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Howells wrap up work on Blue Skyways

—by Jeff Hixon, Director,
Library Information Technology

The close of March marks not the end, but a significant change, to one of the most remarkable, successful, and rewarding partnerships ever to benefit the libraries and people of Kansas.

For the past two and one-half years, the Kansas State Library has enjoyed a partnership with Kansas on The Net (KOTN). John and Susan Howells' project has turned the power of the World Wide Web to the advantage of Kansas by using it as a showcase for our communi-

ties and what makes them special, and by using it as a training ground for librarians, community leaders and volunteers who are seeking new ways in which to proactively support their homes and state.

Through the generosity of The Boeing Company, Kansas has profited from John's status as Executive on Loan to the State Library. This arrangement contributed greatly to the Howells' time and freedom to travel all across the state both virtually and physically.

KOTN started as a way for John and Susan to combine a love of travel, small towns, and Kansas with an interest in and enthusiasm for a new technology. Once their

association with Blue Skyways was established, the project grew quickly, as the focus moved progressively away from pages created by, and reflecting the impressions of, a pair of visitors to a community. Increasingly, the emphasis shifted to identifying, training, and empowering people who can speak with the voice of a particular place, addressing the rest of the world in an exciting new language.

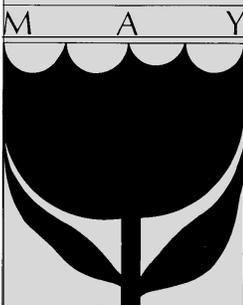
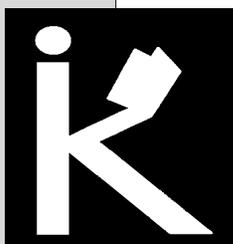
The Boeing commitment to this project, originally scheduled to end in September 1998, was extended twice. The final extension expired March 31.

We know, and are happy to report, that this does not mean the end of KOTN or the involvement of John and Susan Howell with the libraries and communities of Kansas. Everyone involved in this partnership has a commitment to preserving what has been done and finding ways to continue a unique and productive relationship between KOTN and KSL. We know that John and Susan's many friends across Kansas will continue to make them feel a part of our own special community as well.

Regarding our relationship with Boeing, I can only say that if March 31, 2000 truly marks the end of that relationship, it will close with a record of achievement, accomplishment and satisfaction that is even more meaningful for us because it is both enduring and growing. Changes that come to the pages of KOTN in the years ahead will owe much to the supportive contributions made by Boeing.

And what if we are lucky enough to find ourselves again or otherwise associated with Boeing? Whatever our project, it will be built on a foundation of mutual trust and understanding that is in itself a reward.

We look forward most eagerly to the next stages in the development of a virtual Kansas via Skyways and KOTN. We acknowledge, and hope for continued and happy association with, good people like John and Susan Howell, and our many friends at Boeing, the PRIDE program, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, and the Kansas Library Network Board.



Garretson wins at Tri-Conference

A drawing for a free membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association was held during the recent Kansas libraries tri-conference. The winning entry was Jerri Garretson, children's author and retired children's librarian from Manhattan.

Jerri receives a one-year complimentary membership in MPLA, and an MPLA baseball cap. For more information on MPLA activities and membership, contact Patti Butcher (pbutcher@nekl.lib.ks.us) or check out the web site at <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/>.

Doris Phelps retires after 34 years

After 34 years of service, Doris Phelps retired as Library Director of Cimarron City Library. She shepherded the library from a crowded, one-room building with only 1,275 square feet of floor space to a spacious 6,000 square foot facility complete with meeting rooms, computer stations, children's section and more.

Doris began her career with the library as a part-time typist in 1966, then took the position of Librarian in 1968. Beginning in 1970, she spearheaded the drive for a new building which culminated with the dedication ceremony in July 1990.

Family and friends honored Mrs. Phelps at a retirement reception held April 1, 2000.

Kansas library receives \$1.2 million gift

Officials at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library announced on April 11 the receipt of a \$1.2-million bequest from the estates of Robert M. and Hazel Lingo, marking the largest monetary gift in the library's 130-year history.

At a press conference to make the announcement, library Executive Director David Leamon said the Lingos have been actively involved with the library since the days when it was located on the grounds of the statehouse. "Bob went there to read, study, and use the many resources it offered. He had a reverence for that library," Leamon said. The couple also donated funds for a story room and a bookmobile, and volunteered many hours of their time, according to the April 12 *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

The announcement was timed to be part of National Library Week and to start the public phase of the Library Foundation's Great Expectations Campaign. The goal of the campaign is \$3.5 million to help finance the expansion and renovation of the library.

