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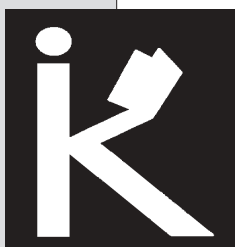


LSTA Special Population Grants funded

—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 22, 2005, a total of 18 of 28 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

Hillcrest Library, Cuba - \$1,596
Goodland Public Library - \$1,500
Lib. Dist. #2, LaCygne - \$4,277
Russell Public Library - \$2,000
Stockton Public Library - \$1,473

Young Adults

Atchison Public Library - \$1,200

Disabled

Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland - \$5,000
Allen County Community College, Iola - \$3,356

Non-Native Speakers

Leavenworth Public Library - \$900

Aging

Burr Oak City Library - \$2,000
Downs Carnegie Library - \$2,650
Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado - \$1,648
Central Kansas Library System - \$4,000
Lebanon Community Library - \$1,500
Luray City Library - \$2,300
North Central Kansas Library System - \$4,000

Low Income

Burr Oak City Library - \$2,400

Literacy

Wichita Public Library - \$8,200

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; e-mail: royb@kslib.info; or visit the LSTA website on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.org/KSL/admin/lsta/lsta.htm>.

Eureka to get new library

—by Connie Doeden

Director, Eureka Carnegie Library

Residents of Eureka voted April 5 68% to 32% (yes votes - 569, no votes - 271) to add a one-cent sales tax that will fund the building of a new public library and a new community swimming pool. Many of you know how long we have been working towards a new library so you can imagine our excitement! Thank you for all the good wishes, support, and help that you have given us along the way.

Heritage Grant awarded

—by Leah Krotz
Director, Belleville Public Library

The Belleville Public Library has been awarded a Heritage Grant from the Kansas Humanities Council for their project, "Pieces of the Past: Preserving and Displaying Our WPA Art Collection." The \$3,428 grant will be combined with local contributions and in-kind matching to complete the \$7,858 project.

Since the 1930s, the library has been host to a large collection of WPA (Works Progress Administration) arts and crafts, including hand-made dolls, block prints and lithographs, paintings, and wooden models. Goals for this project are to:

- Stabilize and preserve the WPA art objects in the collection.
- Create an environment in which the collection may be safely and permanently displayed and enjoyed by the public.
- Research the history of the WPA museum project as it pertains to the library's collection.
- Educate the community about the history of the WPA art program.

"Our WPA collection is important to our community," says library director Leah Krotz. "Belleville is known for its WPA projects, including a Birger Sandzen mural and many public buildings, such as our Art Deco courthouse, grandstand, swimming pool, power plant and band shell. Volunteers are currently restoring the Art Deco movie theater across the street from the library."

"We want to preserve the WPA art collection at the library as an important part of our community's history, and are so pleased that this grant will allow the collection to be permanently displayed and available for everyone to see and enjoy."

WSU Libraries Professional Development Seminar

—by Richard Matthews
Wichita State University Libraries

Camila Alire, Dean of the University of New Mexico Libraries, will conduct Marketing The Academic Library: Telling Your Library's Story, a workshop sponsored by Wichita State University Libraries on May 16, 2005. This

will be the first in a series of annual Wheatshocker Professional Development Seminars gathering together interested library professionals from across Kansas and surrounding areas.

According to Dr. Alire, "Marketing academic libraries is becoming an important component of how librarians do business. Academic libraries need to be prepared to take a proactive position of 'telling their story.'"

The workshop will be hands-on and interactive. It will help participants understand the importance of a marketing plan and learn about the components that affect a plan, such as library needs analysis and the organization's overall strategic plan.

Dr. Alire is a nationally recognized expert in library marketing, leadership development and library advocacy. She is President-Elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries and Chair of the 12th National Conference in Minneapolis.

The workshop, which will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Rhatigan Student Center on the Wichita State University campus, is free of charge and includes lunch. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make reservations and for more information about this and future Wheatshocker Seminars, please contact Richard Matthews, Seminar Coordinator, at 316/978-5074 or richard.matthews@wichita.edu.

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Network Board and State Library Advisory Council

The Network Board met with the State Library Advisory Council (SLAC) on April 22 at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library to discuss the proposed merger of the two boards into a single State Library board. Both boards are in favor of the idea, but work needs to be done to prepare for the merger. At the SLAC meeting a work group was formed to address a number of issues in connection with the action. The Work Group will be chaired by Joe McKenzie and Michael Waugh, the chairs of the Network Board and SLAC respectively. State Librarian Christie Brandau, Deputy State Librarian Marc Galbraith and I will assist the work group.

