

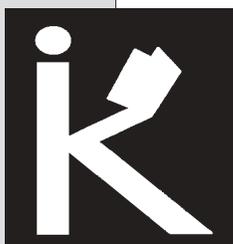
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LSTA Technology Grants

—by Roy Bird

Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

Letters of intent to apply for FY 2004 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) technology grants are now being accepted. The deadline for letters of intent is Friday, August 1, 2003. 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 2004 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.

Libraries that submit a letter of intent by August 1 will then receive a copy of the application and the LSTA Technology Grant program guidelines which will be mailed about August 11. This information is also on Blue Skyways at skyways.org/KSL/admin/lsta/lsta.htm. Completed applications will be due back to the State Library by September 10, 2003. The grant

award meeting of the State Library Advisory Commission and the LSTA Advisory Council will take place Friday, October 17, 2003, and funding should be available in January, 2004. This is a tentative timetable and subject to change.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a technology grant project during FY 2004, submit your letter of intent by August 1. If you have questions or need assistance contact your regional system consultant or Roy Bird at the State Library.

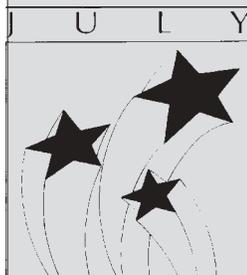
Board Choice Award winner from Kansas announced

Robert Banks, Chair of MPLA's Public Library/Trustees Section, is pleased to announce Jeffrey Dawson as his designee for the MPLA Board Choice Award for 2003.

Jeff is currently the Adult Services Supervisor at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL). He inaugurated the Business Librarian program at Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library and was very successful at developing relationships with the local business community.

Jeff spent the early part of his career in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Arizona working in a number of different academic libraries. An early mentor suggested that he would be an excellent public librarian. Jeff took that advice and has been an outstanding member of TSCPL's staff.

He is enthusiastic and creative in his approach to librarianship. Jeff is interested in MPLA and is looking forward to becoming active in the association.



KPLACE 2003 was very successful

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

KPLACE One flourished under the care of Patti Butcher and her guest instructors Gene George, Toni Harrell, Thomas Reddick, Tim Rogers and Vikki Jo Stewart. Everyone commented that they would really enjoy getting to know the class of 2005. Laura Loveless was studying KPLACE One and gathering ideas for the 2004 curriculum, which will be presented by Kansas City staff.

KPLACE Two was regarded with some suspicion because people found it hard to believe that people who were laughing that much could be learning anything about library administration, library funding or library law. Roy Bird, Tiffany Hentschal, and Pat Wagner reprised their success of KPLACE 2002, while Denise De Rochefort-Reynolds, Pat Heidrick and Leah Krotz came as new presenters on trustee development. The KPLACE Two class got the most popular tribute, as Roy Bird spoofed both KPLACE and Robert Service in a take-off of *The Cremation of Sam McGee*, widely requested by e-mail the following week.

The KPLACE Three class was thoughtful, intelligent, willing to ask hard questions and, until the temperature dropped, half-cooked. At their graduation party, Shannon Roy praised their good humor and concern for each other and promised that they would be the last class to occupy the Flint Hills Room. Their own nickname for themselves was the First Fish Class, after the success of the ideas presented in the famous Fish programs.

The KPLACE Three class had the greatest variety of presenters during the week. Marcia Allen, Toni Boyles, Gary Hartzell, Thomas Reddick and Kay Russell returned to KPLACE Three. Roy Bird, Jeff Hixon, Nancy Malone, and Thomas Reddick had a fascinating open discussion with the graduating class on Tuesday afternoon. Ann Newell and Deb Southerland presented their successful workshop on Non-conformist Collection Development on Wednesday.

