

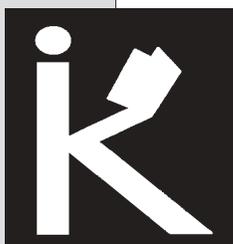
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## Statewide database news

—by Marc Galbraith

Research and Information Services

### Fall trials completed

The fall database trials jointly sponsored by the Reference Networking Committee, the Regents Library Database Committee and our Colorado database partners came to a close on December 31. Databases in the trial included three versions of Books In Print, EBSCO's Academic Search Premier and Business Source Premier, Gale Group's Expanded Academic Index and Business & Company Resource Center, Proquest's ABI-Inform Complete and Wilson's OmniFile Mega. In addition to these,

Kansas libraries also trialed EBSCO's Health Source: Consumer Edition, Newspaper Source, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection and Clinical Reference Systems.

Many library staff persons in Kansas and

Colorado took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the database trials. Data generated via the trial evaluation form has been compiled and is now being analyzed. Data was also gathered via a questionnaire sent to database vendors.

### Winter trials to begin

A statewide trial of Proquest's Careers and Technical database will get underway early in January 2002. An announcement will be made via

KANLIB-L and the school libraries e-mail discussion list. Additional trials may also be announced for winter and/or spring 2002.

### Annual evaluation of database service initiated

The third evaluation of the statewide online database service is now underway. The evaluation instrument is available on the database page of Blue Skyways (<http://www.skyways.org/library/databases.html>). This survey is designed to give Kansas library staff and patrons an opportunity to express their views about the suite of online databases currently offered via Blue Skyways. This is not an evaluation of the databases just recently made available on a trial basis.

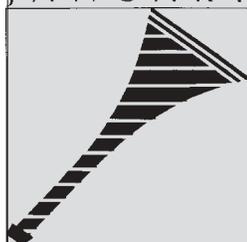
### Help us find a name

We need a name for the suite of statewide online databases made available via Blue Skyways. We are looking for something easier to say than "the suite of statewide online databases made available via Blue Skyways." The Reference Networking Committee is hosting a contest to find just such a name and the contest entry form can be found on Blue Skyways (<http://www.skyways.org/library/databases.html>). Help us, please!!!

### Choose your Infotrac preference

Recently, the Kansas Infotrac representative brought to our attention the fact that many Kansas libraries might have been using an Infotrac search preference configuration that was not the most desirable for their local needs. In response, we have asked Gale Group to put up a Web page (<http://trials.galegroup.com/bluesky/preference.html>) of seven pre-configured search preference interfaces. The page includes an online form that can be used to tell Gale Group which search preferences to use for each Kansas library. Gale Group has established, and implemented, preference configuration #2 as the default preference and there is no need to change that setting if the current search screen configurations meet a library's needs. If not, the additional options are readily available.

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## *Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library grand opening*



*Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library*

The Library Board of Trustees, The Library Foundation, the Friends of the Library, Library Administration, Staff and Volunteers invite you to come celebrate the grand opening of the newly-remodeled Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at 1515 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Many events are scheduled to occur from January 12 – 18. A complete list of events is available online at [http://www.tscpl.org/grand\\_opening.htm](http://www.tscpl.org/grand_opening.htm).

Performances and activities are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 785/580-4400, [tscpl@tscpl.lib.ks.us](mailto:tscpl@tscpl.lib.ks.us).

## *Cabin fever fiction book sale*

Hundreds of nearly-new and gently-used novels, mysteries, science fiction and other fiction books will be on sale January 10-12 at the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, when the Johnson County Library and Friends of the Johnson County Library co-sponsor the Cabin Fever Fiction Book Sale.

Fiction books will be priced at \$1.00 for hardcover books and larger paperback books, and 50¢ for pocket-sized paperbacks. There will be some reference books at the sale and those books may be priced higher than the fiction books.

The sale will be held in the Antioch Library meeting room the following dates and times:

- Thursday, January 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

All sales are final. Checks are accepted with proper identification. For more information about the Cabin Fever Fiction Book Sale, or the Friends of the Johnson County Library, call the Friends Book Store located in the Antioch Library lobby, at 913/261-2330.

