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BCR features Blue Skyways

The most recent issue of Action for Libraries from the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) featured the Kansas library website, Blue Skyways. The article quoted Michael Piper of the State Library.

"We're awfully proud of this service. It's the product of a number of individuals from a broad range of Kansas institutions."

He pointed to the growing number of users as proof of the site's success. Visitors number 4,000 people a week, with the rate increasing at 15 percent per month.

The KLNBS was impressed enough with these results at its May meeting to have approved funding for a second year, pending the availability of federal funds. That would extend the current Title III grant into next year. The Board's goal, however, is to find permanent funding for Blue Skyways. With that end in mind, Piper has sent out a request for proposal for a fund-raising consultant who would recruit corporate and foundation sponsors for Kansas' Blue Skyways.

The BCR article praised unique original features of the website, including the email directory, CLOUD, and information needed for communities, organizations and schools, etc. to construct their own home pages.

Institutional libraries meet

Library service providers from about half of the adult and juvenile corrections facilities and state hospitals met at Topeka State Hospital (TSH) on Thursday, June 13, to discuss the closure plan for the professional and patient libraries at the Topeka and Winfield State Hospitals.

Additional issues discussed included joint acquisition of materials, especially among corrections; raising awareness of libraries among institutional administrators; implications of the Fair Labor Standards Act; an institutional home page on Blue Skyways; and a limited tour of collections and equipment at Topeka State Hospital.

The closure plan developed by the institutional librarians themselves calls for the systematic distribution of those collections and that equipment among other institutional libraries to avoid its loss and enable its continued accessibility and use. Photocopies of the TSH staff library catalog were made available for those interested in securing any of those items.

The attendees enjoyed a working pizza lunch, concluding business and training by 2:30 pm so that they could return to their institutions across the state.

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Newsletter print version

The April, May and June issues of *Kansas Libraries* requested that if you wished to continue to receive the print edition you needed to have the published subscription form to the State Library by June 30. Beginning with this issue we're sending print copies of *Kansas Libraries* only to those who returned the form. We assume others are reading it on Blue Skyways.

It was suggested at the Kansas Library Network Board meeting in May that the subscription notices will be repeated in the April, May and June 1997 issues, advising readers that they need to let us know in writing by June 30, 1997 if they want to continue receiving the printed version of the newsletter.

Communities online

—by Fred Atchison
NCKLS Director

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a conference in Taos, New Mexico on Community Networking. This was an international gathering with participants from foreign countries and all over the United States. What brought these people together was an appreciation of the potential for online community networks to serve as avenues for revitalizing and developing local communities.

The local free net, La Plaza (<http://laplaza.taos.nm.us>) is an interesting example of how one community has used the Internet. La Plaza has done a good job of reflecting and incorporating the unique culture and atmosphere of Northern New Mexico into their network.

The conference was held shortly after the Hondo forest fire in the mountains north of town had been brought under control. La Plaza responded by putting up a fire emergency home page which kept people informed on the progress of the fire fighting effort, on relief and assistance opportunities for those displaced by the fire, and communicated world wide to donors and well-wishers.

Boulder Net in Boulder, Colorado is another good site to visit (<http://bcn.boulder.co.us>). They have excellent policy statements that may be viewed and would be useful to anyone setting up a local network.

I came away from the conference with several conclusions:

- Libraries are playing significant roles in the creation of community networks all over the world—often providing the essential leadership in the process.
- Librarians who are not talking to individuals and agencies about network development should do so right now.
- Libraries are ahead of much of the business community and most non-profit agencies regarding their understanding of the importance of access to online information.
- Librarians and library advocates need to get themselves informed about the decision making process regarding telecommunications and access to online services.
- Libraries should be prepared for change, but recognize what kind of services local communities are interested in and willing to support. People want traditional services as well as new technology.
- Everyone I talk to is struggling to understand how best to use technology. Indeed, you are not alone.

The impact of technology on libraries seems to be encouraging a stimulating and productive examination of what libraries are all about.

