

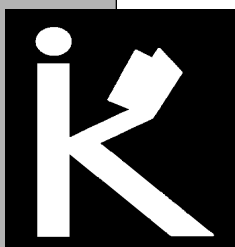
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New minimum wage

The new minimum wage recently signed into law by President Clinton will go into effect at the beginning of the federal fiscal year, October 1, 1996. At this time, libraries are expected to pay a minimum wage of \$4.75 per hour, and not less than \$5.15 per hour after September 1, 1997. Libraries are not required to pay minimum wage for services provided by independent contractors, but it is not legal to label library employees contractors to evade minimum wage requirements.

Libraries may use volunteers but paid employees may not work for the library as an unpaid volunteer doing the same type of work for which he or she is employed. Paid employees must be paid for all time spent as part of their job responsibilities, including work-related training taken during regular working hours or required by the library to attend.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, all units of local government, including public libraries, are covered by the minimum wage requirements.



Banned Books Week

September 28—October 5 marks Banned Books Week in 1996. A new book by William Noble is an indication that censorship is anything but dead in America. So too are the infrequent but disturbingly consistent occurrences of challenges to books in Kansas libraries during the past year.

Booklist wrote "From the earliest libel suit to the uproar over Salman Rushdie, Noble sees book banning as a 'hardy virus' that must be 'confronted consistently.'" His work, *Bookbanning in America: Who Bans Books?—and Why*, (Paul S. Erikson publisher, paper \$14.95, 1996, ISBN 0-8397-1081-X), strikes a warning note appropriate to the idea behind Banned Books Week.

Noble brings attention not only to the history of book censorship in the United States but also to its continued existence. It serves notice that libraries need to be prepared with a strong collection development policy and a policy stating the process for challenging library materials. Now is a good time to reflect on the impact of censorship in libraries.

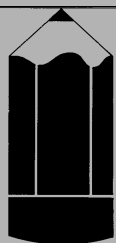
Joint conference

The Kansas Library Operations Associations (KLOA), a division of the Kansas Library Association; and the Central, Northwest, South Central and Southwest Kansas regional library systems will host a joint conference in Great Bend, Thursday, November 7, and Friday, November 8, 1996.

The preliminary program for the conference offers a wide range of topics on workplace skills, library technology and other related topics. Sites for the conference include the Great Bend Holiday Inn and Barton County Community College.

Registration information and costs will be announced later this month. Registration information will be distributed through the western Kansas regional library systems and KLOA.

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1996 White Award luncheon announced

The 1996 William Allen White Children's Book Award Luncheon will be held in the Bicentennial Center in Salina on Saturday, November 9 at noon. The Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals will host the 1996 White Award Luncheon. The 44th annual White Award Medal will be presented to Lois Lowry for her book, *The Giver*.

Reservations for the White Award Luncheon are now being accepted. Tickets are \$13 each before October 19. Between October 19 and October 26, tickets will be \$14. Tickets are \$9 for boys and girls through the ninth grade. Each group of ten children must be accompanied by one adult.

Luncheon reservation forms should be sent to Patrick Call, 812 E. A Street, Hillsboro, KS 67124. His work phone number is 316/947-3981 between 8 am and 5 pm., Monday—Friday. His home number is 316/947-3202 between 5 pm—10 pm., Monday—Friday. An answering machine is available on Saturday and Sunday. Reservation forms for the luncheon are available from Mary E. Bogan, Executive Secretary, White Award Program, William Allen White Library, Box 4051, Emporia, KS 66801-5092, telephone: 316/341-5037 or 5038.

The deadline for reservations is October 26. Heritage Hall has a capacity of 1,152. Early reservations are recommended. Ticket orders will be filled and table locations assigned in order of receipt of payment. Parties wishing to be assigned to the same table must submit ticket requests and payment together.

Checks should be made payable to KAESP - White Award Luncheon. A self-addressed, stamped envelope may be enclosed for the return of tickets. Reserved tickets can also be picked up at the ticket table in the lobby after 9 am on November 9.

