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LSTA Special Populations Grants

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

The Kansas State Library is now accepting letters of intent to apply for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Special Populations grants. The deadline for letters of intent for FY 2003 awards is Monday, March 3, 2003. Letters of intent should be word-processed or type-written on library, agency, or institution letterhead.

LSTA Special Populations grants are open to libraries of all types. To apply, submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator,

Kansas State Library,
300 SW 10th, Room
343N, Topeka, KS 66612-
1593, fax to 785/368-
7291, or e-mail to
royb@kslib.info.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for underserved special populations. Libraries that submit a letter of intent will receive a copy of the application and LSTA Special Populations grant guidelines. To view the application and guidelines online or download these documents, go to www.skyways.org/KSL/admin/lsta/lsta.htm.

A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for FY 2003 LSTA Special Populations grants.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a project serving an underserved special population during FY 2003 submit your letter of intent by March 3.

Grant awards will be determined at the April 25, 2003, joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission. Funds will be distributed in May, 2003, and evaluations will be due November 1, 2004, for an 18-month rather than a 12-month project.

For additional information about LSTA Special Populations grants, contact your regional system consultant or Roy Bird at the State Library.

The LSTA Special Populations grants are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a federal grant-making agency located in Washington, DC, that fosters leadership, innovation and a lifetime of learning by supporting museum and libraries.

Kaite Mediatore receives LJ recognition

Loose Change (The newsletter of the Northeast Kansas Library System, January 2003, v.8, Issue 1)

Kaite Mediatore has been selected as one of *Library Journal's* Movers & Shakers 2003. Currently Kaite is the Readers' Services Librarian at the Main Library of Kansas City, Kansas City, Kansas Public Library, and was the Adult Services Coordinator at Emporia Public Library from 1991-1998. A member of ALA, MPLA, KLA and the National Book Critics Circle, Kaite founded the Metro-Area Readers Round Table (MARRT) in Kansas City and still serves on its Steering Committee. She reviews for BookList and is a consultant for NoveList. This spring, her article, "Reading With Your Ears: Readers' Advisory and Audio Books" will be published in *Reference & User Services Quarterly*.

Carnegie libraries

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

In 1985, one hundred fifty years after the birth of Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropist whose program of public library building forever changed the face of our society, the Kansas State Library published Allan Gardiner's *The Carnegie Legacy in Kansas*. This work explored, uniquely and with startling immediacy, Carnegie's role in the development of Kansas library service through examination of the 59 public libraries he helped to construct in the state.

On November 25, 2002, the 167th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Carnegie, this wonderful document of our history became a piece of online history, available at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/carnegie>.

Making *The Carnegie Legacy in Kansas* available in an online format was an idea arrived at from many different directions. As the host of the website Blue Skyways, a crossroads of libraries, history, digital technology, and most of all, community, the book could be seen by the State Library as the essence of everything Skyways hopes to be, in one package. Our many partners and friends in this effort have come to the project interested in the history, the process of digitization, or in the cultural relevance of hard-learned lessons of the past in politics and social development.

As a faithful translation of the original into a new format, we believe this work will prove successful and valuable. We have hopes for more. Since the introduction of the online *Carnegie*, we've begun to work with libraries and communities to update and extend the book's information with more recent developments, additions to the lists of library directors, and more illustrations. We're adding information about the academic libraries built with Carnegie funds at Fairmount College (now Wichita State), the College of Emporia, and Washburn University.

If your town uses, has, or ever had a Carnegie library, please consider helping us add to the legacy. Visit <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/carnegie/links.html> to find out how.

The Carnegie Legacy online project involved people from three organizations and about a year of effort.

John and Susan Howell of Kansas on the Net, whose enthusiasm for the idea when first mentioned it really made it seem worth pursuing, got the ball rolling by scanning the original text.

