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## LSTA Special Population Grants funded

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

In action by the State Library Commission and the LSTA Council in a joint meeting on Friday, April 30, 2004, a total of 20 of 27 applications were either fully or partially funded. A total of \$50,000 budgeted from federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) was distributed. Included in the funded applications were projects to serve children, young adults, disabled, non-native English speakers, aging, and low income underserved populations.



Contracts for the funded projects will be mailed to grant recipients. Although all of the applications were worthy, those libraries submitting applications which were funded by the Commission and

Council include:

### Children

Bucklin Public Library - \$1,610  
Burr Oak City Library - \$2,065  
Finney County Library & Southwest Kansas Library System - \$1,650  
Prairie View Middle School, LaCygne - \$1,000

### Young Adults

Lib. Dist. #2, LaCygne & Prairie View High School - \$5,500

Nortonville Public Library - \$2,000  
Nixon Library, Butler County Community College - \$3,186  
Talking Book Service & Subregionals - \$3,824

### Non-native English speakers

Dodge City Public Library - \$9,015  
Northwest Kansas Library System - \$3,000

### Aging

Clifton Public Library - \$1,000  
Hillcrest Public Library, Cuba - \$1,000  
Goodland Public Library - \$1,800  
Central Kansas Library System - \$3,000  
Kirwin City Library - \$1,000  
Lansing Community Library - \$1,000  
Luray City Library - \$750  
Stockton Public Library - \$1,000  
Wichita & Sedgwick County public libraries - \$2,850

### Low income

SCKLS - \$3,750

LSTA funds are federal monies granted to states from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to make library resources and services available to an entire community. IMLS is an independent federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners. For more information about LSTA contact Roy Bird, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593; 800/432-3919; FAX: 785/368-7291; email: royb@kslib.info; or visit the LSTA website on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.org/KSL/admin/lsta/lsta.htm>.

## State Library team wins coveted major award

—by Vikki Jo Stewart  
Literacy and Volunteer Management Coordinator

A State Library team wins a coveted major award—a 40 inch leg lamp as seen in *A Christmas Story*—April 1 at the 2004 Give KLA a Leg Up Spelling Bee in Wichita. The Grand “Pronouncer,” Judge G. Joe Pierron presented the major award to the state library team of Anne Damme, Personnel Officer, Jeff Hixon, Director, Library Information Technology, and Rhonda Machlan, Resource Sharing Specialist, Library Information



**Spelling Bee Award**

Technology. Ten three-member teams competed using only 21 words.

Judges for the spelling bee were: Cindi Hickey, Institute for Continuous Education, Emporia State University, Rosanne Goble, Executive Director for Kansas Library Association (KLA), Duane Johnson, State Librarian, Kansas State Library. The timekeeper was Hans Fischer, member of the Kansas Library Trustee Association, Lawrence. Corporate sponsors for the event were AutoGraphics and KAN-ED.

Teams competing:

- Northeast Kansas Library System, (Lawrence) “Three Syllables or Less”
  - North West Kansas Library System (Norton)
  - Southeast Kansas Library System, “Spellers R Us—the R is backward, not the team!”
  - Southwest Kansas Library System, “The Book-etts”, Dodge City
  - North Central Kansas Library System
  - Johnson County Public Library
  - Kansas Association of School Libraries
  - Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
  - Wichita Public Library
- and the Kansas State Library, “Spellbinding”, Topeka.

Vikki Jo Stewart, Literacy and Volunteer Management Coordinator for the state library Promotions Chair for KLA coordinated the event.



**State Library Spellbinding team (l. to r.) Jeff Hixon, Rhonda Machlan, Anne Damme with prize**

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## NOTES

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director

### Network Board to meet

The Kansas Library Network Board will have its Spring meeting on May 13, 2004 at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Mountain Time. Topics for discussion and decisions include a proposed KANAnswer exit strategy, recommendations of the Digitization Grant Committee, an upward adjustment to the board's FY 04 budget, and Materials Replacement Fund policies. The status of the statewide library mentor directory will also be discussed. The complete agenda is available at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/meetings.html> on Blue Skyways.