Statewide Resource Summit update

The statewide resource sharing summit will take place as planned on Wednesday, June 16, at the Wichita Public Library. The summit is by invitation and will be facilitated by Randy Dykhuis, Executive Director of the Michigan Library Consortium. The summit occurs within the first Kan-ed annual membership meeting & leadership forum; I am grateful to Kan-ed for its support of the summit.

Tri-Conference success

The Network Board sponsored an Internet booth again this year at Tri-Conference. Total registrations for the conference were about 810, and the booth had 484 visits. I am very grateful to John & Susan Howell for their excellent service managing the booth, to Josh Motsinger of KU Med for his technical assistance, and to volunteers from the State Library and other libraries across the state for their invaluable assistance.

It was my pleasure to present programs at Tri-Conference about KANAnswer, the Kansas Library Card, and interlibrary collaboration.

State Library Outlook 2003 training

At the direction of State Librarian Christie Brandau, the State Library is in the process of moving to an all-PC computing environment, with Microsoft Office the base application. To help accomplish this, I have designed a basic course in Outlook 2003 with help from Jeff Hixon and Steve Roach. At this writing, I have trained more than one half of the total state library staff in the use of Outlook 2003. I look forward to the opportunity to complete State Library staff training in Outlook, and to begin training staff in the State Library's Merak IceWarp server in the near future.

Kansas Digital Library Kan-ed grant

Kan-ed awarded the Kansas Digital Library (KDL) a grant to test the usefulness of Encompass in expanding on the existing sample collections now in the KDL (www.kansasdigital.org). As Chair of the Assessment and Evaluation Work Group, I will have an opportunity to facilitate creation of evaluation tools for purposes of this grant, with assistance from Roy Bird of the State Library, Sara Kearns of K-State University, and Linda Lillard of SLIM.

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



Treasuring the past, providing for the future

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy and Volunteer Management
Coordinator

At the close of the Thursday morning Keynote by Joseph James at the 2005 Tri-Conference at the Overland Park Convention Center on March 31, 2005, Tim Rogers, KLA President-elect, invited Kansas library leaders to “Link” together in support of the KLA Educational Foundation campaign. The 100' green rope linking began with Duane Johnson and Christie Brandau. The rope stretched across the front of a packed meeting room. Library leaders, some wearing pinwheel headgear and blowing clown whistles, created quite a commotion and filled the 100' rope quickly.



l. to r., Duane Johnson, former State Librarian, Patti Butcher, KLA President, and Christie Brandau, State Librarian (photo courtesy of Vikki Jo Stewart)

The Kansas Library Trustee Association challenged the Friends of Kansas Libraries to 100% donation participation. Both organizations achieved the goal. They challenge other library organizations and boards, too! The KLA Council has 100% donation participation.

The KLA Educational Foundation campaign is off to a great start! The Foundation belongs to you! Please consider being a part of the “Lucky Library Links.” To get your “LINK,” call 620/331-8218 or e-mail vikkijo@kslib.info for more information!

The joy of victory, the agony of defeat!

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy and Volunteer Management Coordinator

The winner of the 2005 Give KLA a Leg Up Geography Bee is team “SuDoc Sweeties,” Kansas Government Documents Round Table. Team members are: Debbie Madsen, Kansas State University, Nan Myers, Wichita State University, and Jane Kelsey, Kansas Historical Society. Congratulations on winning the Grand Award—a 40" tall leg-lamp ala the Christmas Story movie. The lamp and its wooden crate will be housed at each of the institutions ending in Wichita in time for Tri-Conference next year!

The Geography Bee followed the KLA Awards ceremony to a packed house! Judge Joe Pierron once again did a masterful job as Grand Geographer! The BEE judges were put-to-the-test several times and always rose to the occasion! Judges this year were: Dr. Lori Goetsch, Dean of Libraries at Kansas State University, Dr. Stella Bentley, Dean of Libraries at Kansas University, and Ann O’Neill, Dean of SLIM at Emporia State University! Susan Moyer, Director of Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction City, and the Kansas Representative to the Mountain Plains Association did a wonderful job as timekeeper and liaison between Judge Pierron and the Bee Judges!

Teams competing for the Grand Award were:

“Lost in the Stacks,” North East Kansas Library System; “Where?” Southeast Kansas Library System; “Shark Bait,” Arkansas City Public Library; “Geocentrix of Central Kansas,” Central Kansas Library System; “Lost Luggage,” South Central Kansas Library System; “From the Abyss ... West of Salina,” Southwest Kansas Library System; “Latitudes with Attitudes,” North Central Kansas Library System; “SuDoc Sweeties,” Kansas Government Documents Round Table; “The 7th Circle of Hale,” KSU Libraries; “Summer Travelers,” Wichita Area Library Association; and “Where’s Bill?” Kansas State Library (and defending champs).