The 2003 KPLACERs made their own fun with a wild game of beach ball around the Ramada Holidome on Tuesday evening and a successful graduation party Thursday afternoon. The ESU Brass Quintet played from the Ballroom balcony as the Class of 2003 marched in in handsome burgundy polo shirts embroidered with a stylized fish. Janice Ashley offered their tribute to the

KPLACE experience, but also pointed out the complex and hilarious arrangements that have to be made before anyone can attend KPLACE.

Graduating in 2003 were:

Rosalee Armstrong, Janice Ashley, Gloria Avila, Mary Barker, Robin R. Betts, Rita Braden, Tammy Dickey, Cathleen J. Fish, Jodi Hanks, Kristi Hansen, Mary Ehret Holler, Sue Johnson, Willa Jones, Nancy Jo Koenig, Yvette Larson, Hannelore Leach, Judy A. Lilly, Debbie Lowery, Janice Lyhane, Mary Meckley, Margaret Ohmes, Jeanette Parker, Carol L. Roberts, Lydia Robinson, Kathleen Schram, Ellen Selzer, Lorrie Stenson, Joyce Trimble, Cara Vanderree, Sarah Walker-Hitt, Paula J. Ware, Shirley J. Williams, and Lynette Windsor.

Literacy Coordinator's office moved to Independence

Vikki Jo Stewart, Literacy and Volunteer Development Consultant, has moved her office to the following address:

200 Arco Place, Room 309
Box 132
Independence, KS 67301

New phone number: 620/331-8218
New fax number: 620/331-9087

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

The joint American Library Association/Canadian Library Association conference in Toronto I attended was unlike other ALA conferences because it took place outside the borders of the U.S.A., and because of concerns about SARS, which that city has been striving to contain. Both factors contributed to a little extra inconvenience for some and affected programming somewhat, because of speaker cancellations. U.S. state budget crises may also have played a part in the decision of those who chose not to attend this year.

For my part, I represented the Kansas State Library at a daylong conference called “Staying Connected” sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The conference was devoted to helping libraries that had received Gates Foundation computer grants find ways to sustain the technology in the future. And it was my pleasure to join Rowena Lunn of the Marigold Library System in Alberta, Canada, and Gene Hainer of the Colorado State Library, in our presentation “How We Survived: Coping Strategies for Rural Libraries.” The PLA Rural Library Services Committee sponsored our program. June of 2003 concludes my year as chair of this committee, but I will remain a member for another year.



Kansas partners in the Western Trails project are rolling along, creating metadata and scanning documents and images. The project is expected to be available to the public by the end of September.

Early in that month, participants will travel to Denver to participate in a project review conference, which will be part of the project assessment required by the IMLS. It

will also give us all an opportunity to compare each other’s projects.



Traffic on our statewide real-time reference service is lighter

now that school classes are out for summer, so I am making adjustments to our operator schedule. Judging by user and operator surveys, satisfaction with the service remains high. I very much enjoyed the opportunity given me by the Southeast Kansas Library System to present a KANAnswer update to its system meeting in Iola on June 6. I am grateful to Roger Carswell and Harry Willems for inviting me to present, and to Nick Fleury and Joe Tholen for their invaluable technical assistance.

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

Guide to economic development for Kansas places available

—by Marc Galbraith
Research and Information Services

Community Economic Development: An Interactive Guide to Understanding Your Community's Economy (version #3) has just been released by K-State's Research and Extension Office. The guide's focus is local leaders, planners, business people and citizens who are concerned about the viability and quality of life in their community.

The guide has been prepared by Dr. David Darling, KSU Extension Specialists and well-known practitioner of Kansas community economic development, and by Gerry Snyder, Multi-Media Specialist, Kansas State University. This very useful package takes its audience on an exploration, not of some hypothetical place, but of the user's own Kansas community. The workbook-like guide is arranged in seven chapters, each of which skillfully leads the user through the process of community analysis beginning with the development of a community vision. But the guide does so much more. Embedded in each chapter is a set of skillfully developed prompts and interactive worksheet that cause the user to ask appropriate questions and gather appropriate data to feed into an economic system. Yes, it's economics, but it is highly accessible and in the end the user should come away with an understanding of the flow of dollars into and out of his or her community and with a strategy for altering that flow to the greater advantage and benefit of the community.

