

# Kansas Libraries

Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Library

November 1999

## This month in Kansas Libraries

LSTA Special Populations grants.....	1
KLA receives award.....	1
An invitation.....	1
Moundridge and Attica win small library awards.....	2
3 honored at CULS conference.....	2
ACRL Guidelines.....	2
CATALYST.....	3
Library to offer "Just Read" fine amnesty for kids.....	4
Name the Just Read mascot contest!.....	4
Cicero Was Right!!.....	4
Kansas books .....	5
LSTA awards technology grants.....	6
KIC/KILR Fall meeting.....	6
Library position.....	7
Kansas libraries...ten years ago.....	8

## LSTA Special Populations grants

It's time again to submit letter of intent to apply for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Special Populations grants. The deadline for letters of intent for FY 2000 awards is Monday, December 13, 1999. Letters of intent should be typewritten or word-processed on library, agency, or institution letterhead.

LSTA Special Populations grants are open to libraries of all types. To apply, submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th Ave., Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for special populations. Libraries which submit a letter of intent will then receive a copy of the application and LSTA Special Populations Grant Program guidelines.

A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for FY 2000 Special Populations grants.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a project serving a special population during FY 2000, submit your letter of intent by December 13.

Grant awards will be determined at the February 2000 joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.

For additional information about LSTA Special Populations grants, contact your regional library system consultant or Roy Bird at 800/432-3919; royb@ink.org.

## KLA receives award

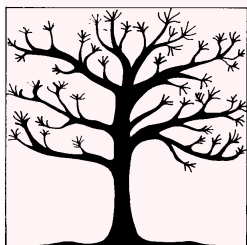
The Kansas Library Association Centennial Committee is pleased to announce that the Kansas Humanities Council has awarded a grant of \$8,000 to KLA for projects related to the association's centennial in 2000. The grant will fund the research and writing of a book on Kansas library and KLA history by Robert Richmond; a performance of "The Populist March of Annie Diggs" at the Past President's Banquet and Boathouse Bash during Tri-Conference; and partially fund a traveling exhibit on Kansas library history.

The Kansas Library Association Centennial Committee is also pleased to announce that the H.W. Wilson Foundation has awarded KLA a \$10,000 grant in support of programs for recognizing the KLA Centennial year. We welcome the H.W. Wilson Foundation as a major underwriter for centennial activities. \$7,000 of the grant will be used to help fund a traveling exhibit on Kansas library history. The remainder will be used for other centennial activities, including a benefactor recognition project and a gathering of former KLA presidents.

## 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*.

NOVEMBER



## Moundridge and Attica win small library awards

—by Paul Hawkins, Assistant Director,  
South Central Kansas Library System

The Moundridge Public Library and the Attica City Library have been recognized as the “Outstanding Small Public Libraries” for 1999 by the by the 145-member South Central Kansas Library System. The award, which is given in two categories—one for libraries serving populations of less than 1,000 and one for libraries serving more than 1,000—includes a \$500 check and framed certificate, which were presented at the SCKLS Semi-annual Business Meeting on October 25 in Wichita.

The Moundridge Public Library was recognized “in tribute to Lynette Krehbiel, Librarian from 1975 to 1999, whose leadership along with community support generated improvements in the library’s programs of service, collections, technology and building,” according to Paul Hawkins, South Central Kansas Library System. Attica City Library was recognized for “its program of children’s and youth services; preservation of local history; development of new services such as audio and video cassettes and Internet access; and community involvement.”

Judges for the award included Peg Anderson, Director of the Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado; Dixie Osborn, Director of the Larabee Memorial Library, Stafford; and Rhonda Neugebauer, President of the Wichita Area Library Association. Judges for the award commented that Krehbiel had been “a dedicated and respected librarian who cared about the library’s patrons and focused on high quality service” and that Attica “had met clearly-established goals for the expansion of its building and services.”

Moundridge and Attica were chosen from chosen from among 50 small public libraries that are members of SCKLS. The award program is in its eleventh year.

Position announcements are available on the KLA portion of Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/helpwanted/index.html>.

