

## **Kim Patton Honored by the Collaborative Summer Reading Program**

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Kimberly Patton, Young Adult Specialist at the Lawrence Public Library, was honored as outgoing chair of the Teen Manual Committee at the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) annual meeting in Portland, Oregon. While this was the official reason, those who were there agreed that it was really for her passion and drive in almost single-handedly developing the Teen Summer Program for CSLP. Kim has been the Teen Manual Chair for the last three years and has poured her heart into transforming it from a chapter at the back of the children's manual to a multi-chapter separate manual that presents an excellent teen program.



Kim's responsibilities as Teen Manual Chair ranged from requesting ideas and programs for the manual, managing the Teen Manual Discussion List, participating in lengthy conference calls, sending out manual chapters to her committee and working with the manual editor, gathering evaluations of Teen Manual materials, requesting future themes and conducting a highly-spirited discussion at the annual CSLP meeting. She will be missed in this role and will be a very hard act to follow.

Kim was unable to attend the meeting in Portland, due to family medical emergencies. The participants understood, but she was badly missed. Randi, the in-coming Teen Manual Chair, kept reminding the group to remember the teen program in all their decisions. When the vendor arrived to present an overview of products, she again leapt to her feet and asked him to "Remember the teens!" The vendor paused, smiled and said, "You must be the new Kim."

The children's consultants applaud Kimberly Patton for her commitment to teens and her willingness to share her knowledge and enthusiasm with Lawrence, with Kansas and with the forty-four states in the Summer Reading Collaborative.