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KAN-ED broadband subsidy applications

—by Brad Williams, M.S.
IT Operations Manager, Kansas Board of Regents

KAN-ED Broadband Subsidy Applications are now being accepted. You can go to www.kan-ed.org under “news” for the link to the online application, or go directly to <https://surveys.ksu.edu/Survey/takeSurvey.do?offeringId=17656> to apply. This subsidy application is straightforward, and there are more details about the subsidy on the application page.

This subsidy is for KAN-ED members only. There is a link on the initial application page for information on how to become a KAN-ED member. You *must* be a KAN-ED member to receive a subsidy. KAN-ED members are hospitals, libraries, school districts (not individual schools) and higher education institutions that have filled out a membership application or are a current KAN-ED member. You can also point your Web browser to <http://www.kan-ed.org/new/news.htm> under “membership solicitations” to apply for membership.

Please pass this message on to representatives of school districts, libraries, hospitals and higher education institutions so they may apply. Applications will be accepted until June 30th, 2003.

KAN-ED is providing subsidies for the year FY03 to assist our members with broadband Internet service fees, until the KAN-ED network is built and a vendor connectivity matrix is developed to allow KAN-ED members to review their options. Please direct any questions to my attention at bwilliams@ksbor.org.

A subsidy FAQ and more information on the subsidy program will be available on the KAN-ED website at www.kan-ed.org by June 6.

Dr. Martha Hale leaving SLIM

—by Robert Grover
Dean, Graduate Studies
Emporia State University

Dr. Martha Hale is leaving the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University (ESU) to become Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hale was a faculty member at University of Southern California before her appointment to the faculty of SLIM in 1986. She was appointed Dean in 1987, a position she held until 1994, when she returned to the SLIM faculty.

As Dean, she led SLIM to begin its distance programs in western Iowa, Denver, Nebraska, Utah, and Oregon. She also worked with the State Library and professionals in the state to create KPLACE, a 3-year certificate program for library staff members. In 1993 SLIM initiated its doctoral program, the first such program at Emporia State University. Marty has been active at both the state and national levels, and her accomplishments are summarized in an announcement on the Catholic University Web site (cua.edu).

Marty will be missed for her creative teaching, mentoring of students, dedication to our field and ESU, and for her genuine caring for people.

We'll miss you, Marty, and we wish you the very best!

Dedication of Collins Library

—by Kay Bradt
Director of Library Services, Baker University

On Saturday, May 17, Baker University dedicated an expanded and completely refurbished Collins Library. It has been almost ten years since the library staff and faculty first gathered to determine how to meet the changing needs of students and faculty in an increas-



Bonnie Postlethwaite speaks at Collins Library dedication

ingly technology-based information age. The list was long and the scope vast. Under the leadership of Bonnie Postlethwaite, Director of Information Services, we focused on creating a comfortable, inviting space to accommodate both individuals and groups and to support the use of new technologies. A new instruction room sports a smart board and nine computers. Audio visual rooms support group use of DVDs and videos as well as the older technologies like filmstrips and LPs. On the first floor, the Information Commons is open 24 hours a day and students are using it. In the weeks leading up to the end of classes, the Commons was an especially popular place to be. There were seventy-two students in the Commons one evening after the library closed at 11:00 p.m. and another evening a high of fourteen students were still studying at 3:00 a.m.

At the dedication, donor representatives Ray Tullius from the Mabee Foundation and Kate Banks from the Ferrell family, spoke about how this project carried forth their visions. After the plaque was unveiled by Dr. Daniel Lambert, President of the University, the doors of the library were opened for tours which included musical performances near the music listening room and a talk on the stained glass windows by Walt Bailey of the Art Department.

Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program is offering a grant-related training opportunity in Seattle.

Public Access Computing Class (Combo Class)
June 23-25, 2003, July 28-31, 2003 or
September 22-25, 2003

The goal of the Public Access Computing class is to help participants enhance their libraries' public access computing programs. The class is primarily designed for grant recipients who hold both technology training and systems administration responsibilities. Participants engage in training-related topics and in systems administration topics for roughly equal amounts of time during the four-day class. Elective sessions are also offered which provide attendees the option of devoting more time to one focus than the other.

The U.S. Library Program grant covers the cost of the training sessions, class materials, lunch on class days, and a Welcome Dinner on Sunday prior to the class week. Each participant is responsible for his or her own travel accommodations, hotel, and other food expenses.

To add your name to the registration list, please contact Anna Hennes, Training Operations Coordinator, at 206/709-3694 or send e-mail to anna@gatesfoundation.org. *Do not* make travel reservations until you receive a confirmation registration e-mail.