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*.

Catalyst

by Christopher Rippel
Central Kansas Library System
Great Bend

Using the KLC Online (Part one)

Here's how you can use the new *Kansas Library Catalog* on Blue Skyways, the Kansas library community's World Wide Web service. On the Skyways home page (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/>), click once on *Libraries*. On the "Libraries" page, click once on *Kansas Library Catalog*.

Anyone, not just librarians in their libraries, can use this *Kansas Library Catalog* through Skyways. However, patrons must go to their local library to borrow items through interlibrary loan.

Word order is critical in "browse by term."

Browse by Term

- ✓ Like the *Find by Author*, *Find by Title*, *Find by Subject* of the first screen of the CD-ROM version of the *Kansas Library Catalog*.

- ✓ Reads search words, letter by letter, from left to right.

- ✓ Remember, word order is important.

Author searches:

Stephen King retrieves Stephen, King of Serbia
Stephen, L. E.
Stephen, Les.
Stephen, Leslie, Sir.

King Stephen retrieves King, Stephen

Using the "Browse by Term" feature

In the Main Menu, click once on *Browse by Term*. Then place your cursor in the space labeled "Enter a Term." Enter your search term in the space provided, and click once on *Start Search*. In a few moments, you'll retrieve a listing of holdings that match your search term.

Scoping Searches on the holdings of different libraries. Click to see other choices. This is just a sample of available scoping. Later catalogs will allow for different scoping.

Search Heading Click once on a "radio button" to search either Author, Title, Subject, or All [Three] Headings (i.e., author, title, and subject).

Reset Clicking here resets screen to original settings and clears "Enter a Term" box.

Next month in *Catalyst*, Chris Rippel will discuss searching by number and searching by word in the online KLC. Watch for his article about Web search engines in an upcoming *Catalyst* as well.

Advanced telecommunications in elementary and secondary schools

The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) announces the release of *Advanced Telecommunications in U.S. Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, 1995*.

Selected findings of this report include:

- Fifty percent of U.S. public schools now have access to the Internet. This percentage is up from 35 percent just one year ago.
- Access to the Internet varies by school characteristics. Only 31 percent of schools with large proportions of students from poor families have access to the Internet, compared to 62 percent of schools with relatively few students from poor families. Access is also related to school enrollment size—from 39 percent for schools with fewer than 300 students to 69 percent for schools with 1,000 or more students. Secondary schools are more likely than elementary schools to be linked to the Internet.
- Funding and inadequate telecommunications access points in the building were the most frequently cited barriers to acquiring or using advanced telecommunications in public schools.
- The types of telecommunications often located in classrooms are broadcast and cable television. Although 91 percent of schools with closed-circuit television report having it in the classroom, only 28 percent of schools have this capability.

Copies of the report are available from New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. The stock number is 065-000-00848-3, and the price is \$4.50.



Global classroom at Sylvan

Students in the Life Skills class and 7th grade accelerated reading class at Sylvan Unified High School participated in a "global classroom" project during the spring semester with high school students in an Ethics class from Helsinki, Finland. Cherilee Ward was the instructor of the project at SUHS.

Each week the students exchanged classroom assignments via the Internet. The exchange of information resulted in a new awareness of the Finnish culture for the students at SUHS. Their project was displayed during April at the Finnish national meeting for Interactive Technology in Education in Helsinki.

This "global classroom" project wouldn't have been possible without the support of the SUHS Board of Education and the generosity of the Wilson Telephone Company.

All of the SUHS Seniors have experience using the Internet and sending electronic mail. Our new addresses at SUHS are Sy2991LB@midusa.net and SUHSdd@midusa.net. We have many students who would love to receive email from you.

*—submitted by Cherilee Ward,
SUHS*

Art craft and music festival

Saturday, June 8 was the date for the fifth annual Art Craft and Music Festival held on the grounds of the Colwich Community Library.

There were entertainers, art contest and art class exhibits, exhibits by local artists, craft booth, food booths, free art activities for the children, a decorated cake contest, the decorated hat/cap contest, and some craft demonstrations.