If fiction is not what you are looking for, the Friends Book Store will be open during the Cabin Fever Fiction Book Sale. Nonfiction books and books in other categories, LP albums, CDs and audio cassettes, VHS cassette movies, Friends Book Store gift certificates and tote bags with the Friends logo can be purchased in the store.

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director



The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has awarded a grant that will make it possible for four Kansas institutions to digitize historic materials in their care for access on the Web. The two-year project, called “Western Trails,” will aid in the creation of digital copies of source

materials related to the historic western migration of the U.S. population, whether on foot, by horse-drawn conveyance, by rail, or by highway.

Kansas partners in the project include the Boot Hill Museum and Kansas Heritage Center in Dodge City, the Kansas State Historical Society, and the Special Collections Department at Wichita State University. Staff of the Southwest Kansas Library System and Dodge City Public Library will furnish assistance to the Dodge City partners. The Kansas State Library will coordinate the project. State agencies in Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming are also taking part in the Western Trails project. By the end of the two years, metadata for all digital objects from all partners in all states will be searchable from a central Web site hosted by the University of Denver.

A special two-day workshop about digitization will be hosted by the Kansas State Library and the Southwest Kansas Library System (SWKLS) on February 18 and 19, 2002. The workshop will occur at the SWKLS headquarters in Dodge City. It will be open to participants in the IMLS Western Trails project, and anyone from a library, museum, historical society or archive in Kansas who is, or expects to be, involved in a digitization project. Liz Bishoff of the Colorado

Digitization Project will be the presenter. Further information is available by contacting me at 800/432-3919 or [eric@ink.org](mailto:eric@ink.org); or Carolyn Guernsey, SWKLS, at 800/657-2533 or [carolyng@trails.net](mailto:carolyng@trails.net).



I was pleased to have discussed the Kansas Library Card (KSLC) at a meeting of the Kansas Department of Education in Topeka on December 7. While issuing cards to those in the agency who desired them, I saw that the number of cardholders is now above 12,000. More improvements are planned for the KSLC web site, both seen and unseen. Watch [www.kslc.org](http://www.kslc.org) for developments as they occur.

The Kansas State Library hosted its annual holiday open house on Friday, December 14. I acted as staff photographer for the event (see photo below). I have placed some of the more successful digital shots in a snapshot album format on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/openhouse2001/kslophenhs1.html>.



*Kim Clark, Diana Sowers & Cindy Roupe*

*For information about the Network Board, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 ([eric@ink.org](mailto:eric@ink.org)).*

## *KU names Stella Bentley as new dean of libraries*

—by Todd Cohen  
Assistant Director, News  
University Relations, KU



*Dr. Bentley*

Stella Bentley, the dean of libraries at Auburn University, has been named the new dean of university libraries at the University of Kansas, announced Provost David Shulenburg.

Bentley will oversee KU's extensive library system, which serves nearly

26,000 students and includes 3.3 million volumes and 27,000 current serial titles housed in seven library facilities on the Lawrence and Overland Park campuses. University Libraries has a \$14 million annual budget and 174 employees.

"I am very pleased that Stella Bentley will join KU," Shulenburg said. "Her record of accomplishments at Auburn and her great technical and collections expertise augur very well for her great success here.

Noted for her administrative expertise and focus on services within libraries, Bentley has been dean of Auburn's libraries since 1997. At Auburn, Alabama's largest university, with 22,000 students, Bentley oversaw a library system with three facilities, more than 2.2 million volumes and 19,000 current serial titles. The library's budget is \$11 million.

She previously served in various administrative positions in libraries at the University of California-Santa Barbara, Case Western Reserve University and Indiana University. Bentley holds a doctorate in library and information science and a master's degree in library science from Indiana University, a master's degree in education

from Indiana State University and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of California-Berkeley.

A California native, Bentley is a leader in the American Library Association. She is chair of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries Executive Board, past chair of the Alabama Virtual Library and chair of the Diversity Committee of the Association of Research Libraries. She has published extensively on library organization and digital library issues.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to come to the University of Kansas," Bentley said today. "The KU libraries are outstanding, and we will continue to build strong collections, provide user-focused services and collaborate with other research libraries to meet the information needs of KU faculty and students."

Bentley will begin work at KU on April 1. She succeeds Julia Rholes, who has served as interim dean since January.

