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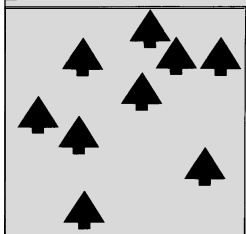
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Highways to Success

Western Kansas Library Technology/KLOA Conference

The Central, Northwest, South Central and Southwest Kansas Library Systems in cooperation with Barton County Community College, Great Bend and in conjunction with the Kansas Library Operations Associates (KLOA), WKLTC and KLOA hosted a joint conference in Great Bend, Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8, 1996.

The conference offered a wide range of topics on workplace skills, library technology and other related topics. Hands-on sessions were offered for Win95, FirstSearch and Novell software. In order to facilitate hands-on training in the computer labs, the number of participants was limited.

The conference was held on the campus of Barton County Community College and at the Great Bend Holiday Inn, 3017 West 10th St.

Keynote speakers were Rebecca Bostian, Director of Mabee Library at Washburn University, and Sara Sack, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Assistive Technology for Kansans Project.

A teleconference was available on Thursday afternoon. Hannelore Rader discussed information literacy and learning in the context

of an electronic environment. She examined new models for developing classroom curricula; teacher-librarian partnerships; and methods and techniques for teaching information skills.

Federal-State grants-in-aid

Applications for the 1997 Federal-State Grants-In-Aid were mailed November 6, 1996.

Audit recommendations recently identified to the State Library required us to collect information from public libraries which has been gathered previously by the State Library staff. In order to fulfill a recommendation in a recent compliance and control audit done by the Legislative Division of Post Audit, and to comply more fully with the requirements of state law, the State Library must now use actual appropriations reported by individual libraries rather than figures from published budgets for determining local libraries' eligibility for Federal-State Grants-In-Aid.

A copy of K.S.A. 75-2556, Grants-In-Aid to Libraries, was included in this envelope. Also in the envelope was a copy of your *Application for Federal-State Grants-In-Aid to Public Libraries and Library Systems* for 1997. This application had to be filed with the State Library by Friday, November 29, 1996 in order for your library or system to be eligible for a grant.

For 1997 your library or system was required to provide all information on the application form except the approximate amount of grant, which has been provided by the State Library staff. Steps to complete this application were on a separate page following the cover letter.

Another change this year is the combination of the three forms required by the federal government in order to receive the federal portion of the grant. In order to be eligible for a Federal-State grant, your library must also complete two copies of the Civil Rights Certificate and the annual Library Statistical Report, copies of which will be mailed to you in December as usual.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience and added paperwork requirements that the audit finding has imposed on all of us. Thank you for your patience.

Children's Books: Awards and Prizes

A revised and expanded edition of *Children's Books: Awards & Prizes* is now available. This reference is comprised of over 200 children's book awards and prizes.

The work has an alphabetical listing of all awards in the volume and an awards classification section. Each entry includes a description of the award, the sponsor's address, and a complete list of winners from the award's inception through early summer 1996.

The new *Children's Books: Awards & Prizes* is 5" x 8", 500 pages, and comes in hardcover at \$75. To order send a check or money order (plus \$3.50 per order for postage and handling), payable to the Children's Book Council, Attn: Order Department, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012. Schools, libraries, and other institutions may be billed for orders over \$25 when accompanied by purchase order or official letterhead (plus 10% per order for postage and handling).

Public health catalog available

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment presented the Kansas State Library with a copy of the *Kansas Public Health and Environmental Information Library* (K-PHEIL) catalog. Placing this in the State Library will allow others to utilize it. Supplements and future catalogs will be sent only to centralized locations in each agency or school.

The Office of Public information will be reviewing and updating the K-PHEIL information. If you have any library program questions or suggestions of public health-related videos or printed information, contact Jenny Ransom, Office of Public Information, 913/296-1229. A resource information supplier list including free materials and those no longer in K-PHEIL is available through that office.

All library orders should be directed to Stephanie West, K-PHEIL, KSU, 10 D Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-3407, faxed to 913/532-5121 or e-mailed to KPHEIL@oz.oznet.KSU.edu.

History Center completes web site

The award-winning web site of the Kansas State Historical Society just grew exponentially. Now visitors can access a broad range of information about the Historical Society and Kansas history.

