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### One-time only holdings extraction offer

The current vendor for the Kansas Library Catalog (KLC), Auto-graphics, has agreed to provide a one-time only extraction of holdings for those Kansas libraries wishing one. The cost will be \$300 per library. The cutoff date to notify the State Library is September 16, 1996.

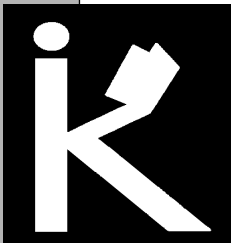
For those libraries in the process of automating, thinking about automating, or wishing to obtain a more up-to-date copy of their holdings from the KLC, this is your one chance!! Speak now or forever hold your peace....

This will provide you with a copy of your holdings as reflected in the current Kansas Library Catalog. If you are a library whose holdings are not included, or only a very small part of your collection is included, this offer will not meet your needs.

A more formal announcement is planned in the next issue of "Kansas Libraries," but this will give libraries and automation consultants a little more planning time.

This offer will not be repeated, as it is part of our current project included in the KLC WebPac.

Please call Patti Mersmann at 800/432-3919 if you have questions about this project. You may also contact our Auto-graphics representative, Albert Flores at 800/776-6939 x344.



### SWKLS/DCPL welcome new director

The Southwest Kansas Library System and Dodge City Public Library welcome **Rosanne Goble** as Director. Rosanne was chosen for the position by a selection committee comprised of the Board Chairs of the two institutions and board representatives. In announcing the selection, Jeff Thorpe, Chair of the Dodge City Public Library Board, noted that both in-state and out-of-state candidates were considered.

Rosanne was the unanimous choice because of the excellence demonstrated in her work for the past five years as Assistant Director/Consultant for the Southwest Kansas Library System, her previous administrative experience, her accomplishments nationally in the American Library Association and her active participation in local cooperative automation activities. The Library Advisory Commission confirmed the appointment at the June meeting.

### 30th anniversary reception

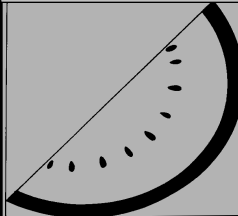
Kansas needs to congratulate **Karyl Buffington** for 30 years at the Coffeyville Public Library.

In honor of Karyl Buffington's 30th anniversary of working for the library, the board of the Coffeyville Public Library hosted a "Cookies with Karyl" come-and-go reception throughout the day on Thursday, August 8. They invited anyone to stop in, congratulate Karyl and have a cookie. Cards were welcome from those unable to attend.

### 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*.**

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

by Shannon Roy

### *NEKL and Ottawa Public Library sponsor program on economic development on the World Wide Web*

Over thirty business and community leaders from the Ottawa area attended a program on May 22 called, "Your Economic Development On-Ramp to the Information Superhighway". The program was intended to demonstrate some of the material available on the Internet that would be most useful to businesses and government agencies. The early morning program was presented by Barbara Dew, director of the Ottawa Library, Patti Mersmann, director of the Library Information Technology Division at the Kansas State Library and Al Mullen, who at that time was the automation consultant for the Northeast Kansas Library System.

There is a lot of valuable information on the Internet, but there is a lot of worthless information as well. Sifting through it can be very time consuming and frustrating. From the millions of information sites, Al Mullen extracted useful material in nine categories: Kansas resources, national resources, legislative resources, regulations and statutes, statistical information, strategies for success, community information, doing business on the Net and other resources. Al also provided a one-stop page for state and federal officials that included their addresses, telephones, fax number and e-mail addresses.

The library staff added some bibliographies of print materials that are available at the library. Barbara Dew commented: "There are still some great print resources available and we want people to know we have them, as well as the Internet access."

The people who attended this program in Ottawa were at all levels of Internet involvement. The range was from "I've never looked at the Internet. Is it worth my time and money?" to "I have an Internet connection and I'm here to learn to use it more effectively." The evaluations for this program were very positive and good suggestions for future programs were made. Since this program was presented, one of the local Internet providers has sponsored additional programs to help local business and government leaders utilize Internet resources.