The guide is available in CD-ROM format, which should make it easy to use by small or large groups, and yes, it does come with public viewing rights. The stated price for the guide is \$35 per unit including shipping and handling. The price for Kansas libraries is \$25, plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling. Orders go to Deborah Goins, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Waters Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-4026. Her phone number is 785/532-1504. She can also be reached at eflat@agecon.ksu.edu. Make checks payable to KSU Extension.

AASL scholarship information

—by Susan Ryan
KASL President

KASL Members:

KASL is offering five \$100 scholarships to the AASL Conference in Kansas City this October. This is a one-time offer, and the scholarships are being funded through quilt money.

The scholarships are available to members who meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a practicing Library Media Specialist for 5 years or longer in Kansas.
2. Must be a member of KASL and AASL.

Please apply to Judy Eller, KASL Executive Secretary, via e-mail at judy.eller@wichita.edu by August 1, 2003, including the following information:

Name, address, phone, e-mail address and number of years in the school library profession, and a short paragraph stating how the AASL Conference can benefit you professionally.

You will be notified after August, if you are selected to receive one of the scholarships. The money will be mailed to you.

I encourage you to apply for this one-time scholarship.

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*.

Liberal Memorial Library had storm damage

—by Emily Sitz
Director, Liberal Memorial Library

Liberal Memorial Library received water damage as a result of storms that went through Liberal on May 15th. Three tornados moved through Liberal during a period of two hours, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Memorial Library closes at 8:00 p.m. so staff and patrons were in the building when the sirens first sounded. All power at the library went off shortly after 7:30. Director Emily Sitz was able to contact staff during the storm.

Staff reported ankle-deep water in the adult section and staff work area along with damage to the roof. Staff and one patron were forced to remain in the library's basement shelter until midnight due to large amounts of debris that blocked city streets.

The Director contacted Phoenix Restoration, a company based in Garden City that specializes in repair of fire and water damage. Memorial Library was first on their long list of places to service in the next several days. Power was still out the next morning when staff members were able to get into the library. Staff and Phoenix Restoration employees immediately started to clear debris and move books. Water was removed from the carpet and drying machines were set up. Power was restored late in the afternoon of the 16th. Fans and machines to dehumidify the area ran for several days in the adult area of the library. The damaged books were moved to a meeting room where the climate could be controlled. Drying equipment was set up in the meeting room and it has been running for weeks. At this writing, materials in that room are still damp.

Fortunately, the library had relatively minor damage. Several businesses close to Memorial Library were extensively damaged and two businesses were destroyed. As it turned out, the library's roof was not damaged. Water poured into the library and caused ceiling tiles to collapse because large amounts of debris blocked the drains on the south side of the roof. Unfortunately, damage at the library affected state documents, reference and genealogy materials. Staff are estimating that approximately 300 items were damaged. A minimum of 30% of the water-logged books could not be saved. Insurance adjusters visited the library during the last week of May and library staff are waiting to be contacted.

The Kansas library community, including staff at the Southwest Kansas Library System, KLA offices, the State Library, WSU Special Collections and libraries from all parts of the state, came to Memorial Library's aid with advice and offers of help. We thank you all for your support.

K-State will offer grant writing course in Fall 2003

Do you have a wealth of project or program ideas but a shortage of funds to make them a reality? A course offered through K-State's Division of Continuing Education will give you the tools to nail down the elusive dollar that will move your innovative idea from the blueprint phase to the building phase.