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Quarterly board meeting

The Kansas Library Network Board had its quarterly meeting on May 15, 2003 in the Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Library conference room in Manhattan. Actions taken by the board at the meeting follow.

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The board accepted the recommendation of the FY 2004 ILDP Competitive Grant Evaluation Committee to fully fund all applications that were scored at 9.0 or better on a 15-point scale, and to set aside \$3,410 for the consortial purchase of BCR's netLibrary Shared Collection 2 ebooks. The \$347 remaining in FY 2004 ILDP competitive funds will be put on deposit with BCR against the future purchase of additional ebooks. Funds to be awarded will be held back until they are understood to be secure. Checks to libraries will likely go out in late September.

Budget

The board approved the following budget for its FY 2004 discretionary funds.

Tri-Conference Internet Booth 2004	\$ 4,088
KANAnswer	\$24,000
Western Trails	\$21,000
Contingency	\$ 912
TOTAL	\$50,000

Visitors from Russia

The State Library was pleased to welcome visiting Russian librarians on Friday afternoon, May 16 (see photos below).



Interpreter for Russian visitors at State Library

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

Arkansas City Public Library holds open house

—by Michelle Swain
Director, Arkansas City Public Library

Michelle Swain, Director of the Arkansas City Public Library (ACPL), hosted an Open House for the community on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, in celebration of the completion of renovations and improvements to the library made possible by a grant from the city called the Families First Recreation Initiative. Funding in the amount of \$145,000 was expended over the past year that included new carpet, painting, patron and staff furniture, drop ceilings and lighting, and remodeling of the lower level for a new Youth Services Department. Rearrangement of collections and service areas also created a space for the Friends of ACPL to stock a small Book Sale Room that is open throughout the year.



The biggest “wow” of the event was for the new Fantasy Forest of trees that was created in the Youth Services Department (see photo). After seeing the mural and trees done by Mark Pendergrass of Wichita at the Augusta Public Library, ACPL decided to bring a little bit of the outdoors inside their building as well. Mark sculpted six trees out of styrofoam and plaster to cover the structural columns, turning a large unwieldy room into an area of creativity and imagination. ACPL invites all library staff in Kansas to stop by and have a look if they are in the neighborhood.

Lawrence Public Library becomes a Wi-Fi hot spot

—by Bruce Flanders
Director, Lawrence Public Library

The Lawrence Public Library is an enthusiastic new participant in the world of wireless networking, now identifying itself as a “Hot Spot” on the Internet thanks to a new partnership with Sunflower Broadband.

The World Company, owner of the local newspaper (*Lawrence Journal-World*), the local cable television network, city-wide high-speed Internet access and a digital local telephone service, has recently unveiled high-speed wireless Internet access points, called “Hot Spots,” in various locations throughout the community. The Internet arm of the World Company is called Sunflower Broadband.

These 802.11b (Wi-Fi) Internet access points have been installed in a number of local businesses, restaurants, hotels, etc. As a free service to the library, Sunflower Broadband has installed a “Hot Spot” here that covers almost the entire area of the library’s 25,000 sq. ft. main level. Unlike other “Hot Spots” in Lawrence, where users must have a wireless Internet access monthly subscription, or pay by the minute using wireless access “calling cards,” the wireless Internet access in the library is open and free of charge.

Users with a laptop or PDA with embedded wireless capability or an 802.11b wireless network card may access their e-mail, or browse the web in the library now, with no wires attached. We are working with Sunflower Broadband to promote this service with a number of posters and tabletop signs in the library. We have also created a fact sheet for patrons that describes the service, and provides log-in information. Library staff do not provide technical support, but do refer users with questions to Sunflower Broadband’s telephone-based tech support or their website, www.sunflowerbroadband.com/internet/wireless.

This is a “win-win” partnership: users can access the Internet more freely in the library, thanks to this donated service, and Sunflower Broadband can generate good will and promote their new service. We are thrilled to provide wireless Internet access, joining a number of other libraries as an early adopter of this new and very exciting technology.

ALA Legislative Day

—by Rosanne Goble
Executive Director, Kansas Library Association

The annual American Library Association Legislative Day activities in Washington, D.C. this year were held on May 12-13. Six librarians from across the state of Kansas attended the briefing on issues presented by staff from



*ALA Legislative Day attendees
in Washington, D.C.*

the ALA Washington Office, and spoke with Kansas Legislators and aids on May 13. Those from Kansas participating in the nationwide event included Duane Johnson, State Librarian; Robert Walter, President, Kansas Library Association; Emily Sitz, Director, Liberal Memorial Library; Nan Myers, Government Documents Librarian, Wichita State University; Jean Hatfield, Johnson County Library; Rosanne Goble, Executive Director, Kansas Library Association.