Patti Mersmann, along with Cindi Hickey, PhD student at SLIM, will be testing this economic development program in another NEKL library later this summer. Then Mersmann and Hickey plan to package the

program into a complete module and provide it to the regional library systems, along with some special training for regional system personnel.

Funding for this project was provided by KICIN, the Kansas Integrated Commercialization Information Network, which is a project of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation. KICIN endeavors to facilitate access and use of economic development resources through the Internet. Support was also provided by the School of Library and Information Management, the Northeast Kansas Library System and the Kansas State Library.



### *Attention INK library subscribers*

INK is pleased to announce that the subscription rate for all libraries who access INK via the Internet has been reduced to \$180. This subscription rate provides unlimited access to INK's online services.

By maintaining your subscription with INK, you and your patrons will continue to have access to important legislative matters, Kansas Statutes, Kansas Rules and Regulations, Kansas Corporations and the Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte District court services. These online services are available only through INK.

The subscription rate for libraries who access INK through dial-up is \$240 per year. This provides you with up to 50 hours of connect time for the year. Additional time may be bought in five block increments for \$30.

### *Big move for Ottawa*

The Ottawa Library plans to be closed the week of August 26 through Labor Day for its big move to its new home from its present Carnegie Library facility. Director Barbara Dew anticipates reopening on Tuesday, September 3 at its new location, 105 S. Hickory Street, Ottawa, KS 66067-2348.

Congratulations to the Ottawa Library!

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# Catalyst

by Christopher Rippel  
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## Using the KLC Online (Part Two)

Last month in *Catalyst*, Chris described browsing by term in the online KLC (Kansas Library Catalog), which is available on Blue Skyways. This month, he shows you how to search by number and by word in the online KLC.

Here's how you can reach the online KLC. 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*.

In the main menu, you'll have three choices: searching by Term, Word or Number. For hints on searching by Term, see last month's *Catalyst*.

### Searching by Word

- Like the Word Search Author; Word Search Title; Word Search Subject of the CD ROM version of the KLC. (At main KLC screen, press F7 once to see these selections.)
- Searches across the entire author, or title, or subject area looking for any occurrences of search words. "Search by Word" is best for subject searches.
- **Word order is not important when searching by word.**

#### Author searches:

Stephen King retrieves,  
King, Stephen  
King-Hall, Stephen  
King, Anthony Stephen

### Things to Remember!

1. Click on any colored words. Wondering how to find a desired title? Its subject headings will be blue. Clicking on blue subject headings retrieves other titles on that subject. Clicking on an author's blue name retrieves other books by that author. Cool!
2. Patti Mersmann at the Kansas State Library (800/432-3919 or [pattim@ink.org](mailto:pattim@ink.org)) welcomes your praise or suggestions.
3. Retrieved items will contain all search words. (OR and NOT searching are not available.)

Word Search also allows searching the contents of the "Notes" area. This would contain, for example, the titles of short stories in a collection of stories.

"All Headings" searches all fields. I recommend using "All Headings" for subject searches and author-title searches (type title word and author's name next to each other).

### Neat features of the online KLC

- \* One search searches the whole KLC.
- \* Retrieved items are displayed in alphabetical order.
- \* When a relevant title is found other titles can be found by clicking on the blue subject headings of the first title.
- \* In contrast to the CD-ROM KLC, which is updated once a year, this online KLC will be updated weekly.

### Changes we hope to see in the future

It would be nice if online KLC users could:

- Narrow searches by language
- Narrow searches by format (e.g., videos or audio-cassettes)
- Narrow searches by date
- Search using OR or NOT as boolean operators

Albert Flores of Auto-Graphics says these improvements will be available soon.

Next month in *Catalyst*, Chris will describe Web search engines.

## ***Disaster recovery network begins this Summer***

*by Darrell Garwood,  
Preservation Officer,  
Library and Archives Division,  
Kansas State Historical Society*

In 1991 and 1992, the Kansas Library Network Board developed the Kansas Preservation Plan for preserving information resources. As a result, KIRPC, the Kansas Information and Records Preservation Council was formed to carry out issues identified in the plan.