"I am especially pleased to welcome Stella as our new dean of libraries," Rholes said. "She brings an incredible wealth of experience to this position, and I look forward to working with her to continue to build the libraries' well-deserved reputation for excellence in its collections and services. We are very fortunate to have Stella at KU."

## *Book Time @ Your Library and read through the winter*

The Johnson County Library, Friends of the Johnson County Library, Rainy Day Books and Last Chapter Bookshoppe invite adults (including high school students) to participate in the library's winter reading program Book Time @ Your Library (formerly Winter EscaPage).

Reading logs have been available since December 26 at the Johnson County Central Resource Library, all 12 branch library locations, the Friends of the Library Book Store (located in the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway) and both of the cosponsoring book stores. Reading logs can also be downloaded from the library's Web site, [www.jocolibrary.org](http://www.jocolibrary.org). To participate, adults may select a reading level, read or listen to six books, and turn the reading log in by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2002, to be eligible for a prize drawing.

In 2002, the Johnson County Library will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a salute to the 1950s. Book Time @ Your Library reading levels also reflect the 1950s theme:

- Through the Years—Read one book published in each of the following decades: 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s.
- Yesterday's Hits—Read six best sellers from the 1950s.
- Rock Around the Clock—Read any six books of your choice.
- Prime Time—Read one fiction, one nonfiction, one biography and three additional books.
- Solid Gold—Read one fiction, one nonfiction, one biography, one award-winning book, one book from another country or culture and a book of poetry.

The programs are free and open to the public. Interpretive services and other accommodations for those with special needs are available by contacting library staff at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled library program. For more information call 913/261-2345.

For more information about Johnson County Library's programs for children, teens and adults, pick up a copy of the Johnson County Park and Recreation District *Activi-*

*ties* catalog, available at all library and park district locations. Library programs are listed in a special section in the back of the catalog. Many library programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Johnson County Library.

For more information contact Sonia J. Smith by calling 913/261-2326 or by email at [smiths@jcl.lib.ks.us](mailto:smiths@jcl.lib.ks.us).

## *Corn dip recipe*

—by Donna Copeland  
Library Information Technology Division

Following is the recipe for the corn dip served at the State Library's open house December 14. Numerous guests and staff requested the recipe.

### **Corn Dip**

- 2 cans Mexican corn, drained
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 chopped green onions
- 1 jar green chilis
- 10 ounces shredded cheddar

Mix all ingredients together and chill at least one hour and serve with crackers. The above is a single recipe. I find that one batch is usually not enough, so I generally double it. Enjoy!

### *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*.**

## *Pittsburg Public Library celebrates anniversary*

—by Carol Ann Robb  
Pittsburg Public Library

The Pittsburg Public Library first opened its doors on January 18, 1902. Located in the west wing of the city office building, the library quickly outgrew its space and five years later the Board of Trustees began searching for ways to secure funds for a new building. They approached Andrew Carnegie, who allocated \$40,000 towards their goal. This donation angered area miners so to appease them the Board agreed the Carnegie name would not appear on the new building. Completed in 1912, the new library was built in the Prairie Style of architecture made famous by Frank Lloyd Wright. In 1996, an extensive project to expand and renovate the existing structure was undertaken under the direction of GLPM Architects of Lawrence. The project, completed in 1998, received the Kansas Historic Preservation Award for Excellence.



*Pittsburg Public Library*  
(Rendering of Pittsburg Public Library courtesy of  
GLPM Architects, Lawrence, KS)

A special centennial observance will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 19. Randy Roberts, archivist and director of special collections at Pittsburg State University, and Lizbeth Ohse, PSU student, will present a look back through the past 100 years in a series of historical and musical vignettes. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments following the program.

Other centennial-related programs will be offered throughout the year. At 2 p.m. Feb. 16 Barbara Ryan, English professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will present “Border States Humor: Mark Twain and Langston Hughes.” This program will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Humanities Council. “Andrew Carnegie’s Library Legacy in Kansas” will be given by Roy Bird, consultant with the Kansas State Library, at 6:30 p.m. April 23 at the Friends of the Library’s annual meeting. Preservation architect Vance Kelley will present “Preserving the Spirit of Place” at 6:30 p.m. May 14. Author Thomas Fox Averill will speak at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 on “Freedom, Hard Work and the Stars: Kansas in Literature.” A reunion for all current and former library staff, board members and officers of the Friends of the Library is scheduled for Sept. 21. Author and former PPL employee Joy Reed will speak at a special reception that day. James Fisher, formerly of the Kansas City Star, will discuss his newspaper and television reporting career on Oct. 12.

