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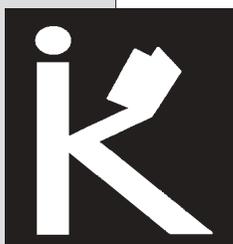


Letters of intent solicited for LSTA technology grants

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

Letters of intent to apply for FY 2003 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) technology grants are now being accepted. The deadline for letters of intent is Thursday, August 1, 2002. Letters of intent should be written on local library, agency or institutional letterhead.

Letters of intent should state that the library governing body intends to apply for federal funds in grant form from the FY 2003 LSTA allotment for technology development.



Libraries of any type wishing to apply for grants to provide technology development or technology training need to submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator,

Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th, Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593. They can also be faxed to 785/368-7291 or e-mailed to royb@kslib.info.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the 2003 allotment to Kansas for technology development and training.

Libraries that submit a letter of intent will then receive a copy of the application and LSTA Technology Grant

program guidelines. This information is also on Blue Skyways at http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/admin/ksl_admin.html.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a technology grant during FY 2003, submit your letter of intent by August 1. Grant awards will be determined at the October 25 joint meeting of the State Library Advisory Commission and the LSTA Advisory Council.

Grant writing course offered

Kansas State University's College of Education will offer *Grant Writing: Finding the Elusive Dollar* (EDACE 786) through the Division of Continuing Education. The course will be offered on five Thursdays from September 5-November 14, 2002 via TELENET 2, a statewide videoconferencing network.

The course is designed for community and state agency employees, volunteers, teachers and others interested in writing grants. It is offered for two or three graduate or undergraduate hours, or it may be audited. E-mail and Web access are required for the class.

For more information or to register online, visit <http://www.dce.ksu.edu>. Registration can also be completed by phone at 785/532-5566 or 800/432-8222, or in person at the Division of Continuing Education Registration Office, Kansas State University, College Court Building, 1615 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66506.

KAN-ED signed into law

On May 17, 2002 Kansas Governor Bill Graves signed Kansas Universal Service funding for KAN-ED into law. KAN-ED will provide for several things: subsidized state-wide broadband Internet service to schools, libraries and hospitals; research and education databases in addition to those already furnished to the state by Kansas Regents libraries and Kansas State Library; and video-conferencing networks for distance education.

Startup of KAN-ED before July 1 of this year will be funded with \$395,000 from the State General Fund plus an additional \$100,000 in federal funds and donations. From January through June of 2003, \$5 million drawn from the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) will fund implementation of KAN-ED. All telecommunications companies in Kansas are required by law to contribute a percentage of intrastate retail revenues to the KUSF. Money in the KUSF is then distributed to local telephone companies to compensate for lower rates charged for intrastate long distance calls. According to the bill, such funding for KAN-ED is not to exceed \$10,000,000 in any one fiscal year. After June 30, 2005 state general funds will be used to fund the KAN-ED network instead of the KUSF, unless the Kansas legislature decides otherwise.

The text of the enabling legislation, Substitute for Senate Bill No. 614, is available on accessKansas, the official Web site of the State of Kansas, at <http://www.accesskansas.org/>. A fact sheet about the Kansas Universal Service Fund is available at http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/utilities/kusf_facts.htm.

William Allen White award winners

William Allen White award winners are as follows:

3rd-5th grade winner was *The Landry News*, by Andrew Clements

6th-8th grade winner was *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis

The website is <http://www.emporia.edu/libsv/wawbookaward/index.htm>.

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Spring Meeting

The Network Board had its spring meeting on May 16th at the Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University. A number of important decisions were made at that meeting.

Digitization Grant

The board approved the 2002 Digitization Grant Committee's recommendation to fund the request of the Wichita Public Library Local History Section, Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, and Wichita State University Libraries Department of Special Collections for \$15,000 towards increasing the Wichita Photo Archives.

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For fiscal year 2003 forty-six libraries sent in sixty applications for competitive funding from the Interlibrary Loan Development Program, for a total of \$119,198.37. Due to state fiscal constraints, the board has only \$77,000 to award.

The board also approved the FY 2003 ILDP Competitive Grant Evaluation Committee's recommendation to fully fund those applicants whose proposals received an average score of 11.33 or better out of a possible 15 points, and to also fund an additional six applicants that scored less than 11.33 but whose grants would purchase materials of value to statewide interlibrary loan. This means that thirty-nine applications will be funded. I will post decisions for individual applicants to the Network Board Web pages on Blue Skyways as soon as letters to applicants have gone out.