## 3 honored at CULS conference

Three librarians were honored at the CULS Fall Conference in Topeka. The awards were announced at the luncheon held on Friday, October 15th.

The award winners were:

- **Lars Leon**, KU - Beginning Professional Award;
- **Cathy Reeves**, Dodge City CC - Distinguished Service Award;
- **Karen Cole**, KSU - Contribution Award.

Congratulations to these outstanding professionals!

## ACRL Guidelines

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) division of the ALA has released “ACRL Guidelines for Distance Learning Library Services.” After a statement of philosophy, the guidelines address issues of management, finances, personnel, facilities, resources, services, documentation and library education. The resources section calls for library materials to be provided by or secured by the class originating institution. The guidelines were approved in July 1998. An electronic copy is available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/guides/distlrng.html>.

*Kansas Libraries* is published monthly by the Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 343-N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593 (785/296-3296; In Kansas 800/432-3919)

ISSN 0889-2709 Page layout: *Jana Bowers*

Editor: *Eric Hansen*. Contributing editors: *Roy Bird, Rhonda Machlan, Shannon Roy, and Vikki Jo Stewart*.

Address comments concerning *Kansas Libraries* to the editor.



# Catalyst

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director  
Kansas Library Network Board

October was a busy but productive month. I joined John and Susan Howell to staff a Kansas State Library/Kansas Library Network Board booth at the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference in Overland Park on the 3rd and 4th (see photo). This was a valuable opportunity to meet community representatives from around the state and to promote Blue Skyways and other work of the KLNB.



*Eric Hansen at League of KS Municipalities*



*Jackie Lakin presents at CULS*

KLNB member Jackie Lakin was a co-presenter with Robert Grover, Dean of the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Manage-

ment, at the College and University Libraries Section Fall Conference in Topeka on the 15th (see photo). Their presentation, "Planning and Assessing Information Skills Instruction" is scheduled for publication in book form soon.

The KLA New Members Round Table (NMRT) met in Manhattan on the 21st to finalize plans for its 2000 Tri-Conference panel discussion "Library Links to Literacy: Developing Partnerships." The NMRT is also reprising its popular coat and bag check booth at Tri-Conference. And a one-day conference for new librarians will be coming this spring thanks to the NMRT.

I found the "Back to the Book" conference sponsored by the Public Library Section of the KLA to be full of useful information for public libraries hoping to



*Bob Smith addresses KLA PL conference*

improve promotion of the book, and other materials as well. Keynote speaker Bob Smith of Robert Smith & Associates in particular proved adept at adopting techniques used by bookstores and other retail operations (see photo). The one-day conference took place in Salina on the 22nd.

I was very pleased to have been a presenter at the Kansas Council for Social Studies Fall Conference in Wichita on the 25th. My presentation was a hands-on computer class devoted to Web sources of Kansas community information and the use of selected kinds of Web search engines. The course materials will be available on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/presentations/KCSS/cover.html> for the next six months.

*For more about Blue Skyways, the ILDP, or any other Network Board initiative, contact Eric Hansen, KLNB Executive Director, at 785/296 3875 (erich@ink.org).*

*Interlibrary Loan Development Program grant proposals are due by 31 March 2000. For complete information about the ILDP, go the Network Board pages in the State Library section on Blue Skyways.*

## Library to offer "Just Read" fine amnesty for kids

The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library joins the "Just Read" program in encouraging children and young adults to develop better learning skills by reading for pleasure every day. To make sure that each child has the opportunity to use all the resources available at the public library, the KCK Public Library is offering a fine amnesty program through December 18.

During the fine amnesty program, patrons age 17 and under may have their outstanding fines forgiven and their records cleared so that they may once again check out library materials. Only fines incurred before October 18, 1999, will be forgiven. Although fines will be forgiven, patrons must still return any overdue items. Patrons must also pay for any lost or damaged items.