Books by Lois Lowry will be sold on November 9 from 9 am—11:30 am by the Friends of the William Allen White Book Award Board on the upper level of the Bicentennial Center. Her books will also be on sale immediately following the luncheon. Autographing sessions will be held in the lobby of the Bicentennial Center from 9 am—11:30 am and immediately following the luncheon. There will be a limit of two books which will be autographed for each person.

The Giver, which was published in 1993 by Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston, is a science fiction novel by Jonas who is selected to be trained as the new Receiver of Memory for his utopian society when he becomes twelve. The book received the 1994 John Newbery Medal. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry had previously received the John Newbery Medal in 1990.

Trunk contest

Kansas schoolchildren will have the chance to learn more about the state's symbols through a hands-on learning experience when the Kansas State Historical Society introduces a new traveling resource trunk in fall 1997. Kansas schoolteachers including school librarians have the opportunity to be prominently featured in the activity book that accompanies the trunk.

The Kansas symbols trunk will be designed for pre-kindergarten through first-grade students. A contest will be held to solicit ideas from Kansas schoolteachers for the book. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

The Symbols trunk will feature fifteen different topics including an overview. The eight Kansas symbols are: American bison, ornate box turtle, western meadowlark, wild native sunflower, "Home on the Range", honey bee,

cottonwood tree, and state seal and motto. The six Kansas images are: aviation, railroad, cattle industry, wheat, weather, and Jayhawk.

Prizes will be awarded for the best historic idea and the best official state symbols. Winners will receive a personal copy of the activity book and a membership in the Kansas State Historical Society. A panel of three judges will review the submissions. The first 25 teachers who enter the contest also will receive a special prize. As many ideas as possible will be incorporated into the activity book, and teachers will receive credit for their ideas.

The contest deadline is midnight January 29, 1997. The Symbols trunk will be available to reserve at the beginning of the 1997-1998 school year. For a contest application, write to KSHS, 6425 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66615: 913/272-8681 x 251; TTY 913/272-8683.

FirstSearch is better the second time around

by Patti Mesmann

The Kansas State Library and a Colorado library consortium have signed an agreement through our regional affiliate BCR to provide a FirstSearch package to Kansas libraries.

Our start date is September 1, 1996. Kansas libraries should begin receiving packages in the mail around Labor Day. The package contains: documentation, authorization and password for your institution, and an explanatory letter. **SAVE THIS INFORMATION.**

Each institution receives a unique authorization number and password which is connected to your OCLC symbol. The number and password are used to connect to the FirstSearch databases through the Internet. You will find the link to FirstSearch on the "Libraries" page of Blue Skyways [<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/>]. Clicking on the FirstSearch link will take you to the page where you will be required to input the number and password for your institution. If you lose your authorization and password you will need to contact BCR to obtain the information (800/397-1552).

This project is made possible by funding from the Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDP) and

the cooperation of the 23 ILDP Resource Libraries throughout the state. They have agreed to fund our statewide purchase for the coming year, with annual renewal options. I know all Kansas librarians join me in thanking these libraries for making FirstSearch available statewide!

The following databases are being made available through this package.

- WorldCat
- ArticleFirst
- ContentsFirst
- PapersFirst
- ProceedingsFirst
- ERIC
- GPO Monthly
- Medline
- FastDoc
- EBSCO Master FILE
(3,300 tiles; 1,300 full-text)

The Kansas Library Network Board, the Reference Networking Committee, the State Library, and your regional library systems will be announcing training opportunities this fall. Watch for more information about sessions in your area to learn how to maximize your use of this electronic tool.

I think you will find FirstSearch easy to use and popular. If you have questions about using FirstSearch, or other questions, please feel free to call me at 800/432-3919, or BCR Reference Services staff at 800/397-1552. We will be happy to help you.

Summer reading program

Finney County Public Library Summer Reading Program ended July 26 with the Grand Prize give away. All eligible participants were given an equal chance as their names were entered in the final drawing.

Two children won 19" color television sets. Another child won a \$100 savings bond and another won a kaleidoscope. Six other prize winners were also included in the give away.

In all 755 youth in Finney County participated in the Summer Reading program. Over 25,000 volumes were read during the months of June and July. Prizes awarded valued over \$5,900, most which was by donation. There is no doubt that this program has an impact upon the community.

