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Vikki Jo Stewart honored by LVA

On October 23, 1998 Vikki Jo Stewart was honored by Literacy Volunteers of America Curriculum/Field Services Committee members, Marsha Tait (LVA President) and LVA Program Development staff for her outstanding achievements as Outgoing Chair of the LVA Curriculum/Field Services Committee.

As a result of Vikki Jo's leadership, the committee was reorganized to focus on program policy with a clear distinction between day-to-day operations and the policy work of the committee. She created a climate for program driving budget at the board level which supported the LVA volunteer literacy network.

Through her leadership, an Accreditation Initiative was instituted to raise the performance threshold of the LVA network and to create a system for sharing best demonstrated practices. This was an outstanding feat and recognized as such by the United Way of America, the Department of Education and the National Institute for Literacy.

In addition to the above, Vikki Jo, with another LVA colleague, re-shaped LVA's national conference to produce cutting edge, innovative, highly focused inservice training through a

collaboration with national partners. LVA has been building on this success and vision.

Vikki Jo will continue to advocate for the volunteer literacy network in her new position as Vice Chair of the LVA Board of Directors. On behalf of LVA, I would like to personally thank you for supporting Vikki's leadership participation in LVA. Her involvement in LVA has and will continue to have great impact on our organization's future and mission.

Respectfully,
Marty Angelone
Managing Director, Program Development

State Library Open House Online

The Kansas State Library hosted its annual holiday open house on Friday, December 11. To prove that a good time was had by all, *Kansas Libraries* editor Eric Hansen was on hand armed with the State Library's digital camera to capture the revelers on disk. Jana Bowers applied her skill in layout and design to turn the raw photos into web pages in PDF format. To see for yourself, point your Adobe Acrobat enabled browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/98xmas.PDF> and enjoy!

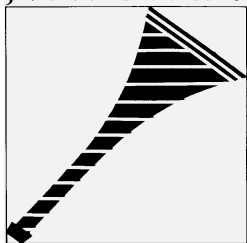
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E-Rate funding commitments: wave one

The Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) has announced the list of Kansas applicants who have been approved for the first wave of funding commitments from the Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries, popularly known as the E-rate. Commitment letters will be sent in waves over the coming weeks. Kansas awardees so far include:

<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Andover U.S.D #385	\$13,414.98	Oakley U.S.D. #274	1,239.42
Basehor Community Library	613.76	Oskaloosa U.S.D.	7,205.52
Bonner Springs U.S.D. #204	1,555.20	Phillipsburg City Library	885.00
Brewster U.S.D. #31	21,151.80	Phillipsburg U.S.D. #325	10,800.00
Chapman Unified District #473	41,007.12	Pierson Junior High School (KC)	3,734.00
Chautauqua Co. Comm. Dist. #286	12,127.50	Pike Valley U.S.D. #426 (Scandia)	13,305.60
Comanche Co. U.S.D. #300	13,734.00	Salina U.S.D. #305	80,332.20
Eudora U.S.D. #491	8,480.00	Santa Fe Trail Unified Dist. #434 (Carbondale)	7,354.39
Golden Plains U.S.D. #316 (Selden)	21,355.11	Shawnee Mission Sch. Dist. #512	165,384.00
Hutchinson Public Schools	73,445.40	S. Brown Co. U.S.D. #430 (Horton)	3,420.00
Independence U.S.D. #446	3,952.32	Sublette U.S.D. #374	12,251.40
Kanopolis Public Library	874.60	Turner U.S.D. #202 (KC)	25,224.20
Lincoln U.S.D. #298	13,305.60	Valley Hts. U.S.D. #498 (Waterville)	14,553.00
Mayetta U.S.D. #337	29,824.30		
McPherson U.S.D. #418	27,713.40	TOTAL	\$633,913.82
Northeast KS Education Service Cnt	5,670.00		

For more information about the E-rate, see the SLC's web site at <http://www.slcfund.org>. Questions specific to the idea of announcing awards in "waves" are addressed at http://www.slcfund.org/Reference/FAQ/waves_QA.asp. The SLC is a non-profit corporation responsible for administering the E-rate under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Kansas Libraries to Test Drive Databases for Students

—by Marc Galbraith

Based largely on input from Kansas libraries, the Reference Networking Committee and Blue Skyways will host a demonstration of full text databases designed to meet the information needs of primary and middle school aged youth. Again, based largely on input from potential users, the demonstration will include products offered by UMI, Infonautics and EBSCO.