This program is presented in part by the Kansas Art Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Garden City's summer events

Project Open Door

Garden City's Project Open Door held a volunteer training session at the Finney County Public Library Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 am—noon.

Open Door is a community service that pairs volunteer tutors one-on-one with adults who want to learn to read or improve their reading. The Saturday session was for new volunteers who can commit two hours a week for tutoring.

Annual book sale

Friends of the Finney County Public Library held their annual book sale at the library on two three-day weekends—June 7, 8, and 9, and 14, 15, and 16—beginning with an unusual attraction: a rodeo clown.

On the same day as the opening day of the book sale, the library held a special story hour in conjunction with Beef Empire Days. On June 7 from 10:00—11:00 am in the library parking lot, a rodeo clown and storyteller entertained youngsters of all ages with trick dogs, a rodeo bull, and a horse. Inside the library, the sale offered several thousand books, many of them paperbacks.

Poetry reading contest

Three Garden City youngsters won awards in the Finney County Public library's poetry writing contest last week. Winners in their age groups are 6-year-old Michelle Ivey, 10-year-old Anne Huschka, and 13-year-old Veronica Reyes.

The contest was part of the library's summer reading program "Kansas Kids Read."

Michelle won a Make a Kite kit, Anne won a rubber stamp kit and Veronica won an Earth Pack kit.

Judge for the contest was Marydale Stewart-Caruthers, librarian and former English teacher. Dr. Stewart said she judged the poems on their use of vivid images, interesting comparisons, and lyrical, or song-like quality.

The summer Reading Program's current contest (July 17-28) is to "Draw, paint or collage a Kansas sunflower or buffalo." As in the poetry contest, children in three age groups may compete: ages 6-7, 8-11, and 12-14.

Infant/toddler screening

The Wyandotte County Infant-Toddler Service System and the Kansas City, Kansas public Library co-sponsored a free screening for ages birth to three years on June 14, 1996. Parents could drop by the KCK Main Branch Library on 625 Minnesota from 10:00 am—2:00 pm.

Professionals from different service agencies conducted the screenings. Areas screened included hearing, health and vision. The Denver Developmental test was also given. This test is used to screen: Behavior social/emotional, self help, cognitive learning, motor skills and communication speech/language.

For further information, please contact Kristen Boyett at 913/551-3700.

Librarians receive LEEP awards

Four librarians from the Northeast Kansas Library System have received their Level Five certificates for 400 hours of continuing education from the Kansas Library Employee Program. The awards were presented at the System Assembly in Lawrence on May 16.

Barbara Dew has been director of the Ottawa Library since 1982. The library's current project is moving from a 1903 Carnegie building into a modern building that the library will share with city hall. Remodeling is underway and the move will occur early this fall.

"Continuing education opportunities are important to all of us," Barbara noted, "To be successful we must stay ahead of the demands of our customers, just like any other business. Kansas CE programs help us do that."

For recreation Barbara and her husband enjoy reading, gardening, movies, travel and playing with their cockapoo, Tootsie,

Pat Guance became manager of the Wyandotte Plaza Branch Library in Kansas City, in 1971, lobbied successfully for a larger, more contemporary library and moved into the West Wyandotte Branch Library in 1986.

Pat is well known as a community leader in the Wyandotte area and has won numerous community service awards. She has also won the KLA President' Distinguished Service Award.

Pat is a strong advocate of continuing education and career development for all her employees. She has presented workshops on library leadership and management for KPLACE and for KLA. She is the newly elected chair of the KLA-KPLACE Roundtable and is co-chairing the 1997 KPLACE Alumni Conference.

Charlee Glinka started her professional life as a music therapist but economic necessity, she says, encouraged her to take a position in the Lawrence Public Library's Technical Services Department. Twenty years and several positions later, she is now Technical Services Head and administrator of the growing Lawrence automated system.

