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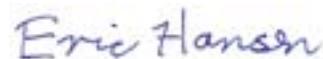
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To All Readers:

As you know, the state fiscal outlook has made it necessary to cut back on some services from the Kansas State Library and to reevaluate others. One such service is delivery of the print version of this newsletter. As issues of the newsletter are available on Blue Skyways as PDF files, and as the number of print subscribers now stands at 69, including out-of-state institutions, the *print version* of the newsletter will *cease to exist* beginning with the March 2003 issue. The newsletter *will continue to be available online* as before. The

State Library will print the newsletter on demand for any of you who are unable to access the online version. To indicate that you must continue to receive the print version, contact me at 800/432-3919 (toll-free), 785/296-3875 (voice), or eric@kslib.info.

Sincerely,



Eric Hansen, Editor
Kansas Libraries

KLA has new director and office

The Kansas Library Association has hired its first ever Executive Director. Rosanne Goble, former director of the Southwest Kansas Library System and Dodge City Public Library began her duties on December 2 at the new KLA office in Topeka. Contact information for Rosanne is: 1020 SW Washburn, Topeka, KS 66604, 866/552-4636 (toll free), 785/235-1383 (voice/fax), kansaslibraryassociation@yahoo.com (e-mail), <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/>.

KLOA'S annual conference

—by Susan Zuber-Chall
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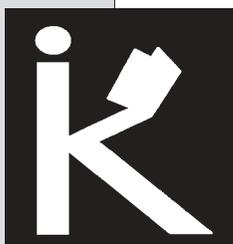
“Sunflower Connections” KLOA’s Annual Conference
April 23-25, 2003, Topeka, KS

Featuring the following famous Kansas authors:

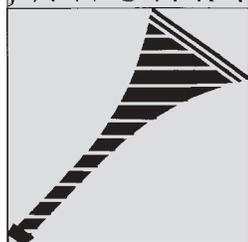
Tom Averill “Secrets of the Tsil Cafe”
Max Yoho “The Revival”
And the following workshops and presenters:
Cross Training in Libraries—Marty Hale
Dealing with Diversity—Sandra Tutwhiler
Business and Technical Writing—Mary Sheldon
School Library-Aide Sessions—Judy Druse
Porn and Privacy—Eleanor Stracker
Banned Books—Susan Marchant

Plus a presentation by Karen Ray as “Laura Ingalls Wilder.”

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Electronic information becomes more critical in hard times

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

The tight fiscal climate in Kansas is going to make online information and online communication even more critical than they have been before. The State Library, the School of Library and Information Management and the Kansas library systems are not going to be able to do mass mailings to make sure that all Kansas libraries get vital information and important professional documents.

Thanks to the training offered by the systems and the library school, most Kansas librarians have developed the skills to create, find and use online information. But the time has come when all Kansas librarians are going to have to make effective use of online information. If the library staff is not using it effectively, they are likely to be cut off from a wide variety of resources they need to have a good library:

- A great deal of information needed for effective reference service is only available online, especially in smaller communities. Internet searching skills have become absolutely essential to offering modern reference and interlibrary loan.
- The coming development of statewide reference services, such as KANAnswer, will place tremendous amounts of expertise in the online environment. This is a resource that should be available to all Kansans.
- A surprising number of reference questions are being answered, quickly and helpfully, through the KANLIB-L library listserv.
- The School of Library and Information Management is relying more on websites and KANLIB-L announcements to distribute information on courses and seminars. This includes information on the flourishing Library Services Certificate Program and the fascinating “Food for Thought” study seminars.
- The State Library staff will be announcing programs, breaking news and LSTA grant opportunities online. While the telephone remains critically important for consulting services, e-mail and online announcements are an important source of useful information.

- System and state library newsletters are being offered in the online environment. Increasingly, they will be mailed only to those who have a special need for a paper copy.
- More publications produced by the Kansas library community will be offered only in electronic format. This is dictated partly by fiscal stringencies and partly by the need for information that is up-to-date.

In the past, the postage bills of the state library, the library school and the library systems have been stratospheric. Electronic information offers a way to reduce this expense that can no longer be supported to the detriment of other services. But the growth of electronic communication should not be regarded as a gloomy response to an economic recession. It is part of the ongoing evolution toward a Kansas library community that is also a genuine information community. Just as the members of a happy family will stay in touch with one another, the members of a vital professional community will have a constant flow of varied information.

