

## **Statewide Resource Sharing**

by Eric Hansen, Director, Statewide Resource Sharing

### **Kansas OverDrive Update**

The number of Kansas libraries and schools participating in the statewide OverDrive program has grown to 57, including the State Library. A statewide collection development committee will meet virtually in February to set parameters for loan periods, reserves and patron carts. With help from Kim Harp at the State Library, marketing planning is underway. Expect to hear about online training seminars for participating selectors in the near future. And Josh Motsinger of KUMC has been working with OverDrive staff to develop our Kansas Virtual Library with access to OverDrive titles and other statewide electronic resources.

### **Content Task Force**

Chair Stella Bentley and I each put out a final call to members of the Content Task Force in late January for their final and best lists of databases. In February it will be time to begin working with database vendors to carry the process forward. I am grateful to Stella and everyone on the task force for their efforts.

### **Interface Task Force**

Michaela Ayers's Interface Task Force has done great work and will send a final report to the State Library by the middle of February.

### **Training & Travels**

I attended the Rethinking Resource Sharing Forum in Chicago November 14 and 15. Facilitated by Brenda Bailey-Hainer of the Colorado State Library, it included representatives of libraries and library service vendors from around the country and overseas too. The forum made it clear to me that other states are pursuing goals similar to ours. I would be pleased to discuss it with anyone who cares to contact me.

ALA Midwinter was an opportunity for me to discuss statewide virtual reference with regards to marketing and measurement, and lessons learned. I also spent a lot of time visiting with library database vendors on the exhibits floor in San Antonio. Upon my return, I traveled to Garden City to train three new Finney County Public Library staff to work KANAnswer. They absorbed policies and procedures very quickly, so the session went very well.

### **Tri-Conference 2006 Programs**

Sara Kearns of KSU and Linda Lillard of SLIM will join me to conduct three focus group sessions about the Kansas Digital Library (KDL) on Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at noon. We will meet in room 206 of the Century II. Please join us to help us assess this important statewide resource. See [www.kansasdigital.org](http://www.kansasdigital.org) for an advance look at the KDL.

On April 6 at 10:30 I will join in a panel discussion about Interlibrary Loan sponsored by KILR. This is a chance to learn about the plans the State Library has for the patron initiated, unmediated ILL pilot project at the Coffey County Library.

On April 6 at 1:00 p.m. I will present “All things considered: Statewide library resource sharing update” in the Century II, room 207. Want to know what those task forces have been up to? This is where you go for the up-to-the-minute story.

### **Internet Booth**

At this Triconference, what used to be the Network Board Internet Booth will instead be a State Library booth with tables for the Kansas Center for the Book, the Kansas Talking Book Service, and the State Library itself. Internet access for conference goers will be furnished by a wireless router for those only in the immediate vicinity of the State Library booth.

Any questions about statewide resource sharing can be directed to me at [erich@kslib.info](mailto:erich@kslib.info).