"Grant Writing: Finding the Elusive Dollar" (EDACE 786) will be offered in the fall of 2003 on five Thursdays, September 4, 18 and October 2, 16 and 30, 2003 via TELENET2, a statewide videoconferencing system. The course is designed for community and state agency employees, instructors, volunteers and others interested in writing grants. It includes an overview of proposal writing tips in these areas:

- government and private funding sources
- needs assessment
- dissemination strategies
- evaluation design
- budget formulation
- program planning
- program stabilization
- credibility establishment
- cutting-edge idea generation

Taught by Sue Maes and Beverly Page, *Grant Writing* is offered for two or three graduate or undergraduate credits. The course may also be audited at the lowest tuition rate.

For more information or to register call the Division of Continuing Education at 785/532-5566 or toll-free at 800/432-8222.

Library positions

Reference Librarian

Location: Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering & Technology, Kansas City, Missouri
Job #: 11128

Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering & Technology is known internationally for its strong collections and excellent services. With an extraordinary serials collection comprised of over 45,000 titles (15,000 current titles) and a monograph collection in excess of one million volumes, its research materials are on a level with that of great university and government libraries. Active collection development and acquisitions programs, along with an international exchange program with 450 worldwide partners, assure continued growth of the collection.

Environment:

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

General Scope:

This position has responsibility for provision of mediated searches using in-house and online databases; providing orientation, training and bibliographic instruction to high school and college groups and general users; assisting at the Reference Desk and through virtual reference services; outreach and promotion activities aimed at a variety of user groups; providing extended reference services to special user groups; citation verification; leading tours; assisting in the development of the reference collection; and production of user aids.

Education requirements:

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

Skills Required:

- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Collaborative, innovative approach to assignments
- Ability to plan and conduct bibliographic instruction in groups or one-on-one
- Knowledge of scientific fields, especially life sciences, chemistry, or other physical sciences
- Community outreach experience
- In-house or online database searching skills
- Team leadership potential
- Ability to identify patron needs

Contact Valerie Nowosielski, CPC, CTS, The Morley Group, 6201 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; www.themorleygroup.com; e-mail resumeto@vnowosielski.themorleygroup.com; 317/616-1718; Fax: 317/879-4790.

Technology Manager

Dodge City Public Library is seeking a Technology Manager.

Responsibilities include managing all areas of technology, planning, budgeting and implementation for the library. Heavy emphasis on SIRSI automation, AIX, UNIX, BSD, Linux, MySQL, Apache, DNS, E-mail and webpage management.

BS in Computer Science or Masters degree in Library Information Science with emphasis on Information Technology preferred. Equivalent training and experience may be considered.

Send introductory letter, resume and three references to:
Director

Dodge City Public Library
1001 N. Second Ave.
Dodge City, KS 67801-4484
620/225-0248
FAX: 620/225-2761
maryt@trails.net

Position open until filled. Prefer hiring by August 1st.



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Library Director, Tonganoxie

We are looking for a Director for the Tonganoxie Public Library.

We are seeking a person holding a Masters Degree in Library Science who has prior public library administrative experience. The annual salary for this position will range between \$30,000 and \$35,000 depending on education and experience. Benefits include a very attractive insurance and benefit package.

Please look at our web page at <http://www.tongie.org/Library/DirJobDesc.htm> for more details or feel free to contact us at 913/845-3281 or JimM@TonganoxieLibrary.org for more information.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

Suns Go Down, by Shirley Sikes. Manhattan: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma, PO Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66505-1009. Softcover, 6" x 9", 394 pp., 2000. ISBN: 0-89745-240-2.

Shirley Sikes is an award-winning short story writer whose first novel, *Suns Go Down*, is set in her native state of Kansas. Covering four generations in a small rural town, the author's style is reminiscent of Willa Cather's *O Pioneers* and *My Antonia*. While the text is rich with descriptions of the Kansas farms and small towns that Sikes is obviously familiar with, her strong suit is characterization. She not only paints a vivid picture of the heritage of the Kansans she creates but also gets into their minds. She does not simply describe their actions, she tells the reader what they are thinking.