The newly updated web site provides an overview of the Society, a walking tour of the Kansas History Center, hours, staff, and e-mail. The "What's New" section features new exhibits, news releases, and a calendar of events. A section aimed at "You" focuses on membership, volunteer, educational, and outreach opportunities. "Activities" offers a kid's page, events, and Society awards. "People" includes famous Kansans, folk artists, and a speakers' bureau. "Products" includes the Society publications *Kansas Heritage* and *Kansas History* and gift items from the museum stores across the state.

The web site's "Perspectives" page provides "This Day in Kansas History," and "Places" covers the History Center complex in Topeka as well as the fifteen historic sites around the state. "Resources" taps into the Society's extensive finding aids to help guide researchers, genealogists, and historians; it also provides information about historic preservation, archeology, and Society publications. "Membership" covers benefits, upcoming meetings, facilities rental, and lists Society officers and the executive committee.

Earlier this year, the Society's site was honored by the McKinley Group for excellence on the World Wide Web. The page was selected as a three-star site for depth and ease of navigation. The rating is a special mark of achievement in Magellan. The group, who developed the Magellan navigator search engine, is one of four firms that awards Internet sites. The Historical Society web site is located at <<http://history.cc.ukans.edu/heritage/kshs/kshs1.html>>.

Home-schoolers visit library

Emporia Public Library Children's Department hosted an open house and tour for home-schoolers and their parents on Tuesday, October 22 at 2:00 pm in the Story Time Room.

The session acquainted home-schoolers and parents with services, materials, and resources that the library provides. A planning session and idea exchange followed the tour. Refreshments were served. For more information contact Teresa Senn at 316/342-6524.

Catalyst

by Michael Piper
Executive Director

Highlights of the Fall Network Board meeting

Each quarter, the Kansas Library Network Board meets to act on resource sharing issues. Here's a summary of the KLNb's Fall meeting, which occurred on 15 November in Hutchinson. A complete summary of this meeting is available on Blue Skyways (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/KLNb/KLNb1196.html>).

KLNb proceeds with Skyways fund-raising campaign

Our state's seven regional library systems and the KLNb have pledged to work together to sustain Blue Skyways as a permanent service. Securing state funding for Skyways could take years. Meanwhile, the Network Board will launch a campaign to raise funds for Skyways from corporations, foundations and other sources. This campaign will proceed alongside the effort to gain permanent state funding for Skyways.

KUMC selects Jameson Watkins as new Skyways developer

KU Med has appointed Jameson Watkins as its Blue Skyways developer. He replaces Cheryl Scheer, who has been promoted to another post on the KU Med Web Development Team.

Network Board assesses results of Library Development Planning Forum

On 14 November, the KLA Legislative Committee and the State Library sponsored the Library Development Planning Forum in Hutchinson. This statewide meeting was organized to identify issues for the 1997 legislative

session, and to build the basis for a long-term planning process.

Forum participants encouraged the KLA Legislative Committee to pursue several objectives during the upcoming legislative session, including: a) Gaining state funding for Blue Skyways; b) Securing \$200,000 for buying more FirstSearch databases on Skyways.

KLNb maps plans for the 1997 Tri-Conference

At the KAECT/KASL/KLA Tri-Conference, on 9-11 April 1997 in Topeka, the Network Board will sponsor several activities, including:

- 1) A pre-conference about developing community home pages on Skyways.
- 2) An Internet Room, where conferees can explore Blue Skyways and other Internet resources.
- 3) A Blue Skyways user forum, where the Board will update clients on developments such as the fund-raising campaign.
- 4) A session on effective grant writing.

KLNb tabs Bingham and Cunningham as its 1996-97 officers

In a unanimous vote, the Board re-elected Jim Bingham as KLNb Chair. Bingham is the Associate Vice-Chancellor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City. The Board also selected Mel Cunningham as Vice-Chair. Dr. Cunningham is Assistant Dean for Educational Media at Johnson County Community College.

KLNb welcomes Karen Cole as new Board of Regents' rep

Karen Cole, Associate Dean of Libraries at Kansas State University, is the KLNb's new representative from the State Board of Regents. Dr. Cole is a former president of the Kansas Library Association, and has served on a variety of statewide resource sharing committees.

Upcoming Network Board meeting

The KLNb's Winter 1997 meeting will be held on 27-28 February 1997 in Topeka. For more on Network Board activities, go to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/KSL/KLNb/klnb.html>. Or email at KSSTL2LB@INK.ORG.