During the same 20 years, Charlee gained an MLS, a spouse and a farm. Among her hobbies are growing grapes and making wine.

Sherri Turner is also a staff member at the Lawrence Public Library. She began reference work at the Lawrence Public Library in 1984 after completing Biking Across Kansas on the back of a tandem with a nine month son in tow. She is now Assistant System Administrator and Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Lawrence.

In her personal life, Sherri has gained a daughter, a mortgage, a dog, two cats and two guppies. She is a somewhat less active biker and enjoys her supervisor's homemade wine.

Ground breaking ceremony

The Pittsburg Public Library board of trustees celebrated its newest major project with a ground breaking ceremony for the renovation and expansion of the library on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 am.

The present Carnegie will see some renovation, and a technologically enhanced two-story addition will be attached directly south of the Carnegie facility.

Essay winner

Pat Hassan, assistant to the county librarian, Johnson County Library has received a \$500 prize in the "What the OCLC Online Union Catalog Means to Me" essay contest. This contest was sponsored by OCLC and U.S. regional networks in honor of the 25th anniversary of the OCLC Online Union Catalog.

A panel of regional network directors and OCLC staff chose the winning essays from over 340 entries received from 13 countries. The winning essays will be printed in the July/August issue of the OCLC Newsletter and in a monograph that will be published later this year.

Kansas books

by Roy Bird

The Farmer's Guide to the Internet, by Dr. David Freshwater. Lexington, KY: TVA Rural Studies, 1996. For order inquiries contact TVA Rural Studies, 400 Agricultural Economics Bldg., University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0276, 606/257-1872.

While not a book about Kansas or by a Kansan or published in Kansas, the usual criteria for inclusion in this column, *The Farmer's Guide to the Internet* is one every library which has farmers among its users should be aware of. David Freshwater of the University of Kentucky ag-econ faculty designed this book to help farmers get up and running on the Internet quickly and inexpensively.



The text covers:

- How farmers are using the Internet right now to find information they need.
 - Getting started on the Internet: finding a local Internet access provider, buying equipment and getting software.
 - The essential Internet services; what they're used for, and step-by-step instructions on how to use them.
 - Beating the high cost of rural Internet access: how to get on the Internet at low cost, even if you can't find a local provider, and how to use your time online most efficiently.
 - Extensive listings of agricultural sites on the Net including weather, markets and pricing, livestock and crops.
- State-by-state listings of agricultural sites on the Internet.

Recommended for adult non-fiction collections. There might even be some librarians who aren't farmers who can use this information!

Library positions

Humanities Librarian Wichita State University

Assists users at a general reference desk (including some evenings and weekends) and provides library instruction and training in the access and utilization of electronic resources. Manages and evaluates collections in the humanities. Serves as liaison to the faculties of History, English, Philosophy, Religion and Modern and Classical Languages. Develops and maintains humanities web pages. Participates in department, library and university activities. Required qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS degree and a degree in the humanities. Broad understanding of scholarly research in the humanities. Knowledge of electronic sources, including the Internet and databases. Interest in the use of microcomputers and electronic information. Effective oral and written skills; ability to work successfully with colleagues, faculty and students. preferred:

Graduate degree in history or literature. Experience in collection development (including approval plans), reference, and library instruction. Minimum salary is \$26,000 for 12 months, depending on experience and qualifications. Tenure eligible. Librarians at Wichita State University enjoy faculty rank, privileges and responsibilities. Choice of retirement plans, including TIAA-CREF. Blue Cross/Blue Shield or HMO. Twenty-two days annual leave. Send letter of application, resume, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of 3 current references postmarked by Wednesday, September 3, 1996 to: Jean Eaglesfield, Chair, Humanities Search Committee, Ablah Library, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount Drive, Wichita, KS 67260-0068. Noncitizens must be eligible to work in the United States. Finalists will be invited for an expense-paid interview. Wichita State University is an urban institution with an enrollment of 13,500 and a commitment to improving the diversity of its faculty by actively seeking applications from a broad spectrum of individuals. AA/EOE.

