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## Letters of intent solicited for LSTA Technology Development, Training grants

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

Letters of intent to apply for FY 2001 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Technology Development grants and LSTA Technology Training grants are now being accepted. The deadline for letters of intent is Monday, August 7, 2000. 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 2001 LSTA allotment for technology development or for technology training. Because these are two separate grant projects,

it is important to identify either development or training. Libraries may apply for either or for both grants.

Libraries of any type wishing to apply for grants to provide technology development and technology training need to submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612. They can also be faxed to 785/368-7291 or e-mailed to royb@ink.org.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the 2001 LSTA allotment to Kansas for technology development and technology 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 now being updated on Blue Skyways at [http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/admin/ksl\\_admin.html](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/admin/ksl_admin.html).

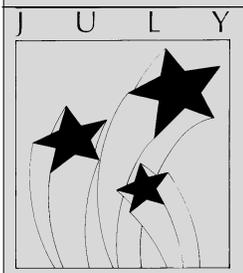
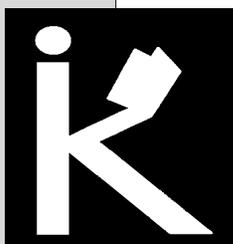
If your library is interested in federal funds to support a technology grant during FY 2001, submit your letter of intent by August 7. Grant awards will be determined at the October 6 joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.

## Ellen Miller on National Advocacy Honor Roll

Ellen Miller, Kansas Library Trustee Association President and Johnson County Library Board member, has been named a Kansas honoree on the first-ever National Advocacy Honor Roll sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA), a division of ALA.

More than 300 honorees from 40 states and the District of Columbia will be recognized at an Honor Roll Banquet July 7, during the ALA Annual Conference.

Each state was asked to develop its own award criteria and name up to five living honorees and five posthumous honorees. Both individuals and groups were eligible for nomination, including those from the library community, business and professional community, political and public service community and/or the philanthropic community. Nominations were made jointly this spring by state library agencies, ALA



## Preserving Kansas folk music and folk dance history

Kansas libraries and the communities they serve are invited to help document community and tradition-based forms of folk music and folk dance in Kansas. Susan Sanders, graduate student in the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University, is spearheading the project.

The project's goals are: 1) to locate and document the stories of our elders, whose memories of music and dance may soon be lost to time, 2) to document contemporary folk music and folk dance groups and their activities across the state, and 3) to ensure that the content and location of our libraries' folk music and folk dance collections are included in widely accessible library and information networks.

Any folk music and dance activities, whether a part of informal gatherings or organized community events, could be included. The documentation could take the form of an oral history, videotape, photographs, music and dance notation, sketches, programs, play lists, dances, notebooks, film, and more.

Across the state, librarians and community members can become part of this effort, whether by identifying people in their community who should be interviewed, conducting interviews, preparing documentation, identifying current collections, or other activities that fit into their plans.

If your library would like to participate in the project, or would like more information, contact Susan Sanders, 2800 Pebble Lane, Lawrence, KS 66047 785/749-1356 or e-mail [susanders@yahoo.com](mailto:susanders@yahoo.com). Your participation is welcome, and your suggestions and comments will be appreciated.

For news about the project, look for the link "Kansas Folk Music and Dance Archive Project" on the web page <http://www.lawrencebardance.org>.

## LVA seeks 2000 reasons

—by *Marsha L. Tait, President  
Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.  
and Vikki Jo Stewart, Chair,  
National Board of Directors, LVA;  
Literacy Program Director*

For 38 years, Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. (LVA) has been a champion in the fight to create a literate nation. LVA estimates it has assisted more than one half million adults and their families in acquiring literacy skills through volunteer tutors in their communities.

At the national level, LVA creates opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of literacy and support for this critical work. Therefore, LVA has created an innovative online awareness campaign called 2000 Reasons America Should Read.