In return for having their outstanding library fines forgiven, patrons will sign a pledge to become a daily reader and a responsible library patron. Fine amnesty is available at the Argentine Library (2800 Metropolitan, 913/722-7400), the Main Library (625 Minnesota, 913/551-3280), and the West Wyandotte Library (1737 N. 82nd Str., 913/596-5800) and on the Bookmobile (call 913/279-2228 for schedule of stops).

## Name the Just Read mascot contest!

Ages 18 and under are encouraged to stop by any KCK Public Library location, or visit the Bookmobile to enter the "Name the Just Read Mascot" contest. Sign-up for a library card and/or check out 5 or more books, then enter your choice of a name for the "Just Read" mascot. Enter again each time you check out 5 or more books. The contest will run through November 12. The winning entry will be selected by a panel of judges and announced during National Education and Children's Book Week, November 14-20. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Rainy Day Books.

## Cicero Was Right!!

—by Vikki Jo Stewart,  
Literacy Program Director

The following was written 6,000 years ago by Cicero, the Roman statesman and philosopher. Do you feel that it still applies?

- The delusion that personal gain is made by crushing others.
- The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
- Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
- Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
- Neglecting development and refinement of the mind, and not acquiring the habit of reading and studying.
- Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do.

What do you think?

On the other hand, I want to share the following with you (I don't know the author), it's called ATTITUDE: The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, talent or skill.

It will make or break a company ...a church ...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. Life is 10% what happens to a person and 90% how he or she reacts to it.

And so it is with each of us ...we are in charge of our attitude.

## Kansas books

—by Paul Hawkins, Guest Reviewer,  
South Central Kansas Library System

***The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The Kansas Centennial Edition***, By L. Frank Baum, Illustrations by Michael McCurdy, Foreword by Ray Bradbury, ISBN 0-7006-0985-7, \$24.95.

Dorothy and Toto are home again thanks to the University Press of Kansas' publication of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: The Kansas Centennial Edition*. The wizards at the Press conceived of the edition after discovering that L. Frank Baum's book, first published in 1900, was in the public domain. The original print story about a little girl and her dog may be a surprise to Kansans familiar only with the classic 1939 film version of the Wizard of Oz. Even Judy Garland might be shocked by the new edition's black-and-white drawings by acclaimed children's book illustrator Michael McCurdy.

As a child during the 1960s, I remember watching the annual television broadcast of the Wizard of Oz. The scenes when the Wicked Witch sent the Winged Monkeys against Dorothy and her friends were so frightening that I would hide behind a chair. Now as an adult, I find some of McCurdy's illustrations equally unsettling, but rather than hide from them, the drawings compel me to examine and reflect upon Dorothy's journey, a journey that may be interpreted as one from innocence to knowledge.

The most provocative of McCurdy's twenty-five scratchboard illustrations is the one in which Dorothy confronts the Witch. The witch has the pointed chin and bony fingers we expect from fairy tale witches, but her eye patch makes McCurdy's witch especially sinister. The Witch tricks Dorothy into giving her one of her Silver Shoes, (they are ruby slippers in the film version). With one foot bare, the angry Dorothy grabs the nearest object, a bucket of water, and throws it on the Witch. "I never thought a little girl like you would ever be able to melt me and end my wicked deeds," wails the Witch.

W.W. Denslow illustrated the first Wizard of Oz book and his illustrations have remained popular. While Denslow's illustrations are charming and whimsical, they have none of the psychological interest of McCurdy's. As unusual as McCurdy's artwork, is the new edition's foreword by science fiction and

fantasy author Ray Bradbury. Bradbury contrasts *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* with Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*.

Bradbury writes, "Lewis Carroll's cast of characters would have died here of saccharine or run back to hide behind the cold Glass. Baum settled in, delighted with bright nothings. If the Wicked Witch is truly dead it is because L. Frank Baum landed on her with his Boy's-Life-Forever-Sunkist philosophy. No witch could survive Baum, even today when witches beam themselves up."

A criterion for literature to be considered classic is its ability to be reinterpreted over time. In 1964, Henry Littlefield wrote an article in the *American Quarterly* entitled, "The Wizard of Oz: Parable on Populism." Littlefield suggests Baum's book is an allegory for the Populist politics of the 1890s in which "led by naïve innocence and goodwill, the farmer, laborer and the politician approach the mystic holder of national power and ask for personal fulfillment."

