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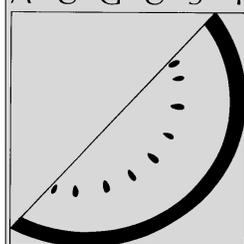
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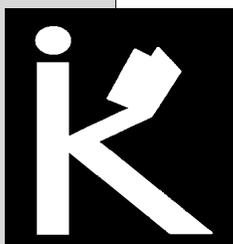
Kansas speakers a hit at ALA

—by Ellen Miller

Kansas Library Trustees Association

Kansas was in the spotlight at ALA in Chicago, especially at events sponsored by the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA).

On Friday, July 7, Director David Leamon, Topeka-Shawnee County, was part of ALTA's Preconference, "Smart marketing: Rx to increase library use." It was attended by 120 people. Leamon got many questions about his library's marketing using the local newspaper. His account of getting a \$150,000 foundation contribution through the Alice C. Sabatini Endowment was also of great interest.



Friday night, three Kansans nominated by State Librarian Duane Johnson received their award at the first Advocacy Honor Roll banquet.

Dr. Robert Grover, Dean, Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management; Hans Fischer, President of Friends of Kansas Libraries; and Ellen Miller, President of Kansas Library Trustees Association were among 300+ honorees nationally. ALTA and ALA sponsored the event.

On Saturday, July 8, Dodge City trustee Dr. Clark Coker spoke at ALTA's Opening Session, "What's your score? Grading your board's

toolkit!" Over 180 people attended the SRO session. He addressed the intended (and unintended) consequences of automation — especially including customers and staff. A copy of the Dodge City Electronic Access Policy was of special interest.

Also on Saturday, Friends of the Johnson County Library was named the Outstanding Friends Group in the large libraries category by Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) and Baker & Taylor. Friends President DeWayne Spatz accepted the award and a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Friends at the FOLUSA author lunch.

Many thanks to David and Clark for taking time out of busy schedules to help ALTA and to Rosanne Goble for fielding several questions during the Opening Session.

Tax credit

Protection Township Library has just received the Kansas State Tax Credit and will be using the money to build a new library for Protection.

The 70% tax credit program is a great opportunity for Kansas income tax payers. The credits are granted for eighteen months, July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2001. A donation made during this time really is only 30% out-of-pocket since 70% would have been paid in taxes anyway. With assistance from a tax specialist, one may find other tax benefits with a donation to this project.

For more information you can contact the Comanche County Economic Development Foundation (316/582-2993) and/or Protection Township Library (316/622-4886).

Major gift goes to Hale Library

Kansas State University has struck a deal with the Pepsi Cola Company in which that company will supply soft drinks on the KSU campus. In exchange, Pepsi will furnish KSU a possible \$12.5 million over the next 10 years for philanthropic purposes. Hale Library will receive \$5 million of that amount, beginning with the first installment of \$1 million, which was awarded in a ceremony on Tuesday, July 18. The funds will go into an endowment. Hale Library will use interest earned by the endowment for purchase of unique, substantial and significant library materials. Funds that do not go to the library will be used for student scholarships and other functions. Library Dean Brice Hobrock said this of the Pepsi Cola gift, "The university administration is doing everything it can to increase our fortunes. This is just one example of that effort."



Pepsi check presentation. Left to right: Scott Loeffler and Dan Wassenberg, Pepsi-Cola; Dean of KSU Libraries, Brice Hobrock and KSU President, Jon Wefald. Photo by KSU Photographic Services.

New books and video

—by Marc Galbraith
Director of Reference Services

The State Library has just acquired the following books and video on how to recognize and reward employees. All are available for loan and can be requested through Interlibrary Loan by contacting Tom Roth at 785/296-4326; 296-6650 fax; or e-mail (troth@ink.org).

101 Recognition Secrets, Rosalind Jeffries, Performance Enhancement Group, 106 pp. (0-9648-442-7).

1001 Ways to Reward Employees, Bob Nelson, Workman Publishing, 271 pp. (1-56305-339-x).

How to Recognize & Reward Employees, Donna Deepprose, American Management Association, 107 pp. (0-8144-7832-8).

