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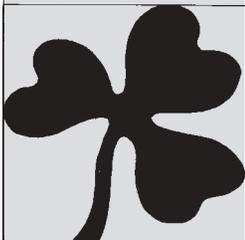
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FY 2004 ILDP applications

—by Eric Hansen

Applications for FY 04 Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDP) Competitive Grants are now being accepted. The application form is available at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/ILDPAppFY04.htm> on Blue Skyways. Applications are being accepted now and will continue to be accepted through March 31, 2003. Information about the application process is available on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/ildp.html> for your review.

Due to the uncertain nature of our state's finances, the Kansas Library Network Board will delay approval of the ILDP committee's recommendations until the board's August meeting, rather than considering the ILDP committee decision at the May meeting as has been the practice in the past. This will give the

board the best chance of having a valid dollar amount to award and might prevent the need to cut awards after the fact, as was done in the latest round (2% across the board). We expect the ILDP payout for FY 04 to occur in September, which should serve to protect the awards from the possibility of a 4th-quarter budget cut.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this (eric@kslib.info; 785/286-3875). I will look forward to receiving many ILDP applications.

OKIF website

—by Toni Harrell
Director, Kansas Talking Books

A new website designed to address the growing need for information regarding library services to older Kansans is now available. The website is a product of the Older Kansans Information Forum (OKIF) a group of librarians from throughout Kansas that share a common desire of providing quality library services to older patrons.

The purpose of the website is to serve as a clearinghouse for information to assist librarians as they address the needs of the changing demographics in their community. As members of the Baby Boom Generation approach retirement age the need for quality information and support will increase. Local libraries can play a vital role in meeting these and other informational needs. Thus, the OKIF site is a collection of links highlighting Kansas library programs and partnerships, terms and definitions, along with articles and book reviews about this generation and the factors that impact their information needs.

OKIF invites members of the Kansas library community to contribute to this information resource. If you have a successful library program in your community, or have read a good book on the topic you think others in the library community would find useful, contact Shannon Roy at the State Library (shanroy@kslib.info; 785/296-3296). Useful website links should be submitted for consideration to Toni Harrell at tonih@kslib.info.

The OKIF website may be accessed through the following URL: <http://www.skyways.org/okif/>.

Summer Institute

—by Richard Soash
Technology Director, Cheney USD 268
Coordinator, School Library Media Licensure Program, WSU

Plans are being finalized for the 7th annual Summer Institute for School Librarians, June 4 & 5, 2003, at the Blue Valley Schools. This year the topic will be “Understanding by Design” (UbD) incorporated with assessment and “No Child Left Behind.” A team concept will be the focus of the institute and will be reflected in the cost. Single participants cost will be \$85, 2-3 from one district \$75 each, and 4-6 from one district \$65 each. Lunch is included in the registration. As a bonus, for any group bringing an administrator to the Institute, the administrator would be attending at no charge. Look for the upcoming brochure, but any questions in the mean time may be emailed to Sandy Norman, snorman@usd439.k12.ks.us, at Sedgwick Public Schools, Sedgwick, KS 67135.

On day one of the Institute, Elizabeth Rossini, a member of the ASCD Understanding by Design (UbD) trainer cohort, will present a full day overview of the UbD model. On day two, the teams will be able to develop teaching units with the assistance of local practitioners. The team should return home with at least one unit that is ready to use and a good understanding of the process.

Understanding by Design, developed by Jay McTighe & Grant Wiggins, is a backwards design model for creating engaging teaching units that help students put the pieces together and grasp the bigger concepts.

UbD units are designed around state and local standards. The teacher then develops the Essential Questions and Enduring Understandings for the unit.

The second stage in the process is the development of authentic assessments that allow students to demonstrate their mastery of the Enduring Understandings. Because the assessments are authentic, plagiarism is dramatically reduced and student motivation is increased.

The final stage is the development of teaching activities that will lead students to grasp the enduring understandings. In many cases, teachers already have these activities developed, which can be enhanced by adding an opportunity for students to reflect on the activity in relation to the Essential Questions and Enduring Understandings of the unit.

Understanding by Design helps limit problems with plagiarism as the assessments are unique and difficult to “cut & paste.” The units also help integrate technology into the curriculum as many of the teaching activities and assessments fit well with technology standards.

