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## Tri-Conference proposal form available

—by *Tim Rogers*  
*KLA Vice President*  
*Program Chair for Tri-Conference*

It's that time of year again...time to pull out all of those cool things you've been working on, thinking over, and just dying to talk to your colleagues about since the last Tri-Conference came to a close on April 2, 2004.

That's right, it's time to belly-up to the metaphorical bar and send in your ideas for Tri-Conference 2005 programs.

The form is completely, 100% online again this year (thanks to the great work of Anne Liebst!), so please head on over to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/tricon/2005/index.html> and select the proposal form link beneath the organization to which

you belong. Click on the link and start typing. For fullest consideration, please fill out the form completely. Your completed form will be sent to me or one of the other program chairs so that we can schedule them. You will need to fill out a form for all programs including section and roundtable meetings, business meetings, parties and events, etc. ...anything for which you wish to use convention center or hotel space.

The form will be available until the end of business (5 p.m.) on November 1, 2004, so be sure that get in there early.

If you have any questions, you can contact me or your association rep (listed on the Tri-Conference Info Page <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/tricon/2005/index.html>).

Also, please feel free to post or forward this message wherever you see fit! Thanks!

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## Board Choice Award nominee for State Agency Section announced

—by Joe Edelen  
Mountain Plains Library Association

I am delighted to have the opportunity to announce Diana Weaver as the selection of the State Agency, Cooperatives, and Systems Section for the MPLA Board Choice Award. Diana has served in public and academic libraries and multitype library systems, and has consistently personified "leadership from within." Currently Acquisition/Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Office Manager for the Northeast Kansas Library System in Lawrence, Kansas, Diana has formerly served as Director of the Arlington City Library and Acquisitions Coordinator at the Sterling College Mabee Library in Sterling, Kansas.

Diana has been an active leader in professional development activities. She is a graduate of the KPLACE Library Training Institute and is currently Vice-Chair of the KPLACE Roundtable of the Kansas Library Association. Diana served on the Executive Board of the South Central Kansas Regional Library System, and was a member of the Services Study Implementation Committee that developed a major restructuring of that system. Currently, Diana is serving on the Kansas Public Library Standards Committee.

Diana Weaver has been an exceptional resource to libraries of all types and has assumed leadership roles in regional and statewide library organizations. I am delighted to recognize her accomplishments and welcome her to MPLA.

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## Help for historic libraries

—by Roy Bird  
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

Many Kansas public libraries are situated in historic, or just plain aging buildings. As structures grow older, their need for repair and maintenance increases. Building maintenance and maintenance schedules have become a topic of interest among libraries. If you are located in such a physical facility, there are two resources on the web recently mentioned on the Kansas Studies discussion list.

The Minnesota Historical Society has created a 39-page *Historic Housekeeping Handbook* that offers valuable advice for cleaning virtually every type of surface. The handbook is available online at <http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/conservation/reports/manual-0102.pdf>.

The National Park Service has a chapter on housekeeping in its *Museum Handbook*. It can be found on the web at <http://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/MHI/mushbkI.html>.

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## NOTES

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director

### Board appointments

Governor Kathleen Sebelius has made the following appointments to the Kansas Library Network Board:

**Micaela Ayers**, Director, Butler County Community College L.W. Nixon Library, will represent Community College Libraries

**Wanda V. Dole**, Dean, University Libraries, Washburn University, will represent Regents Libraries

**Marc Galbraith**, Acting State Librarian, will represent the State Library

**Susan Taylor**, College Librarian and Professor, McPherson College, will represent Academic Libraries

This makes the Network Board roster complete. For further information, point your browser to <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/about.html#members>.



I am pleased to welcome the Emporia Public Library, Finney

County Public Library, and Olathe Public Library to the ranks of KANAnswer participating libraries. Staff from those libraries received training from me in September and will begin staffing the service this month. For a complete list of institutions that participate in KANAnswer, see <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/KANAnswerWeb/institutions.htm>.

### Presentations

In September I was pleased to present to the Wichita Area Library Association on September 15th about inter-library cooperation. On the 17th I presented to the Northeast Kansas Library System's annual NEST conference about KANAnswer and Heritage Quest in the morning, and in the afternoon to the Southeast Kansas Library System's second annual academic in-service about digitization for access to primary resources. In all three cases, participants were attentive and insightful, which made it a pleasure to present.

### Statewide Virtual Reference Conference

I was able to participate by conference call in a national meeting of statewide library virtual reference service coordinators in Denver on September 10. Participants represented the states of Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Oregon and Washington. KANAnswer compares very well with other statewide virtual reference services, including some with superior funding and full-time staff.

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



Meet Carolyn Little, FoKL's Vice President and Chair of Governance. Governance is the committee responsible for the "health and well-being" of the board. Carolyn works for the Northeast Kansas Library System and was an effective FoKL spokesperson in July for NEKLS Trustee Workshops! She believes that "Great libraries need great FRIENDS!"