Baum was aware that a story holds different meanings for different ages. In the foreword to the original Oz, Baum notes that most horrible characters and disagreeable incidents have been eliminated from modern fairy tales. "Having this thought in mind, the story...was written solely to please children of today. It aspires to be a modernized fairy tale, in which wonderment and joy are retained and the heartaches and nightmares are left out."

One hundred years after its initial publication, the children's classic *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum remains worthy of reading by every Kansan regardless of age. However, in Michael McCurdy's illustrations, adults may find new meaning for an old children's story.



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

## LSTA awards technology grants

The Kansas State Library Advisory Commission and the LSTA Advisory Council selected recipients of the federal FY 2000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) technology grants at a joint meeting on Friday, October 8, 1999 at the Days Inn in Topeka.

Grant applications ranged from \$425 to \$45,500. Amounts funded ranged from \$425 to \$14,400. All types of libraries in Kansas were eligible for technology funds. Awards were divided according to technology development and technology training.

Technology development grants fully funded: Central Kansas Library System; Gypsum Community Library; Belleville Public Library; Bradford Memorial Library; El Dorado; Jewell Public Library; Jordaan Memorial Library, Larned; Liberal Memorial Library; Lucas Public Library; Oskaloosa Public Library; Augusta Public Library; Northeast Kansas Library System; Manhattan Public Library; Wellsville City Library; Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility; Coffey County Library, Burlington; Dodge City Public Library; Hutchinson Correctional Facility; and Larned Correctional/Mental Health Facility.

Technology development grants partially funded: Elmendaro Township Library, Hartford; Jetmore Municipal Library; Kirwin City Library; Baldwin City Public Library; Anthony Public Library; Basehor Community Library; Cawker City Public Library; Emporia Public Library; Horton Public Library; Lawrence Public Library; Leavenworth Public Library; Linwood Community Library; Meade Public Library; Mankato Public Library; Scandia City Library; Thayer FRC City Library; Goodland Public Library; and Lawrence Gardiner High School at Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Technology training grants fully funded: Belleville Public Library; Dodge City Public Library; Liberal Memorial Library; North Central Kansas Library System; Northwest Kansas Library System; Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library; South Central Kansas Library System; Southwestern College Library; USD 305 Salina Public Schools Libraries; and Wichita Public Schools Libraries.

## KIC/KILR Fall meeting:

—by Jeff Hixon, Director  
*Library and Information Technology*

The fall meeting of the KIC Council was held on October 7 at Wallerstedt Library, Bethany College, Lindsborg. KIC Council is the policy-setting body for Kansas Interlibrary Loan, composed of representatives of libraries that have signed the KIC Council membership agreement. Approximately 50 libraries were represented.

Also attending the meeting were representatives of Auto-Graphics, Inc. Auto-Graphics is the vendor for Kansas' statewide union catalog and ILL message system, KICNET.

Steve Hanschu, White Library, Emporia State University (ESU), chaired the meeting. Elected to two year terms on the Kansas Interlibrary Loan Board of Directors (KILBD) were:

- Sharon Cooper - Quivira Heights High School, Bushton representing school library media centers
- Steve Hanschu - White Library, ESU representing Regents' university libraries
- Frances Roberts - Grant County Library, Ulysses representing public libraries (non-resource)
- Kay Russell - North Central Kansas Libraries System, Manhattan representing regional library systems

The focus of the meeting was on the impact of the new KICNET interlibrary loan system, as operated using Auto-Graphics Impact/ONLINE in place of the cc:Mail software in use since 1989.



*Rhonda Machlan at KIC registration table*

The new system automatically routes requests to holding libraries using "preferred lender lists" and a "system-wide lender list," both of which currently arrange holders by the number of items they have

included in the Kansas Library Catalog. Since the lists are in ascending order, smaller libraries are seeing significant increases in requests from other libraries. Though many small libraries welcome the opportunity to contribute to resource sharing activity in the state, the increased activity impacts postage budgets, mailing supply costs, staff time, and access to locally held materials for local patrons.