How to Use Rewards & Recognition to Boost Productivity (Parts 1 & 2), Positive Employee Practices Inst., Video (50 minutes).

Secrets of a Successful Employee Recognition System, Daniel C. Boyle, Productivity Press, 134 pp. (1-5632-7083-8).

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Catalyst

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board

Ruth Appelhanz has been making splendid progress up the steep learning curve of using PageMaker 6.5 for production of the Kansas Libraries newsletter. So much so, that she will be taking on responsibility for layout beginning with the September 2000 issue. I am grateful to her for her willingness to learn new skills and her patience with her teacher in those skills.

The annual ALA conference, in Chicago this year, was an opportunity for me to participate in the Office of Information Technology and Policy Copyright Education Committee. With names like Napster and Freeware in the news lately, issues surrounding intellectual property are becoming more visible. How libraries approach issues of ownership and fair use of digital information will continue to be an important concern in this century. For information about copyright on the ALA web site, point your browser to <http://copyright.ala.org>.

The process of finding a carrier to replace Pony Express continues. Though the courier contract negotiation committee was very prompt in reviewing and submitting a request for proposal and potential vendor contact list to the state Division of Purchases, important and necessary legal considerations delayed the delivery of the RFP. In a letter dated July 21, John T. Houlihan, Director of the Division of Purchases, officially terminated the state's contract with Pony Express. On July 25, the RFP was sent out to a list of twelve carriers. The committee will review proposals as they come in.

For our vacation this year, my wife and I decided to stay in Kansas for some rest and relaxation. We took a day trip to Lucas to visit the Grass Roots Art Center and the Samuel Dinsmoor residence, called the "Garden of Eden" (see picture below). Both sites contained singular expressions of some very individual personalities, and I was glad we made the trip. For more about the town of Lucas, point your browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/towns/Lucas/index.html>.



Concrete American flag, "Garden of Eden," Lucas, Kansas

For more about Blue Skyways, the ILDP, or any other Network Board initiative, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296 3875 (erich@ink.org).

Miracles still happen!

—by Theresa Thurman-Zuck
Director, Augusta Public Library

The Augusta Public Library staff would like to thank everyone for the congratulations they sent. You can imagine the excitement, joy, and utter chaos that occurred when we realized the library expansion had passed. Friends of the Library, patrons, staff members and their families gathered together. We laughed, cried, hugged, and celebrated. Many of the people there had been involved with trying to expand the library since the first attempt fourteen years ago, it was an especially joyous occasion for them.

Luckily, we were able to build on the previous attempts. This made our path easier since the support base and research was already in place. The people of Augusta showed their support as the library expansion won in every ward. It is great to know that the community appreciates and supports the library. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts this week. The Augusta Public Library Staff.



Staff of Augusta Public Library celebrates. Left to right: Teresa Thurman-Zuck, Lynnette Windsor, Cecilia Huddleston, Lisa Daniels, and Marilyn Runyan. Photograph by Michael McDermott, Augusta Gazette.

Johnson County has major new branch

—by Shannon Roy
Director, Local Library Development

The Johnson County Library has opened the new Blue Valley Branch Library, located at 15185 South Lowell. The new branch has 24,000 square feet, 20,000 more than the current branch. It is the largest of the Johnson County branches because of the large area it serves.

The new branch has a strong orientation toward special customer services. It is open seven days a week and ultimately will offer a collection of 120,000 items. It has a large meeting room, art display space, study rooms, a young adult area, and an outdoor programming space. It also has a drive-up bookdrop, a drive-up pickup window and an inside coffee cafe operated by a commercial vendor.

Although the coffee has caused more comment, the library technology is sophisticated. There are 41 public electronic workstations with Internet access, an enhanced Web Infocast, express self-check stations and an audio-visual display area.

Although the branch was opened to the public on July 18th, the dedication and grand opening will be on August 26th, at 11:30.

Johnson County Library serves a population of 335,000 and operates a Central Resource Library and twelve branches. A new branch in Edgerton has been opened in a renovated historic bank building. A groundbreaking for a larger Gardner Library will be held this fall.

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*.