Individual databases will include UMI's KidQuest and JuniorQuest; EBSCO's Primary Search and Middle Search and Infonautics' Electric Library and K-6 Electric Library. And, while the demonstration is specifically aimed at the needs of primary and middle school age groups, each vendor has also expressed a desire to demonstrate their high school level products.

Consequently, the demonstration will probably include a link to UMI's Gold 200 and EBSCO's ULTRA package. Infonautics' Electric Library product is geared to serve the needs of a range of age groups and demonstration participants may want to view it with potential to meet the needs of high school aged users.

Databases will be demonstrated in a side-by-side fashion so libraries can more easily make comparisons of content, interface, indexing and other important factors. All databases included in the demonstration will be available from a Blue Skyways link. More details about accessing each database will be available soon.

The demonstration is available to all Kansas libraries and is scheduled to start on February 1, 1999 and will run through the end of March.

Libraries should expect to receive database literature from individual vendors.

Blue Skyways Steering Committee

To help determine the extent of the Network Board's future involvement with Blue Skyways, I attended a meeting at the Dykes Library on December 15. At this meeting, key players in the Blue Skyways project determined the course it will take over the next few years.

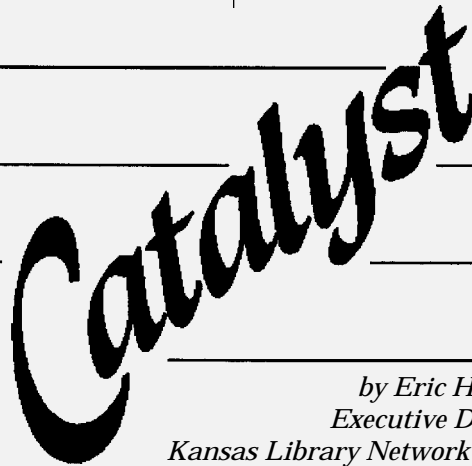
I'm pleased to report that the KU Medical Center will continue its involvement with Blue Skyways, and that Jameson Watkins will continue as our representative on the staff. The meeting also resulted in the creation of a Blue Skyways Steering Committee. Consisting of Jeff Hixon, Cheryl Pace, Jameson and myself, the committee will address issues relating to the operation and direction of Blue Skyways.

I look forward to a continuing mutually beneficial relationship between the Network Board and the KU Medical Center.

New Courier Contract

After a lengthy and challenging negotiation process, the new statewide courier contract was awarded to Pony Express. Changes in the new contract compared to the prior one include some service improvements and a price increase. Despite the price increase, the courier contract negotiation committee believes the new contract represents a good value for Kansas libraries, especially compared to the USPS library rate.

Full details of the new contract can be found on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/Courier.html>. Questions and comments regarding the new contract can be directed to me by E-mail at erich@ink.org, or by phone at 800/432-3919 (direct: 785/296-3875).



*by Eric Hansen,
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board*

State Library mailings alert

The State Library has recently sent out three major mailings of interest to public libraries.

- Statistics—a large packet containing the **Interlibrary Loan—Annual Activity Report**; the **Civil Rights Certificate**; and the **Kansas Annual Library Statistical Report, 1998**.
- State Aid—applications for 1999 State Aid have been mailed to many public libraries, BUT NOT ALL. As of December 23, twenty counties had not submitted budgets to the state so the State Library staff cannot determine eligibility.

Additionally, 20 public libraries have received letters with their applications informing them that their budgets do not meet the maintenance of effort eligibility requirements.

- LSTA Special Populations—applications for LSTA Special Population grants were mailed to all libraries submitting letters of intent.

If your library expected one or more of these mailings but has not received them, contact Roy Bird or Lois Ware at the State Library for assistance. They can be reached at 800/432-3919, FAX 785/296-6650.

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*.