Board Vacancy

The Network Board is seeking recommendations to fill the position of Special Libraries representative to be vacated this month when Ed Burgess's term expires. Ed has been an excellent resource and a pleasure to work with during his tenure on the board, and will be missed.

e-books

The board also approved my recommendation to reserve \$5,392 from ILDP Competitive Grant funds towards the purchase of electronic books for use by Kansas Library Card holders.

Minutes

Minutes of the board meeting are available on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB0502.html>.

Statewide Virtual Reference

The board authorized me to create a library task force to draft a statewide virtual reference pilot project plan. This task force will include representatives from different types of libraries throughout the state. I would present the task force's recommendations to the Network Board at its summer meeting in Manhattan on August 15. I am more than happy to accept recommendations for membership on this task force by telephone (800/432-3919), e-mail (eric@kslib.info) or fax (785/296-6650).

Budget

The board approved expenditure of FY 2003 discretionary federal funds as follows:

Tri-Conference Booth	\$4,088
Strategic Plan Implementation	\$20,000
E-books for KSLC	\$9,912
Virtual Reference	\$15,000
Contingency	<u>\$1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$50,000

KPLACE

It was my pleasure to co-teach a class on online resources to KPLACE III students at Emporia State University on May 21 with Thomas Reddick of the Northeast Kansas Library System. Material we covered included Web search engines, FirstSearch, InfoTrac, Discoverer Deluxe, the Kansas Library Card, and netLibrary electronic books. The advanced search engines portion of the class is available on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/presentations/KPLACE2002/start.html>.

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

KPLACE 2002 was very successful

—by Shannon Roy

Local Library Development

KPLACE 2002 was held at the Emporia State University (ESU) Union May 20—May 23. All three classes showed a lively enjoyment of their work.

KPLACE One studied leadership trends, teamwork, community analysis and automation trends with Patti Butcher, Toni Harrell, Cindi Hickey and Thomas Reddick. Gene George of Butler County Community College led a fascinating discussion of population trends in Kansas and their possible consequences.

KPLACE Two studied staff issues, compensation, legal issues, funding and trustee development with Roy Bird, Paul Hawkins, Tiffany Hentschal, Susan Moyer and Steve Read. Colorado trainer Pat Wagner covered a lot of ground in an excellent one-day workshop on administrative skills.

KPLACE Three studied collection management with Marcia Allen and Kay Russell and Internet searching skills with Eric Hansen and Thomas Reddick. Duane Johnson gave an update on some of the challenges facing Kansas librarians in the coming year.

The graduating class spent much of the week on aspects of library marketing. Cindi Hickey spoke on using the Internet for marketing and Carol Ann Robb led a discussion on public relations. Nebraska trainer Gary Hartzell had adapted his presentation on building influence for school librarians and made the same excellent points for a public library audience. KPLACE veteran Toni Boyles gave a one-day workshop on “Understanding Ourselves and Other People.”

Joyce Davis of William Allen White Library took the “just-for-fun” dinner program and gave a hilarious travelogue called, “How I Survived the World to Come to Emporia.” Asked afterwards why she had come to Emporia after all THAT, Dr. Davis said, “I’ve got a wonderful job here. I am really enjoying my work at ESU.”

The week was intellectually demanding but the weather stayed relatively cool and energy remained high. The graduation party was a merry festival. The graduating class wore navy polo shirts decorated with a Kansas map full of stars. They marched in behind bagpiper Bobbie Dye and in front of a cheering crowd. After their

tribute, they sang not one, but three, comic songs, spoofing themselves and almost everyone else.

The class of 2002 had chosen to be called the KPLACE Stars while they were still in KPLACE One. Their confidence is more than justified by their merry humor, their professional commitment and their thoughtful consideration of library issues.

The following librarians were in the class of 2002:

Kristal Annett of Osage City
 Rose Arnoldy of Great Bend
 Annette Burks of Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility
 Julia Dawdy of Bern Community
 Ruth DeMoure of Girard
 Nick Fleury of the Southeast Kansas Library System
 Nina Hand of Wichita
 Beverly Hartsook of Emporia
 Linda Homolka of Ellsworth
 Deanna Hull of Grant County
 Jenne Laytham of Basehor
 Iris Mathies of Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee
 Becky McBeth of Lyons
 Brenda McClure of Stockton
 Sara McFarland of Cimarron
 Gail Meyer of Environmental Protection Region No. 7
 Judith Nechols of Manhattan
 Leah Oswald of Iola
 Kimberly Patton of Lawrence
 Dawn Pilcher of Park City
 Kristin Ramshaw of Toronto
 Barbara Rauter of West Wyandotte
 Sarah Schlotterback of Mankato
 Catherine Schmidt of Elmendaro Township
 Beth Seals of Halstead
 Christie Wilson of Arma

NWKLS Friends, trustees and librarians gathered May 8

—by *Vikki Jo Stewart*
Literacy Program Director

A large room full of Friends, trustees and librarians gathered May 8 at the 2002 Northwest Kansas Library System (NWKLS) Full Board meeting at the NWKLS/Norton Public Library. Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) and the Kansas Library Trustee Association (KLTA) provided a joint session following lunch. The session titled “I Thought That Was My Job” had a goal to help develop stronger communication between library directors, trustees and Friends to accomplish the mission of the library. Vikki Jo Stewart, Kansas State Library, moderated the panel and facilitated the Social Action Theater.