Suns Go Down, the story of a family farm and ranch in the Flint Hills, began as a project in 1979 at the University of Arizona Creative Writing workshop. Over the years it grew and was refined into a saga of the Lutz family, their daily lives, their loves and losses, their concerns and woes and joys. It could be the story of any Kansas family, yet it remains a special tale of a mid-20th century family still deeply controlled by its pioneer roots.

It is recommended for adult, literature and Kansas collections for public and academic libraries.

Riddle of the Lost Gold, by Joan K. McAfee. Manhattan: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66505. Softcover, 5" x 8", 162 pp., \$9.95. ISBN: 0-89745-262-3.

Representing a new direction for a familiar press in Kansas, the Sunflower University Press, a subsidiary of Journal of the West, Inc., has produced *Riddle of the Lost Gold*, a young adult novel. Sunflower University Press has long been recognized as a publisher of aviation, military and Western American history, usually for scholarly or academic readers. The press had produced occasional adult fiction, usually with a military or Western theme. This is the first young adult fiction it has ventured to publish, and it fits nicely with the scope of the publisher.

Joan K. McAfee began her writing and illustrating career in 1987 and had worked chiefly for children. *Riddle of the Lost Gold* is her first young adult novel, a curious twist of mystery, Kansas history and time travel, all wrapped neatly around a teenaged girl's frontier journal. McAfee opens her story on July 4, 1967, introducing two contemporary teenagers from Hays. The young girl, Julia, has a brother stationed with U.S. Special Forces in Viet Nam, and she meets her young male friend, Chris, horseback riding in the hills surrounding Hays. Julia shared a letter from her soldier brother which discussed the realities of Viet Nam, its similarities with the Indian Wars on the Kansas plains, and her inheritance which was a diary kept by their great-grandmother. The journal described the family's life while the young girl's father panned for gold in the Rockies, the dreadful journey back along the Smoky Hill Trail after her mother's death, a confrontation with Colonel George A. Custer of the Seventh Cavalry at Hays, the hiding of a treasure of gold nuggets, and revealing its hiding place to whoever solves a riddle in the diary. Sound complicated? It's not. The author skillfully weaves a number of themes through the story bringing them successfully together in a dramatic solution to the mystery. A pleasant sidebar is McAfee's thorough knowledge of the region around Hays, describing wild flowers, geological features, and common fauna.

Riddle of the Lost Gold is recommended for young adult or Kansas collections in public and school libraries. It deserves a place alongside some of the works of well-known Kansas young adult author Lois Ruby.

Kansas Libraries.... 10 years ago

—Bill Sowers
Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

Gleanings from various Kansas library system newsletters

- The Friends of the Independence Public Library sponsored a “Walk Through Lehunt,” a nearby ghost town.... An Old-Fashioned Pie Auction followed. The pie auction raised over \$300. (*SEKLS Dispatch*, June/July 1993)
- The Kansas Library Catalog (KLC) is expected to be mounted on the Information Network of Kansas (INK) in the near future. It will be available to search online by anyone having a computer and modem. INK will offer free access for the KLC to Kansas libraries for one month. (*SEKLS Dispatch*, June/July 1993)
- The Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library broke circulation records when 8,527 items were checked out on Tuesday, June 1, 1993. (*NEKLS News*, July 1993)

- The Lawrence Public Library’s new book van has been making weekly stops at parks or school playgrounds for children to register for the Summer Reading Program and listen to stories told by a story teller from the Parks and Recreation Department. (*NEKLS News*, July 1993)
- Using information brought from KPLACE-1 by two staff members, the Atchison Public Library put into action the first step of the “library community analysis process.” The library had a booth during Farm City Days on the Mall in Atchison. Library staff asked people stopping by the booth if they had a library card and if so, to put a dot on either the city or county map on display to show where they lived. The library could then see which parts of the city and county were or were not being served. (*NEKLS News*, July 1993)
- The Pioneer Memorial Library (Colby) was a top finalist in the first EBSCO/Public Library Association’s Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award. (*NWKLS Exchange*, July/August 1993)



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