CLOUD update

—by Jeff Hixon

The CLOUD Steering Committee met at the Emporia Public Library December 9, 1998. Coordinator Georgeann Haynes welcomed the committee and presented an overview of the issues and options presently facing CLOUD. Coordinator Georgeann Haynes and Jeff Hixon, the State Library's Director of Library Information Technology, have been studying:

- Community Connections, a Missouri-based Community Information Database initiative recently selected by KC MetroLink as a replacement for the CLOUD source code,
- the continuing interest of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Families in CLOUD as a vehicle for their project to create a database of community services to Kansas families, and
- the interest of the leadership of the Children's Access Network (CAN) project in CLOUD as a vehicle for a prototype that could serve as a model for a national database. CAN would provide information about the same types of organizations listed in CLOUD, but would present data in a simplified format for the relatively unsophisticated user.

Bill Elder of the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension presented an overview of Community Connection, an initiative of Elder's division which is very similar in purpose, scope, and design to CLOUD. Elder said that the software developed for the service is in the public domain and could be made available to Kansas.

The Committee was later joined by representatives of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Families: Dave King, Vice-Chair; Mark Gleeson, staff member; and Connie Neeley, member of the GACCF's Research Workgroup's Service Index Committee. Neeley was also representing the Children's Access Network project. Gleeson and King spoke of the Governor's Advisory Committee's belief that the changes Georgeann has made to CLOUD's existing data format and input form have met nearly all of the Committee's needs.

The committee has a continuing interest in CLOUD as a possible method for state agencies to accumulate and analyze budget information regarding state funds for services to children and families. However, King acknowledged that this database, with its emphasis on information and referral service to the public, may not be the proper place for this part of the Committee's project. He also acknowledged that the Committee was eager to hear of progress that would allow the addition of records in the revised format to begin being added to the database.

Both CLOUD and Governor's Committee members emphasized that the resources to provide or fund data entry services for this project are lacking at this point. The Governor's Committee and the State Library have plans to work together to develop a strategy for the acquisition of additional funding.

Neeley described the Children's Access Network and expressed CAN's interest in working with CLOUD and the Governor's Committee to develop or identify a database service that would meet the needs of all three organizations. Following the presentations, the Committee agreed to recognize the Governor's Committee as a major partner in CLOUD's evolution, and to continue exploring the feasibility of substantial partnerships with Community Connections and the Children's Access Network.

The State Library will continue discussions with these potential partners, with the goal of bringing a planning document to the committee for review in early February of 1999.



About CLOUD: CLOUD is the Community Library Organization Union Database. Housed on Blue Skyways, it's a directory of not-for-profit community services in Kansas, to which libraries or service organizations may contribute records in a standardized format.

Commission offers grants to Kansas community

The Kansas Arts Commission is mailing more than 900 copies of its annual grant guidelines booklet, updated for FY 2000, to community and cultural organizations across Kansas.

The booklet—"Grant Programs for Organizations and Communities Guidelines and Application Forms"—lists programs to which nonprofit organizations, school districts and government entities may apply for funding of arts events, activities and programming during FY 2000 (July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000).

The application deadline is February 8, 1999 for the Arts Project Support and Arts and K-12 School Curriculum grant categories and February 18, 1999 for Operational Support for Arts and Cultural Organization. The deadline is May 3, 1999 for grants to support Artist Residencies in Underserved Communities.

Applications for Technical Assistance and Grassroots grants should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the project and will be considered for grants until reserved funds have been exhausted.

The booklet also includes the roster of the 80 performing artists, ensembles and companies available through the Kansas Touring Program, as well as the application to apply for funds to support the artists' fees, either in individual performances or as part of a season of presentations. Categories included are dance, theatre (including storytellers), classical music (from soloists to symphonies), jazz, and traditional music (including blues, gospel, folk, ethnic, Western and bluegrass). Many of these talented Kansas artists perform original work, as well as interpretations of popular, classical or traditional favorites.

While Kansas Touring Program funds generally are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, with application encouraged at least six weeks before the event, the reserved funds often are exhausted by the start of the fiscal year or soon thereafter, so presenters should apply as soon as the booklet is received.

The nomination instructions and form for the 1999 Kansas Governor's Arts Awards are included in the booklet or may be requested separately from the Commission office. The nomination deadline is May 3, 1999.