KAN-ED enrollment

—by Duane Johnson
State Librarian

KAN-ED needs your participation and your evaluation. To insure that KAN-ED develops as an effective education network for your library and for your community, the network needs you and your ongoing evaluation. There's no fee or obligation for participation; there will be financial support given to help pay for your high speed Internet access, but your library must be a participant to be eligible. If your library is not listed in the participants at the KAN-ED web site www.kan-ed.org, you need to complete the very easy enrollment. Need an enrollment form? Please contact Ruth at the State Library (800/432-3919).

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Network Board Meeting Held in Salina

The Network Board held its first quarterly meeting of the calendar year on February 13th at the Salina Public Library. At the meeting, State Librarian Duane Johnson provided an update on actions of the State Legislature relevant to libraries. Fred Atchison, Director of the North Central Kansas Library System and Manhattan Public Library, furnished an update on the status of KAN-ED. The Executive Director updated the board on the state of the Kansas Library Card and KANAnswer (see below). For specifics about the meeting, see <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB0203.html> on BlueSkyways.



Governor
Kathleen
Sebelius
endorsed our

state's real-time online reference service in a press release that went out from her office on February 3. The project was also featured prominently in a press release sent out on about February 19 from the office of LivePerson, the firm that maintains the software and server used by KANAnswer. Libraries that participate in the project have placed links to the project Web site (www.kananswer.info) on their own Web sites.

There are currently 23 libraries represented in KANAnswer, more than 90 operators, and one project administrator. The service is open to the public 55 hours per week (see <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/KANAnswerWeb/hours.htm>). More participation is always welcome; to participate in KANAnswer, contact me at eric@kslib.info or 785/296-3875.

In the period from the public debut of the project on January 31 through February 17, KANAnswer operators conducted a total of 321 chat sessions (includes operator-to-operator chat to alert to shift change), for an average of about 17 chats per day. For the period from February 18 through 26, the number of chats was 223, for an average of about 24 per day.

ILDPReminder

The window of opportunity for Kansas libraries of all types to apply for Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDPR) Competitive Grants is from February 1 through March 31, 2003. For further details, see the article on page one of this publication.

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

FOKL Award deadline extended

—by Andrea Sobba
Garnett Public Library

Does your Friends of the Library Group do great things? Could they use a little extra cash to continue doing great things? Do you have a wonderful Friend in your group that deserves special recognition? Let us know!!! Apply for the Friends of Kansas Libraries annual awards. It's a painless process and could result in your group receiving \$100.00 cold hard cash, a one year individual membership in FOLUSA, the national Friends organization, and a wonderful framed certificate to hang on your wall. Please apply using the forms below.

If your Friends Group is doing great things, let us know!
Your group could receive \$100!!!



If you have an outstanding Friend that deserves recognition, nominate them for the Individual Award!!!

2002 Kansas Friends Award Requirements

- Friends group must be a current member of Friends of Kansas Libraries; individuals must be a member of FoKL or affiliated local chapter.
- Winners of Kansas Friends Award will be ineligible for further awards for a period of three years following the selection.
- Nominees must provide a summary on the nomination form of chapter's or individual's accomplishments and contributions on behalf of their library that reflect activities during the year 2002.
- Relevant supporting materials (press releases, press clippings, promotional materials, etc.) may be included.

- No materials will be returned. Supporting materials may be used in Friends of Kansas Libraries exhibits and be publicized in the FoKL newsletter and in other FoKL publications and materials.
- Forms must be postmarked or faxed no later than March 15, 2003.

Mailing Address: FoKL/KLA
1020 SW Washburn
Topeka, KS 66604-1374

Fax: 785/235-1383

2002 Kansas Friends Award – Individual Friend

Name of individual _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contact person: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Winner will be selected on the basis of:

- 1) Volunteer effort
- 2) Benefit to the library and community
- 3) Commitment to library services

Winner will receive \$50 cash award to the Friends group of their choice, a recognition certificate, and a personal membership to Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA).

Use the space below and one additional page, if necessary, to summarize the individual's accomplishments and contributions.

Awards will be presented April 9, 2003 at Tri-Conference. Please review requirements before mailing or faxing.

2002 Kansas Friends Award – Friends Group

Check the service population of your library:

- Under 2,500
- 2,501-5,000
- 5,001-10,000
- 10,000+

Name of Friends

Group _____

Address _____

Contact person:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Winners will be selected on the basis of:

- 4) Benefit to the library
- 5) Creativeness and originality of projects
- 6) Increased community awareness

Winners will receive \$100 cash award, a framed award certificate, and a personal membership to Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) for the Friends group president.

Use the space below and one additional page, if necessary, to summarize the group's accomplishments and contributions or detail one specific project or program.

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Library positions

Director of Learning Resources

Barton County Community College seeks applications for the replacement position of LRC Director.