## Meet Carolyn Little

—by Vikki Jo Stewart  
*Literacy and Volunteer Management  
Coordinator*



*Carolyn Little*

## MPLA announces awards

The Mountain Plains Library Association has announced its 2004 awards. Three of the awards will go to Kansas residents.

2004 Literary Contribution Award goes to Roy Wenzl, Senior Journalist and Columnist with the Wichita Eagle in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Wenzl uses newspaper feature stories to explore life in our Mountain Plains region. People are always at the centerpiece of his stories; it is through learning about their lives that readers gain an understanding of what it means to be a Wichitan, a Kansan or a Mountain Plains resident. Whether a story taking readers along the path of destruction left by tornado, an account about a couple starting a sanctuary for abused animals in Montana, or a report on the impact of a small town elementary teacher, his descriptive style lets us make a connection with those about whom he writes. Through those connections, we, too, share the experience and learn the lessons he seeks to share through his stories.

2004 MPLA Distinguished Award goes to Patti Butcher, Library Development Coordinator for the Northeast Kansas Library System in Lawrence, KS. Patti has provided exemplary professional leadership to the library community of Kansas and the entire Mountain Plains region. Patti has personified the MPLA goal of developing new library leaders, has applied those skills to improvement of library service, and is now sharing her energy and ability in the development of a new generation of library leaders.

2004 News Media Support Award goes to Mark Petterson, Editor of the *Coffey County Republican*, Burlington, KS. The *Coffey County Republican* strives to include timely and accurate news on a regular basis about library functions and programs. The *Republican* is very conscientious in ensuring that library news including events, patrons and employees is covered.

### 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*.**

## Caregivers Lifeline Resources

—by Jennifer Heinecke  
Special Projects Librarian  
Wichita Public Library

### “Caregivers Lifeline: Link Up to Resources” Reaches Across the County

The Central Plains Area Agency on Aging and public libraries from throughout Sedgwick County have joined forces to help address the complicated and varied issues that caregivers face and promote resources for caregivers this fall, including National Caregiver Month (November). Through programs, displays, and bibliographies, the project partners will help caregivers become better informed not only about ways to deliver medical and physical assistance, but also ways to take care of themselves physically and emotionally so they can continue to provide the best support for those they assist.

The following libraries are partnering with the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging for programs, displays, and/or bibliographies: Derby Public Library, Goddard Public Library, Haysville Community Library, Mulvane Public Library, Park City Community Public Library and the Wichita Public Library.

### Communicating Effectively with Health Care Professionals: For Caregivers

This free workshop for family caregivers can help you to make the most out of each doctor visit, be a respected member of your loved one’s health care team, and get what you both need from the health care system. Presented by the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. Registration required.

- Thursday, Oct. 7, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Rockwell Branch Library (Wichita Public Library), 5939 E. 9th, Wichita, 316/688-9361 (Registration required: call 316/688-9361 beginning Thursday, Sept. 23)
- Saturday, Oct. 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Westlink Branch Library (Wichita Public Library), 8515 Bekemeyer, Wichita, 316/337-9456 (Registration required: call 316/337-9456 beginning Friday, Oct. 8)
- Tuesday, Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 545 E. Main St., Mulvane. Offsite program for the Mulvane Public Library (Registration required; call the Mulvane Public Library at 316/777-1211 beginning Tuesday, Nov. 23)

### What Every Caregiver Should Know

There are several important resources for caregivers, and this talk will explain how different agencies can assist caregivers and other topics about which caregivers need to be knowledgeable. Presented by the Sedgwick County Department on Aging and Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.

- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m., Haysville Community Library, 130 W Grand, Haysville, 316/524-5242
- Monday, Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m., Park City Community Public Library, 1530 E. 61st St. N., Park City, 316/744-6318
- Thursday, Nov. 18, 10:00 a.m., St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 545 E. Main St., Mulvane. Offsite program for the Mulvane Public Library, 316/777-1211.

## Grant opportunities

—by Roy Bird  
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

It can be difficult becoming aware of grant opportunities in addition to the daily duties of library administration. To save librarians and trustees some time, following are some grants available now or in the near future.

The Library Video Project, formerly funded through the MacArthur Foundation, has created a win-win offer. Project representative Mary Kirby wrote: "Your library will receive a free 5 DVD set of the great dramatic series *I, Claudius* with each purchase of 15 or more Cinema Classics DVDs (srp \$89.79, a limited time offer). A percent of each purchase will go to support our operating costs. We think this is a good way for your library to acquire *I, Claudius*, and we will be most grateful for your support. Please visit us at [www.librarymedia.org](http://www.librarymedia.org)." For more info contact Mary Kirby at 800/847-3671 or [kirby@librarymedia.org](mailto:kirby@librarymedia.org).