For persons who know someone who might be interested in serving on the advisory panels that evaluate grant applications to the commission, the panelists' handbook and nomination form also are included in the booklet. Self-nominations are permissible. Based upon nominations received and recommendations from the staff, the Commission ultimately makes the actual appointments to the panels.

To request the FY 2000 Guidelines and Application Form booklet, write or call the Kansas Arts Commission, 700 S.W. Jackson Street, Suite 1004, Topeka, KS 66603-3761; telephone 785/296-3335, fax 785/296-4989. Persons with special communication needs may use the Kansas Relay Service, 800/766-3777.

Arts Commission names David Wilson as Executive Director

The Kansas Arts Commission has voted to appoint **David M. Wilson** of Hays as the next Executive Director of the state arts agency.

Wilson was among five finalists selected from 60 applicants and interviewed by a Search Committee of Commissioners and Kansas citizens appointed by Commission President **Martin W. Bauer** of Wichita.

Serving at the pleasure of the Arts Commission, the Executive Director administers a seven-person staff and an annual budget approaching \$2 million.

President Bauer, who also chaired the Search Committee, said, "We're very excited about the depth of knowledge that David has about Kansas; both as to its rural communities and the legislative process.

Wilson succeeds **Eric Hayashi**, who held the top administrative post of the agency for almost three years before resigning in August to accept a new position as acting director of an educational

program in multi-media production on the West Coast.

Joan Wingerson of Topeka, the senior arts program consultant on the Commission staff, had been designated to serve as Interim Director and will continue to assist Wilson during his transition period.

TSCPL receives grant

The Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library was notified November 25, that it is the recipient of a \$225,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

With this money, and a matching \$675,000 to be raised locally, the library will create a Humanities Endowment fund to provide a stable source of income for the library in perpetuity. The interest from these funds, approximately \$45,000 annually, will be dedicated to improve library collections and develop creative programming reflecting the diverse heritage, traditions and history of the residents of Topeka and Shawnee County. It will provide juvenile programming in the humanities and an outreach service to disadvantaged children.

As part of the local challenge funds, the family of Alice C. Sabatini donated \$150,000 in her honor to provide enriching children's experience in art. The library's new Alice C. Sabatini Gallery of Fine Arts will hold an annual exhibition designed specifically for children when it opens upon completion of the new library addition and renovation in 2001.

According to David Leamon, Library Executive Director, "This grant is an incentive to encourage private philanthropists to match the Humanities Challenge Grant by contributing to the Library Foundation Fund Raising Campaign. The library expects to raise \$3.5 million in the next three years."

New beginnings

The Kansas State Library said a bittersweet "see ya later" to **Tasmin Nyaforh**, whose tenure as Office Assistant for the Library Information Technology Division ended December 22.

Tasmin's abilities and enthusiasm have been the source of many contributions and improvements to the KSL's operations and services. She created an online form for requesting First-Search/Search Bank database passwords, revised the web pages for the KSL Literacy Program, including the transfer to Blue Skyways of the web site for Read To Kids Kansas (skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/development/literacy/readtokids/liter_kids.html), brought the Kansas List of Serials up to date, and started a project to upgrade our mailing lists.

Closer to home, she provided countless hours of assistance and training to State Library staff as equipment and software was upgraded, redistributed, and inventoried.

Tasmin will join the staff of the Southeast Kansas Library System, Iola, in January as Automation Consultant. We congratulate her and SEKLS, and wish her the best in her new position!

Kaite Mediatore, Adult Services Coordinator since 1991, is leaving the Emporia Public Library for new opportunities and challenges at the Kansas City (KS) Public Library. Kaite leaves a legacy of book discussions, Kansas Humanities Council programs, active work in local theater and much more. The management and staff wish her well and thank her for her fine work supervising our second floor, which includes services, programs and collections for adults and young adults.

Kaite will be missed by library and community. Her email address is: mediatok@carrollsweb.com

The Coordinator position will be posted soon.

Kansas Books

The Jayhawk: Fact or Myth, by David E. Kamrar. Order from: 1317 Magnolia Ave., Modesto, CA 95350, Fax: 209/522-5808. 1998, paperback, \$12.95. ISBN: 0-9662646-06.

