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Letters of intent to apply for FY 2000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Technology Development grants and LSTA Technology Training grants are now being accepted. The deadline for letters of intent is Monday, July 26, 1999. Letters of intent should be written on local library, agency or institution letterhead.

Letters of intent should state that the library governing body intends to apply for federal funds in grant form from the FY 2000 LSTA allotment for technology development or for technology training. Because these are two separate grant projects, it is important to identify either development or training.

Libraries of any type wishing to apply for grants to provide technology, development and training need to submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for technology development or technology training.

Libraries which submit a letter of intent will then receive a copy of the application and LSTA Technology Grant Program guidelines.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a technology grant during FY 2000, submit your letter of intent by July 26. Grant awards will be determined at the October 8 joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.



Governor Graves (seated); Duane Johnson, State Librarian (far right); and others celebrate National Library Week



Catalyst

by Eric Hansen,
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board

I was very pleased to join Jeff Hixon to present "Automation and Technology: What to Expect" to KPLACE I on Thursday, May 20. The KPLACE-ers were alert and engaged and altogether a pleasure.

The KLNB met in Kensington on May 27 and 28. As a result of effective committee work prior to those dates, Network Development Grant and ILDP Competitive Grant awards were announced. There were applications totaling \$80,773.60 for the \$35,000 in available Network Development funds. ILDP applications totalled \$135,157.00. Due to the increase in library appropriations for FY 2000, ILDP funds available have increased to \$100,000. A list of awardees and the amounts they are to receive will be available on Blue Skyways shortly. Complete minutes of the meeting will be posted shortly on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/minutes.html>.

The large volume of library news lately has made it necessary to omit position announcements. Point your browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/helpwanted> for a list of current library and information job openings. Library-related E-mail discussion lists are another good source of position announcements. See <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/lists/> for more information.

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*.

Information Ethics class offered this summer

Harry Willems will be teaching a one-weekend course on Information Ethics for the School of Library and Information Management this summer. The class will be offered June 4-6 in Overland Park and June 25-27 in McPherson. Harry has prepared a website for the course at: <http://academic.emporia.edu/wcb/schools/SLIM/slim/hwillems/1/index.html> that will give interested persons a very good idea of the class contents and requirements. To enroll in the class please contact the Office of Lifelong Learning at Emporia State University, 316-341-5316. Tuition will be \$115.

Statewide MLS program

The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University will begin to offer its curriculum this fall in a format designed to make the program more accessible to anyone throughout the state of Kansas. SLIM is the only school accredited by the American Library Association in Kansas and it offers a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree and school library media certification. U.S. News and World Report recently named SLIM as one of the top ten schools in the nation for school library media certification.

The format will use a combination of traditional classroom, interactive video, telephone conferencing and Internet classes for curriculum delivery. The MLS program requires 42 semester hours of graduate coursework and will take three years to complete. Students will attend classes year round and take four to six hours of coursework per semester. Persons wanting only the School Library Media certification may opt out of additional coursework after completing the 30 hours required for certification.

To learn more about this program persons may visit the Internet site: <http://slim.emporia.edu/statemls.htm>. To obtain an information packet and application for admission form, please call the school at 1-800-552-4770 and ask to speak with Jean Redeker, ext. 5734 or Dan Roland, ext. 5064.

Haysville Survives Tornado

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

Imagine the distance from your front door to the street curb and you can appreciate the distance between the Haysville Library and utter destruction. The destruction was not imaginary. On the evening of May 3, the tornado that struck Haysville and south Wichita killed five people; injured more than 150; destroyed or damaged about 8,500 buildings; left 23,000 homes without electrical power and caused an estimated \$140 million in property damage. The devastation was real. The following describes how the library survived.

On Monday evening, May 3, Haysville Library Director Betty Cattrell was attending a community meeting when a severe storm warning was issued. Two student assistants who were staffing the library were called and told to go home. When the tornado struck at about 8:45 p.m. the only living thing in the approximately 13,000 square foot library was Libby, the library cat.

Inside the library building the next morning Betty Cattrell surveyed the damage. There were no lights and no phone. Windows were broken and glass shards covered the floor. The carpet was soaked in several places from rainwater leaking through the ceiling. A volunteer crew from the Wichita Home Depot store arrived with plywood and plastic sheeting.