Awards of up to \$8,000 are available from the Kansas Humanities Council's (KHC) "Better Together: An Ethnic Heritage Initiative" for projects that explore, preserve, or interpret the history of immigrant and ethnic groups in Kansas. Funded projects may begin after January 1, 2005, with applications due November 10, 2004. A special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, *We The People*, "Better Together" focuses on the impact of immigrant and ethnic groups throughout Kansas history. Successful applications may involve basic research, oral histories, collection development, exhibits, public programming, or a combination of these and other formats. An example of possible projects for KCH was "a public library working with the Hmong community or other Southeast Asian groups to record traditions that define their culture and impact on the larger community." For more information about the special grant opportunity, visit online at [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org), call 785/357-0359 or e-mail [info@kansashumanities.org](mailto:info@kansashumanities.org).

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has announced the 2004 competition for the National Award for Library Service, which honors outstanding American libraries that have made extraordinary contributions to their communities with a \$10,000 award. The postmark deadline for receipt of all materials is February 15, 2005. Applications should describe the library's goal in serving the community partnerships and activities undertaken to achieve the goal, describe the outcomes of the activities, and how this community

service will continue in the future. Any individual may submit an application, and applications of libraries of all sizes are encouraged. Nominees may include photographs, publications, or other products that document the success and community support of the libraries' programs. These materials cannot be returned. In addition, three representatives of the community served by the library must submit letters of recommendation either with the application or separately to IMLS by the deadline date. For more information visit <http://www.imls.gov/grants/index.htm>.

## Library position

Reference Librarian  
Leavenworth Public Library

Leavenworth, Kansas, a city rich in history and cultural diversity, seeks a full-time professional reference librarian for its medium-sized public library located thirty minutes from a major metropolitan area.

This employee will support the library's mission of excellence in customer service at a busy public service desk. Duties include answering reference questions using both print and electronic resources, readers' advisory, instruction in the use of online databases, and assistance with local history research.

**Required Qualifications:** MLS; a commitment to public service; excellent communication skills; experience with the Internet and other electronic resources; knowledge of current trends in library services and programming; familiarity with current information technology. Must be able to work evenings and weekends on a rotating basis.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Experience in providing reference service in a public library setting.

**Application Deadline:** October 15, 2004.

**Miscellaneous Notes:** Salary range in the mid 20s; full-time benefits (sick time, vacation leave, retirement, and health insurance). Send a resume and three references to the contact listed below. Recent graduates are encouraged to apply.

**Contact Information:** Wanda Adams, Head of Reference, Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St., Leavenworth, KS 66048. [wkadams@leavenworth.lib.ks.us](mailto:wkadams@leavenworth.lib.ks.us).

## Kansas books

—by Tom Roth  
ILL, Kansas State Library

*Cimarron Chronicles: Saga of the Open Range*, by Anshutz, Carrie & M.W. Meade, Kansas. Ohnick Enterprises, 2003. 250 p., includes illustrations and index. Ohnick Enterprises, Meade, Kansas 67864; 800/794-2356; www.backroomprinting.com. ISBN:097422206.

This is the story of Carrie Schmoker Anshutz (1868-1949) and her husband M.W. (Doc) Anshutz, from 1879 to the early part of the twentieth century in Meade County, Kansas. This manuscript (completed in the 1930s), which first tells Carrie's story then her husband's story, covers each of their paths to Southwest Kansas. This is mainly a story about Meade County, Kansas. There is a lot of information about local personalities, and local history during the pioneer days. Anshutz and their family lived along what was known as the Cimarron Territory, now the Oklahoma Panhandle. But we also see glimpses of early Dodge City.

This book is a first-hand account of life in early Western Kansas, and is full of fascinating information on cattle ranching, outlaws, cowboys, and information on the toils of living on the plains in the later part of the nineteenth century. The characters portrayed in this biographic book are strong, and are what we would expect of western pioneers.

This book is recommended for anyone interested in the history of Kansas, particularly Meade County. Genealogists interested in this area of Kansas will find this book a good read.

Recommended for high school and/or Kansas collections in public libraries.

*The Civil War in Kansas*, by Roy Bird. Illustrated by Michael Almond. Gretna, Pelican Press, 2004. 152 p., bibliography and index of battles. Includes map and illustrations. Pelican Press, Burmaster Street, Gretna, Louisiana 70053. 800/843-1724. \$10.95. ISBN: 1589801644.

This is a short but concise history of the battles of the Civil War fought in Kansas, from 1861-1865. Mr. Bird presents an interesting view of events during that time, and shows that Kansas was very much involved in the Civil War. While this volume is short, a lot of information is provided in a clear and very readable fashion. There are many illustrations of battles, personalities and places where Civil War events took place. We are told in colorful detail about such famous (or infamous) characters as Senator James H. Lane; Daniel R. Anthony, brother to Susan B. Anthony; Charles R. Jennison, and many more.

There are lots of interesting details about marauding jayhawkers (Kansans) and bushwhackers (Missourians). This is a good read for anyone wanting to know more about Kansas Civil War battle history. The illustrations really help bring characters and scenes alive. What was known before the Civil War as "Bleeding Kansas," bled much more during the actual war. Two out of every three adult male Kansans served, and most became casualties.

This would be a good read for junior high through adult readers and a good book for all public, junior high and high school libraries.



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"ATLAS" catalog at:  
<http://lib.wuacc.edu/>