Donna Copeland, Senior Administrative Assistant with the State Library's Information Technology Division, cheerfully took on the task of proofreading the scanned text and readying it for inclusion in the web version.

Lyn Harris, Coordinator of Blue Skyways at the University of Kansas Medical Center, created a navigation structure that respects the original structure of the book, while taking advantage of the web environment to integrate new material. She also created our turn-of-the-century graphic design.

With the support and encouragement of State Librarian Duane Johnson and State Library staff, much research assistance from the Kansas State Historical Society and several Kansas library directors, and good advice and detective-work leads from author Allan Gardiner, what started out seventeen years ago as a book too good to be neglected, has been given a new lease on life. We hope Kansans and librarians everywhere will enjoy it!

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director



Western Trails

As a result of much thought and effort by participants from Western Trails participants in Kansas and other states, the main project Web site now has Western Trails best practices documents for metadata and scanning (see http://www.cdpheritage.org/westertrails/wt_bpmetadata.html and http://www.cdpheritage.org/westertrails/wt_bpscanning.html respectively). These documents contain much information helpful to anyone who is, or expects to be, involved in digitization projects. For more information about the project, see the Web site itself at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/trails/>.



KANAnswer, the statewide real-time online reference pilot

project, made its public debut on Friday, January 31st. Operators from more than 20 libraries and one library association will staff the service. All residents of Kansas and non-residents with questions about Kansas qualify to use the service. Details are available at the project Web site (www.kananswer.info) as is the button to be clicked to access the service ("Click here for Live Help"). I was very pleased to present a KANAnswer awareness session for a meeting of private academic libraries on Friday, January 24, at Southwest College in Winfield. In the coming months I will be presenting updates about the service, as follows:

- Central Kansas Library System, Great Bend, 2/25/03
- South Central Kansas Library System, Hesston, 3/11/03
- Tri-Conference, Salina, 4/9-11/03
- Midwest Parent Educators Conference, 5/2-3/03, Overland Park.

I am open to any and all opportunities to spread the word about KANAnswer, and can be reached at 800/432-3919 (toll-free), 785/296-3875 (voice), or eric@kslib.info.

Network Board Meeting

The Kansas Library Network Board will meet on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at the Salina Public Library. The meeting agenda is available on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/meetings.html>.

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

Grant applications

—by Vikki Jo Stewart and Jeff Hixon

The Beaumont Foundation of America, a not-for-profit corporation, was created with funds generated by the settlement of a class action lawsuit. It is an extraordinary example of how the civil justice system can work to make a difference in the lives of all Americans.

The Foundation's core purpose is to grant state-of-the-art, Internet-enabled, wireless computer hardware to Americans who do not have access to the vast educational benefits of the Internet, and to collaborate with existing successful organizations to provide the technical support to use it.

The Beaumont Foundation of America is granting computer hardware to qualifying nonprofits, faith-based and community organizations, libraries, schools and individuals in need.

Especially noteworthy is the assortment of "Pre-built packages" designed to establish mobile or stationary computer labs. Packages range from 10 to 30 laptops, at prices from \$21,000 to \$70,000. A variety of individual and peripheral equipment, even some supplies, are on the list for custom projects.

The Community Grant guidelines at <http://www.bmtfoundation.com/grants/2003GGCommunity.php> state that "Applicants may request from \$20,000 to \$100,000 in Toshiba-branded equipment."

Grant applications are being accepted now through March. For more information, including future grant application opportunities, contact the Beaumont Foundation at <http://www.bmtfoundation.com>, or call at 1/866-505-COMP.

Southeast library brings higher salaries into beautiful new library

—by Shannon Roy

Local Library Development

After many years of hard work, the Girard Public Library has a new facility. The city is very proud of it.

