Statewide Resource Sharing

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Kansas Library Card version 3.0 is live
Version 3.0 of the Kansas Library Card went live on February 20. Thanks to the fine work of Josh Motsinger and Gene Pace of the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansans can now create a 30 day temporary account at the card's web site (http://www.kslc.org). They then will have 30 days to verify their account at any participating library or school in Kansas. Card holders can also renew their cards online. Users can still apply and renew in person at libraries and schools if they wish.

netLibrary records on the KLC
Thanks to the persistence of Rhonda Machlan, MARC records for statewide netLibrary titles are now available for public search on the Kansas Library Catalog. The records are available on the catalog as part of the Kansas Virtual Library Collection. Records for the BCR shared Community College Collection of netLibrary titles will follow soon, and we have begun the process of procuring MARC records for what will become our statewide collection of OverDrive audio books as well. The OverDrive records will be added to the Kansas Virtual Collection portion of the KLC at a later date.

Interface Task Force
The statewide Interface Task Force submitted its final report on February 15, 2006. With the leadership of Chair Micaela Ayers, the task force made a number of useful recommendations that the State Library will put into effect as we continue our efforts to design a one-stop shopping library site for Kansans. The report is available online at:
http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/InterfaceReport2006.htm.

OverDrive training sessions set
OverDrive collection development webinar training sessions are set for March 10 at 10:00 a.m. and March 15 for 2:00 p.m. The sessions will use the ReadyTalk service, and will last 30-60 minutes each. The training sessions will be identical, participating library or school selectors need attend only one of the sessions. For more information, contact Eric Hansen at 800/432-3919 or Eric Hansen.

Courier Task Force update
Courier Task Force Chair Jim Minges is investigating the possibility of a collaborative arrangement with Colorado for courier service.

WebWise conference 2006
On February 15 I flew to Los Angeles to attend the WebWise 2006 Conference. Sponsored this year by OCLC and the J. Paul Getty Trust, the conference showcased successful IMLS web based grants. The keynote and plenary speeches were enlightening and encouraging, because recommendations I heard followed the same direction that the State Library of Kansas is headed. I would be happy to discuss particulars of what I heard, saw and learned with anyone who is interested.

Content Task Force update
Chair Stella Bentley submitted a database prioritization list to the State Library on January 27. This was the refined list of 5 topical areas with 3 databases each that the State Library had requested of Stella's Content Task Force. Not long afterwards, I posted the topical priority list to several library related e-mail discussion lists in Kansas, and have since used the response to adjust the priority list. Deputy State Librarian Marc Galbraith and I will begin database vendor negotiations soon.

Coffey County ILL Pilot Project
For Tri-Conference 2006 I will join Trish Palluck and Mary Markwalter in a panel discussion of patron-initiated unmediated interlibrary loan. The discussion will be sponsored by KILR with expenses funded by the State Library. My latest information indicates that all automation vendor adjustments will be complete by the first week of March. I am looking forward to the launch of this project and what it might mean to the future of library service in Kansas.