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director



December 17th was training day for KANAnswer

institutions that have pledged staff to active participation in the project. A total of 48 individuals were trained in four 1½-hour sessions at the 4th floor computer lab in Benton Hall on the Washburn University campus. Trainer Laura Nuter came in from New York to train participants (“operators”) in use of LivePerson soft-



KANAnswer training December 17

ware. The software uses a combination of real-time chat, e-mail, and Web page “push” technology as a means to share information between operators and users. KANAnswer operators will now have the month of January 2003 to practice using the service with each other and themselves before the service is announced to the public. For more information about KANAnswer, see the KANAnswer Web site at www.kananswer.info or contact me at 800/432-3919 (toll free), 785/296-3875 (voice) or eric@kslib.info.

For information about the Network Board, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (eric@kslib.info).



I was very pleased to take time to visit the participants in the Western Trails project in Dodge City on December 18 and 19. The new Southwest Kansas Regional Scanning Center at the Southwest Kansas Library System/Dodge City Public Library



Scanning Center at Dodge City

will be a boon to regional institutions with historic materials deserving of digitization, and is already in use by the Boot Hill Museum for its Western Trails work. I am grateful to the leadership and staff of the Southwest Kansas Library System and Dodge City Public Library for its continuing support of the Western Trails project.

The Boot Hill Museum has many important historical photos, texts and artifacts in its archive and is digitizing them for its Western Trails Web site to follow soon.

The Kansas Heritage Center is well along the way to digitizing 500 full-text historic newspaper notices relevant to the cattle trails that passed through Dodge City in the last third of the nineteenth century. For a sample, point your browser to <http://khc.dcpl.info/>.



It was my pleasure to inform members of the Kansas public education community about the Kansas Library Card at two conferences during the month of December. The 2002 Kansas Technology Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education gave me opportunities to promote the card and resources available to those who have one at the Maner Conference Center in Topeka on December 4 and 5. On Sunday, December 8, I traveled to the Century II Convention Center in Wichita to present several mini clinics about the card at the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Annual Convention.

Youth Services Certificate

—by Rene Yaws
SLIM, Emporia State University

Youth Services for Librarians Certificate Library Services Certificate Program School of Library and Information Management Emporia State University

Youth Services for Librarians is a specialized certificate for those with a desire to work with children and young adults or for those who are already working with that age group. To earn the certificate participants must take three core courses.

- *LI530 Introduction to Youth Services: Child and Adolescent Development*

This course is an overview of children's and youth development with an emphasis of applying this knowledge to design of library services and development of library policy for youth services. The course will focus on early childhood through early adolescence (age 16).

- *LI531 Resources and Services for Children*

This course is a study of library resources and services for children, early childhood through age 10.

- *LI532 Resources and Services for Young Adults*

This course is the study of library resources and services for young adults, age 11-18.

These core courses are followed by a practicum or in some cases the final course can be one in another certificate area. This decision is reached through the collaboration of the student, their current supervisor, and the student's advisor.

Enrollment Process

In order to enroll in a certificate course one must first apply to Emporia State University. There are three types of applications:

- *Undergraduate "Special Student" application*

This application is for the student who does not already have a bachelor degree from any institution. Also this is for the student who wants to obtain the certificate only and not apply undergraduate hours to a degree at ESU.

- *Undergraduate application*

This application is for the student who does not already have a bachelor degree from any institution. However, this student is applying the credit hours earned in the certificate program to a bachelor degree at ESU. (Include BIS and IRS info)

- *Graduate application*

This application is for the student who does have a bachelor degree from ESU or any other institution. In order to take certificate courses this student must fill out the Graduate application as a non-degree seeking student.

Once one has applied to the university, enrollment can be accomplished by mail, phone, or e-mail to the Coordinator of the Library Services Certificate Program. (See contact information below)

Financial Assistance

Students should check with their Library Director and their Kansas Library System to see if financial assistance is available. If a student's system is unable to help, the student should check with the Coordinator of the Library Services Certificate Program to explore other options.

Start Date

The first course for this certificate is being offered this spring, 2003. Please call or e-mail Rene immediately to apply and enroll!

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SLIM Professor John Agada presents in South Africa

—by Daniel Roland
Director of SLIM Communications
Emporia State University

SLIM Professor John Agada was invited to present a paper entitled, "Using National Information Infrastructures to revitalize libraries in Africa: An Agenda for Action," at the 5th Annual Conference of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) which met in Port Elizabeth, South Africa from October 1-5, 2002.