The staff is happy these days. They have a beautiful new library to work in and the board has successfully raised their salaries. Because the state library and KLTA

have library salaries as a long-term priority, I asked the trustees what they did to win better support for personnel. In our discussion, the board members made the following points:

- Be polite but persistent. It is understandable that local governments should be feeling economic constraint. But the library board had shown real commitment to the library staff by building a good case.
- Stay together. The library board acted as a committee of the whole to negotiate for better salaries. They made it evident that this was a public library priority and not the pet project of one or two people.
- Have the support of the community. The library building program was actually an advantage in the salary negotiations. The city government knew that the new library was very strongly supported by the townspeople.
- Do your homework. The trustees investigated the salaries paid for comparable work in county government, city government, banks, hospitals, schools and the Greenbush educational center. They were able to document convincingly that hourly wages below a certain level simply would not retain high quality staff in this community.
- Document the skills it takes to run the library. Public library boards are encouraged to use volunteers to help the library with programs and special projects. But the Girard trustees knew that it takes trained professionals to skillfully handle all aspects of library technology, fiscal management and collection development. They made it clear that volunteer library staff was not a viable option.
- Negotiate for the positions, not the people. With a beautiful facility, a well-paid staff and a competitive compensation package, the library board is in a position to retain a talented and qualified director. But it is also in a position to search for one, should it be necessary in the future.
- Keep your requests reasonable. The board and director made the point that they would be running the new library without asking for additional positions. They wanted an excellent staff, but not a bigger one.

The staff and trustees of the Girard Public Library are to be congratulated on the library's recent progress.

What happened when the library closed?

—by Joseph Forte
Library Director, Newman University

After being closed for four months our Library at Newman University finally opened at the end of January 2003. In October 2002, a crack in a support column prompted structural engineers to recommend the closing of the Library. We were given temporary and crowded shelter in the Learning Lab in the Administration Building. The place was already network-wired so five of our public computers were placed there. The library server and CD server were also moved to allow students to search the remaining few CD-ROM databases and staff to access its computer programs. With limited space, only the reserves, volumes of essential journals, and certain reference books were moved. An “unofficial” courier service (staff) retrieved requested items from the library during the closure, and the libraries at Friends University and Wichita State University were made available to our students. The outer walls were subsequently shored up, and, after a long wait, our insurers permitted the Library to reopen.

Increasingly I had begun to feel that the library was no longer significant or useful and that the Internet was fast becoming a replacement for it. This experience proved otherwise. I never realized that there was such a high demand for our books and many of our journals. Of course, we were very fortunate to have an online catalog and so many full-text databases or we really would have been in a dilemma. The support (in the form of encouragement and complaints) from our students and faculty was overwhelming. We also received significant coverage on the local TV and in the *Wichita Eagle*. I can tell that the students really missed their library. They are now coming in increased numbers and are occupying the study tables and computer terminals more than ever before. I feel that the library is like a second home to them, providing them with a sense of comfort and security. Since they almost lost that home, they appreciate it even more.

KAN-ED database trial

—by Jane Hatch
Coffey County Library, Burlington Branch

Beginning January 21, 2003 the KAN-ED Content and Services Workgroup is offering a sixty-day trial of online, full text databases in several categories.

KAN-ED is the broadband network available to all schools, public libraries, higher education institutions and hospitals in Kansas authorized through a bill passed by the Kansas Legislature in 2002. Funding to create and maintain the network and to provide content on the network was authorized from the telecommunications Kansas Universal Service Fund. Funding began in January 2003.

One goal of KAN-ED is to provide additional commercially created full text databases to compliment the products now provided to Kansas residents through KanFind. The databases currently available are at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/databases>.

The new categories being considered are newspapers, encyclopedias, genealogy, career/vocational, literature commentary and nursing information.

You can help in two ways. Please go to the database trial site at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/forms/trial.html> and give the databases a try. In fact, please give the databases several tries and use the accompanying online form to evaluate the effectiveness of the databases for you and the users you serve.