Pott-Wab announces new Eskridge facility

The Eskridge Branch of the Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library (St. Marys) moved to its new location downtown. It is now located in a former commercial building at 115 South Main after moving from the old site, a former residence, at 405 South Main.

The Grand Opening was held Saturday, August 31, and with brief comments by city, Pott-Wab, North Central Kansas Library System and State Library representatives. The new, remodeled facility was officially dedicated.

Congratulations to Eskridge and Pott-Wab.

Literacy announcements

Literacy grants awarded

The Kansas State Library Advisory Commission approved the following proposals for the 1997 Kansas Volunteers for Literacy Grant Program by the authority of S.B. 95;

- **Catholic Charities, Inc., Mt. St. Mary's Learning Lab, "Project Citizenship,"** Wichita, the \$21,050 project will establish literacy classes that in the first year will provide 40 volunteers for 50 individuals wanting to take the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) citizenship test.
- **Cloud County Community College, "Learning Skills Center Literacy Program,"** Concordia, received \$15,000 for a project that will establish a literacy program that in the first year will provide approximately 40 volunteers for more than 60 students in Cloud, Osborne, Smith and Clay Counties.
- **Finney County Public Library, "Read Together, Learn Together,"** Garden City, the \$3,500 project will establish a collection of family literacy materials for learners of English.
- **Wichita/Sedgwick County Cities in Schools, Inc., "Turning Over a New Leaf: Literacy Enrichment to Aid Families,"** received \$13,485 for a collaborative family literacy project.
- **Family Resource Center, Inc. (The Center),** Pittsburg, the \$15,000 grant will support a community-based volunteer literacy program.
- **Wichita Indochinese Center, Inc.,** is a traditional English as a Second language program and will use \$5,000 to upgrade materials and improve training of volunteers.
- **Girard Public Library,** received a grant of \$1,200 to develop a collection of high interest/low reading level material for adult literacy students and support materials for volunteer tutors.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America-Southern Montgomery County, Coffeyville Community College,** received approval for \$10,765 for an agency-based volunteer literacy project.

NOTE: The **Kansas State Library** received \$15,000 to purchase equipment to translate state government documents into braille.

Kansas literacy month

On August 20, Governor Bill Graves signed a proclamation declaring September to be Kansas Literacy Month. September 8 is International Literacy Day. Libraries can help increase literacy awareness.

If a local library supports a program, let the Governor or local legislators know about efforts to promote literacy.

KAL meeting

The Kansas Alliance for Literacy hosts its annual membership meeting at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 W. 10th on September 12, 1996 from 10:00 am—noon. The program will be a panel discussion with representatives from the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and the Kansas State Board of Education on the One-Stop System and block grants and their impact on these agencies and literacy in the state.

Following the panel discussion there will be a short membership meeting to elect new board members. For more information contact Leslie Bell at 800/432-2858 or Vikki Jo Stewart at 316/532-1075.

Conference scheduled

"Kansas Serving Their Communities 1996 Fall Conference"

- Refreshing the Volunteer Coordinator
- Strengthening the Community Service Program
- Creating Community Through Collaboration

The Conference will be held on October 11 & 12, 1996 in Topeka and is sponsored by the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA), the Kansas Commission on National and Community Service, the Kansas Corporation Commission for National Service, the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the KSU Community Service Program and the Kansas Intergenerational Network.

Vikki Stewart will be doing a session on "Anticipating the Future." Call Kent Muntzer, SRS, 913/296-6959 for more information.

Talking Books HO!

Kansas patrons hit the Talking Book trail this summer! The Childrens Summer Reading Program is celebrating its third year. The theme for 1996 was "Kansas Kids Read."

Pioneers, ages 14 and under, began their sunflower journey in June and broke camp in August. Prizes were awarded based on the number of braille or recorded books read during the summer. All participants also received a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Regional and State Librarians. Seventy-seven children participated in the Childrens Summer Reading Program. They read a total of 731 books during the summer.

Kansas' Talking Books Program, first began offering a Children's Summer Program in 1994 and the program has been very successful. Children enjoy reading and earning prizes, and parents have expressed their appreciation to staff for making this event possible. Kansas is already making plans for next years' program. The theme for 1997 will be "97 Bazillion Ways to Read."