Stevens County library renovated

—by Eunice M. Schroeder
Director, Stevens County Library

The first permanent home of the Stevens County Library was a round adobe building, located on the corner of 5th and Monroe Streets, and built as an N.Y.A. project in 1934. It contained approximately 800 square feet of floor space. This facility was remodeled in 1953 and housed the library until the latter part of 1961, when it was razed after the collection was relocated into a new building.

The library moved into a new building in November 1961. Located directly behind the first permanent building, it had 3,200 square feet of floor space, room for 25,000 volumes, and an outdoor patio and rose garden. This facility served a growing population and a growing collection until 1976, when the rose garden was enclosed to create the Kansas Room. With space for information of local interest and a large area for displays of artwork, this room also provided an area for meetings and children's storytime.

In 1985, the library was added onto a second time. The Centennial Room Addition included additional space for materials as well as workspace for staff. This addition created a total of 6,541 square feet of floor space for the library.

In the 85th year of the Stevens County Library, another addition and renovation of the library facility was necessary.

The population of the community continues to grow, and in order to meet the needs of the people of the county and surrounding areas, the library needed to grow with it. The current addition added 7,441 square feet, creating a total of 13,982 square feet of floor space. Included in the new addition are areas for materials, genealogical research, computers, staff work space, fully compliant handicap-accessible restrooms, storage, and an all-purpose area for storytime, summer reading programming, meetings and community events.

The total cost of the newly completed addition and renovation was \$1,131,056.00. No county or city bond issue was required to raise money for the project. Instead, funding was provided by state-mandated county mill levies, a \$47,040.00 federal grant, and excellent money management by library board members and library staff.

The library is currently open sixty hours per week and serves a countywide population of 5,347 residents. As of January 2000, the library contained 36,954 bound volumes, 1,752 audio materials, 7,446 video materials, 114 magazine subscriptions, and 198 items in electronic format, for a total collection of 46,464 items. Operating expenditures are budgeted at \$470,000.00. The Stevens County Library is a member of the Southwest Kansas Library System, which serves twenty-one counties in Southwest Kansas and is headquartered in Dodge City.



Newly renovated Stevens County Library, Hugoton

Days in the lives of real world librarians..

—by Barb Stransky
Library Services Coordinator, NEKLS

Scenario #1

You're currently a student, one of the "new breed," an information professional who blatantly rejects the "L" word. You're taking all of your classes online, you converse only in chat rooms, and the most interactive thing you've done in the past several years is beta testing of new communication software. Suddenly, you receive an email message summoning you to a live, face-to-face interview for that job you really want. You have a panic attack as you attempt to find an online tutorial for interview etiquette.

Scenario #2

You've finished library school, and just settled into your first professional position, when the reality hits: While you may understand the intricacies of the Library of Congress subject headings and the mysteries of OCLC, it's the people you work with that have you baffled. Now if you could only find that journal article you were supposed to read about working as a member of a team.

Scenario #3

You hold the current record for number of reference questions answered correctly in a single day while simultaneously conducting Story Time and cataloging the local rare book collection. You think you've experienced it all in the library world, when the Board of your small library promotes you to the revered position of Director. The staff (most of whom have apparently been in their positions since the Carnegie building was dedicated) now look at you with new, suspicious, eyes.

If any of these scenarios sounds painfully familiar, try not to panic. Instead, register for the upcoming conference sponsored by the Kansas Library Association's New Member Round Table:

Libraryland, USA: Personnel Issues, Interviewing, Team-Building, and Employee Performance, Friday, September 15, 2000, 9:00-3:30, Emporia State University Union, Kanza Room. Cost: \$25.00 (Lunch on your own)

Speakers include the following veterans of real world library experience: Tiffany Hentshel and Seana Vece of Johnson County Library, Paula Etrick of Southwest

Kansas Library System and Emily Sitz of Dodge City Library.

Emporia State School of Library and Information Management is offering one credit hour for this workshop as a part of the fall curriculum, LI863 "Current Issues in Management Agencies." Contact Mirah Dow (downmirah@emporia.edu) at ESU for more information.

Watch for upcoming registration details. For further information, contact Eric Hansen (erich@ink.org) or Barbara Stransky (bstransky@nekls.lib.ks.us).