The Kansas-Disaster Recovery Assistance Network is one objective of the Kansas Preservation Plan. K-DRAN will be responsible for assisting Kansas institutions, such as libraries, historical societies and museums, create their own disaster response plans. It will also develop a state-wide disaster recovery network that will assist institutions in the event of major catastrophes.

In 1995, KIRPC received funding from the Kansas Library Network Board, Kansas City Area Archivists, Kansas State Historical Records Advisory Board, Kansas Museum Association and College and University Library Section of the Kansas Library Association to hire an intern to assist with the creation of K-DRAN.

During the summer the major goal for the project will be to research existing disaster networks across the country. From this research the Steering Committee will formulate a network plan for the state of Kansas. Once these preparations have been made, interested institutions and individuals will be asked to volunteer to serve on regional disaster response teams. These teams will be a resource for area institutions when disasters occur. More information about participation in the disaster network and it's progress will appear in upcoming press releases.

Other goals proposed by the Steering Committee include the development of disaster planning workshops, a web site on the internet dedicated to K-DRAN, and inventories of disaster recovery supplies located in each region. Volunteers from around the state are needed to help support this system. The network will mature gradually with the support of the preservation community across the state.

The K-DRAN Steering Committee encourages anyone interested in participating in the network to contact Darrell Garwood, Preservation Officer, Library and Archives Division, KSHS at 913/272-8681 x302.

## ***NCES releases publication***

The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) announces the release of *Public Library Structure and Organization in the United States*. This report is the fifth in a series that constitutes a comprehensive evaluation of the public library statistics program carried out annually through the Federal State Cooperative System for Public Library Data (FSCS).

The purpose of this comprehensive evaluation is to raise specific information collection issues for discussion among the participants in the FSCS and the professional library community in general. This report contributes to the comprehensive evaluation by providing reference information about the legal structure and organization of public libraries within the 50 states and D.C.

This report is limited to public libraries only. There were 8,929 public libraries in the United States, according to the FSCS public library census covering 1993. This report contains a description of the public library structure and organization, as found in the legal authorities (usually statutes) of each state government.

Copies of the report are available from New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. The stock number is 065-000-00823-8, and the price is \$3.50. Copies of this report are also available via the Internet at [gopher.ed.gov:10000](mailto:gopher.ed.gov:10000) or <http://www.ed.gov/NCES/>.

## ***ALA appraisal program***

The American Library Association (ALA) introduced its new appraisal program. ALA Membership Service selected Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. to provide ALA members with professional, quality appraisal services.

Gallagher Bassett Services will provide appraisal service capabilities including calculation of insurance replacement value for buildings, machinery, equipment, furniture, and collections. In addition the firm provides for ALA member libraries with proof-of-loss support, an annual appraisal update service and a detailed report of property values.

A discount is provided for ALA member libraries. If you are interested in this program and are an ALA member, you can contact Gallagher Bassett Services directly by calling 800/234-7542 and asking for your dedicated ALA program representative. Or write 1101 31st St., P.O. Box 579, Downers Grove, IL 60515; fax: 708/968-8462.

## ***A phone number to keep***

The new Kansas Elder Law hotline is 888/353-5337 (888-35ELDER). Its intent is to serve Kansas senior citizens and their caregivers.

The Elder Law Hotline is a project of Kansas Legal Services, Inc., funded by the Administration on Aging through the Older Americans' Act; in cooperation with the Kansas Department on Aging and the Kansas Bar Association.

To be eligible to use the Hotline, a client must live in Kansas and be age 60 or older. The Hotline attorneys are available to answer questions in civil cases only.

You may call the Elder Law Hotline toll-free at 888/353/5337 from 9:00 am — 4:30 pm, Monday — Friday, except legal holidays. When you call, an intake person will take general information about you and transfer your call to an attorney.

The call to the Elder Law Hotline is toll-free. The 888 prefix works just like an 800 number. You will not be charged for the call or for the attorney time. Contributions are encouraged, and gratefully accepted. We use the contributions to maintain and expand the legal services program so that the Kansas Elder Law Hotline will continue to be available to Kansas seniors.