They boarded over broken doors, covered air conditioning units on the roof and swept up some of the glass. A small group of local library volunteers attempted to prevent further damage by covering the tops of some of the bookshelves with plastic sheeting. Waste cans were placed under the ceiling leaks.

Though local television reported that the library had been destroyed, I learned from a phone call to Betty Cattrell at her home that all library staff was safe and that none of their homes had been damaged.

She said that nothing could be done to assess damage to the library and start recovery efforts until the Haysville City Engineer authorized that the building was structurally safe.

By Thursday morning, May 6, I hadn't heard from Betty Cattrell, so I decided it was time to go to Haysville. Larry Papenfuss, SCKLS Technology Consultant, and I drove to Haysville and swung by Wichita State University to pick up Mike Kelly, Curator of Special Collections at Ablah Library. Kelly is regional volunteer coordinator for the Kansas Disaster Recovery Network and has been active in presenting disaster recovery workshops for libraries, museums and local governments.

Later that afternoon we met with Betty Cattrell to formulate an assessment and recovery plan. The damage to the roof of the building was so serious that the roof must be replaced. The entire contents of the library—books, computers, furniture and shelving—had to be removed as soon as possible. Eventually, even the cat, which survived the tornado, was evacuated.

In the three days after the tornado, Betty Cattrell prioritized the genealogy and children's collections for immediate removal from the building. The move was accomplished with the help of 8-12 local volunteers and staff from USD 261 Haysville. The materials were taken to the home of a local genealogist for storage.

As the afternoon continued, Betty Cattrell made arrangements for relocation of books, protection of computers, and contacted the library's insurance agent using the mobile phone in the SCKLS Rotating Book Van. Betty Cattrell continued to make and alter proposals for reopening the library at some temporary location. She was also occupied with finding ways to keep her staff working should the library be unable to reopen soon. Whenever the library reopens, Betty Cattrell wants to make certain that she still has staff and that they haven't been forced to find other jobs because of the library's temporary closing.

By Friday morning, May 7, volunteers had arrived from area libraries. Library staff from Wichita Public, Derby Public, Hesston Public, Newton Public, Andover Public, Winfield Public, Friends University and Kansas Newman worked all day. Along with Haysville Library staff, USD 261 Haysville school personnel, local library volunteers and volunteers who walked in off the

street, the group of 40-50 labored to box and move off-site the collection of 30,000 volumes and about 15 computers.

By Wednesday, May 26, three weeks after the Haysville/Wichita tornado, the Haysville Community Library building had been emptied. The library building roof, heating/cooling system, several doors and windows, carpeting, some interior walls and about 300 books and two computers were destroyed or damaged by the tornado.

The library plans to open at a temporary site in a classroom at Rex Elementary School by the first week in June. Library Director Betty Cattrell and the Haysville Community Library Board of Directors have made the decisions necessary to reestablish library service. And while public library services will return, the recovery for the Haysville community will be slower. As Haysville Mayor Tim Norton comments, "You know, this isn't a one-day or two-day deal."

Note: The Haysville Community Library will not be participating in interlibrary loan and e-mail until further notice. No additional volunteer assistance is requested at this time. Please do not send used books. A disaster recovery fund has been established at the South Central Kansas Library System and cash donations can be made to the Haysville Library Disaster Recovery Fund, c/o South Central Kansas Library System, 901 North Main Street, Hutchinson, KS 67501. Library Director Betty Cattrell extends her thanks to the Kansas library community for their concern and support.

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1999 White Award Winner Announcement

Frindle by Andrew Clements has been named the winner of the 1999 William Allen White Children's Book Award according to Dr. Jud Copeland, Director of the William Allen White Library at Emporia State University and Executive Director of the White Award Program. The White Award Program, which was the first statewide reader's choice award, is directed by Emporia State University and is supported in part by the Trusler Foundation.

Frindle, Andrew Clements' first novel for children, was published in 1996 by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers in New York City. Fifth-grader Nicholas Allen meets his match in a battle of wits with his English teacher, the legendary Mrs. Granger, over his invention of a new word.