The teams studied hard and at one point it looked like the Geography Bee would go till the wee hours of the morning. All but one team completed three rounds! Judge Pierron shifted to SUDDEN DEATH at round 4 and sudden death was a good name. Round 4 turned into a “special fundraiser” too, for the KLA Educational Foundation when several teams paid \$20 for another question and some even paid another \$20 to give the question to a specified team! Getting another question did not save

them, just prolonged the suspense. The last team standing, "SuDoc Sweeties," correctly answered the final question.

Judge Pierron presented the Grand Award to the "SuDoc Sweeties" and chanting was heard from the State Library staff—"no more lamp...."

Watch for information about "2006 Give KLA a Leg Up" next year!

Regional Library System relocates

—by Paul Hawkins
Director, South Central Kansas Library System

The South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS), a twelve-county agency serving public, school, academic and special libraries, has relocated to new offices. SCKLS has moved to 321 North Main, South Hutchinson and has an agreement to lease-purchase the building. SCKLS has been located in the lower level of the Hutchinson Public Library since its establishment in 1967. SCKLS has an estimated service population of 740,000.

"The new facility will allow SCKLS to adequately provide for our current needs as well as expand our consulting and continuing education services. We will have a training classroom, computer lab and state-of-the-art web conferencing facility that will allow librarians to participate in programs without having to travel to remote locations," according to Paul Hawkins, SCKLS Director.

SCKLS provides grants, consulting, continuing education and support services to 158 public, school, academic and special libraries and employs 13 staff. "We're not a library, but we provide services to 158 member libraries," said Hawkins. "The South Hutchinson location will serve as our central office and training facility."

"For the past 38 years our consultants and staff have traveled to member libraries daily and the South Hutchinson location is ideal because of its convenient access to major highways. Our relocation is another step in our long-range plan to improve services and the mission of our organization. Our services are important to libraries throughout south central Kansas and our new facility will further our commitment to building and sustaining library communities," said Hawkins. A grand opening of the facility for member SCKLS libraries and the public was held Monday, April 25, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

KLA Presidential Awards

—by Patti Butcher
KLA President

KLA Presidential Awards for 2005 were presented on Thursday evening during the conference.

I am very pleased to announce the following winners:

Meritorious Service Award—Denise Smith, Stanton County Library

In recognition of outstanding service as Director of the Stanton County Library, leadership in the Southwest Kansas Library System, and providing a model for librarians throughout Kansas in developing libraries as a community-centered resource.

Library Personnel Award—Jim Minges, Northeast Kansas Library System

In recognition of his leadership in the Northeast Kansas Library System, encouraging the development of local libraries through innovative programs and projects, and seeking support for the improvement of libraries throughout Kansas.

Library Advocate Award—Marge Setter, Wichita

In recognition of over twenty years of strong advocacy in shaping the future of the Wichita Public Library and providing energetic leadership and development through the Wichita Public Library Foundation Inc. for libraries in her community.

Congratulations to all three!

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

Legislative Reference Services Librarian Kansas State Library

The Kansas State Library, Topeka, is seeking an innovative public services librarian to supervise and coordinate the legislative services section of the State Library's Research and Information Services Division. The successful candidate must possess an MLS from an ALA-accredited library program. Open until filled, annual starting salary of \$30,139.00-\$32,406. To apply, contact Anne Damme, Human Resources Officer, Kansas State Library, 800/432-3919 or anned@kslib.info.

Library Development Coordinator Northeast Kansas Library System

Opportunity for a creative librarian who will enjoy the challenge of helping the members of a 14-county regional library system to develop exceptional library services. Coordinate programs of consulting, continuing education, planning and development, and play an active role in statewide cooperative activities. Requires excellent communication and organizational skills, close collaboration with other system staff and with personnel from Kansas regional and urban library systems and the Kansas State Library, comfort with both personal interaction and library technology, ability to travel, MLS degree and prior experience. Knowledge of a broad range of library governance and management issues and prior experience in public library, regional system or statewide library development preferred.

Beginning salary \$40,000-\$47,000 dependent on qualifications, with excellent benefit package. Position open until filled. Evaluation of applications will begin May 9, 2005 and will continue until position is filled. Apply with resume and references to: Northeast Kansas Library System, 3300 Clinton Parkway Court, Suite 100, Lawrence, KS 66047, or by e-mail to jminges@nekl.org. EOE.

Assistant Classroom/Teaching Technology Librarian Washburn University's School of Law Library

Washburn University's School of Law Library invites applications for a 12 month, full-time, general faculty librarian position beginning immediately.

Qualifications: M.L.S. required or in progress; ALA accredited.

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, Topeka, KS 66621; phone: 785/231.1088; fax: 785/232-8087. Washburn University is EOE.



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Kansas books

—by Tom Roth
ILL, Kansas State Library

Fireside Novels by Napoleon Crews. Lawrence, Kansas, 2004. Fireside Novels Press, P.O. Box 2243, Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 785/856-1118; website: firesidenovels.com.