LSCA Title II Procedure Manuals and Applications sent

The Letter of Intent was the first step in the application procedure for a grant from the LSCA allocation to Kansas for public library construction and new technologies. Public libraries which submitted a Letter of Intent are receiving this copy of the LSCA Title II Public Library Construction and Automation Procedure Manual and of the Application for LSCA Title II Public Library Construction Grant.

The deadline for return of the application is Friday, January 31, 1997. After that time the applications will be reviewed by State Library staff and a synopsis will be prepared for submission to the State Library Advisory Commission and the LSCA Advisory Council. The narrative portions of the application will be included verbatim in each synopsis for the Commission and Council to consider.

The grant announcements will be made Friday, February 21, 1997. Each library board will be invited to make a five minute presentation before the Council and Commission and be prepared for questions before the final decisions are announced. Each library will know if its grant is funded and in what amount that day. More information about the meeting will be forthcoming.

If public libraries submitting Letters of Intent have any questions or concerns during the process of completing the application, please contact the consultant of your regional library system or call Roy Bird, State Library, 800/432-3919.

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State Library legislative hotline for 1997

The Legislative Reference section of the State Library offers a legislative information service, the "Legislative Hotline", which is available to all Kansans via free inward wats telephone line. The toll free phone number including TTY capability, is 800/432-3924 and is staffed between the hours of 8:00 am—5:00 pm., Monday—Friday. Voice mail is used the remaining hours. The library will also assist in contacting legislators who will then return the call. The service will obtain the subject of the call as well as the persons's name, city and telephone number.

Legislative Reference is a section of the Kansas State Library and is located in the north wing of the Capitol. The local Topeka telephone number is 913/296-2149.

The Legislative Reference collection consists of a complete collection of Kansas bills from 1908 to date, interim reports, journals, calendars, session laws, statutes, as well as other documents relating to legislative research. The following services are provided:

- ***Legislative Information***. This section will assist with questions concerning general information on legislation (i.e., status of bills), calendars, journals, committee agendas, etc.
- ***Bill Index***. The section maintains a permanent index by subject and author of all bills introduced in the Kansas Legislature since 1908. The index includes amendments and conference committee reports made during the legislative process.
- ***Newspaper Clippings***. The section also maintains a complete collection of newspaper clippings on state government and politics during legislative sessions since 1913 and interim clippings since 1981. They are categorized by subject.
- ***Legislator Card File***. The section maintains a card file on each legislator since 1909. The file lists each session in which the legislator served.
- ***Voting Records***. The section maintains individual voting records on all roll call votes of record.

Please call Rita Haley and her staff whenever they can be of service.

Community Connections

by Shannon Roy,
Director of Library Development

The Kansas State University Library/Manhattan Public Library Project

The 1996 Kansas State University Library/Manhattan Public Library Project was funded at \$33,000. The purpose of the project was to benefit both the University and the larger community. The concept called for utilizing the project grant to pay for establishing electronic connectivity and the sharing of selected databases between the two libraries. This would provide the basis for a greater collaboration that would develop a community-wide electronic network that would organize and present community information online. Such a network would directly benefit local residents by improving access to local information. The community would also benefit from presenting community information so that it could be accessed by individuals living outside the community.

The plan of action has four major elements:

- An electronic link between Kansas State University Libraries and the Manhattan Public Library.
- Internet access for the Manhattan Public Library.
- Access to Kansas State University Library Database System.
- Development of a Community Information System.

University library staff acted early in the year to set up e-mail accounts with the public library staff, to establish an electronic linkage and to facilitate training for MPL staff. Both Kansas State University Library staff and Computer Networking Services staff were most helpful in the training and system planning process.

In August 1996, the public library was connected to the Internet. This accomplishment was dramatically significant for the MPL staff and the community at large. Two public access terminals are now in operation, giving individuals with no access to the Internet the opportunity to use it. In September 1996, the link between the two libraries as established on these workstations. Anyone from the community may use these workstations to view the holdings of the University libraries, the KSU home page and the MPL home page and to search the Internet as well.

At present, the KSUL Catalog is the only locally shared catalog but the Manhattan Public Library is plan-

ning to link their catalog when the MPL Dynix System is upgraded during the MPL Expansion Project.