David E. Kamrar, a graduate of KU's class of '67, sells his version of the story of the mythical mascot of his alma mater. Kamrar attended KU on a track scholarship, so he is well acquainted with the real story of the Jayhawk. However, he had a technicolor dream one night which caused him to begin writing in the middle of the night. When he could not interest an illustrator, Kamrar commandeered his daughter's colored pencils. The result is his self-published book described as a "story for all ages." Another installment of Jayhawk stories is set for release in the spring of 1999. A portion of the book sales will go to KU and its track team. Available at KU bookstores or from the author, it is recommended primarily for children's or maybe Kansas collections.



—by Roy Bird
Red Blood and Black Ink: Journalism in the Old West, by David Dary. New York: Alfred A Knopf, 1998. Illustrated. 345 pp. Hardcover, \$30.00.

At long last, Dave Dary—a name familiar to all Kansas historians and librarians—has combined the two things he knows most about: the Old West and journalism. Since the publication of ***The Buffalo Book*** in 1974, Dary has written scholarly works about various topics in Western Americana. For many years a professor at the William Allen White School of Journalism at KU, he is now on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, so he is also an authority on his own profession. His work is, as usual, a mix of well-documented academic history with a tremendous story-telling ability. ***Red Blood and Black Ink*** is liberally sprinkled with stories of Kansas journalists, so it is sure to be highly interesting to many local readers. Recommended for adult nonfiction and Kansas collections.

Kansas libraries.... thirty years ago

—by Bill Sowers, *Kansas Documents Librarian/
Tech Services Librarian*

Gleanings from the ***Kansas Library Bulletin***, Winter, 1968, issue.

- John C. Garralda, assistant professor of Library Science was elected president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors at Kansas State College, the first librarian ever to be chosen to lead the group since its beginning. Mr. Garralda had been at Porter Library, KSC, since 1963, taking over Library Science instruction in 1967.
- KLA officers/chairs elected for 1968-69 were Richard J. Newman, Salina, President; Martha Stuckey, Manhattan, Vice-President; Barbara McGregor, Medicine Lodge, 2nd Vice-President; Duane Johnson, Great Bend, Secretary; Helen Klosterman, Emporia, Treasurer.

- A new computerized communication system now linked Johnson County public and school libraries with each other as well as other libraries within the Kansas City metro area and the state of Kansas. A photo in the article shows construction of the Cedar Roe Branch, one of four new regional branch libraries going up in the county.

Library positions

Kansas City Kansas Public Library

Automation Services Supervisor

Responsible for management and planning of automation services including the DRA/Inlex integrated online system, local area network(s), Internet access, telecommunications, and implementation of the next generation of

integrated automation software. Will supervise 6 fte's. The KCKPL automation system serves the public library, USD #500 school libraries, and the Donnelly College Library. ALA/MLS, 3-5 years of experience with library automation systems and current computer technology and demonstrated ability to quickly learn new technology and specialized applications. Experience with staff supervision, client server applications and NT desirable. Salary range: \$32,327-\$48,063. Expected hiring range: \$40,000-\$45,000 d.o.q. w/benefits. Cover letter with resume and three references required.

**Cataloging Librarian
Technical Services Department**

Provides original and copy cataloging of public library materials, and completes related authority work. Assists in bibliographic maintenance in online catalog and helps supervise the flow of materials through cataloging and processing. ALA/MLS degree required with previous catalog-

ing experience or proven ability with microcomputers and an integrated library automated system preferred. Salary range: \$24,966-\$38,410. Expected hiring range: \$24,966-\$26,244 d.o.q. w/benefits. Cover letter with resume and three references required.

**Adult Services Supervisor
West Wyandotte Library**

Staff supervision, overseeing collection development, promotion of customer service. Community relations, outreach, long range planning, and participation in branch management. ALA/MLS, significant supervisory experience, commitment to excellent library services, energy, creativity, stamina, and the ability to communicate and work well with a diverse staff and community. Experience in a multi-ethnic setting highly desirable. Salary range: \$27,538-\$42,293. Expected hiring range: \$27,538-\$32,343 w/benefits. Cover letter with resume and three references required.

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