During the trip, Dr. Agada visited several libraries and library schools and consulted with their staff on current professional challenges. He presented a workshop to public librarians in the Tygerberg administration in Cape Town on libraries and the development of civil society in emergent democracies. He also presented on "Critical information literacy and the African Renaissance" at the Center for Information Literacy, University of Cape Town.

An outcome of the trip is a joint project with South African colleagues on designing a library school course on indigenous knowledge management, and a framework for an indigenous knowledge infrastructure for South Africa. The trip was jointly sponsored by Emporia State University and the U.S. Embassy in South Africa, as part of its Speaker Program.

Books on Performing Arts purchased

—by Edna Ruth Kemp
Pretty Prairie High School Library

Pretty Prairie High School Library has purchased a number of books on Performing Arts with ILDP Grant Funds. These books will be listed on the Kansas Library Catalog and are ready for use. Anyone wishing a list of the titles may send a request to kemper@usd311.com or High School Library, Attn: Edna Ruth Kemp, Box 326, Pretty Prairie, KS 67560.

KASL-LNBTS

—by Sharon Coatney
Chair, Library Media Standards Committee
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Sincere congratulations to the six Kansas school library media specialists who achieved certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Sandy Ames, Olathe; Kate Thompson, Olathe; Linda Olson, Manhattan; Daneen Deam, Milford; Mary Witt and Sharon Coatney, Linwood. Over 400 school librarians were certified nationwide in this "first class" of school librarians to go through the process.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (www.nbpts.org) is a national nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization which offers voluntary certification to K-12 teachers now in about 21 fields. The certification is usually portable and in many states including Kansas, offers salary increases etc.; it is in effect for 10 years. The certification process takes close to a year and is very rigorous. It is a process of portfolio preparation of actual teaching videos, student work exemplars, etc. and a lengthy testing center set of exercises. This year for the first time library media specialists could be certified using standards set forth in the NBPTS standards for school library media certification. The standards were developed by a national committee over a three year period, assessments were developed and then piloted and tested by school librarians nationwide. Sharon Coatney was the chair of the national standards writing committee. Bob Grover was the other Kansan on that committee. There were over 430 school librarians nationwide who achieved national certification in the first class.

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*.

Gee Gee Helm, Kingman, earns first Library Services Certificate

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

Gee Gee Helm, the assistant librarian at the Kingman Public Library, became the first librarian to earn the new Library Services Certificate from Emporia State University on December 11th.

Gee Gee received the Certificate from Program Coordinator Rene Yaws at a Kingman Board Meeting. She received warm congratulations from the Kingman board members; library director Linda Slack; SLIM faculty members Marty Hale and Rene Yaws; Nancy Malone of the South Central System; from State Library staff members Shannon Roy and Vikki Jo Stewart, and from her delighted husband, Daniel Helm.

Gee Gee has been with the Kingman library for fifteen years and has also served on the local school board. She graduated from KPLACE in 1999 and began working on the Library Services Certificate as soon as courses were offered. She plans to finish her Bachelor's Degree and then work for her MLS. Gee Gee said, "I love library work and really believe in lifelong learning."

Gee Gee's hobbies include genealogy, working with the elderly, fostering dogs for the Kingman County Humane Society and caring for three dogs of her own. Her husband Dan is the Agricultural Education teacher at Kingman High School. They have two children. Tim attends UMKC and Amber teaches English at Council Grove High School.

Librarians who want information on the Library Services Certificate Program should contact Rene Yaws at yaws_rene@emporia.edu or call 800/552-4770.

State Library open house

The Kansas State Library hosted its annual holiday open house on Friday, December 13th from 1:00–3:00 p.m. The event was attended by many who enjoyed the buffet line and candlelit ambience. Musical entertainment was furnished by the Topeka West High School Choir, the State Library Caroleers, guitarist Roy Bird, pianist Jim Parker, and lutenist Eric Hansen.



State Library Open House



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

Public Library Annual Statistics available January 1

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

That time for public library statistics is upon us again. Individual online forms for each Kansas public library are once more on Bibliostat Collect, the web-based electronic data collection system provided through Informata.com. Packets have been mailed from the State Library to all legally established public libraries required to report statistics each year. The packets contain an interlibrary loan annual report form, a Civil Rights form, and a blank copy of the Bibliostat Collect online form which can be used to determine what statistics are due and for penciling in responses before going to the electronic version on your computer.

The user IDs and passwords have not changed from previous years, and new ones have been added for the new libraries created during 2002. There are a few minor changes and improvements, and one major addition. The annual salary survey which had until 2001 been mailed on paper copy is included this year in the online version.