The server purchased for this project at KSUL is presently underutilized, since it is intended to hold additional shared databases. The libraries hope to share other databases but the problem of paying for them has not been resolved.

It is the fourth element of the project that holds the greatest promise for the University and the larger community. The grant has indeed stimulated the development of a Community Network. The Community Online Resource Exchange (CORE) has grown in the last two years to be a viable organization consisting of representatives from key entities in the community including KSU, MPL, city government, county government, Mercy Health Care Center, U.S.D. #383, the Chamber of Commerce and social agencies.

CORE has developed a governing board, by-laws, a plan for a network and an application for 501-C-3 tax status. The benefits of this collaboration will extend well into the future and will exceed the dollar value of the grants many times over.

While rapidly changing technology has made it necessary to modify some of the steps as envisioned in the original proposal, the basic goals of the proposal have been achieved or are progressing as expected.



Water safety videos

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has obtained AquaSmart videos which teach school age children water safety. These videos target kids in the following age groups: Kindergarten through second; third through fifth; and sixth through ninth.

If you wish to use these videos for teaching water safety, you should get in touch with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Reference Center Library, 512 S.E. 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124 or call 316/672-0776. Return postage is to be paid by recipient.

If you wish to own a copy for your school library, please call Cheri Swayne at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 900 S.W. Jackson, Suite 502, Topeka, KS 66612 or call 913/296-2281 for ordering information and cost quote.

Wichita branch honors Maya Angelou

Acclaimed poet Maya Angelou will visit Wichita on December 20, 1996 for the dedication ceremony of a branch which the Wichita City Council is naming after her. "You won't find a better advocate for libraries than Maya Angelou," said Wichita City Council Member George Rogers "and she has a great affinity for Wichita."

The new branch is located near 21st and Hillside and is the latest facility to open as part of the City Council's multi-million dollar effort to rebuild and revitalize the 21st Street neighborhood. The library dedication will take place on Friday, December 20. A reception, which will be open to the public, will follow on the WSU campus. Dr. Angelou will greet guests, autograph books and may even perform some poetry readings during the reception.

"I speak to the black experience, but I am always talking about the human condition—about what we can endure, dream, fail at and still survive," says Angelou, whose return to Wichita and the WSU campus will be a bit of a homecoming. Dr. Angelou was a visiting faculty member at Wichita State in 1974.

Cunningham wins library award

The Cunningham Public Library has been recognized as the "Outstanding Small Public Library" for 1996 by the 129-member South Central Kansas Library System. The award, which includes \$500, was presented at the SCKLS semi-annual business meeting on October 28 in Wichita.

The Cunningham Public Library was recognized for "its clear mission statement; all volunteer staff; partnerships with local government and Lions Club; and development of facility, collection and Internet access," according to Paul Hawkins, South Central Kansas Library System.

Judges for the award included Shannon Roy, Director of Library Development, Kansas State Library; Cynthia Berner, Associate Director, Wichita Public Library; and Ron Allen, President of the Friends of the Hutchinson Public Library. Berner commented that "it is obvious that the Cunningham library listens to the needs and interests of its clientele and responds appropriately."

Cunningham was chosen from among 23 public libraries in south central Kansas that serve communities with populations of fewer than 1,000. Cunningham was also a recipient of the award in 1990.

Major changes to federal audit requirements coming

Recently, Congress passed S. 1579 which included several amendments to the Single Audit Act of 1984, and President Clinton is expected to sign it into law very soon. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will soon revise its April 1996 revision of Circular A-133 *Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions* to conform to the Single Audit Act amendments. This will involve changing Circular A-133 so that it applies to state and local governments (heretofore it has applied only to institutions of higher learning and other non-profit institutions). Also, OMB will rescind its Circular A-128 *Audits of State and Local Governments*. When this work is completed, the Single Audit Act and A-133 will have many common features. It is safe to assume that the Government Accounting Office and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants will then revise their *Government Auditing Standards* (the Yellow Book) and *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units* to conform to these changes.

Free book to newborns

Finney County Public Library made sure that Garden City area children start reading early.

In observance of National Children's Book Week, the library presented a free book to every baby born the week of November 18-22, 1996.

Friends of the library donated 30 new paperback children's books for presentations during the week. New mothers and babies at St. Catherine Hospital received a book from Sharon Ailsieger, Library Director and Elaine Scheuerman, Deputy Director in charge of youth services.

