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## Letters of intent solicited for construction grants

Letters of intent to apply for FY 1997 Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) public library construction and technology enhancement grants are now being accepted. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, November 20, 1996. Letters of intent should be written on local library letterhead.

Libraries wishing to apply for grants for public library construction and new technologies (Title II) should submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, LSCA Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 S.W. 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1593.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from LSCA Title II allotment to Kansas for new buildings, additions, renovations, remodeling or acquisition. Libraries which submit a letter of intent will then receive a

copy of the application and Title II procedure manual.

The letter of intent should state that the library board plans to apply for partial funding in grant form from the allocation provided through LSCA in the FY 1997 allotment.

If your library is interested in federal funds for a construction project during FY 1997, submit your letter before November 20. The grant awards will be announced in spring, 1996.

For additional information about LSCA Title II grants, please contact the consultants of your regional system of cooperating libraries or call Roy Bird at 800/432-3919.

## LSTA passed

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), successor to the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) which expired at midnight September 30, is now the law of the land. It passed the House on September 28, passed the Senate on September 29, and President Clinton signed the measure on September 30. In order to enable its consideration on the Senate side, LSTA became part of the massive FY 1997 appropriations/budget bill.

LSTA will fund library technology and services to special populations. It will be administered at the Federal level by the to-be-formed Institute of Museum and Library Services, and it will be administered at the State level by state library agencies. The new law takes effect immediately, although there will be a vaguely-described transition period.

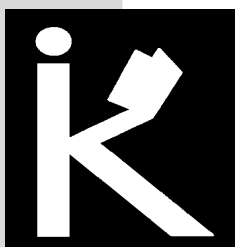
The appropriations bill, as sent to President Clinton, is believed to also include an increase in the LSTA/LSCA budget over the budgets previously approved by both the House and Senate. Under H.R. 3610, at least \$128,869,000 would be appropriated for LSCA/LSTA purposes in federal FY 1997.

## October is Kansas Library Month

1995 — *Connect to Kansas Libraries*  
(same for 1995, 1996 and 1997)

1996 sub-theme — *Color Your Life Through Libraries*  
(Fall color flowers planted for this picture)

1997 sub-theme — *Libraries for All Seasons*  
(picture will be taken after the first or second snow in late 1996 for 1997)



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## *How the Network Board awards ILDP grants*

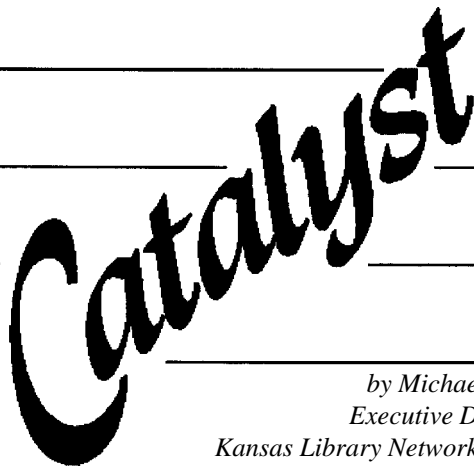
This issue of Kansas Libraries includes an application packet for the Interlibrary Loan Development Program. To help you prepare the best possible ILDP proposal, this month's Catalyst outlines the process the Network Board uses to award ILDP grants. Paying careful attention to the criteria presented here will help you write a winning proposal.

### ***KLNB team scores ILDP proposals according to established criteria***

Every year, the Network Board appoints an ILDP grant review team. This group

reads all of the proposals, and recommends to the Board which of them should be funded.

In making its recommendations, the team appraises each proposal according to the criteria outlined below. Team members assign point scores in these categories on a scale from 0-4, with 4 being the highest score possible in each category. Then the committee discusses each application. Proposals with the highest point scores receive funding priority.



*by Michael Piper  
Executive Director  
Kansas Library Network Board*

### ***Interlibrary loan (ILL) value***

#### ***Score Criteria***

- 4 Applicant has checked the Kansas Library Catalog to see if materials proposed for purchase are available in Kansas. If similar materials are already available in Kansas, an explanation is offered as to why additional copies will enhance statewide ILL.
- 3 Detailed data is provided to support statement of need, including a check of the KLC to see if proposed materials are already available.
- 2 Rationale for ILL value is given and limited evidence is provided to support the rationale as presented. Applicant has not checked the KLC to see if proposed purchases are already available.
- 1 Explanation of ILL value is vague or incomplete.
- 0 No evidence of interlibrary loan value.