LVA invites *you* to join us by submitting your favorite reason to read. This reason along with other celebrity entries will be featured prominently on the opening page of the 2000 Reasons website. Individuals across the US will be invited to submit their favorite reasons to read on-line. The reasons submitted from May 1 - September 30, 2000 will be posted on an electronic bulletin board accessible from the site, and entered into a lottery. Three names will be pulled at our national conference in Kansas City, Missouri on October 7, 2000 and the winners will be notified by mail. To submit a reason, visit LVA's website at <http://www.literacyvolunteers.org> and click on the 2000 Reasons banner on the home page.

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# Catalyst

—by *Eric Hansen*  
*Executive Director*  
*Kansas Library Network Board*

Mona Carmack, Chair of the Kansas Library Network Board and County Librarian, Johnson County Library, was appointed Vice-Chair of the Governor's KAN-ED task force. Mary Barker, Director of the Lebo Branch, Coffey County Library, will also represent librarians on the task force. The task force will evaluate Internet access for Kansas schools and libraries, review data relative to technology and connectivity at schools and libraries, and determine the need for state involvement in electronic learning opportunities.

Statewide interlibrary loan courier service was suspended by Pony Express on June 9 at 2:30 P.M. ILL representatives from Johnson County, Wichita Public, and Salina Public helped see to it that outstanding library shipments were collected from Pony Express branches in Kansas and sent along to their destinations. A committee has been formed and is in the process of working with the state Division of Purchases to contract another carrier. Every effort will be made to restore statewide ILL courier service as expeditiously as possible, while at the same time making the best deal possible for libraries in the state.

I was pleased to teach two advanced classes in Web search engines for the North Central Kansas Library System at the Manhattan Public Library on June 21. The course is available on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/presentations/NCKLS/cover.html>.

The Kansas Library Association New Members Round Table (NMRT) has been fortunate to have excellent chairpersons for the past two years. Laurel

Littrell, Humanities Reference, Music/Performing Arts librarian at Kansas State University and Dennis Wilson, Technical Services Manager at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, have provided outstanding leadership to this newly-reformed organization. As the new chair of the Round Table, I will work to continue the tradition of excellence set by Laurel and Dennis. Information about the NMRT can be found on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/divisions/nmrt/index.html>.

As one step towards meeting its goal of reducing the sense of isolation some librarians in Kansas feel towards the library community in the state, the Network Board is pleased to make the keynote address from Tri-Conference 2000 viewable on Blue Skyways with any web browser with Realplayer installed and properly configured. The address, by Dr. William Crowe, is entitled "The Safeguard of Order and Liberty" and is viewable at <http://www.skyways.org/tricon/2000/crowe.html>. I am grateful to the computer staff at the University of Kansas Medical Center for their generous donation of server space, time, and expertise, without which this would not have been possible.

*For more about Network Board initiatives, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 ([erich@ink.org](mailto:erich@ink.org)), or point your Web browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLN/klnb.html>.*

## **KPLACE 2000 is very successful**

—by Shannon Roy  
*Local Library Development*

The first KPLACE of the new millenium had a very fine program enlivened by a few minor glitches, such as loss of power to the entire ESU campus.

Patti Butcher of the Northeast System had the unenviable task of following Marty Hale as the primary KPLACE I presenter. She gave the class of 2002 a wonderful week and became the first KPLACE presenter to be presented with her own song.

In KPLACE II, Tiffany Hentschal and Seana Vece of Johnson County, Jane Hatch and Rosanne Goble gave wonderful presentations on personnel administration. Roger Carswell and Harry Willems designed and facilitated the first one-day workshop on funding issues. Freda Dobbins and Roy Bird had a remarkably lively day on legal and trustee issues.

The graduating class spent several days on collection development, technology and leadership issues with such fine presenters as Sue Blechl, Eric Hansen, Pat Gaunce and Toni Boyles. They also had the second one-day workshop on marketing with return presenters Joe McKenzie and Harry Willems and new presenters Susan Moyer of Junction City and Paula Etrick of Dodge City.

For KPLACE III, the library school faculty sponsored a quartet of unusual workshops. Herbert Achleitner spoke on libraries in eastern Europe, Marty Hale on controversy over freedom of library use, Penelope Mitchell on women writing detective fiction and Kent Oliver on library advocacy.