The AdventureMobile

Pet a python, watch a puppet show, and check out a book or video on the AdventureMobile, your Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library's especially designed Bookmobile to serve children. The AdventureMobile hit the road in early June, bringing more than 5,000 books and videos to schools, day care centers, and shopping centers county-wide this summer. The Junior League of Topeka, Inc. donated \$10,000 to fund this marvelous traveling gift to the youth of Shawnee County.

The 27 foot bookmobile's exterior is dazzling, filled with colorful scenes of jungle animals and exotic plants with excited children soaring in hot air balloons, riding in prairie schooners or floating through waves of book pages heading for adventure. Zero Wright, a library staff member, designed and painted the kaleidoscope of vibrant murals for the AdventureMobile.

According to Robert Banks, Manager of the Library's Outreach Services, the Adventure-Mobile will visit 23 sites; and young patrons, in addition to checking out books and videos, will be able to sign up for a library card and participate in the library's summer reading programs.

David Leamon, Executive Director of the Library, says, "The AdventureMobile will provide an exciting, innovative service to area youth, encouraging reading as a lifelong activity. And, thanks to the Junior League of Topeka, who funded the project in partnership with the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, the AdventureMobile will be a "must" stop for children and young adults."

Connie McKnight, formerly the assistant director at Dodge City Public Library is now the reference and adult services manager at the Sioux City Public Library, Iowa.

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The Kansas Library Catalog (KLC) Advisory Committee is planning for the future of the Kansas Library Catalog, which is currently available on CD-ROM and also via the web on Blue Skyways. Some libraries use both formats; some use one or the other. Some libraries put the KLC out for the public to use; others reserve its use to library staff.

The committee is very interested in discovering the current status of use of the KLC, methods of access, hardware being used, and other information which will help us in determining actual use and readiness to move toward an online catalog.

Please take a few moments to answer the following questions. You may either answer by replying by email to KSST10LB@INK.ORG (Rhonda Moeller) or printing off this form and mailing it to the State Library, attention: Rhonda Moeller. Deadline to respond is August 20, 1996.

KLC Advisory Committee members truly appreciate your time and assistance with this survey. Please respond only once. This message will be posted to multiple lists, and will appear in "KS Libraries".

HARDWARE

1. For the computer(s) that are used with the KLC, what is the speed and type of processor?
(i.e. 486, DX/100, Pentium 133)
2. What is your modem speed?
(i.e. 9600, 28.8, etc)

INTERNET/ONLINE

3. Do you have Internet access?
4. Is it through a local phone number/local provider? Is it through an 800 number? Is it through a direct connection rather than dial-in?
5. How much does your access cost per month? How many hours for this price?
6. Do you have Internet access for public use?
7. Do you use a graphical browser, such as Netscape, or a text browser, such as Lynx?

KLC

8. Do you currently receive the KLC on CD-ROM? How many copies?
9. Do you network your CD-ROMs?

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10. Do you currently use the KLC on the web (available through Blue Skyways)?
11. If you have both CD and web, which do you prefer?
IF you prefer the KLC on CD-ROM, what are your reasons?
12. Do your staff prefer one format over the other?
13. Do your patrons prefer one format over the other?
14. What would be your reasons for not wanting to move to only an online catalog?
15. How frequently do you need to have the catalog updated?
Is the current schedule of CD-ROM versions frequent enough? (currently every 12-18 months)

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

16. What do you think the greatest improvement would be in interlibrary loan?
17. What direction is your library moving in the technology and automation area?
(i.e. are you looking toward a direct Internet connection rather than dial-up; is there a community technology committee working on better access; are you thinking about putting your local library catalog on the web or available through dial-in, etc?)
18. What would be your greatest concern in changing catalog or KLC formats?
19. Would you be interested in a catalog that provided an integrated interlibrary loan system? (i.e. a system that allowed item lookup and instant copying into ILL request template, then forwarding of request)
20. How much preparation time would you require in order to move entirely to an online catalog?