A special reading program for adults, titled “100 Years/ 100 Books” will run through the 2002 calendar year. Plans also call for a library cookbook to be printed and sold later in the year.

Centennial activities are being sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Anyone wishing additional information may contact Carol Ann Robb, Reference & Adult Services Librarian, at 620/231-8110 or [carobb@pittsburg.lib.ks.us](mailto:carobb@pittsburg.lib.ks.us).

## Library position

**Library Director** needed for a town serving population of 12,000 located 60 miles SE of Wichita, KS; annual budget of \$284,000, collection of 49,000 volumes and staff of 7.0 FTE. Planning for an addition to the facility in progress. Exciting opportunity for someone with an MLS from an ALA-accredited library school. Two years professional experience in a public or academic library or a bachelor's degree, and 3 years professional experience as a library director in a public library serving a community of 2,000 or larger population. Library planning/building experience preferred.

Starting salary \$26,000-\$29,000 depending on experience. Open until filled. Letter of application, resume and names and contact information of three references should be sent to:

Christine Squires, President  
Arkansas City Public Library Board of Trustees  
623 N. 11th Street  
Arkansas City, KS 67005

Inquiries can be made by email to Christine Squires at [jsquires@kscable.com](mailto:jsquires@kscable.com) and by phone to W. H. Allen at 620/442-0666 or Rhonda Ross at 620/442-5469.

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## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

*Delano: Stories from the Neighborhood*, by Patrick Joseph O'Connor. Order from: Rowfant Press, 2401 W. 27th N., Wichita, KS 67204. Paper, 5"x8", illus., 160 pp., 2001. \$12.00.

In a collection of related short stories, Patrick O'Connor's latest look at Wichita focuses on the Delano neighborhood. Using a character named Danny, the author takes the reader back to the 1950s, the days when some of the things we today take for granted were brand new—things like credit cards, consumer wealth, and the disaffection of some parts of society—while using the unique microcosm of a now-aging portion of Wichita. Over thirty contemporary photographs highlight the reminiscences of the youthful adventures of one boy.

Additionally, after each story O'Connor includes a list of sources which he consulted to prepare that section. It includes not only the exuberance and optimism of the fifties but also the undercurrent of the postwar boom and the false front of the American Dream. At the same time it is a witty story of coming of age while presenting an accurate fictional picture of Delano fifty years ago.

Recommended for adult fiction or Kansas collections in public libraries.



Check out the Topeka libraries  
online "ATLAS" catalog at:  
<http://lib.wuacc.edu/>

## Kansas libraries.... 10 years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

### Excerpts from the January/February 1992 issue of Kansas Libraries

- Linda Coonley, former supervisor of Directory Services at Johnson County Library, has been named the manager for the new Shawnee Branch due to open in Spring 1992.
- Janet Keller, Director, Washington Public Library, and her board held an open house for their new “Toybrary” on December 7th. Parents and grandparents are able to check out quality educational toys from this collection.
- The Kansas City Kansas Public Library is now offering special program video cassettes to businesses and organizations. Over 100 video programs are available on subjects such as sexual harassment, new ideas for fund raising, helping teens improve decision skills and more.

- The Kansas Library Laws Study has been completed and submitted to the Kansas Library Association. Committees will review different sections of the report conducted by consultants at Florence Mason & Associates.

- OCLC/Autographics has been selected as the new vendor for production of the Kansas Library Catalog. The new version of the KLC will be produced once a year, with the first issue in mid 1992.

- The University of Kansas Spencer Research Library has received a grant which will allow for all the materials in the P.S. O’Hegarty Irish Library to be fully cataloged into OCLC and the fragile items to be preserved by microfilming.

- In the fall of 1991 the Wichita Public Library Discovery Center began a year-long series of programs focusing on different aspects of Kansas history. Entitled “Whose Story? Kansas History at the Wichita Public Library,” the series includes evening lectures, Sunday afternoon films and a monthly afternoon tea.



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