The session began with two brief presentations on positive examples of partnerships. Cindy Eller, Library Director, Sheridan County Library, Hoxie, spoke about a strategy for successful partnerships between the library staff, trustees and the Friends. New to the library, she noticed that everyone—library staff, trustees and Friends—had a sense of ownership and were unwilling to change. She decided to start with “self examination” and began with a rewriting of her own job description. Cindy listened to library staff about the library’s strengths and weaknesses and then proposed the idea of a board retreat to the board leadership. The purpose of the retreat was to discuss her job description, updating the bylaws, etc. Her role as partner to the board leadership helped set up what the board expected and wanted her to do as the director. Her next step was to meet with the Friends and share the board’s thinking. Now all projects begin with a “meeting of the minds” to develop objectives so everyone knows where they fit in the plan. Marjo Scott, past president of FoKL and past board member at Belleville Public Library, Belleville Public Library Foundation and the Friends of Belleville Public Library, told about making the time to attend all three boards’ meetings to promote better communication between boards. Her efforts developed a process to help sustain current successful partnerships between the library leaders in Belleville.

The Social Action Theater followed the panel. Social Action Theater is a form of role play with audience participation. The three NWKLS players recruited to play parts in “I Thought That Was My Job” were brilliant! The three women—Cindy Eller, Beverly Kindler, Norton Public Library Friend and board member; and Diane Prolifka,

Jay Johnson Public Library, Quinter, trustee and Friend—brought the characters in the three vignettes to life! Players stayed in character and the audience had a chance to ask questions!

At the end of the session one curmudgeon said to the performers, “You did a nice job, but it doesn’t matter ‘cause they won’t ever work together anyway.” FoKL and KLTA believe that librarians, trustees and Friends can find ways to work together when they keep the mission of the library at the core of their efforts to communicate!

Please note that FoKL and KLTA are planning to take “I Thought That Was My Job” on the road to kick off the Southeast Kansas Library System’s first ever Friends and Trustees Conference, Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the Holiday Park Motel in Chanute.

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*.

Schools and libraries division introduces new terminology for numbering e-rate funding years

—by Jeff Hixon

Director, Library Information Technology

The terminology that SLD uses for e-rate funding years is changing. Funding years will now be designated by the calendar year in which they begin. Under the new terminology, Funding Year 1 becomes Funding Year 1998, Funding Year 2 becomes Funding Year 1999, and so on.

The SLD is moving to this new terminology because participants have expressed confusion about the current terminology to SLD. Future communications from SLD will now use this terminology to refer to all funding years.

The new system, unfortunately, carries its own confusions—the abbreviation “FY” for funding year can be mistaken for ‘fiscal year’, and in Kansas, the fiscal year is named according to the year in which it ends, not the year in which it begins.

The following table, developed by Linda Kay, Library Development Bureau, New Jersey State Library, gives a comparison between the old terminology and timelines and the new designations.

Original Name	Application Period	Discount Year (Designation on Forms)	SLD New Funding Year Name
Year 1		Jan 1998 - June 1999	FY1998
Year 2	Dec 1998 - Mar 1999	Jul 1999 - Jun 2000	FY1999
Year 3	Nov 1999 - Jan 2000	Jul 2000 - Jun 2001	FY2000
Year 4	June 2000 - Jan 2001	Jul 2001 - Jun 2002	FY2001
Year 5	June 2001 - Jan 2002	Jul 2002 - Jun 2003	FY2002
[none]	June 2002 - Jan 2003	Jul 2003 - Jun 2004	FY2003

The tables of currently approved and expired Technology Plans for Public Libraries (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/libtech/erate/techplans.html>) have been updated to include the new (and old-style) year names.

Remember, if your library is not listed on these tables, you do not have an approved technology plan in place for your SLDFY 2002 application!