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Catalyst

—by Eric Hansen
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Kansas Library Network Board

Tri-Conference 2000 was a successful one for the Network Board and the programs it sponsored. To all those who attended the ebook preconference, the IPPBR report program, the Kansas Digital Library presentation, the Howells' Blue Skyways wrapup session, or the Blue Skyways Internet room, thank you for participating in these KLNb-sponsored programs.



Chris Rippel, CKLS, demonstrates an ebook at Tri-Conference, Wichita.



Larry Papenfuss (left), SCKLS, and Marianne Eichelberger, Newton Public Library, observe at the Blue Skyways Internet Room, Tri-Conference, Wichita.

The Network Board will meet at the Central Resource Library, Johnson County Library at 87th and Farley in Overland Park on May 26. At the meeting, the winners of the FY 2001 ILDP competitive grants, the digitization grant, and the logo contest will be announced. The Board will also act with regards to the study of public libraries and local economic development conducted by the Institute for Public Policy and Business Research at the University of Kansas. For further information, telephone me at 800-432-3919 (in Kansas) or 785-296-3875, or send e-mail to me at erich@ink.org

For more about the Kansas Library Network Board, contact Eric Hansen, KLNb Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (erich@ink.org), or point your browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNb/klnb.html>.

Hutchinson Public wins award

The Hutchinson Public Library was a \$1000 winner during the fourth "Check-it-out Yourself" day held on April 10. The event is sponsored by 3M and 18 awards are granted to participating libraries. This year 350 libraries entered.

The check will be presented in May by Hutchinson Public Library's sales consultant. This is the second year the library has participated and over 100 people used the machine that day. The library also gave prizes to every 25th user and had other door prizes that were awarded by a drawing. The library will use its award money to buy materials for its patrons.

KLA centennial exhibit available

The KLA Centennial traveling exhibit "Dedicated to the Word" can be displayed in your library! The exhibit, funded in part by the Kansas Humanities Council, interprets the past century of Kansas library and KLA history through photographs and text. It's on five easy-to-assemble panels and when assembled measures 96" x 34" x 59" tall. Disassembled, it packs into a 38" x 24" x 16" container for transporting or shipping.

The exhibit will be available for booking in libraries or other locales for the foreseeable future. There is no charge for the exhibit, and the only expense is that of shipping it on to the next library. To schedule the exhibit, contact Roy Bird at the Kansas State Library, 800-432-3919 or royb@ink.org.

New hires at the State Library

We are happy to have new employees join our State Library staff.

Ruth Appelhanz worked as a Secretary I at the Circulation Desk of the Kansas State Library for six years before assuming duties as Secretary II for the administrative staff of the State Library. Ruth's hobbies include gardening, making baby quilts and having fun watching her two grandsons (ages 3½ and 5) grow up.

Dawn Castillo comes to us from Louisiana, where she held a marketing position at Josten's. She is eagerly learning her position as Office Assistant for the Administrative Division. Dawn's hobbies include reading and needlepoint.

Anne Damme is the Personnel Officer. Anne comes to us from DISC where she worked for more than a year. She and husband Doug have three children. In her spare time Anne enjoys archery and helping coach little league ball.

Rita Troxel spent 10 years as a computer operator at Josten's in Topeka before becoming a Secretary I at the State Library. A native Kansan, she enjoys horseback riding and swimming.

We are very pleased to have Ruth, Dawn, Anne and Rita among us, and we welcome them to the State Library.

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*.

Tornado hits Parsons

—by Dayna Williams-Capone, Director
Parsons Public Library

On the evening of April 19th, Parsons, Kansas was hit by the first tornado in our community's recorded history. We were extremely lucky in that no fatalities occurred and that the community pulled together quickly for clean up and disaster relief efforts. Many people seeing the damage for the first time have told me that it looks like a bomb had been dropped on certain parts of our community; it certainly feels like that and much more as we deal with the psychological stress created by this type of disaster.

After the tornado had passed and I had checked on the safety of my family and neighbors, my husband and I drove to the library to check for damage. We were amazed to find everything intact except for a few fallen trees, downed electric lines, and a garbage dumpster which was blown into the next block. The next morning I was more amazed that the library fared so well as only two blocks away businesses and homes were completely demolished. The following morning was spent trying to contact staff and board members. I also received an early morning call from Roger Carswell of Southeast Kansas Library System inquiring about my family and the library. It was reassuring to know that Roger and SEKLS were ready to help if we needed anything. Soon thereafter I was also contacted by Roy Bird of the State Library offering support if needed.

The library reopened on the Friday following the Wednesday evening tornado. Services in highest demand for the first few days were our computers, internet access, meeting rooms for insurance claims adjusters, fax machine and copier. We were also needed as a place to provide continuity for children with our story hours and quiet space to complete homework assignments. Many of our adult patrons needed up-to-date information from our daily newspapers and other resources. Others needed a place of calm amidst all the chaos of cleanup outside.