It is too early in the transition to the new system to address many of these issues, but the discussion will provide the KILBD with useful guidance as that group begins to look for solutions and identify the resources that can help bring them about.

One recourse immediately available to local libraries is the right to limit their interlibrary lending of new materials. Libraries whose cataloging is done on OCLC find their new holdings on the KLC (and being requested) before the items are on the shelf! The intention of protocols presently in place is to give libraries the authority to set local policies that comfortably balance local and interlibrary lending needs. Libraries that decide not to lend new materials on ILL will not request new materials.

Similarly, libraries may want to manage their expenses by monitoring postage for ILL lending and borrowing, keeping them in balance and curtailing lending activity if necessary.

The Council reviewed and prioritized a list of desired changes and improvements to the Impact/ONLINE product collected from users by the State Library prior to the meeting. To view the list, point your browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/enhance.html>.

There will be a repeat of last year's study of ILL turnaround time, collecting additional data that will enable Kansas to determine if the new system is having an impact on the speed with which requests are filled. Eight libraries volunteered to participate in the study: Augusta Public, Coffeyville Public, Hesston College, Lyons High School, Newton Public, North Central Kansas Libraries System, University of Kansas, and Washburn University.

The State Library will be offering its remaining supply of licenses authorizing use of the Impact/ONLINE ILL system to Kansas libraries before the end of calendar 1999. The current budget will support

350 licenses, 302 of which are already in use and 20 reserved but not yet activated. In the proposed budget for Fiscal 2001 (beginning next July 1) the State Library is requesting funds for a total of 400 licenses (supporting the present 350 participants and adding 50 more).

Libraries are strongly encouraged to post questions or concerns about operation of the new system to the KICNET e-mail list, KANILL. Shared discussion can lead to solutions that are more acceptable to everyone involved!

Eric Hansen, Executive Director of the Kansas Library Network Board, provided an update on the statewide courier service available to libraries through a state contract with Pony Express.

Pony Express has been purchased by Skynet Holdings, who is examining some routes for profitability. The new branch manager for Kansas is Mark Mosakowski (reach him at the same number, 816/831-0080); he is the contact for billing and service concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. In the afternoon, the Interlibrary Loan Roundtable of KLA (KILR) met in the same location, chaired by President Lars Leon, University of Kansas Libraries.

Highlights of the meeting included a brief presentation by Auto-Graphics representatives Albert Flores and Richard Wilson concerning the general direction of future developments for Impact/ONLINE and related products, and a productive session for libraries that use OCLC Interlibrary Loan to discuss KICNET concerns unique to their situation.

## ***Library position***

### ***Dean/Director Forsyth Library, Fort Hays State University***

Fort Hays State University is seeking candidates to fill the position of Dean/Director of Forsyth Library and Digital Academic Resources as soon as possible, but no later than May 30, 2000. Priority will be given to applications received prior to November 26, 1999. Qualifications for the position, a detailed description, and application procedures can be found at [www.fhsu.edu/provost/searches/searches.html](http://www.fhsu.edu/provost/searches/searches.html). FSHU is an AA/EO employer.

### Kansas libraries...ten years ago

—by Bill Sowers,  
Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian  
State Library of Kansas

#### Gleanings from the November 1989 issue of *Kansas Libraries*:

- On October 10, Wichita State University's Ablah Library Media Resources Center and Glen E. Gardner Plaza were dedicated.
- Halstead Public Library held an open house in October to celebrate the completion of its new addition.
- The University of Kansas has dedicated the new Marian and Fred Anschutz Science Library.
- SCKLS has selected Clearwater Public Library and Zenda Public Library as "Outstanding Small Public Libraries" of 1989.
- Manhattan Public Library is celebrating its 20th anniversary in its current building.



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Librarian Director*

**Please route to**

*Kansas Libraries*  
 Kansas State Library  
 300 SW 10th Street, Room 343  
 Topeka, KS 66612-1593  
 913/296-3296  
 Toll Free in Kansas 800/432-3919