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

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

Keep On the Sunny Side Of Life: The Best Of a Lifetime, by Dorothy M. Masters. Leawood, KS: Leathers Publishing, 4500 College Blvd., Leawood, KS 66211, or order from Dorothy M. Masters, 13842 K-31, Harveyville, KS 66431-9742. Paper, 5" x 7", 230 pp.

"My living process has taught me that health and happiness are the most important things in my life," writes Dorothy Masters in *Keep On the Sunny Side Of Life*. Her book was written to a large degree for her family and friends, and it is filled with a familial tone and inside information only those readers probably know. At the same time, it shares a portrait of life in small town Kansas, Eskridge to be exact, that only books like this can provide.

Dorothy Masters was born in the depths of the Great Depression in Kansas into a family that described itself as poor. Her early years did not reflect poverty as we know it today. Instead, it was rich with work, fun and laughter. It instilled positive attitudes that helped the author and her family achieve happiness even when that important health failed. A nurse by profession, she became a writer by avocation after her retirement to Harveyville. She wrote for local newspapers in Osage, Wabaunsee and Pottawatomie Counties. Some of her columns are included in the book, and these paint pastoral pictures of life in the Kansas Flint Hills from days gone by. For instance, in today's world in which children know only that milk comes from a supermarket, Dorothy Masters describes the community pasture in her hometown where townspeople kept their cows to provide each family with milk and milk products. She includes reminiscences of people, places and events that will evoke memories in some, even if they are not from the same area. Those rememberings will instill a better understanding for those who never experienced that life she describes. It will delight readers who enjoy looking at things consistently from a positive point of view. Uplifting and inspirational, *Keep On the Sunny Side Of Life* is recommended for public and school library collections.

Lester Raymer: A Collection Of Essays, by Bruce R. Kahler, Ph.D.; Diane Thomas Lincoln; Lan Nelson; Carla Scott, Ph.D.; and Don Weddle. Order from: The Raymer Society, 212 S. Main, Box 326, Lindsborg, KS 67456. Cloth, 8" x 11", 204 pp., \$28 + \$3.50/p/h.

Over the years Kansas has produced many fine artists of whom only a few ever achieve the recognition they deserve. In 1998, an organization in his adopted home of Lindsborg chose to champion the art of one of these artists, Lester Raymer. Calling itself The Raymer Society for the Arts, its mission is to provide opportunities for cultural enrichment, public awareness and appreciation of artistic traditions and promote cultural education. The society has restored Raymer's studio in Lindsborg and has published a fitting memorial to its namesake in *Lester Raymer: A Collection Of Essays*.

This book contains a biography of Raymer based on innumerable primary sources; an article by Dr. Bruce Kahler, Bethany College, about Raymer's art and attitude toward art; an article about his religious art in multiple media by Diane Thomas Lincoln, Wichita State University; a description of his themes in paintings, drawings, illustrations and prints by Don Weddle who then had a gallery of his own in Lindsborg; a delightful piece by Lan Nelson, who lives in Lindsborg and an artist, about the variety of toys created by Raymer each Christmas for his wife, Ramona; and an article about the transformations and retrospective of Raymer's art and numerous media throughout his lifetime by Dr. Carla Scott, then director of the Raymer Society.

Well bound and extensively illustrated with photos of his life and beautiful color reproductions of his art, this book stands as a tribute to artist Lester Raymer, a wonderful coffee table book for popular consumption and a scholarly work for the serious art student. The book is a genuine bargain. It belongs in adult collections in public libraries, art collections in academic libraries and in secondary school libraries to inspire potential young artists with the work of a Kansas artist who should be neither forgotten nor overlooked. . . both Lester and the Raymer Society would admire such appreciation.

Kansas libraries.... 50 years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

Excerpts from *The Kansas Library Bulletin*, June, 1952

- The William Allen White Memorial Library of the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, was formally dedicated on April 21 and 22, 1952.
- A long-to-be-remembered highlight of the ceremonies dedicating the William Allen White Library on the campus of the State Teachers College in Emporia, was the announcement at the dinner April 21 by Dr. David L. McFarlane, President of the College, that an annual book award called the “William Allen White Children’s Book Award” has been initiated after formal approval by the State Board of Regents.
- The Abilene Public Library, which lost approximately 750 books during the 1951 flood, has been the recipient

of several monetary gifts to help rebuild the library’s book collection. At one point during the flood 37 inches of water stood in the children’s room.

- The Wichita City Library, in recently purchasing the Charles B. Driscoll pirate collection, has acquired the largest single group of books on pirates and pirating. The collection consists of about 800 items amassed by Mr. Driscoll, a native of Wichita.
- Dr. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, will give the banquet address Friday night, October 9, at the annual meeting of the Kansas Library Association in Emporia.



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