At the KPLACE graduation party, the Y2-KPLACE Class of 2000 wore turquoise t-shirts decorated with stylized computers, designed by Brenda Booth of Liberal. Shannon Roy commented that the graduating class was intelligent and committed but had a lively sense of fun and a wicked sense of humor. On a more serious note, she added, "The members of this class have been through a great many difficult experiences. They have bonded as classmates partly because of the things they survived before coming to KPLACE. They are very special people and we want to see them at KPLACE events for many years to come."

Graduating from KPLACE in 2000 were Linda Andersen of LaCygne, Sharon Barnes of South Central System, Brenda Booth of Liberal, Beckie Borella of Tonganoxie, Carol Clemence of Valley Center, Mary Jo Cousins of Garden City, Sharon DuBois of Quinter, Sandra Freidline of Caney, Marilyn Fulkerson of Manhattan, Karen Gillihan of Goodland, Janet Harkrader of Burlington Schools, Kathryn Hatfield of Marysville, Rebecca Hatton of South Central, Ronda Holt of Butler County Community College, Judy Jerrell of Haysville, Kathy Johnston of Baldwin, Cheryl Jorgensen of Junction City, Bryan McBride of North Central System, Brenda Minnis of Harper, Laura Neuman of Kanopolis, Merleyne New of Mound City, Ann Newell of Topeka, Romona Newsome of Great Bend, Rita Renfrow of the Larned State Hospital, Erica Riley of Silver Lake, Edna Ringwald of Bucklin, Catherine Van Gilder of Columbus, Joan Weaver of Kinsley, Kathy Winter of Garden City Community College and Jamie Wright of Sublette.

The class of 2000 was the largest class ever to graduate from KPLACE and also one of the most memorable.

### **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*.**

## Governor Graves receives first State Library card

—by Marc Galbraith  
Director of Reference Services

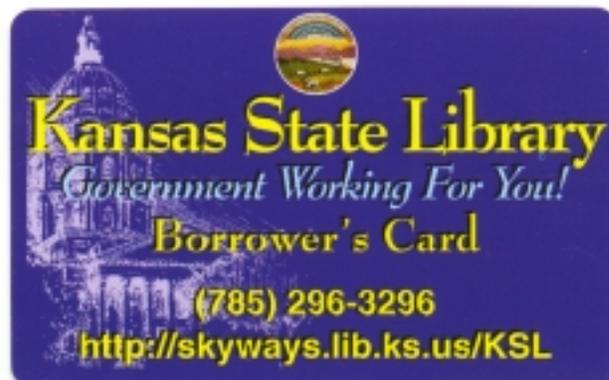
On Monday, June 19, 2000, Kansas Governor Graves was presented with the first State Library borrower's card. The presentation of the card, with bar code #1, initiated the use of the State Library's Innovative catalog and circulation system. In addition to being the first card issued for the new Innovative system, this was also, in fact, the very first library card ever issued by the Kansas State Library. The State Library has long been a circulating library, but has operated on a somewhat informal patron registration system.

Dean Grover of SLIM, also a special guest on June 19, 2000, joined the Governor as one of the first Kansans to receive a new State Library borrower's card.

The card features the state seal, in a field of blue, with the words "Government Working for You!" printed across the length of the card.



**Gov. Bill Graves accepts the first Kansas State Library Card at the Kansas State Library. Pictured (from l.) are: Marc Galbraith, Director of Reference Services; Gov. Graves; Duane Johnson, State Librarian; Dean Bob Grover, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University.**



## KU librarian to be honored at ALA

Brian Baird, head of the KU Libraries Preservation Department, will be awarded the Esther J. Piercy Award at the American Libraries Association Annual Conference in July. The Piercy Award recognizes early-career librarians who show outstanding promise for continuing contribution and leadership in the areas of collections and technical services librarianship. The Piercy Award includes a citation and a \$1,500 cash prize.