Responsibilities: supervision/management of the library, including: working cooperatively with faculty and instructional staff to achieve purposeful integration of library services, scheduling/approving of library hours; supervising staff; formulating/executing library policies; and purchasing/cataloging library materials and resources.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education (MLS preferred); 3 years experience in a library/LRC within an instructional setting required; 1-2 years administrative experience required, supervisory experience in a library/LRC (or closely related function) in a community college or higher education setting preferred.

Competitive salary/excellent benefits.

Call 620/792-9237, 800/748-7594, ext. 237, e-mail humres@barton.cc.ks.us, or write to the following address for an application packet:

Barton County Community College
Office of Human Resources
245 NE 30th Rd.
Great Bend, Kansas 67530

Review of completed packets begins immediately. Position will remain open until filled, but screening is anticipated to begin in early March.

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Ad # 639

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*.

Collection Development Librarian

Linda Hall Library of science, engineering & technology
Kansas City, Missouri
Job #: 11011

Linda Hall Library of science, engineering & technology is known internationally for its strong collections in science, engineering, and technology and for the services it provides to users of the collections. With an extraordinary serials collection comprised of 15,000 current titles and a total of over 45,000 titles, as well as a monograph collection in excess of one million volumes, its research materials are on a level with that of great universities and governmental libraries. Active collection development and acquisitions programs assure continued growth of the collection and include an international exchange program with 450 partners throughout the world.

Environment:

The Library, located on fourteen acres in the heart of Kansas City's cultural community, has spacious, well-tended grounds maintained as an urban arboretum that provide a beautiful setting for the stately brick structure that houses the collections, dedicated staff, and user-oriented services. Large, comfortable reading rooms welcome researchers and visitors. Spacious, organized workspaces provide for a pleasant work atmosphere. Congenial, collaborative staff and excellent systems support are committed to the continued improvement of services and collections that exceed patrons' needs. The Linda Hall Library is a dichotomy with an eye on future innovations while protecting traditional library values. Cooperative working relationships are fostered through regular, informal group discussions where creative ideas are encouraged and nurtured.

General Scope:

Manage the growth of the collection and the collection development policy. Oversee the materials and acquisitions budget. Present the Library, the collections, and services to the local, national, and international community. Maintain and develop vendor relationships. Consult with appropriate staff on matters of common concern. Assist with long-range planning for library programs and services. Implement directives and assignments from the Library Operations Officer.

Education requirements:

Master's degree in Library Science from an ALA-accredited school.

Skills Required:

- Demonstrated budget management experience
- Coaching and mentoring/management potential
- Creative and proactive approach to building and maintaining library collections in multiple subject areas
- Understanding of life sciences information and its sources
- Highly developed negotiating skills
- Knowledge of licensing of electronic materials
- Established working relationships with national and international publishers and vendors in the publishing world (print and electronic)

Contact Rick Brown, CPC, The Morley Group, 6201 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278
www.themorleygroup.com; e-mail resume to
rbrown@themorleygroup.com 317/616-1737;
Fax: 317/879-4790.

KLA Legislative Day

—by Rosanne Goble
Executive Director
Kansas Library Association

KLA Legislative Day activities took place this session on Thursday, February 20, with approximately 100 librarians, trustees, and Friends from all across Kansas attending. A briefing took place at 10:30 a.m. that included an explanation of the KLA Legislative Committee platform 2003 and other library issues, by committee chair Mona Carmack, Johnson County Librarian. Duane Johnson, State Librarian, also offered information to those attending regarding the current status of Grants-in-Aid to libraries. Rosanne Goble, KLA, provided details about "Lunch With a Legislator" and explained information contained in folders for legislators. This year folders contained Quotable Facts About America's Libraries, an American Library Association wallet size publication, and Did You Know? fact sheet quoting information about Kansas libraries. Librarians in the hometowns of new legislators were encouraged to explain the Kansas Library Card and issue a card to their legislators.

The day was a tremendous success, as many legislators were contacted and had lunch with a librarian, trustee, or library Friend.

Kansas books

—by Jerry C. Roy
Library Analyst, Johnson County Library

Step Across This Line, by Salman Rushdie. Random House, 2002, 402 pp., \$25.95.

Librarians and Kansans have reason to look into Salman Rushdie's new book of essays, *Step Across This Line*. The author, who experienced ten years under the Iranian fatwa, applies his considerable talent to the ideas of frontiers, arriving, and departing. He is a wonderful essayist with his often overwritten fiction style put on hold.