### Steering Committee

The KANAnswer Operators Steering Committee had its quarterly meeting on April 16 at Washburn University. With the dramatic increase in chat volume of March, KANAnswer cannot always guarantee a speedy response to user requests. Each KANAnswer operator is authorized to manage up to three simultaneous chats. KANAnswer will maintain equal service policies for all users; that is, there will be no separate standing for users in grades K-12. Though operators will furnish information as always, they are under no obligation to complete students' homework assignments, nor to make phone calls on behalf of users.

### Presentations

I was pleased to present information about KANAnswer and other Network Board services at two library events in April. The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Army Library Institute in Kansas City, Missouri on April 9, and the Annual Biomedical Librarians Meeting at the Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Library on April 15.

### Kansas Digital Library

An effort is under way to create a Kansas Digital Library, with a prototype to be developed later this summer. Representatives of the Regents Libraries, Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas State Department of Education, Washburn University, and myself have met to discuss concepts and approaches to making federated searching of the several digital collections in Kansas a reality. I will post more information as progress continues.

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



## FoKL still under construction

—by Vikki Jo Stewart  
Literacy and Volunteer Management  
Coordinator

Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) adopted a new set of bylaws at its annual meeting March 31, 2004 at Tri-Conference in Wichita. Bylaws and board and annual meeting minutes may be viewed at FoKL's website: <http://skyways/lib.ks.us/FOKL>.

The following officers were elected: Karen McCulloh, President; Carolyn Little, Vice President/Governance Chair; Leroy Gattin, Treasurer; and Nancy Malone, Secretary.

FoKL Grants and awards given at Tri-Conference:

2003 Individual Friends Awards:

- Larry Romine, Wichita Friends grant writer, Treasurer of the Board of Governors, Library Advocate and Legislative Day participant
- Marion Renner, Haysville Friends—directly involved in various committees, extensive leadership and support of library programs.

Group Awards: Friends of Whitewater Memorial Library (pop. 2,500); Friends of Morrill Public Library, Hiawatha (pop. 2,500-5,000); Friends of Haysville Community Library (pop. 5,000-10,000); and Friends of Finney County Library, Garden City (pop. 10,000). Grant and awards committee members were Andrea Sobba, Garnett Public Library, Karla Kaiser, Basehor Public Library, and Carolyn Little.

Grants subcommittee members were Wayne Groner, Labette Community College, Andrea Sobba and Connie Doeden, Eureka Public Library. A total of \$1,500 in grants were given at Tri-Conference to:

- Andover Public Library
- Friends of the Mary Cotton Library at Sabetha
- Friends of Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado
- Friends of Iola Public Library
- Friends of Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University

Special thanks and much appreciation to retiring board members:

- Joan Fuhrman, long-time newsletter editor
- Wayne Groner, past Vice President of Finances
- Barbara Read, Marysville
- Carolyn Westin, Belleville
- Peggy Savage, Hutchinson
- Sandy Rollison, Independence

## Emporia Public Library 135th anniversary

—by Sue Blechl, Director  
Emporia Public Library

The Emporia Public Library celebrated 135 years as a library and 25 years in the present building with a celebration on Sunday, April 25, 2004. The Friends of the Library



*Anniversary celebration buffet*

sponsored a special luncheon for key library supporters including the library board, Friends board, city officials, and others who played key roles in developing the new library project. In the library courtyard, a re-dedication ceremony was held to commemorate opening of the building on April 29, 1979. Duane Johnson, State Librarian, was one of the dignitaries to address the crowd. The lovely spring weather contributed to the festive atmosphere. The Library announced an anniversary project: to commission a second sculpture for the courtyard. Two conceptual designs created by local artist John Forsythe were unveiled at the ceremony. Donors can vote with their dollars as to which design they prefer. Friends members served cake and punch to over 400 people while two bands and several young musicians entertained library patrons through the afternoon.