The selection committee noted Baird's leading role locally, nationally and internationally in the field of preservation and especially his enthusiastic willingness to share his expertise and commitment to preservation on the regional and national levels. Baird has contributed innovative ideas to library literature on a wide range of topics including conservation, binding, environmental controls, and collection surveys. In addition, Baird created "Brittle," a cooperative program that enables subscribing libraries to purchase preservation photocopy replacements of embrittled books in a cost-effective manner.

Baird came to the University of Kansas Libraries in 1994 as its first Preservation Librarian. He has built a department that now includes a professional conservator, several classified employees and numerous student assistants. In addition to repairing damaged materials and creating boxes and other enclosures for delicate materials, his staff is in charge of overseeing the binding operations. The department is housed on the lowest level of Watson Library in the state-of-the-art Jerry and Katherine Stannard Conservation Laboratory.

## **LEEPing stars win high awards in 2000**

—by Shannon Roy  
*Local Library Development*

A number of librarians from all over the state were awarded the Level Five LEEP certification for 400 hours of continuing education in the spring of 2000.

Betty Cattrell has been the director of the Haysville Library for 23 years. She was an early KPLACE graduate and has been a leader in the KPLACE Roundtable. At Tri-Conference 2000, she received a Presidential Award for leading her library through the aftermath of a tornado.

Shirley Earhart has been with the Osage City Library for 28 years. Recently, she had the pleasure of opening a new library after the conclusion of a building program. Shirley has a husband and two grown children.

Maxine Ganske has been the director of the Russell library since 1984. Russell has a lovely public library since their remodeling in 1987. Maxine has a husband and two children and enjoys reading and cross-stitching.

Kathryn Gile is director of the tiny public library in Scandia. She is also well known as a storyteller and children's tutor in Central Kansas communities. Recently, Kathryn has pursued, and received, several LSTA grants.

Anne Jaynes has a remarkably wide variety of work experience but for 17 years she has been director of the lovely, historic library in Independence. One of Anne's top priorities right now is "to finish a building program before I retire."

Kathy Johnston is in her 12th year as director of the Baldwin Library, which is known for its very strong support of LEEP and lifelong learning. Kathy also tries to find the time to be an artist. She has a husband and a son teaching at the Blue Valley school system.

Karen Holthaus graduated from KPLACE in 1992 and is known for her ability to network with other KPLACERS. She has been director of the Seneca Public Library for 13 years. She and her husband live on a farm and have three grown children.

Eldora McMinimy has been director of the Ashland Public Library for 12 years and thoroughly enjoyed it "because it lets me work with people of all ages." She has

three grown children who, like their mother, are graduates of Kansas State University.

Nancy Maus has been director of the Colwich Library for 14 years. Nancy graduated from KPLACE in 1993. She loves to quilt and spend time with her husband, five children and twenty-four grandchildren.

Jeannie McPhail has been the director of the Silver Lake Library since 1989. She has been a KPLACE leader since graduating with the first class in 1991. In addition to running her very effective small library, Jeannie enjoys time with her husband, daughter, Samoyed and cat.

Marjean Parker recently retired from the Carbondale Library southwest of Topeka after many years as an active KPLACER and NEKL system member. The Northeast System staff, never inclined to neglect a good opportunity, promptly hired her for their Library Director Substitute Program.

Lois Teegardin is a highly respected member of the Southwest Kansas System staff, working with interlibrary loan and cataloging. She has been with the library "off and on" since 1967. She has a husband and grown children, plays the piano and loves cats.

Three librarians received their Level Six award in 2000. Level Six is presently the highest LEEP award but, given Kansas librarians' commitment to lifelong learning, it probably won't stay that way.

Chris Colborn was a staff member at the Morton County Library and a KPLACE leader before her recent move to Colorado.

Pat Gaunce is director of the beautiful West Wyandotte Branch Library in the Kansas City system. Pat has received many honors from Wyandotte County as a community leader but still places a high value on her LEEP awards. "I did it the hard way, one CE workshop at a time." Pat has also been known for her long-term leadership of KPLACE and advice to the KPLACERS.