The attorneys answering your call are private attorneys who have volunteered or Kansas Legal Services, Inc., employees. The attorneys are trained to work with the problems of senior citizens.

## ***FirstSearch support***

The ILDP (Interlibrary Loan Development Plan) Resource Center library directors in conference with State Library staff have agreed to a reallocation of part of the ILDP funding to support a statewide, online FirstSearch reference-research service.

A contract will be negotiated with OCLC for the basic package of FirstSearch databases plus a general periodicals database that includes full text information.

The service will be in place as soon as the contract can be negotiated with OCLC and the vendors of the needed databases.

To achieve database cost and telecommunications access advantages, it appears likely that Kansas can join with Colorado libraries in a contract with OCLC. Colorado proposed a two-state purchase that includes 25 ports. Kansas may purchase an EBSCO subscription separately, with 20 ports.

All online libraries participating in the statewide information sharing network, regardless of type, will be able to use this reference-research service at no fee for the databases provided within the contracted service.

The OCLC basic database package includes: ERIC; MEDLINE; GPO Monthly Catalog; WorldCat, the international OCLC database; ContentsFirst, tables of contents of 13,000+ periodicals and journals; Article-First, indexed article citations of the 13,000+ periodicals; FastDoc, ASCII full text of 200,000+ periodical citations; PapersFirst, indexed citations and toc's of technical papers; and ProceedingsFirst, indexed citations and toc's conference proceedings.

EBSCOMag is likely to be the 10th database included in the state service.

## ***The Internet for genealogists***

A workshop/demonstration will be offered in several library systems during the coming months.

Patti Mersmann, Director of Library Information Technology at the Kansas State Library will be the presenter.

NEKLS — West Wyandotte Library, KCK -  
September 6 at 9:30 am

SCKLS — Hutchinson Public Library - September 19 at  
1:00 pm

SWKLS — Dodge City Public Library - October 3 at  
9:30 am

NWKLS — Wakeeney Public Library - October 9 at  
10 am

NCKLS — Manhattan Public Library - date and time to  
be announced

You can contact the system offices for more information.

## ***Claflin announces ILDP list***

**Judy Wondra**, Independent Township Library, Claflin, provided a list of all of that library's books on their Interlibrary Loan Development grant for 1996 for Kansas collections. Many of them are from the University Press of Kansas, the Museum of Natural History, and the Kansas Geological Survey, all at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

The library is also in the process of acquiring free travel information from many various places in the state to accompany this collection. For a copy of the list contact Judy at Independent Township Library, 108 Main, Box 163, Claflin, KS 67525.

## ***Author visits Iola Public Library***

Iola Public Library hosted a book signing by Lucille Treganowan on Monday, July 1. Treganowan is the author of "Lucille's Car Care", published recently by Hyperion. The 66-year-old grandmother is the owner of two Transmissions by Lucille shops in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and hosts a weekly half-hour television show, "Lucille's Car Clinic" on the Home and Garden Television Network.

Treganowan grew up in Iola. She is currently on a book promotion tour which is taking her across the country and which has already landed her on the "Today" show and "The Late Show With David Letterman," with an appearance on "Oprah" scheduled for next month.

Treganowan was at the library from 9:30 — 11:30 am for the book signing. Copies of the book were available for purchase during that time.

## ***Pott-Wab libraries grow and expand***

With a convertible in the Old Settlers' Day Parade from which Freda Dobbins, Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library director, tossed candy and with brief comments by city, North Central Kansas Regional Library System and State Library dignitaries, a new mini-library was dedicated in Alta Vista on Saturday, July 20.

Not to be outdone, the Eskridge Branch Library was closed from July 10 — August 2 to move to its new location in the heart of downtown Eskridge at 115 South Main.

The Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, August 31, and will include an appearance by storyteller **Coleen Lunsford**, who will entertain from 10:00 — 11:00 am, with stories for all ages. Lunsford is Librarian at Highland Park High School, Topeka.