## Lawrence Public Library marks 100 years

—by Maria Butler, Lawrence Public Library



**Library staff Linda Clay serves popcorn to patrons**

The Lawrence Public Library is 100 years old, and National Library Week in April provided the perfect opportunity for a Centennial celebration. Hundreds of patrons joined in the daylong party on Wednesday, April 21. Cake, coffee, punch and popcorn were served, and there were

balloons for the kids, prize drawings, freebies, and a giant birthday card to sign. That evening, Library Director Bruce Flanders and local historian Katie Armitage reviewed the history of libraries in Lawrence, which date back nearly to the city's founding in 1854.

Lawrence Public Library, the first free library in Lawrence that was open to everyone, had its start in 1904 in a Carnegie building. The Library moved to its current location in 1972, and has now outgrown it as well. Earlier this year, the Library's Board of Trustees appointed a task force to begin evaluating options for an expanded Library in downtown Lawrence. The Board hopes to present preliminary plans to the City Commission later this year.

## KLA officers and awards

—by Patti Butcher, President  
Kansas Library Association

The Kansas Library Association held its annual elections in March to elect officers for 2004-05 membership year. Elected as Second Vice President was Michelle Swain, director of the Arkansas City Public Library. Michelle was previously with KSU libraries, and has attended the MPLA Leadership Institute representing Kansas. Kristen Becker was elected as Secretary. Kristen took over as director of Liberal Memorial Library May 1. She was previously library director at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina. Kristen attended the MPLA Leadership Institute in 2003.

KLA Presidential Awards were presented on Wednesday, March 31, during the Exhibitor's Bash at this year's Tri-Conference. The Library Advocate award went to Joe Rodriguez of the *Wichita Eagle*. Joe has been a champion of libraries and library development in the Wichita area through his numerous articles.

The New Professional Award was presented to Thomas Reddick, formerly Technology Coordinator at Northeast Kansas Library System. Thomas was recognized for his work with libraries to advance library and information services through technology. Thomas is now with the Florence County Library in South Carolina.

The award for Meritorious Service was accepted by staff from the Wichita Public Library on behalf of Terence "Mr. Terry" Sartorius. Mr. Sartorius was a volunteer at Wichita Public Library for more than 25 years, and was recognized for his service to the children and libraries of Wichita as a storyteller and a role model for children.

### 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 position

### Assistant Technology Consultant, Southwest Kansas Library System

The Southwest Kansas Library System is seeking a candidate for the position of Assistant Technology Consultant. This position supports computer systems, workstations, networks, and Internet access; develops webpages; and trains users.

A minimum of two years experience in computer science, information systems or related course work and three years full-time, hands-on administrative experience and hardware and software applications in a LAN/WAN environment is required, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience with automated library systems; LAN and WAN experience or specialized education such as Novell or Windows certification; Windows 2000, XP, 2000 server, WWW development, and computer applications is preferred.

Salary starts in the low 20s plus generous benefits package. Please send letter of application, resume and three professional references to Director, Southwest Kansas Library System, 1001 Second Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801. Applications will be reviewed weekly until position is filled. EOE.

## Brown v. Board of Education video

The Kansas Bar Association created a 70-minute video, "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka: The Case of the Century," and related teaching materials as a project for the 50th anniversary of the landmark decision. The video features a reenactment of the 1952 and 1953 oral arguments presented to the U.S. Supreme Court. The video will run continuously during the exhibit, Equal Education: The Fight, The Right May 1-30, 2004, at the Kansas History Center and Museum.

Go to the Kansas State Historical Society ([www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org)) to find:

- Script (PDF)
- Introduction (PDF)
- Glossary (PDF)
- Timeline (PDF)
- Teacher Notes (PDF)
- Historical Background (PDF)
- Portrayers (PDF)
- Questions, page 1 (PDF)
- Questions, page 2 (PDF)
- Video
- Biographies/Portrayers

Copies of "The Case of the Century" will be available at no cost on VHS to interested Kansas educators. To order a copy of the video, contact Btissam Touijer, Public Services Director, Kansas Bar Association, <http://ksbar.org>, 785/234-5696, [btouijer@ksbar.org](mailto:btouijer@ksbar.org).

## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

**NOTE:** Any Kansas library interested in a hard cover version of Don Coldsmith's *Still Horsin' Around* from Dancing Goat Press can read about it, see photos and order at a special library offer from the publisher's website at [www.dancinggoatpress.com](http://www.dancinggoatpress.com).

*The Secret Danites: Kansas' First Jayhawkers*, by Todd Mildfelt. Order from Todd Mildfelt Publishing, P.O. Box 265, Richmond, KS 66080. Softcover, 5"x 9", 132 pp., 2003. \$15.95.

May marks the 150th anniversary of Kansas becoming a territory, and it is highly appropriate to review *The Secret Danites* in this issue of the newsletter. If your library has any readers who like their Kansas history straight up with no frills, this book is for them. Many history books remark about proslavery secret organizations during the "bleeding Kansas" era, and some even hint at Free State societies—complete with secret handshakes, secret signals, secret codes and secret plans. But no one has researched any of these thoroughly until now—perhaps because they were so secret. Todd Mildfelt has pored over a number of collections—including the major one of Charles Leonhardt—of papers and documents, strained his eyes reading microfilm of period newspapers, and read numerous primary source books to ferret out the role of the Danites in their sometimes violent efforts to make Kansas Territory a free state. Names of famous men like John Brown, Jim Lane and James Montgomery are peppered throughout this book—they must have been Danites—but much of it relies on the words of the lesser known who made the effort to record some of the events, to right some of the wrongs, and to explain some of the actions of the time. Mildfelt has plowed a new furrow in the large field of "bleeding Kansas" literature. His book belongs in the Kansas history collections of every type of library.



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

*Goodnight, Mary Ann: The Live[s] of Mary Ann Sage*, by Debra Guiou Stufflebean. Lincoln, NE: iUniverse, Inc. 2003. Order from [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com) or iUniverse, Inc. 2021 Pine Lake Road, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68512. Softcover, 5"x 9", 115 pp., \$12.95 (20% institutional discount).

Remember the Herman's Hermits hit, "Henry VIII"? I was reminded of it when I read *Goodnight, Mary Ann* by Debra Stufflebean. She became intrigued by this story when she and her husband moved to the Sage Inn to run it as a bed and breakfast in 2001, "soaking up as much information about the history of the Inn and the Dover/Mission Creek area as I could." She brought together some of the intriguing facts in this short historical novel. Alfred Sage, builder of the Sage Inn, had two wives, both named Mary Ann. The family genealogy is confusing, to say the least. The author learned about abolition, the Underground Railroad, territorial and Civil War violence, pioneer architecture, family life and more. Her guests reported unidentifiable noises and even an apparition in their rooms at night—a Mary Ann? And the book concludes with some delicious recipes from the b&b, but suitable for anyone's breakfast table. A fun book recommended for Kansas or adult collections in public libraries.

*The Confederate Farmers*, by Gene A. Gulliver. Lincoln, NE: iUniverse, Inc., 2003. Order from [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com) or iUniverse, Inc., 2021 Pine Lake Road, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68512. Softcover, 5" x 9", 136 pp., \$11.95 (20% institutional discount).

The story of veterans of Quantrill's band who try to return to their rural life in Missouri after the Civil War, *The Confederate Farmers* tells an interesting, although not a new, tale. This first novel by Gene Gulliver involves a plot by a crooked politician to gobble up the farms of honest working folk in the vicinity of Independence, Missouri. In the process a gunslinger is hired to provide muscle. When four former guerrillas are pushed beyond their limits they fight back in true guerrilla fashion, reminding the villain that they rode with Quantrill at Lawrence, Kansas. An interesting sidebar to this novel is how an African American, freed from slavery at the end of the war, joins the four rebel veterans in seeking vengeance and at the climax saves the lives of two of them.

This book will appeal to adult readers of Westerns.