### ***Need***

#### ***Score Criteria***

- 4 User need is clearly documented with statistics and specific examples of unfilled requests.
- 3 User need is described in some detail.
- 2 Need is described, but reader is left with unanswered questions.
- 1 Uses incomplete or vague examples to describe need.
- 0 No clear user impact.

### *Commitment to continue the project after the grant expire*

<i>Score</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
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- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 4 | Proposal cites the amount of money the library plans to commit, or details how many additional materials will be added in the future. |
| 3 | Level of commitment is fairly strong and is proportionate to the library's resources.   |
| 2 | Moderate or very short-term commitment is described.  |
| 1 | Commitment to project continuation is mentioned, but no specifics are provided.   |
| 0 | No commitment is described.   |

### *Budget*

<i>Score</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
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- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 4 | Budget reflects complete expenditure information, including shipping costs. Source for costs estimates is cited. Library indicates a willingness to absorb some costs so all grant funds are used for materials. |
| 3 | Detailed costs are provided and evidence is provided for cost estimate sources.  |
| 2 | Amount requested is appropriate for the type and quantity of materials requested.  |
| 1 | Cost figures are vague. Reader does not understand exactly how the requested amount was computed.  |
| 0 | Cost figures are incomplete and/or exorbitant.   |

### *Proposal quality*

<i>Score</i>	<i>Criteria</i>
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|---|---|
| 4 | Shows evidence of careful planning and preparation. All sections of the proposal are complete and clear. Meets all grant criteria.                                    |
| 3 | Greater care in planning is evidenced. More detail is provided, and reader has a better understanding of the project's statewide value.                               |
| 2 | Answers are adequate. Proposal meets most criteria outlined in grant application directions. But value and need address local needs rather than statewide ILL impact. |
| 1 | Most answers lack specificity. The reader is left with questions concerning the project's need, ILL impact and costs.   |
| 0 | Proposal is not well thought-out.   |

You can find the Interlibrary Loan Development Program application packet at <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/KLNB/ildp.html>>.

My thanks to Nancy Soldner—the Network Board's school libraries representative—for her work in refining these evaluation criteria. For more on the ILDP, email me at [KSSTL2LB@INK.ORG](mailto:KSSTL2LB@INK.ORG). Or call me at 913/296-3875.

# Online KLC: Boolean Searching

by Chris Rippel  
Central Kansas Library System

Autographic's online *Kansas Library Catalog* (KLC) (<http://www.auto-graphics.com/cgipac/nmx/lwjb>) now allows multiple-word searching using *and*, *or*, *not*. This is called Boolean searching.

## KLC (first screen) Main Menu Select a Search Method:

For Boolean searching, select \_\_\_\_\_

- Browse by Term
- Search by Keyword
- Search by Number

## AND

retrieves items containing all words

*leadership and libraries* retrieves leadership in libraries.  
*collecting and cars* retrieves items about car collecting.

KLC's "keyword" searching automatically searches terms with "and."

1. Click button for searching *author*, *title*, *subject*, *notes*, or *all headings*.
2. Type all terms in *Enter Keyword(s)* box. "And" is unnecessary.
3. Click *Start Search* "radio button."
4. Click *Send Request* "radio button."

## OR

retrieves items containing either word; useful for synonyms

*cars or automobiles* retrieves either cars or automobiles

1. Click on box to reveal choices to search.  
Highlight appropriate choice.
2. Type first term.
3. Click *or* "radio button."
4. Type second term.
5. Click *Start Search* "radio button."
6. Click *Send Request* button.

## NOT

excludes items containing the word:

*cars not Fords* retrieves all cars except Fords.

## Community Connections

by Frances Roberts

In 1991, the Friends of the Grant County Library and the library trustees began to see the need for a computer lab in the newly remodeled lower level of the library. Sam Forrer, a local banker, contributed the first \$2,000 for two IBM 286 workstations. The library director served as administrator and promoter for the project, making many appearances at community organizations.

A community fund drive for this project was tremendously successful. The Friends purchased three more IBM compatibles, printers and software. Thirty-one students completed course and lab work the first semester. The library added additional hours to accommodate the computer lab.

Additional community fundraising added \$1,500 to the treasury. The library also won an \$8,000 grant from the Baughman Foundation which permitted the purchase of three more computers and eight workstations.

The library computer lab gave both staff and patrons a chance to become acquainted with IBM computers. A lot of non-users became computer literate, especially from the business community. They were able to get the computer training they needed without leaving Ulysses.

Classes have been offered in WordPerfect, Lotus, d-base, and DOS. Most of the classes have been open entry, which permits the students to work at their own pace, with or without a tutor. A number of businesses have used the lab to train their employees and the South-west Kansas Library System has also used it actively.