Issues in the forefront this year were the reauthorization of LSTA funding, and the increase to \$250 million by the Senate. Such an increase would mean an increase in the base amount to states with smaller population such as Kansas. Other issues included Patriot Act and libraries, E-rate, Copyright and Fair Use, and Literacy Through School Libraries funding.

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*.

MPLA Leadership Institute

—by Dennis Wilson
Tech Services and Collection Development Manager
Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

Are you an emerging leader? Do you have a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential?

As one of the Kansas representatives to the first MPLA Leadership Institute in 2002, I would like to encourage you, or for you to encourage a colleague that you see as an emerging leader, to apply for the 2003 MPLA Leadership Institute. The MPLA Leadership Institute is committed to the growth and development of current and future library leaders.

The MPLA Leadership Institute will be held at magnificent Ghost Ranch, New Mexico again this year. The dates are November 9-14, 2003. Again, it is not only a tremendous opportunity for participants to meet and work closely with colleagues and mentors from around the MPLA region, but it's also the chance to build a network of colleagues that you may call upon for years to come!

Applications for the 2003 MPLA Leadership Institute are available at the MPLA website: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/>. **The deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until midnight (CDT) June 15, 2003.** To qualify for the initial application process an individual must have:

- Earned an MLS or equivalent master's degree relevant to the library field
- Worked less than 10 years in a post-master's library-related position or series of positions
- Applicants must currently be a member of the Kansas Library Association and be employed in a library organization in the MPLA 12-state region.
- In addition, each applicant must have a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential.

If you have questions about the MPLA Leadership Institute, please contact Susan Moyer, Kansas Representative of MPLA at susanm@jclib.org or you may also contact Mary Bushing, Institute Coordinator at marying@msn.com.

AGent migration, KLC/KICNET

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

On May 6, Kansas libraries began a great migration—to the new interface for the Kansas Library Catalog, Kansas List of Serials, and KICNET ILL System, developed by Auto-Graphics, and named AGent.

The most significant changes libraries will notice in AGent are:

- the ability to search both Kansas databases (the Main Catalog and the Kansas List of Serials) simultaneously
- a *shopping cart* for MARC records that allows users to select all the records desired for download, review them individually, then download in a bunch. This should speed up the download process considerably.

Helpful documentation is available from Auto-Graphics in the form of a product bulletin entitled “Making the Transition to AGent,” (<http://www.auto-graphics.com/techsupp/agent/news/AGent-003.pdf>) and the official “User Guide[s] for AGent” (request from A-G using the form at <http://www.auto-graphics.com/techsupp/agent/news/news.html>).

These publications should be on hand in every library that uses either the KLC or KICNET! They’re well written and easy to use as for step-by-step learning or quick reference when something unexpected happens.

Barring unforeseen problems with the system, on Monday, June 2, Auto-Graphics will complete Kansas’ formal migration to AGent. *Formal migration* means that Auto-Graphics will *redirect* attempts to link to “ksuc-iol2.auto-graphics” to the new AGent screen, just as we did with the older URLs when IOL2 came along. At the same time, existing redirects from the original IOL1 addresses www.auto-graphics.com/cgipac/ to the current IOL2 system will be discontinued. This means *if you are still using the original address to get to the catalog (18 months after it was discontinued!!) your bookmarks/links will not work after June 1.*

The “new” redirects (from IOL2 to AGent) will be scheduled to expire in six months (December 1) so now is the time for libraries to create new URLs and bookmark them immediately for future use and reference. The links on Blue Skyways will be *Guest Mode* links to a screen with **no staff login** options.

About feedback:

Problems or concerns about functional operation of the system should be addressed to the A-G Help Desk (helpdesk@auto-graphics.com), cc: Rhonda and Jeff at the state library (rmachlan@kslib.info, jeffh@kslib.info).

Problems, concerns, suggestions or comments about navigation in AGent should be addressed to Elisa Cortez (eac@auto-graphics.com), cc: Rhonda and Jeff at the state library (rmachlan@kslib.info, jeffh@kslib.info).

Library positions

Multicultural Librarian/DOWMRC Director

Rank: Assistant Professor

Location: KSU Libraries, Manhattan, Kansas

Job#: VLN-11118

General scope of work:

This individual will serve as Director of the Dow Multicultural Resource Center (DowMRC), managing its daily operations.

Responsibilities include:

- Supporting multicultural curriculum transformation across the campus programs advocating the use of multicultural materials in all disciplines. It is a priority of the university to integrate diversity content into the curriculum.
- Collaborating with K-State librarians to assist all academic disciplines with multicultural information acquisition and delivery.
- Responsible for specific classroom and research information needs of faculty and students of American Ethnic Studies.

Education requirements: MLS from an ALA-accredited institution or equivalent.