Thanks to the Kansas library community for your support and to Betty Cattrell, Director of the Haysville Public Library for her advice.

Summer institute for school librarians

The Summer Institute for School Librarians will take place June 12-13 at the Salina Kansas Highway Patrol Training Center. Gary Hartzell will present "Building Influence for the School Librarian."

The registration form for the Summer Institute for School Librarians is available online in pdf format at the Andover Library web site (www.fn.net/~andover1). The \$100.00 cost includes a copy of Gary Hartzell's book and lunch both days. Graduate credit is offered through ESU for 1-2 hours at an additional cost. Lodging is available on site at \$37.00 per night. This includes two additional meals per day.

In describing his presentation, Gary Hartzell had this to say: "I try to stress the notion that being the best school librarian in Kansas is not enough. Being ready, willing, and able represents only three-quarters of what it takes to be successful and to make the kinds of contributions that school librarians can and do want to make. The fourth element is opportunity—and opportunity is something that is controlled by others. Teachers control collaboration opportunities (you can't be collaborative alone no matter how much you want to be) and the principal controls virtually all the other forms of opportunity for library media contribution in a school. Teachers and administrators extend those opportunities based upon how *they* perceive the library and the librarian, not based on what the librarian thinks or even upon a separate objective reality. The workshop really is aimed at developing skills in educating teachers, administrators, and board members—and in shaping their perception of the library and librarian."

Library positions

Engineering Librarian-Branch Head

Kansas State University seeks an individual to serve as the Head of the new (currently under construction) Fiedler Engineering Library. This position requires the ability to function in a startup environment and respond effectively to rapidly changing and developing conditions. The Fiedler Library is part of the KSU Science Libraries Department and, as such, will operate in concert with the Wm. R. Love Science Library, the KSU Veterinary Medical Library, the KSU-Salina Library, and the KSU Math/Physics Library. This tenure-track position is a full-time, twelve-month appointment reporting to the Chair of Science Libraries. The successful candidate will be expected to meet the requirements for tenure in KSU Libraries.

Responsibilities:

Provide management and policy guidance for the Engineering Library. Coordinate Fiedler Engineering Library programs and initiatives with those of the other parts of the KSU Libraries system. Develop and implement new or enhanced services. Supervise support staff and student employees. Act as library subject specialist for selected areas of engineering. Provide consultative reference services in engineering disciplines. Provide individual and group training for faculty and students on the use of information resources (both print and electronic), select resources in all formats, and promote awareness of and access to electronic information resources, with an emphasis on incorporating the latest technologies for information delivery. Pursue professional development activities that support library goals and the incumbent's progress toward tenure.

Qualifications:

REQUIRED

ALA-accredited MLS or equivalent degree and a minimum of three years experience in a science, engineering, or technical library environment. Knowledge of the research and instructional needs of students and faculty in engineering and of issues and trends in scholarly communication in the sciences. Ability to contribute in a team environment and to collaborate with colleagues throughout the campus community. Demonstrated ability to communicate in a clear, knowledgeable manner. Evidence of professional activities which indicate an interest in earning tenure. Potential to meet the Kansas State University Libraries requirements for tenure.

Salary and Benefits:

Upper \$30s. Kansas State University offers comprehensive benefits and retirement plan options which include TIAA/CREF.

Send cover letter (indicating source of position announcement); resume, and names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three work-related references to M. Jean Darbyshire, Director of Administrative Services, Kansas State University Libraries, Manhattan, KS 66506-1200. Phone: (785) 532-7465; e-mail: jdarby@ksu.edu; fax: (785)532-7415. Candidates selected for on-campus interviews will be expected to make a twenty-minute presentation to library and university faculty, staff and students. Review of applications will begin May 8, 2000 and continue until position is filled. On-campus interviews anticipated June 2000. Position becomes available July 1, 2000.

Director of Library Services

Emporia State University invites applications and nominations for a Director of Library Services to begin July 1, 2000 or as soon thereafter as possible.

The Director reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and is expected to provide leadership and vision to all library activities and services. The Director will oversee the continuing move to technologically accessible databases and the creation of accessibility at remote sites.

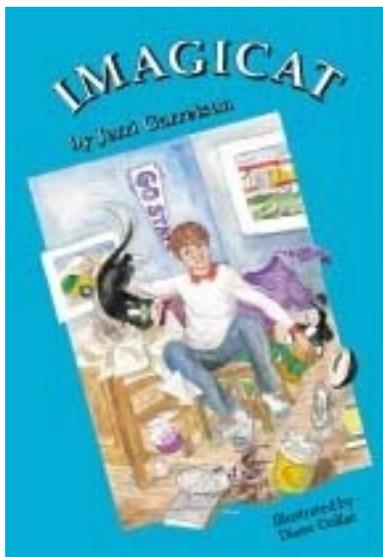
Doctorate in library science or a related field preferred (consideration may be given to applicants with an ALA-accredited masters degree). Applicants must have 3-5 years of academic/research library administrative experience. Applicants with university teaching experience, understanding and commitment to resource sharing, networking, library automation, new information technologies, successful grant acquisition/administration, and a record of scholarly and professional achievement, are especially invited to apply.