The first essay "*Out of Kansas*" looks at Kansas from the point of view of the film, *The Wizard of Oz*. Rushdie does not look at the real place, but uses Kansas as a metaphor for a place to leave, even as a metaphor for his leaving India for Britain as an adolescent. The other essay touching on our state, "*Darwin in Kansas*," is mercifully short. There is nothing more frightening than a great writer hurling invective. Except maybe, his hurling it in your direction.

Rushdie is apparently a voracious reader. His topic often turns to Indian English language fiction, much of which is read only on the Subcontinent. In "*In Defense of the Novel, Yet Again*" he finds the state of fiction excellent, but publishing in a muddle, leaving the reader to poke among the muck to find the gold. A job for The Librarian! In fact, the novel is so healthy that some non-fiction is getting its nose into the tent. He finds some of Tom Wolfe's non-fiction achieving the tension and excitement of a good novel, along with Neal Ascherson's *Black Sea*, a profound meditation on culture and nationalism masquerading as a travel book. (I have found several works on science that approach a novel's intensity: Jonathan Weiner's *The Beak of the Finch*, David Quammen's *Song of the Dodo*, and the work of Oliver Sacks.) "*Damme, This is the Oriental Scene for You*" is one of the most informative literary essays I have ever read. Rushdie also finds the essay form in fine fettle, suggesting there are new masters of the form, such as Roberto Calasso, to rival its inventor, Michel de Montaigne. He seems to take film and contemporary popular music seriously, too. All concerns of The Librarian these days.

As a person of Muslim heritage, to whom English was a second language (Urdu was his first), who is an Indian emigrant now a British citizen living in New York, he has cogent, measured, things to say about 9/11. Issues of

racial, cultural, religious, and literary diversity come into play here too.

The book ends with "*Step Across This Line: The Tanner Lectures on Human Values, Yale, 2000*," a meditation on literary and artistic frontiers and the dangers inherent in crossing them.

While this doesn't look like a librarian's professional reading, it should be if you love the matter of our métier.

Call for nominations

—by Kaite Mediatore
Readers' Services Librarian
Kansas City, Kansas Public Library

There may still be snow on the ground and Mountain Plains Library Association/Nevada Library Association (MPLA/NLA) joint conference is months away, but it's never too early to think about saying thank you.

Nothing makes a library worker feel better than a heartfelt "thank you." Awards are our way to say "thank you" to special staff members, volunteers and library supporters on a large scale. Please think about the people who make a difference in your library. It could be your creative and cheerful youth services staff or a helpful vendor who patiently explained how to operate the new microfilm reader/printers. What about the local legislator who took library issues to the State Capitol or the local newspaper who always sent a reporter or photographer to the library for a story? These are the folks we'd like to see honored. Visit the following link for an MPLA Award nomination form and further information. Say thank you in a big way. MPLA Award Information: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/awards/awardsindex.html>.



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

Kansas libraries.... 60 years ago

—by Bill Sowers
Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian

Gleanings from Kansas Library Bulletin, vol.12, no.1, March, 1943

- Miss Fina Ott, librarian at Washburn University, has been appointed secretary of KLA to fill the unexpired term of Eunice Wolfe, who is now at Chicago.
- Two members of the class of '43 at Emporia have accepted positions on the staff of Wichita Public Library. They are Jean De Bolt and Doris Love.
- Margaret Abildgaard, formerly librarian of the Public Library at McPherson, is now the librarian of the Mulvane Library, Topeka. Miss Abildgaard succeeds Marjorie Kelly as chairman of the Children's Section of KLA.
- Wichita and Winfield have each given a school librarian to the Army, Dorothy Turner and Vivian Felt, both gradu-

ates of Emporia, and are serving as librarians at Bases I and III, Camp Phillips.

- The Topeka Public Library launched a traveling branch, March 15, which will provide year-round service to residents who find it difficult to patronize the downtown library because of gasoline or tire rationing. The blue trailer with the words "Traveling Branch of the Topeka Public Library" painted on its side, has a capacity of 1,200 volumes. Miss Nell Barnaby is in charge of the traveling branch.
- Rev. B. E. Moll, who was the librarian of the Abbey Library, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, and chairman of the Junior Members of KLA, is now chaplain at Headquarters Training Brigade, Camp Wood, Texas.
- Florence Abbey is now assistant at the Newton Public Library. She replaced Bess Gardner, who resigned.
- The new camp librarian at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is Mary Louise Applegate, Emporia '38. She goes to this position from Hutchinson Junior College.



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