The KAN-ED Content and Services Workgroup will use input from you as one of the primary factors in recommending licensing of one or more of the databases for statewide KAN-ED access. Based on preliminary cost estimates from the vendors it may not be possible to contract for one database in each category. Your recommendations will be an important factor in the selection process. Comments on the evaluation are welcome.

Any accredited K-12 school, higher education institution, public library and hospital can be a member of KAN-ED. There is no cost to complete a membership application so that the institution can be a part of the planning and growth of the network. To find out more about KAN-ED go to <http://www.kan-ed.org/>.

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*.

Kansas Library Association Legislative Day February 20

—by Rosanne Goble
Executive Director, Kansas Library Association

Kansas Library Association (KLA) Legislative Day is a good time to contact your legislators to remind them of how valuable school libraries, and all libraries, are in Kansas.

The Kansas Library Association Legislative Committee invites you to participate in KLA Legislative Day, Thursday, February 20, 2003, Capitol Building, and have lunch with your legislator. Friends, trustees, and all library supporters are invited to attend.

There will be a short briefing of legislative issues by Mona Carmack, KLA Legislative Committee Chair; Duane Johnson, State Librarian; and Rosanne Goble, KLA, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 531-N.

Box lunches and drinks will be available between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the door of the Kansas State Library, 3rd floor, north wing of the Capitol. Tables and chairs will be available on the 3rd floor, south wing, where you can sit and enjoy lunch with your legislator. KLA has invited your legislator to this event, but you are also encouraged to call ahead and make a personal invitation and arrangement with your legislator for lunch.

To register for KLA Legislative Day and to order lunch for yourself and your legislator, visit <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/legislation/index.html> or call Rosanne Goble 785/235-1383.

Also, on the KLA Legislative Website you will find printable advocacy materials including the KLA legislative platform for the 2003 legislative session, quotable facts about Kansas libraries, links to advocacy materials on the American Library Association website, and tips for talking to your legislator. The KLA Legislative Website will be updated throughout the 2003 legislative session to keep you informed about library issues proceeding through both the House and the Senate.

*** Note:** Parking will be a small problem this year since the shuttle is a victim of the current state financial crisis. It is suggested you park in the lot on the south side of the Judicial Center and west of this lot across Harrison Street. Parking for a fee is available at the Capital Tower building. But don't let the parking situation scare you

away from the activities of the day. It is very important that you participate this year and convey to your legislator the issues in funding that your library, and libraries across the state of Kansas face. You are strongly encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendars for February 20, Lunch with Your Legislator, KLA Legislative Day, Topeka! See you there!

State Library has new web page

—by Marc Galbraith
Director, Research and Information Services

The Research and Information Services Division of the Kansas State Library announced late last month that it had launched "Information Desk," the newest version of its web site. The site is designed to make it easy and efficient for all Kansans to use and access the research rich resources of the Division and the State Library.

The new site (kslib.info/ref) focuses on the Research and Information Services Division's primary strengths. Among those are its collections of legislative documents, state documents and large collection of public policy materials; its online catalogs including ATLAS, the Kansas Library Catalog and WorldCat, and its highly effective research staff.

The site also highlights some of the Division's special collections including its management-focused videos, books on tape, and its small, but growing, collection of American Sign Language videos.

The site was developed with a great deal of assistance from John and Susan Howell of Kansas on the net, LLC.

The site is hosted by Blue Skyways and is both Bobby and W3C compliant.



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

Kansas books

—by Tom Roth
Interlibrary Loan, State Library

Historic Mount Oread: A Catalog of KU's Historic Landmark: Lawrence, Kansas, 2001, 2nd edition, by Sandra Swanson Wiechert. 66 pps., photographs, index. \$18.95.

Starting with a grant from the Historic Mount Oread Fund, Sandra Swanson Wiechert, a librarian at the Lawrence Public Library, has been studying the architectural history of the University of Kansas for some years. She has written a small but excellent book on the architectural history of many of the University of Kansas landmarks, pre-1955. The list includes 29 landmarks, including buildings and statues. There is a full-page photograph of each landmark, plus a full page of text explaining the history of the building, or statue, when it was built. Accompanying each photograph is a page of information about the architect, building materials, and when the building or statue was completed, and for what purpose each landmark was built.