The book also received the 1997 Christopher Award, the 1998-1999 Georgia Children's Book Award, the 1999 Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award (Illinois), the 1999 Massachusetts Children's Book Award, the 1998 Great Stone Face Award (New Hampshire) and the 1998 Rhode Island Children's Book Award.

After receiving a Master's Degree in Elementary Education, Andrew Clements taught fourth and eighth grades as well as high school English for seven years in Illinois. He wrote songs and poetry during his years as a teacher. He and his wife started performing his songs. They moved to New York City to explore a music career. He was Editorial Director at Picture Book Studio for ten years. Andrew Clements had written many picture books before he wrote ***Frindle***. He is a writer and editor who lives in Westborough, Massachusetts with his wife, Rebecca. They have four sons.

In discussing writing for children, Andrew Clements stated, "I get drawn into the lives of the characters, and into building a world for them to explore. . . . Writing for children is a great privilege, and I am grateful for it."

More than 46,000 boys and girls in the fourth through eighth grades in Kansas schools partici-

pated in the voting for the forty-seventh annual White Award. The boys and girls voted for their favorite book from a master list chosen by the White Award Book Selection Committee which represents educational institutions in Kansas as well as Kansas educational and professional organizations concerned with children.

Carnegie Library segment

In response to numerous queries regarding the Carnegie Library segment of Sunflower Journeys, the Washburn University/Topeka PBS affiliate, will sell videos of each half-hour episode for \$15 each, with a discount for the purchase of the entire season. Orders can be placed by writing to: Sunflower Journeys, c/o KTWU, 19th & Jewell, Washburn University, Topeka KS 66621, or by calling at 785/231-1111 or 800/866-5898 or by faxing a request to 785/231-1112.

KTWU has free guides for viewers available for Sunflower Journeys back to the 1990 season, and can provide multiple copies for libraries to set out for the public to take.

KTWU's website provides access to program outlines and descriptions, as well as transcripts and other information about the series. The URL is <http://ktwu.washburn.edu/journeys>.

Lawrence CyberVillage as top Community Resource Guide

The Lawrence CyberVillage has been named by *MuniNet Guide and Review* as one of its "top web sites of 1998." In its January 1999 issue, the monthly newsletter puts the Lawrence CyberVillage and Seattle's PAN at the top of its Community Resource Guide category. "It's a terrific site," *MuniNet* commented.

MuniNet Guide and Review is designed specifically for professionals who work in, research, or cater to the interests of state, county, and local governments and related agencies. Excellence, innovation, and creativity were the criteria used by *MuniNet* in identifying its choices for top sites in 1998.

"We're excited to receive this acknowledgment from *MuniNet*," said Karen Davis, the Lawrence CyberVillage's editor. "Our goal over the past several years has been to create a comprehensive virtual guide to the community of Lawrence, Kansas."

Published under the editorial direction of Ms. Davis, with contributions from volunteers and various City staff members, the Lawrence CyberVillage (<http://www.ci.lawrence.ks.us>) attracted over 783,496 page views from January 1 - April 22, 1999, and over 1.8 million page views in the last 12 months.

Founded in 1995 by the Lawrence City Commission, and co-administered by Bruce Flanders, Lawrence Public Library Director, and Rod Bremby, City of Lawrence Assistant City Manager, the Lawrence CyberVillage has received awards since its inception.

For further information regarding the Lawrence CyberVillage, contact Karen Davis or Bruce Flanders at (785) 843-3833.



Interior of the Pittsburg Public Library. The library's renovation was featured in *Library Journal* (April 1999).

—Photo courtesy of Glenn Livingood Penzler Architects PA.

Programming at NPL

Author Katie Funk Wiebe appeared at the Newton Public Library during National Library Week on April 15 at 7:00 pm. The Ancestor Hunters, the Library's genealogy/family history interest group, sponsored the program. Mrs. Wiebe, a former English professor at Tabor College and the author of several books and numerous articles, gave pointers on writing personal memoirs and family stories. Sharing ideas from her 1980 book *Good Times With Old Times: How to Write Your Memoirs*, Wiebe inspired her audience to begin writing family stories.

In June, the Newton Public Library will present Joyce Thierer who will portray Calamity Jane, Wild West Legend, as part of the History Alive! series from the Kansas Humanities Council. The Library is collaborating with the Harvey County Historical Society to host the program on June 24 at 7:00 pm. For more information call the Newton Public Library at 316/283-2890.