Contact: Val Nowosielski, KSU Project Team; e-mail résumé to: vnowosielski@themorleygroup.com; phone: 317/616-1718 or fax: 317/879-4790. KSU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Director for Southwest Kansas Library System, Dodge City, Kansas

The Southwest Kansas Library System is seeking a dynamic leader with a vision for library services in the 21st century.

A candidate for this position should have a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from an ALA-accredited institution, plus at least five years progressively responsible administrative experience.

The Southwest Kansas Library System is a regional system of cooperating libraries covering 21 counties in southwest Kansas. The System provides consulting services, continuing education, interlibrary loan, cataloging, reference and professional resources to its member libraries in addition to a rotating collection of books in print and on tape to supplement local library collections and a mail-a-book program that serves patrons directly.

System headquarters are located in Dodge City, Kansas. Travel, including overnight travel is required in this position. Salary 50k to 55k depending on experience.

Position open until filled. Send a detailed letter of application addressing how your experience matches the stated qualifications, a résumé, and the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of three references to: SWKLS Director Search, c/o Ruby Martin, Lane County Library, Box 997, Dighton, KS 67839. For more information contact Ruby Martin at 620/397-2808.

Technology Manager for midsize public library

Candidate will manage and integrate all technology for Dodge City Public Library with a heavy emphasis in SIRSI Automation, AIX, Unix, BSD, Linux, MySQL, DNS, E-mail and web page development.

Responsibilities include technology planning for the purchase, coordination and effective utilization of all hardware and software applications; managing servers and networks; and preparing the technology budget.

Education requirements: BS in Computer Science or MLS with emphasis in computers, automation and networking management. Sirsi experience preferred. Equivalent experience may be considered.

To apply: Applications received by July 25, 2003 are assured full consideration; however applications will be considered until the position is filled. Send letter of application stating qualifications, names and contact information of three references to: Director, Dodge City Public Library, 1001 Second Avenue, Dodge City, KS 67801; maryt@trails.net.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

Twilight Crossings, by Jeanne Allen, Jeanine Berry, Shannah Biondine, and Sheri L. McGathy. Markham, Ontario: Double Dragon Publishing, 2002. Order from: Double Dragon Publishing, Box 54106, I-5762 Highway 7 East, Markham, Ontario L3P 7Y4 Canada. Softcover, 6" x 9", 306 pp., \$18.99 (U.S. price).

Twilight Crossings is an anthology featuring novellas by four intriguing female writers of fantasy and science fiction. The final novella, a 70-page novella called "Thief of Dreams," is written by Manhattan fiction writer Sheri McGathy. This romance/fantasy relies heavily on Celtic lore. The heroine falls in love with a young man doomed to a dream-like state when he enters a Faery Ring, while being pursued by another greedy suitor intent on having not only the heroine but also her dowry and eventually her father's realm. With the help of the Stag King, who lives in both worlds, she realizes that only her true love can rescue the man who she wants to share her dreams and defeat the ruthless contender. McGathy's story qualifies it for our Kansas Books column, but it is joined by three other stories bound by a common thread—the idea of people passing between alternate worlds. All four are new feminine voices in the literature of speculative fiction, but Sheri McGathy is a Kansas fiction writer to watch. Read her novella "Thief of Dreams" and fans will want to see more of her work.

Recommended for public library science fiction/fantasy collections, academic and secondary school literature collections.



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

Coping with hard times

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

How is your library coping with the current fiscal hard times? That was a question posed to the KPLACE II class during the institute during May. The class had discussed the total approach to library funding. Answers were illuminating.

One small library was dealing with the library budget by giving no raises but more staff time off. Another was implementing more voluntary holidays without pay. Yet another has frozen certain positions or not filled others, lowering staff by attrition. A fourth was considering changing the work week from 40 to 37.5 hours. All of these would save in the salary line item of a library budget.

Another library is considering cutting hours, and discussion that followed indicated that some thought that library should cut where it would hurt most, others that it should cut where it hurt least. Someone else said her

library was considering a week or two weeks closing, inspired presumably by the practice of academic libraries recently of closing between fall and spring semesters. These measures would not only save salaries but also utilities.

Larger libraries are looking at reducing deliveries to branches from daily to twice weekly, saving on vehicle acquisition, maintenance and insurance; another is looking at reducing services or changing services at branch libraries. All sizes of libraries are trying to do more with less across the board.

But one library remarked that rather than looking at cutting services, their board and staff are considering a new emphasis on fundraising, looking at supplementing existing services via other means rather than reducing existing services, a very proactive attitude toward budget limitations.

If you have other ideas, suggestions, or comments, please forward them to *Kansas Libraries* editor Eric Hansen at eric@kslib.info.



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