibilities: Assist with classroom computers/technology; provide reference service, including some weekends/evenings; provide individualized/group training on courtroom/classroom computer equipment; assist with technology-related upgrades in classrooms. Review of applications begins immediately and continues until suitable candidate identified/hired. Send application letter, official transcripts, names/addresses of 3 references to: Mark Folmsbee, Associate Director Law Library, Washburn University School of Law, 1700 College, To-

peka, KS 66621; phone: 785/231-1088; fax: 785/232-8087. Washburn University is an EOE. [www.washburnlaw.edu](http://www.washburnlaw.edu).

### Adult Services Coordinator

The Lawrence Public Library seeks an energetic and forward-thinking Coordinator to manage our Adult Services Department of 13 full- and part-time employees. Adult Services include Reference, Public Training, Interlibrary Loan, Reader's Services, and Community Information. The Coordinator serves as a member of the library's Administrative Team. Applicants should be enthusiastic and knowledgeable about providing reference service to a diverse community, possess excellent communication skills, have an abiding customer-service orientation, and demonstrate strong leadership qualities.

MLS, 2 years professional experience including reference work, supervisory experience, and basic computer skills required. Beginning annual salary \$30,000–35,000, depending upon experience. Generous benefits package.

Lawrence, a city of 80,000 set in the rolling hills of northeast Kansas, is a fast-growing, multi-cultural college town with a reputation as a hub for entertainment and the arts.

Interested applicants should send a resume and three references to Sherri Turner, Asst. Director, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St., Lawrence KS 66044-2371 or e-mail to [sturner@lawrence.lib.ks.us](mailto:sturner@lawrence.lib.ks.us). Applicants must also complete a library employment application form, available at [www.lawrencepubliclibrary.org](http://www.lawrencepubliclibrary.org). Preference given to applications received by April 15, 2005. EOE.

### Kansas books

—by Tom Roth  
ILL, Kansas State Library

*Gone Shopping: An Odyssey of Discovery*, by Doc Carson, Lecompton, Kansas, 2004. Highway Publishing, P.O. Box 160, Lecompton, KS 66050. Phone: 785/887-6323. \$12.95. 252 p., includes bibliography. ISBN: 0974722030. Softbound.

Doc Carson is a resident of the Lawrence area where he lives with his wife Sue. He is a writer, philosopher, and business owner. This book is about finding yourself, learning to be honest about your needs and wants, and finding your center of happiness. In the narrative, the author goes to the new suburban mega mall to enjoy his day off and have a bit of fun. This new mall is a bit mysterious and is five stories tall. When he gets in, what he finds is a blend of the *Twilight Zone*, *Needful Things* (a Stephen King novel), and a sort of philosopher-King old man. The purpose is to start on the first floor and work yourself up to each higher level of this strange mall. Each level is steeper and more complicated. The goal is to find the level you belong on to find out about yourself, and at what level you can become a whole person, a happy person who can be creative, inquisitive, and satisfied with your life. A quiet novel, but I found this quite satisfying in that it made me think about my own life, and my wants and needs.

A nice read, it should make you think about your goals in life, and how to achieve a measure of peace in your life.



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