Three semesters are offered each year with up to 60 students per semester. The library charges \$10 for lab fees and the Friends charge \$5 for equipment maintenance. Seward County Community College charges tuition for courses and has hired a lab coordinator.

In 1994, another grant from the Baughman Foundation allowed the library to upgrade the computers in the lab and offer Windows, MS Works, and Office.

In 1995, the computers were put on the Internet. Internet was offered to the public at a nominal charge. This services has been very popular.

Grant County Library has come from having one computer in 1985 to a total of 30 at the present time.

The next goal is to purchase Pentiums and buy new printers, including a laser printer. The library is pursuing another grant to cover this. When the library has more space, it will have two computer labs with at least 15 workstations each to accommodate the need. When a library gets into technology, it is a never ending process. It is becoming a way of life just like the use of the automobile, the telephone, and the television. Daily access to computers is a service that is really appreciated by library patrons in this area.



## Olathe library rededicated

The Olathe Public Library Board of Directors celebrated the remodeled library with a rededication Open House at the library at 201 E. Park in Olathe on Saturday, September 21, 1996.

The remodeling was partially funded by federal LSCA, Title II money from the State Library.

- 10:00 am — Rededication Ceremony\*
- 11:00 am — Puppet Show & Stories\*; Library Tour, Computer Demonstrations
- 1:00 pm — Children's Sing-Along & Piano Dedication; Library Tour\*; Computer Demonstrations
- 2:00 pm — Puppet Show & Stories\*; Library Tour; Computer Demonstrations

\*Interpreter for the deaf & hard of hearing provided

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by Vikki Jo Stewart  
Literacy Coordinator

- Governor Graves declared September “Literacy Month” in a proclamation for the Kansas Alliance for Literacy. The word “literacy” has almost completely disappeared in Washington, D.C. and at state levels. Yet the reality of “literacy” is still an important part of everything.

Employability seems to be the key concern — get folks off welfare and get them off quickly and into a good paying job. A large percentage of folks who can be considered functionally illiterate are now in the work-place. They will need to be able to be trained and re-trained and retrained...Who will help them? Local volunteer programs, many of whom are library-based, can help an adult or youth learn to read better.

- The literacy field received a boost when Miss Kansas was named Miss America. Her platform is literacy. Her name is Tara Dawn Holland and she was born in Alabama, reared in Florida and moved to Overland Park to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She was successful on her sixth try for the Miss America crown.
- Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. will host the national conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma October 30 — November 2, 1996 at the Adams Mark Hotel. For more information, please call me at 316/532-1075 or LVA, Inc. at 315/445-8000.
- The following received approval from the Kansas State Library Advisory Commission for the FY 1997 Kansas Volunteers for Literacy Grant Program:
  - » Catholic Charities, Inc. , Wichita, \$21,050 for English as a Second Language citizenship project;
  - » Cloud County Community College, 4-county area including Concordia, \$15,000 for a literacy program

- » Finney County Public Library, Garden City, \$3,500 for literacy materials for the Hispanic low reading level community
- » Wichita/Sedgwick County City in Schools, Inc., Wichita, \$13,485 for a family literacy program
- » Family Resource Center, Inc., Pittsburg, \$15,000 for a literacy program
- » Wichita Indochinese Center, \$5,000 for ESL literacy program.
- » Girard Public Library, \$1,200 develop a low-level reading collection, and
- » LVA-Southern Montgomery County/Coffeyville Community College, \$10,765 for an agency-based volunteer literacy program.

## ***Materials purchased with ILDP funds***

### ***Baldwin High School Library***

An Interlibrary Loan Development Grant funded 146 audio compact discs recordings of classical, jazz, and popular music. The recordings include opera, art songs, choral works, musicals, symphonies, band music, chamber music, vocal and instrumental jazz, and popular music of the past.

These CDs are listed on the KLC, and a bibliography is available from the Baldwin High Library. Please contact Jana Jorn, Baldwin High School Library, P.O. Box 67, Baldwin City, KS 66006 or call 913/594-2725 if you need additional information.

### ***Bethel College Library***

The Bethel College Library has available to all interested libraries a complete listing of books purchased with ILDP monies for 1996. The subject nature of the grant is social problems; specifically, we have purchased titles dealing with gangs, violence, family structure, women’s role in society, youth and education, etc.

You may request the list by sending Gail Stucky an e-mail message at: [gstucky@bethelks.edu](mailto:gstucky@bethelks.edu).

## ***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*.**