Ten years of academy award shorts

The ten years of the Wichita Public Library Academy Award Shorts will be celebrated on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29. Two days are planned packed with film workshops and nearly 50 film screenings. All events, workshops and screenings, are free to the public.

"Each year the library offers the only look at these films, outside the Academy itself. This year we are excited that we can present a retrospective of the best and favorite films over the past ten year," said Sondra Koontz, Head of the Art, Music, and Video section at the Wichita Public Library.

The Library will be showing the past winners and Wichita's favorite Academy Award Short Subject Films at the Mary Jane Teal Theater, Century II. The theater seats about 600—first come, first seated.

Saturday, September 28 from 1:00—5:00 pm
Documentary Shorts
Saturday, September 28 from 7:00—10:30 pm
Live Action Shorts
Sunday, September 29 from 1:00—5:00 pm
Animation Shorts

Film workshops will be offered Saturday morning, September 28 at the Wichita Public Library, 223 S. Main. One of the workshops will be conducted by special guest Patrick Stockstill, the Awards Coordinator for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. Registration is required for the workshops, call Sondra Koontz at the Wichita Public Library, 316/262-0611.

Legislative docs in Braille

Beginning immediately, the State Library will make the text of legislative documents available in braille.

Over the summer, the State Library has acquired a braille embosser and braille translating software. The Library can now download a copy of a legislative bill and convert that electronic text to Braille.

To whom is the service available? The service is available to anyone who needs access to Braille formatted legislative documents.

How should a request be made? A telephone call to the State Library's Legislative Information desk (800/432-3924) is the preferable means to make a request. Through a one-on-one conversation, the State Library staff can determine exactly what it needed. However, it is also possible to fax (913/296-6650), e-mail (KSST14LB@INK.ORG), or write for a copy of a legislative document or to simply request a document, in person, at the Library's Statehouse location. Having the bill number ready is helpful, but not required. The staff at the State Library can usually identify a particular bill by subject or author.

How much does it cost? There will be no charge for a bill being considered by the current legislature (legislative sessions run for two years beginning with odd numbered years).

How long will it take to get braille copy? The State Library will make Braille copies upon request as soon as bills are available electronically and mail the brailled document the same day when work and mail schedule allows, or not later than the next day.

In establishing this service, we received help from Mary Adams, Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Ann Byington, Kansas Services for the Blind; Michael Byington, Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Joe Perez, Kansas Services for the Blind; and Kathy Studebaker, Holland Student Center. We express appreciation to these experts.

ILL librarians invited to KIC Council meeting

The fall KIC Council (and KILR) meeting is September 13, 1996 at Bethany College Wallerstadt library in Lindsborg. The meeting begins at 10:00 am.

The Council will be voting on a bylaw change and discussing the changing format from CD technology to online KLC. We will also see a demo of the online KILDm.

Voters need to be the KIC Council agreement signers. If you are unsure of who signed the agreement, call the State Library and ask Rhonda or Bonnie to look it up for you. All libraries that do interlibrary loans are invited to attend.

Master's program offered in Nebraska

Through a partnership agreement with the Nebraska Library Commission, Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) will offer its Master of Library Science degree program in Nebraska beginning in the spring of 1997. Classes will be conducted in Lincoln and Omaha and through interactive video in cooperation with Nebraska Educational Television.

Designed with the working and commuting student in mind, classes are held in "weekend intensive" format from Friday evenings to Sunday afternoons. Students will be in class approximately 16 weekends per year and will finish the 42-credit-hour program in less than three years.

Emporia State University is the only library school in the country that delivers a traditional classroom learning experience leading to graduation in multiple locations outside its home state. Since beginning its distance education program in 1988, SLIM has enabled hundreds of students in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Oregon to earn this essential master's degree in the library and information management field. The degree is fully accredited by the American Library Association. In addition, ESU offers one of only 20 Ph.D. programs in the country.

For more information call 800/552-4770 or visit SLIM's home page at <http://www.emporia.edu/s/www/slim/slim.htm>.

Lawrence PL receives SW Bell grant

The Lawrence Public Library can travel further down the telecommunications and information highway as a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Southwestern Bell, the company announced today.