In memoriam

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

Martha J. "Marty" Holland (nee Tucker) died on Sunday, July 9, after a brief illness. She worked in various capacities for the Kansas State Library, including assistant head of the business office and head of the business office. After Ernestine Gilliland's retirement as State Librarian, Governor John Carlin appointed Marty Acting State Librarian, a position she held from April 14, 1981 until March 17, 1982. She married Clifford R. Holland, Jr., who served on the State Library Advisory Commission and who preceded her in death. Most recently, Marty worked in the private sector in Colorado Springs, CO.



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

New e-mail discussion list

There's a new e-mail discussion list called KLNMR-T-L. It's sponsored by the Kansas Library Association New Members Round Table and is open to anyone interested in the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing new workers in the library and information field, particularly in the state of Kansas. The New Members Round Table invites not only library and information newbies, but also seasoned veterans to join; mentors are always needed and appreciated.

To subscribe:

1. Point your browser to <http://www.skyways.org/lists/>
2. Scroll down to the KLNMR-T-L box
3. Click on the "Subscribe/More Info" box
4. Fill in the relevant blanks and click the relevant radio buttons on the "MailServ for ListProcessor mailing lists" web page
5. Click "Go" as needed

OR:

1. Address a message to listproc@ukans.edu.
2. In the body of the message, type: subscribe klnmrt-l [your name]
3. Send the message

Questions can be sent to Eric Hansen by e-mail at erich@ink.org or by phone at 800/432-3919 (in Kansas) or 785/296-3875.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

Waiting for the Bounty: The Dust Bowl Diary of Mary Knackstedt Dyck. Edited by Pamela Riney-Kehrberg. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 1999. 9"x7" hardcover. 368 pp. ISBN 0-87745-694-1. Approximate cost \$35.00.

In 1905, a young daughter of German immigrants, married to a Mennonite farmer, moved onto a farm in Hamilton County in southwest Kansas. For nearly three decades their farm prospered. But then the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl completely changed her life. Pamela Riney-Kehrberg brings us an extremely rare view of this region and this era in *Waiting for the Bounty: The Dust Bowl Diary of Mary Knackstedt Dyck*. The book describes the grim life of a farm woman, wife and mother in her own words.

Riney-Kehrberg is an associate professor of history at Illinois State University. She is also the author of *Rooted in Dust: Surviving Drought and Depression in Southwestern Kansas* (Univ. Press of Kansas, 1997). She has provided an edited version of Mary Dyck's diary entries from 1936 through 1941. Her informative introduction tells the story of the Dyck family's settlement in southwestern Kansas and places the diary in its historical context. According to Joyce Armstrong, Hamilton County Library, Syracuse, some of Mary Dyck's descendants still live in the vicinity.

Recommended for adult nonfiction and Kansas public library collections, academic collections, and secondary school collections.

Kansas libraries.... twenty years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian

Gleanings from different library system newsletters during the summer of 1980

- Bucklin Public Library had a summer sports reading competition, with Charlie Brown as manager of the team. Southwest Kansas Library System (SWKLS)
- Liberal Memorial Library now has all the papers in Seward County on microfilm dating from the late 1800s to mid 1979. (SWKLS)
- Employee changes: Sandy Dole, rotation clerk, has taken a job in Almena. Wava Daniels has transferred from Blind & Physically Handicapped (BPH) and to another position within NWKLS. Kathy Slusher has

joined BPH-NWKLS. Delores Stapp has returned from summer school. Northwest Kansas Library System (NWKLS)

- This past spring the Children’s section of the Lincoln Carnegie Library moved to the basement of the library. Since hiring a new librarian in October 1979, the children’s section has acquired 262 new books and has also been given a used card catalog by the State Library. Central Kansas Library System (CKLS)
- Mrs. Lois Becker has resigned as librarian at Cunningham Public Library and accepted a position on the library board. The library now has co-librarians, Mrs. Elsie Witt and Mrs. Jane Meyers. South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS)
- New names and faces at the Winfield Public Library: Phyllis Lammert, children’s librarian, Rose Mary Coffey, library assistant. (SCKLS)



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