This book is a good example of traditional architecture types used in universities from the late 1890s up to around 1950. The Campanile and Memorial Drive are the most recent landmarks, depicted in the book, and except for these two landmarks, everything had to be over fifty years old for this original first edition. This book would make an excellent walking guide for anyone touring the Lawrence campus.

Historic Mount Oread would be good for secondary, public and academic libraries, and should be in any library that has a Kansas collection.

Kansas Temperance: Much Ado About Booze, 1870-1920, by Kenneth J. and Patricia A. Peak. Sunflower University Press, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66505, 2000. 256pp., illus., index. ISBN: 0897452461, \$22.95.

Patricia Peak, a longtime resident of Crawford County, and Dr. Peak are both familiar with the history of Crawford and Cherokee Counties. Their book is an interesting and very detailed account of the battle between the "Wets" and the "Dries" in these two counties between 1870 and

1920. They give a general account of prohibition in the U.S. and Kansas to provide us with a good picture of how and why Crawford and Cherokee Counties developed as they did. In fact, we are told that these two counties were far from dry during a period when Kansas was supposed to have complete prohibition from 1880 on.

Kansas Temperance provides a great deal of information on the prohibition movement in Kansas, including much information about the main personalities and lots of first-hand accounts from local newspapers. Good coverage of political activities.

This would be a good book for secondary, public and academic libraries or Kansas collections.

Camp Concordia: German POWs in the Midwest, by Lowell A. May. Manhattan, KS. 146 pp., illus., maps, bibliography and index. ISBN: 0897451929, \$20.95.

Mr. May, a longtime Concordia resident, and longtime military officer, has been interested in military and Kansas history for some time. This recent book is an excellent portrayal of the POW camps for Germans in Kansas and, in particular, the large main camp outside Concordia. The book details the building, running and dismantling of the camp. Lots of first-person accounts by prisoners and civilians from Concordia, plus interesting information from military personnel in the camp are included, as well as very good documentation, lists of all military and civilian personnel, plus lists of prisoners. This very interesting and well-written book shows a period of history when the United States may have been the only country where prisoners could work for pay, or actually take college credit courses, and have those courses transferred and accepted in their country of origin.

This book would be good in secondary, public and academic libraries, and belongs in any collection with an emphasis on World War II, POWs or Kansas interest.

Kansas libraries... 20 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
State Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

Gleanings from Kansas Libraries, Issue No. 7, February, 1983

- The State Library sponsored a seminar in February regarding a new telecommunications method for interlibrary loan in Kansas. Chief among the topics was the use of “electronic mail” for future interlibrary loan systems. Susen S. Kay of Hannagan & Associates described the benefits of office automation and electronic mail.
- The newly-formed Friends of Kansas Libraries organization will hold a statewide conference April 15-16, 1983, in Great Bend. Featured speakers will be Dwight Nesmith of Kansas State University and Ray “Jiggs” Schulz, Great Bend attorney and longtime library advocate.
- Maurice Sendak, pioneer and trendsetter in books for children, has been named winner of the 1983 Laura Ingalls

Wilder Award, presented every three years by the Association for Library Service to Children.

- Governor John Carlin will proclaim April 17-23, 1983, National Library Week in Kansas.
- State Library Staff Profile: Cindy Roupe, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, has been employed at the State Library since 1980.
- John N. Berry III, editor of Library Journal, will be the banquet speaker at the upcoming Kansas Library Association Conference in April.
- House Bill No. 2166 passed the House vote on February 18. This bill would allow the seven regional library systems to increase their mill levy authority from .50 to .75 mills. Senate hearings on the bill have not yet been scheduled.



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