The 77th Children's Book Week, sponsored by the Children's Book Council, adopted "Oh, the Places You'll Go" as its theme this year.

Birth announcement

Jana Ealy, Secretary, Kansas State Library, would like to announce the arrival of her first grandchild, Walker Lee Michael Ealy, born on November 14, 1996.

"He's beautiful!!!," says Nana.

Kansas books

by Roy Bird

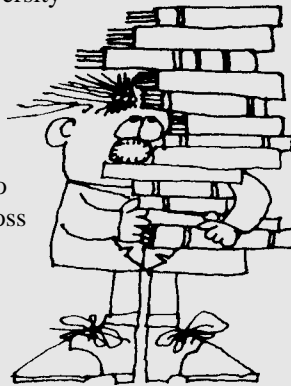
William Jennings Bryan Oleander's Guide to Kansas, by Thomas Fox Averill. Illustrated by Patrick Marrin. Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Co., Wichita, KS 67201-8820, 1996. ISBN 1-880652-88-9. 5" x 8", softcover. \$12.95.

There's no place like Here. But Here is where home is for William Jennings Bryan Oleander, the fictional Kansas character created by Washburn University English professor Tom Averill.

The character originally was intended to be the main character of a novel that remains unwritten. Yet as is the case with many fictional characters, Oleander began to react, taking Averill along for the ride—across Kansas.

Averill began writing letters to the editor from Oleander in his fictions home town, Here, Kansas, (pop. 37), then started talking on the radio on KANU and talked to audiences statewide—and now has compiled a collection of his favorite commentaries. His contents are short pieces under headings such as The Place, The Politics, The Culture, The Climate, On Kansas, On Age and Love. It's biggest drawback is its physical shape—5 inches high and 8 inches wide easily gets lost on the shelves.

Tom Averill was born in Berkeley, CA. For a Californian, he makes a fair to middlin' Kansan. Recommended for Kansas and adult collections.



Home Cooking; A Collection of Recipes by Sunshine City Library, collected by the Board of Trustees. Sunshine City Library, P.O. Box 424, Prairie View, KS 67664. 5" x 8", spiral-bound. \$10.00 + \$2.50 p&h. Conceived as a fund-raiser for Sunshine City Library.

Deb Thomas of the Sunshine City Library 1996 board brought this cookbook to the attention of the *Kansas Libraries* Kansas Books column.

At first glance this seems like any other fund-raising cookbook. And it is. Yet it is also a fund-raising project for this public library in Prairie View, a thoroughly self-sufficient service provider in Phillips County.

One of the unique features of this cookbook is a history of the Sunshine City Library, which started in June 1967 as a club library under the auspices of the Sunshine Leaders EHU. The collection then consisted of "three red boxes of books from the rotating collection of the Central Kansas Library System."

It expanded from an EHU member's basement to several commercial buildings. In 1975 the citizens of Prairie View elected to support the library with their taxes. Since 1985 Sunshine City Library has been in a former residence, and now the board looks forward to a new library building on this same property. There are also some old favorite recipes and some unique classics, worth a look.

Crafts Around the World

The second "Crafts Around the World" session was held on Saturday, October 16, at 2:00 pm at the Emporia Public Library for children in K-6. The session was free and no enrollment was required. Additional sessions were held in November and December.

Children made masks like those made during Fashing or Karnival in Germany and Austria. Though this festival is typically celebrated just before Lent, we compared it with the Halloween celebrations held in the United States in October. Materials for this session were provided.

Emporia hosts railroad author

On Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm, the Emporia Public Library presented "A Rail Fan's Guide to Kansas Attractions." Author Robert Collins presented a slide presentation of different Kansas railway tourist sites, including Emporia's old train depot, the Fremont Park railcar, and a look at the Whistlestop deli-restaurant. A book signing followed the slide show.

Mr. Collins' book, *A Railfan's Guide to Kansas Attractions* covers railroad museum, excursion trains, depots converted into museums and businesses, displays of locomotives, train shows, and other attractions that have a strong connection to railroading. The book also has a chapter on some of the depots still standing that railroad fans can see and photograph.

The program was free and open to the public.

Calendar of Events

1997

April 9 - 11 Tri-Conference, Topeka

April 13-19 National Library Week

Also see the Kansas Library Events Calendar on Blue Skyways: <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/Kansas/events/>>

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