Several regional systems of cooperating libraries have scheduled workshops at which Roy Bird, consultant from the Kansas State Library, will discuss additions, deletions and changes to the Bibliostat Collect data collection tool. These workshops will include an update of Bibliostat Collect and an item-by-item discussion of what statistics are collected, why and how. Watch for information about these workshops from your system headquarters, as well as the packet from the State Library.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

A Match Made For Murder and *A Murder Made In Pieces*, a mystery series by Merry Stahel and Pamela James. PageFreePublishing, Inc., 2001 and 2002. Paperback, 125 pp., \$9.95. Available through Amazon.com.

Two Midwestern mystery writers, one from Pittsburg, Kansas, have joined forces to create a fictional sleuth, Miss Cyrinda Tumblebrook, and a fictional Kansas town, Tinstarr. Miss Tumblebrook runs a business, Matchmakers Inc., which brings couples together for romance and

marriage. In their first published novel together, *A Match Made For Murder*, a bridegroom is murdered before the wedding can take place. In *A Murder Made In Pieces*, one important clue to the murder of a young woman is a quilt piece clutched in her hand. This has a special meaning to author and Pittsburg citizen Pamela James who cross stitches, and to author Merry Stahel who quilts. James has been called “The Blue Collar Poet of Southeast Kansas” because of her published poetry. A third book in the Tinstarr series is due out at a future date. PageFreePublishing, Inc., is a print-on-demand (POD) publisher, which is becoming a popular way for Kansas authors to see print because too often large publishers will not take a chance on what they consider a small market.

This series is highly recommended for mystery readers, especially Kansas mystery readers because of its fictional Kansas setting. Adult public library collections and Kansas collections should have this series, and they should be recommended not only to mystery fans but maybe also to quilters and sewers.

A Glimpse of Hell: The World War II Years, The True Memories of James “Jim” E. Brooks As Told To Olive L. Sullivan. 1stBooks Library, 2000. Paperback, 5 1/2" x 8", 250 pp. Available through Amazon.com.

Two generations ago Americans participated in the greatest war the world has ever seen. Now, six decades later some of the stories of these Americans are coming to light. Many are similar in nature, but others are only now being told for the first time. Among the latter is the story of Jim Brooks, who now lives in Pittsburg, Kansas, and who shared his amazing story with Olive Sullivan, also of Pittsburg. This, too, is published by a POD publisher because it too might be considered a small market.

Jim Brooks enlisted from his home in southwest Missouri and was assigned to a B-17 bomber crew over Europe. When his crew’s plane was shot down he was captured and interned in a German POW camp. This alone is a tale needful of telling, but his “Glimpse of Hell” reveals a little-known event which has come down in history as the harrowing Black March, in which eight thousand American prisoners of war were force-marched across Germany in a journey that rivals the notorious Bataan Death March in the Philippines at the outset of the war. A must read in a folksy style for anyone interested in America’s role in the great war, *A Glimpse Of Hell* is recommended for adult public library, academic and secondary school collections.

Kansas libraries.... 10 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support librarian

Excerpts from various Kansas library regional system newsletters in January, 1993

- Ann Bailey, director of the Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado, has been named director of the Northwest Kansas Library System (NWKLS), Norton. She had formerly served as regional library consultant for NWKLS. She will assume her duties at NWKLS March 1, 1993. (Northwest Kansas Library System's *Exchange*, Jan/Feb 2003).
- Patti Lang has been appointed director of Kansas Talking Book Service at the State Library of Kansas. (Northwest Kansas Library System's *Exchange*, Jan/Feb 2003).
- Dianne Bogle was named Employee of the Year for 1992 at Hutchinson Public Library. (South Central Kansas Library System's *SCKLS Newsletter*, Jan., 1993).

- Mary Roembach, after 16 years as librarian at the Cheney Public Library, will be retiring this month. (South Central Kansas Library System's *SCKLS Newsletter*, Jan., 1993).
- The Wichita Public Library Foundation has given \$5,200 to the library for additional book purchases. The funds represent interest earned throughout the year on an endowment fund which the Foundation has established for the library's benefit. (South Central Kansas Library System's *SCKLS Newsletter*, Jan., 1993).
- Shannon Roy is the new Director of Library Development at the Kansas State Library, replacing Ernestine Voss, who is happily retired and living in Florida. (*North Central Kansas Libraries Newsletter*, Jan., 1993).
- Leonardville Library has started a preschool story hour twice a month. Lisa Sylvester is the story teller with Kerri Jordan helping. (*North Central Kansas Libraries Newsletter*, Jan., 1993).



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