Dr. Grover named new dean of ESU's SLIM

A familiar face is returning to the helm at Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM). Dr. Robert Grover, professor in SLIM, will become dean of SLIM effective June 13. He has served as interim dean of SLIM since August of 1998.

Not only does Grover bring to the position a breadth of experience in the library and information management field, but he also brings first-hand knowledge about the position itself. Grover served as dean and an associate professor of SLIM from 1981-87. Grover's areas of specialization include psychology of information use, management, library and information, science education, research methods, information services, and educational function of libraries and information agencies. He received the 1997 Award for Teaching Excellence from the Association for Library and Information and Science Education.

Since 1990, Grover has been a professor in SLIM. From 1989-90, he served as an adjunct

professor in SLIM's distance learning programs in Sioux City, Iowa, and Denver, CO.

Grover received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, library science, and education from Ball State University and a Master of Library Science degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in library science and instructional systems technology from Indiana University.

He is a member of the American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, Association for Library and Information Science Education, Continuing Library Education Network and Exchange, Kansas Association of School Librarians, and the Kaw Valley School Library Media Specialists. The School of Library and Information Management is fully accredited by the American Library Association and offers both master's and doctoral degrees in library studies. For more information please call 1-800-552-4770 or visit the school's Internet site at <http://slim.emporia.edu>.

YALSA announces a new award

For anyone who may have missed it... YALSA announces a new award for the new millennium. The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced a new award for a new millennium: the Michael L. Printz Award honoring the highest literary achievement in books for young adults. The award is sponsored by Booklist, ALA's review magazine.

The award, which is based solely on literary quality, will be presented annually to the author of a book published during the preceding year. It is named in honor of Printz (1937-1996), who was a prominent high school librarian from Topeka, KS, known for discovering and promoting quality books for young adults.

In addition to the winning title, up to four honor books may be selected for the award. The first winner and honor books will be announced at the ALA Awards Press Conference held during the ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 14-19, 2000, in San Antonio. The award will be pre-

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Governor Graves addresses librarians at Johnson County's Central Resource Library. Graves signed House Bill 2558 there on May 14.

Graves signs House Bill 2558

Kansas Governor Bill Graves was in the children's area of the Johnson County Central Resource Library on May 14 to sign into law House Bill 2558.

Johnson County Librarian Mona Carmack was presented with a signed copy of the bill pertaining to tobacco settlement payments and ways to use that money for children's programs and services. Carmack was also presented with a children's book for the library's collection.

Around 50 people were present for the bill-signing, including several children, JCL staff members, state legislators and Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall.

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sented at the YALSA Awards Luncheon during the ALA Annual Conference, with the first being presented at the conference to be held July 6-13, 2000, in Chicago.

The award-winning book may be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or an anthology. To be eligible, a title must be designated by its publisher as being either a young adult book or one published for the age range that YALSA defines as young adult (12 through 18). Works of joint authorship or editorship and books published in another country will be eligible.

A committee of nine YALSA members will select the winning title and the honor books each year. The 2000 Michael L. Printz Award Committee includes: Frances Bradburn, chair, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction; Jane Byczek, Hinsdale (Ill.) Public Library; Maria Gentle, Arlington (Va.) Public Library; Donald Kenney, Virginia Tech University Library; Judy Nelson, Bellevue (Wash.) Regional Library; Adela Peskorz, Metropolitan State University (Minn.); Karlan Sick, New York

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Public Library; Roger Sutton, editor, Horn Book Magazine, Boston; and Hazel Yliniemi, director of instructional resources, Fargo (N.D.) Public Schools.

Kansas libraries.... sixty years ago

—Bill Sowers, Kansas Documents Librarian/
Tech Services Librarian

Gleanings from the June 1939 issue of The Kansas Library Bulletin:

- The Horton Public Library moved into its new building in January. It is a two story building equipped with Venetian blinds, indirect lighting and rubber floor covering.
- The Wakefield Public Library is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. The library was started by a woman's club with trunks of books which were kept in a basement room of the high school building.
- Work has been started to remodel the David Mulvane house to be used as a children's department for the Topeka Public Library.
- A Friends of the Library group is being organized in Hutchinson to aid the public library in any way they can.

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