The grant to the library is part of the first phase of Southwestern Bell's two-phase Kansas Community Enrichment Program, which will distribute a total of \$300,000 in 1996. In this phase, 18 communities and organizations, selected from 168 applications, will receive \$136,000 in grants ranging from \$2,000—\$11,000.

With the grant money, four online computer sites will be established for community access to the Internet at city, cultural and arts organization sites in Lawrence. Additionally, arts information will be added to the Lawrence CyberVillage web site to publicize arts activities in Lawrence. Training will be provided to the project partners to enhance their use of technology so they can provide ongoing training to artists and arts organizations in the area.

"We were highly impressed by the application from the Lawrence Public Library," said Mike Scott, Southwestern Bell area manager. "This kind of community/corporate partnership is essential as Kansas positions itself for the future. Southwestern Bell is pleased to support innovative programs that will strengthen communities, schools and organizations across the state and we look forward to the exciting things that will soon get underway at the library."

Library positions

Library Director Haskell County Library

Library Director for the Haskell County Library in Sublette, KS. Responsible for maintaining and developing a collection of 35,000 items (currently under retrospective conversion) and for supervising support staff and volunteers. An exciting opportunity for someone with good computer skills, budget and administrative abilities. Must be able to meet people easily and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Library experience and college education preferred. Salary range \$17,000—\$20,000 depending upon qualifications. Send cover letter and resume including three references to apply to: Faith Eves, Board Chair, Box 46, Sublette, KS 67877. For more information call 316/675-8130 after 5:00 pm. EOE.

Emporia State University
Director of Library Services and University Librarian

Emporia State University invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of Library Services and University Librarian to begin December 1996 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Located at the edge of the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas, Emporia State University offers a wide range of graduate and undergraduate degrees, including an M.L.S. and Ph.D. in Library and Information Management, through traditional and innovative instructional settings to its nearly 6,000 students.

The Director reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and is expected to provide leadership and vision to all library services and activities. The Director will oversee the continuing move to Internet and CD-ROM accessible databases, the migration to a new integrated client/server library automation system, and the creation of accessibility at remote sites.

Applicants must have an ALA-accredited master's degree and a doctorate in library science or a related field along with 5-8 years of academic/research library administrative experience. Qualifications must be sufficient to merit a tenure track appointment as a full or associate professor. Applicants with university teaching experience, understanding and commitment to resource sharing, networking, library automation, new information technologies, successful grant acquisition/administration, and a record of scholarly and professional achievement are especially invited to apply.

Screening will begin October 21, 1996 and continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a letter of application, vita, and the names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three professional references who are submitting letters to: Dr. John Schwenn, Academic Affairs, Campus Box 4045, Emporia State University, 1200 Commercial, Emporia, KS 66801-5087, e-mail: schwennj@esumail.emporia.edu. AA/EOE

Institutional grant round

Applications for FY 1997 Institutional library service grants totalling \$39,509 are being sent to eligible State institutions. The deadline for those interested in applying for these Federal funds is Monday, September 16, 1997.

The application, copy of the Institutional Library Services project of the LSCA Annual Program for Kansas and other pertinent materials are included in the application packet.

The grants will be awarded at the joint meeting of the LSCA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission on Friday, October 4, 1997 at 9:00 am at the Liberty Inn, Topeka.

The grants will be funded in spring 1997 and must be expended prior to September 30, 1997. These grants must be entirely spent during the federal fiscal year in which they are awarded.

For additional information about institutional library service grants contact Roy Bird at 800/432-3919.

No call for FY 97 LSCA Title II grants

As of this writing, no call is being made for letters of intent to apply for FY 1997 LSCA Title II grants for public library construction and new technologies. At this date, federal funding for this program during the coming year seems unlikely and sufficiently problematic that it has been deemed prudent not to begin a grant round for the program.

Should this situation change, the State Library will alert the Kansas public library community through announcements in *Kansas Libraries*. If you have questions or concerns regarding public library construction or new technologies grants, contact Roy Bird at 800/432-3919.

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LVA conference

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. National Conference will be held in Tulsa at the Adams Mark Hotel on Oct. 30—Nov. 2, 1996. For more information call Vikki Jo Stewart at 316/532-1075.

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