Screening will begin May 17, 2000, and continue until the position is filled. To apply, send a letter of application; vita; and names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three professional references to Dr. Robert Grover, Search Chair, Director of Library Services, Campus Box 4025, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801-5087. E-mail: groverro@emporia.edu. AA/EOE

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird, Library Consultant

Imagicat, by Jerri Garretson. Illustrated by Diane Dollar. Order from: Ravenstone Press, PO Box 1791, Manhattan, KS 66505-1791, FAX 785/776-0668, raven@interkan.net. Softcover, 5"x7", 160 pp., 2000. \$6.95.



If you missed Jerri Garretson's presentation at Tri-Conference, you missed a treat. She read from her first children's book, *Johnny Kaw*, and from a book she is completing now. And she read a chapter from *Imagicat*, her book for youngsters ages 10-14, grades 4-7, that hit the

market in April, 2000.

Imagicat is a delightful story set in Manhattan about a young boy named Jeff Holliwell who wants to be a writer. He encounters an alter ego in the form of an imaginary friend, a cat named Mortimer. Mortimer encourages Jeff to enter a writing contest after the youngster gets in trouble for poking fun at a writing assignment. The chimerical feline eventually convinces Jeff that his life's goal is not to tease writers but to be one himself. Mix in a snooty, bossy older sister and friends who doubt his sincerity and ability with Mortimer who shows up mischievously stirring up trouble and you have an interesting and inspirational story for youngsters.

Imagicat is recommended for all elementary and middle school libraries as well as all public library children's collections. If you didn't get a copy at Tri-Conference, order one for your library today!

Shining the Light: A Centennial History of the Kansas Library Association, by Robert W. Richmond. Order from: KLA History, 901 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501. Hardcover, 8"x11", 64 pp., 2000. \$25.00.

Follow the development, dynamic changes and distinguished personalities that have been part of the century since the Kansas Library Association came into existence. As one of the recognition efforts during KLA's centennial, *Shining the Light: A Centennial History of the Kansas Library Association*, the centennial book prepared for the KLA Centennial Committee, is not merely the story of the association's past — it is a panorama of the Kansas library community during a hundred years of evolution of library service in our state.

Shining the Light is the first book length history of KLA since 1950. The author is well known historian Robert W. Richmond. He is the retired assistant director of the Kansas State Historical Society and is the author of many books on the history of Kansas and the West, on other organizations and of biographies. He has taught Kansas history at several universities. Richmond has served as president of the American Association for State and Local History, president of the Friends of Kansas Libraries, and member of the Kansas Council for the Humanities, on the executive committee for the Kansas Center for the Book and of the State Library Advisory Council. He is also a member of the Kansas Library Association and at Tri-Conference received the President's Award for Library Advocate.

Shining the Light includes photographs and an index of names. The proceeds will benefit the KLA Educational Foundation. *Shining the Light* is recommended for all Kansas library collections. It tells the story of more than the association — it tells the story of library service in Kansas from 1900 to the present.



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

New books at the State Library

—by Marc Galbraith, Director of Reference Services

The following titles can be requested through Interlibrary Loan by contacting Tom Roth at 785/296-4326; 296-6650 fax; or e-mail to troth@ink.org.

The Copyright Book: A Practical Guide, 5th Ed., William Strong, MIT Press, 1999. 374.366482 Str 1999

Dynamics of Conflict Resolution: A Practitioner's Guide, Jossey-Bass, 1999. 303.69 May

High Impact Hiring; How to Interview and Select Outstanding Employees, Del Still, Management Development Systems, LLC. 658.3112 Sti

Interpreting and Negotiating Licensing Agreements; A Guidebook for the Library, Research, and Teaching

Professions, Arlene Bielefield and Lawrence Cheeseman, Neal-Schuman, 1999. 346.7304 Bie
Managing People Is Like Herding Cats, Warren Bennis, Executive Excellence, 1999. 658.3 Ben

Marketing With E-Mail, Shannon Kinnard, Maximum Press, 1999. 658.800285

Meeting the Needs of Employees with Disabilities, 3rd ed., Resources for Rehabilitation, 1999. 658.3007 Mee

Poor People and Library Services, Karen Venturella, McFarland & Co., 1998. 027.6 Poo

The 21st Century Supervisor: Nine Essential Skills for Frontline Leaders, Brad Humphrey and Jeff Stokes, Jossey-Bass, 2000. 658.302 Hum



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