Linda Kobs has been director of the Meade Library since 1984. She moved the library into a new facility in 1991 and graduated from the first KPLACE class the same year. Linda has four grown children and enjoys working on stained glass art with her husband.

## KU's government documents library to merge into Anschutz Library

KU's Government Documents Library, as a separate, freestanding entity, will cease to exist in mid-July. The library, which has been housed on the 6th floor of Malott Hall since 1989, is being integrated into the Anschutz Library. Users of the soon-to-be former facility are well aware of the severe limitations of the Malott space. The expansion of Anschutz Library into space below Budig Hall makes possible the reorganization of current Anschutz collections as well as the addition of the government documents materials. The actual collection moves are expected to begin on July 17th. Reference service will be available from the Anschutz Library Reference Desk (785/974-4930) by July 20th at the latest. Updates will be posted to the University of Kansas library web page at <http://www.lib.ukans.edu/>.



*The Lawrence Postoffice presented the Lawrence Public Library this picture containing the poster of the Library of Congress Commemorative Bicentennial Stamp plus the canceled cachet envelope especially designed for the Second Day Issue event held May 25. Admiring it are Scouts Stephen May and Kevin Flanders who posted the Colors, "Miss Lawrence" Natalie Ralston who sang the National Anthem, and Lawrence Mayor, Jim Henry. Stephen is the son of Cecilia May, head of Reference Services; Kevin is the son of Director Bruce Flanders.*

## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

*The Peanut Man: George Washington Carver.* From the *In Search of the Heroes* video series. Order from: Grace Products Corp., 1761 International Parkway, Suite 135, Richardson, TX 75081. VHS, 30 min., 1999, \$99. Discount for multiple orders.

In recent years the *Kansas Books* column has diverted its attention from print to the valuable *In Search of the Heroes* video series. The most recent in this series also has an important Kansas connection. *The Peanut Man: George Washington Carver* is valuable not only as an educational tool but also as a program that reflects the experience of a famous African-American in our state. Born in Missouri, Carver was in Kansas by the 1880s, attended high school in Minneapolis (1884), was denied admission to Highland College (1885), and homesteaded in Ness County (1886-1890). He went on to become internationally known as an agriculturist, scientist, researcher and college professor at Tuskegee Institute.

The 30-minute VHS video is presented in a unique fashion with a modern young man arrested on a drug charge. The video then devolves to Carver's biography and decisions he made in his life; then wraps up the scene with the arrested young man making a life-altering choice in a way similar to Carver's. Strong acting and excellent music enhance the quality of *The Peanut Man*. The video is accompanied by a 24-page teacher/student handbook. The \$99 cost includes public performance rights. Recommended for all school library media centers and for YA or juvenile collections in public libraries, especially those serving home schoolers. Academic libraries might also be interested in this video for education collections.



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

# Kansas libraries.... thirty years ago

—by Bill Sowers

*Kansas Documents Librarian / Tech Services Librarian*

*Gleanings from the KANSAS LIBRARY BULLETIN, Vol. 39, no. 1 (1970)*

—At the annual convention of the Kansas Library Association Nominating Committee, Chair Duane Johnson announced the new KLA officers for 1970: First Vice-President-President Elect: William M. Usher, trustee, Salina Public Library; Second Vice-President: Robert L. Hampton, William Allen White Library, Emporia State Teachers College; Secretary: Joyce Davis, Southwest Kansas Library System.

—Johanna Schiblehut has been appointed to succeed Vivian Thomas as librarian of the Kearny County Library, Lakin.

—Jeanette Barnes of the Johnson County Library has agreed to study and prepare a report for the State Library's Interlibrary Loan Committee which will include recommendations for school libraries to gain access to interlibrary loan service in the fiscal year 1972.

—Porter Library, Pittsburg State College, was designated as an affiliated member of the Southeast Kansas Library System by the State Library Advisory Commission on May 22.

—Mr. Denny Stephens, State Librarian, has appointed Ellen Zabel as Director of Library Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped Division, and Freda Dobbins as Director of the State Library Extension Division.



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