Mr. Crews has created a group of short novels that deal with Northeast Kansas history, and one set in modern Northeast Kansas is an Indian casino. These novels are short, and are supposed to be representative of the dime novel of the 1860s-1890s. There are now four novels in print, and there should be three or four more coming. All books are by Napoleon Crews.

First Novel: *Flight of the Golden Eagle*. ISBN: 0976428438, 40 pages. This novel is set on the Kickapoo Reservation in northeast Kansas. This short novel is about the problems in running a casino, and what can happen when problems occur in setting up a casino.

The Sam Jeans Series. Sam Jeans was an African American assistant police chief in Lawrence and then police chief for some years in the 1890s. These are fictional novels about his life:

V. 1, no. 1. *The Man Who Tamed Lawrence*. ISBN: 0975428403, 36 pages

V. 1, no. 2. *The Last Hanging on Mount Oread*. ISBN: 0975428411, 40 pages

V. 1, no. 3. *The Eldridge House Disappearance*. ISBN: 097542742X, 68 pages

All three of these short novels are about the struggles of living in Lawrence in the 1890s. All the above books are \$3.50; subscriptions to the series are cheaper. Contact Fireside Novels about new and upcoming editions and other series.

The Cessna Story. 2004. Great Audio Adventures, 1409 West 60th Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66203; Greataudioadventures.com; or e-mail chawk@greataudioadventures.com. ISBN: 0976440504. \$20.00. 74 minutes CD.

The Cessna Story follows a new trend in Kansas publishing—original books on CD. Acquisition libraries will not find this in print, only in the audiobook venue.

Luckily for Kansas, Clyde Vernon Cessna and his family moved from Oklahoma to near the town of Trego, Kansas, in the early years of the 20th century. He and his future company, Cessna Aircraft, would make state and world history in general aviation. In 1911, Clyde was struck with the flying bug after attending an air show in 1911 and decided to build his own, the Silverwing monoplane. From that time on there were many ups and downs for Clyde in developing and starting an aircraft factory. His first Cessna Company in partnership with others was started in 1932, but the Depression brought many setbacks. In 1934 the company was re-started with new capital and Wall Street partners. In 1937 Clyde retired to farming and his nephew Dwane Wallace took a leading role. In the late 1930s, as war approached, the company took off and has since been a major player in general and military aviation. From a small company in the mid 1930s, Cessna now has around 10,000 employees worldwide, and one out of every two private and small business jets bear the company name. This is a wonderful story of endurance, and of men who thought into the future.

The CD is narrated by Curt Hawkins, an aviation enthusiast, and he speaks with many fans of the aircraft, both private and military, all of whom praise the high quality of the planes provided by the Cessna company. Great soundtrack, lots of airplane sounds, and conversation with air towers are provided. This is a very nice piece of Kansas business history and should be in all school and public libraries, and will be enjoyed by all flying enthusiasts. As the narrator states, for those who live to fly, there is nothing like the sound of aircraft taking off. So, follow Cessna's growth from small single engine plane maker to jet maker.

Kansas libraries..... 60 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
Cataloging/Kansas Government Documents

Gleanings from Kansas Library Bulletin, vol. 14, nos. 2-3, 2nd-3rd quarter, 1945

- Mrs. Julia Kerr McCarty, librarian of the Topeka Public Library since 1934 and president of the Kansas State Library Association, died on May 14, 1945. Her death was entirely unexpected and came as a great shock to all who knew her. Mrs. Mildred Barr is serving as acting librarian of the library.
- The Winter General Hospital Library, Topeka, was moved into new and much larger quarters about the middle of May. With a new building, centrally located and most attractive, the library is keeping pace with the ever growing General Hospital. Christine Reb, librarian, has recently returned from a week spent visiting the Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa.

- Mrs. Marguerite Jester, Emporia '31, has accepted the position of reference librarian at the State Library.
- Helen Wagstaff, Extension Service Librarian, University of Kansas, has been elected president of the Kansas Division of the AAUW for 1945-47.
- Mrs. Lavilla Eastham has accepted the position of librarian of the McPherson City Library. She succeeds Mrs. George Sparks, formerly Margaret Abilgard, who resigned two years ago to take a position in the Topeka Public Library. Mrs. Doretta Sand has been serving as acting librarian. Mrs. Sparks is now in the University of Mississippi Library at Oxford, MS, where her husband is a member of the university faculty.
- Alma E. Grass, Cummins Memorial Library, Larned, reports that the purchase of a Birger Sandzen painting has added much to the attractiveness of that library.
- Marie Bower has resigned her position as librarian of the J. H. Robbins Memorial Library in Ellsworth, a position she has held continuously for almost thirty years.



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