### **Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library Book Sale**

August 30	4:00 — 7:00 pm
August 31	8:00 am — 1:00 pm
September 1	10:00 am — 2:00 pm
September 2	10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Eskridge Branch Library  
405 South Main  
Eskridge, KS (Old location)

Treasures include *Life* and *Look* magazines from the 50's, 60's and 70's, and *Mother Earth* from the 1980's!  
--Sharon Durkes, Branch Librarian

## ***TSCPL bonds win close vote***

When WIBW-TV, which had observers at most of the precincts in the county, called the election, the news was greeted with whoops and hollers.

Supporters of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public library bond issue watched election results Tuesday night, August 6, with as much attention as they would give a real page-turner of a book.

About 8:30 pm, they learned their story had a happy ending when WIBW-TV projected voters would approve the \$23 million bond issue to expand and renovate the Library.

The final tally from the Shawnee County election office was 19,751 to 18,421.

Congratulations to the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library bond issue supporters!

### ***KLNB booth and sampler festival***

For the first time the Kansas Library Network Board will host a booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival. The festival is a project of the nonprofit Kansas Sampler Festival, whose mission is to preserve and sustain rural culture.

Over 120 Kansas communities provide a sample of what there is to do and see in Kansas with exhibit booths, stage acts, slide shows and videos, and oration. Highlights also include ethnic food, surrey rides, skydiving demonstrations, strolling minstrels, farm animal petting zoo, llama camp, antique cars, fur trader camp, round bale art, and a volkswalk. The Sampler Festival will occur Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6, at the Penner Farm southeast of Inman.

This is the seventh annual festival. The Kansas Library Association (KLA) has sponsored booths at past events, but this is the first time the Network Board has sponsored a booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival. The booth will feature Blue Skyways and CLOUD on the Internet.

### ***UNABASHED LIBRARIAN still in business***

The most frequent comment heard at the U\*N\*A\*B\*A\*S\*H\*E\*D LIBRARIAN exhibit table at the recent ALA/New York Conference was "I didn't know you were still publishing."

"The U\*N\*A\*B\*A\*S\*H\*E\*D (TM) Librarian The "How I Run My Library Good" (SM) Letter has asked us to tell our readers that they are still publishing, as they have since 1971. They hope you will send your ideas, forms, procedures, booklists, thoughts, library fiction, poetry, and library humor to them at: GPO, Box 2631, New York, NY 10116-2631 or Fax: 212/691-3807.

We would also greatly appreciate your sending to us the names and addresses of any library system and/or regional publications in the state, as well as the address of the State Library Association Newsletter.

### ***New books***

*by Roy Bird*

***They Made the Best Better: Building the Farm Bureau/Extension Service in Geary County, Kansas***, by Paul Gwin, Jr., and Irene Rogers. Manhattan: Sunflower University Press, 1996. Order from: Irene Rogers, 1032 West Chestnut, Junction City, KS 66441. 8½ x 11 paper. ISBN 0-89745-200-3. \$30 + \$2.24 p&h. Library discount 20% — \$24.

Two people with close ties to the rural community as well as the extension service in Geary County have produced a book which will have interest for every library that has farmers among its focuses on Geary County "extension work and 4-H," wrote Susan Moyer, director of the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library, Junction city, who brought it to our attention, "it also looks at Kansas life in the first half of this century and those hardy folk who put their hands to it."



Paul Gwin, Jr., is the son of the first county agent of Geary County, and after graduating from K-State led a distinguished career as an agricultural journalist. Irene Rogers grew up with and worked for the Geary county extension office and its 4-H clubs. They spice this book of hard research with interviews, recent photos and pictures of the past, charts and tables. They went far beyond their intent to tell the story of one county's success with extension — they set the standard for any similar efforts in the future. It also touches on agriculture in Dickinson, Marion, Clay and Riley counties.

This is a book that can be used not only in rural but also urban libraries with active 4-H projects or extension offices. It makes interesting reading to anyone who grew up on a farm during the early and mid 20th century. Recommended for adult nonfiction and Kansas collections.

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