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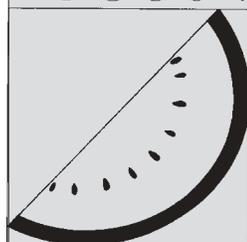
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Kansas librarians win high LEEP awards in 2002

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

Several Kansas librarians have won the Level Six LEEP (Library Employee Education Project) award in the 2002 season. Level Six represents 600 hours of library education and is still quite a rare honor in the Kansas library community.

Barbara Dew has been with the Ottawa Public Library since 1975 and director of the library since 1982. Several years ago, she led a building program that led the Ottawa library to a beautiful new facility.

Charlee Glinka is Technical Coordinator at the Lawrence Public Library. She has worked at the Lawrence Public Library, except for a tenure at KU, which she refers to as “the time I ran away.” She obtained an MLS,

returned to Lawrence Public, and worked her way through several positions before becoming the library’s first Technical Coordinator in 1994.

Cindy Hittle has been the director of the Rolla Branch Library in Morton County since 1993. It is an unusual library because it is a school/public library while also being a branch of the Morton County Library. Cindy comments, “I enjoy working in the ever-changing library world and I do

feel I have one of the best jobs there is. The library world is a wonderful place to be and grow and enjoy.”

Several Northeast System librarians won their Level Five LEEP Certificate in 2002.

Beckie Borella has been the director of the Tonganoxie Public Library for four and one-half years. She is still remembered as one of the leaders of the lively KPLACE Millenium Class that graduated in 2000. Becky lives in Tonganoxie and is an active gardener.

Becky Dodd has worked at the Wellsville City Library since January 1988 and has been director since 1996. “I’d like to see the library have all the books I can think of and I’d like time to read all the books I have looked at.”

Penny Donaldson was the director of the Atchison Public Library for five years. Recently she moved to become the librarian at Highland Community College. Penny says, “I have really enjoyed getting back to academic work.” She enjoys sewing crafts and playing the organ.

Cecilia Jecha May moved from Topeka Public Schools to the Reference Department at the Lawrence Public Library. At present she is Reference Services Coordinator at Lawrence Public. She has also taught at SLIM. Cecilia comments, “Working with people and information is a fantastic way to spend one’s days. But I couldn’t have done it without continuing education and the administrative support to pursue it.”

One Central Kansas System librarian has won Level Five this season. Leah Krotz has been director of the Belleville Library since 1991. In 1998 she spearheaded a building program that resulted in a beautifully remodeled new library. Leah is a 1994 KPLACE graduate and will be a KPLACE presenter in 2003.

Two librarians from South Central System have won their Level Five LEEP award.

Janice Sharp has been at the Edna Buschow Memorial Library in Valley Center since 1990. She became the director in 1992. Janice is a KPLACE graduate and active in the South Central System.

Julie Tomlianovich has been the Children's Services Consultant at the South Central System since December 1987. Besides working actively with the system librarians to develop youth services, Julie has been a leader in the Kansas Children's Forum that develops statewide children's programs. She has served on the Caldecott and William Allen White selection committees.

Two librarians from Southwest System have achieved Level Five.

Edna Ringwald has been the director of the Bucklin Public Library since 1994. Edna and her husband have lived near Bucklin since 1965.

Eunice Schroeder has been director of the Stevens County Library in Hugoton for ten years. She has been an active member of the Southwest System and recently served on the KLA Public Library Standards Committee.

The Kansas State Library staff offers congratulations to all of these library leaders and LEEPing stars.

Library Services Certificate Program

—by Rene Yaws
SLIM, Emporia State University

The Library Services Certificate Program, Emporia State University, offers continuing education for library professionals in Kansas. Certificates may be earned in six different areas.

Library Administration, Planning, taught by Rosanne Goble, in Salina this Fall. The dates are:

Assessing Needs	9/6-9/8
Planning Services	10/11-10/13
Evaluating Services	11/15-11/17

Classes will be held Fridays 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 901 E. Neal, Salina, KS 67401. Sunday classes will be held at Holiday Inn, 1616 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS from 9 a.m.-noon.

Introduction to Information Services will take place in Emporia at Emporia State University. The dates are:

Diagnosing Information Needs	9/20-9/22
Information Skills Instruction	10/25-10/27
Philosophy and Ethics	12/6-12/8

The cost is \$147.00 per credit hour for Kansas residents to take the class for college credit. Scholarships from your library system may be available. *[Please note that these courses do not result in school library media certification.—Ed.]* To register, or for further information, please contact Rene Yaws at yaws_rene@emporia.edu or call 888/561-5136.

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

July was a busy month with travel, training and meetings.



Gates training

It was my pleasure to join a number of other Kansas library staff in a four-day training session at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation from the 15th through the 18th in Seattle. We were divided into two groups, a training group (see photo below) and a tech-



Kansas training group, Gates Foundation

nology group. The training group was coached in effect ways to train library staff and patrons in the most effective use of the Gates library computers coming to Kansas libraries. The technical group was trained in the installation, networking and maintenance of the machines. I represented the Kansas State Library in the training group, and Jeff Hixon attended the technical training.

Virtual reference task force

The Kansas Library Network Board statewide virtual reference task force met at the Salina Public Library on the 2nd. At this meeting, eighteen of us discussed what topics will need to be addressed in a statewide virtual reference pilot project, witnessed a presentation by Beth Turtle and Marcia Stockham about Kansas State University's very successful virtual reference pilot project, assumed responsibility to individually research virtual reference project topics, and agreed to meet again on the 30th at the Manhattan Public Library to draft a pilot project plan. I will present the draft plan to the Network Board at its meeting August 15 in Manhattan for approval.



Gale training session

I joined a number of Kansas librarians at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library on the 8th for training in the new interface to Gale's InfoTrac suite of databases. Negotiation with Gale for renewal of InfoTrac continues with only contractual details to be worked out.



Western Trails

Members of the Western Trails project state metadata working groups met on the 24th and 25th at the Kansas State Historical Society's Center for Historical Research. Matt Veatch of the Historical Society and I represented Kansas at this meeting. Guests from Arizona, Minnesota and Utah were also on hand. Dublin Core elements were scrutinized and discussed with the intention of drafting a Western Trails handbook of best practices for metadata for use by participating states and others who wish to embark on similar ventures in the future.

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

A prescription for information: MEDLINEplus

—by Whitney Davison-Turley
 NN/LM MCR Technology and KS Liaison
 Archie Dykes Library, KU Medical Center

Patrons often have questions about health conditions, treatments, and medications. From the public library patron needing information on diabetes to the student doing a project on anthrax, MEDLINEplus (www.medlineplus.gov), the National Library of Medicine's consumer health Web site, gives librarians a comprehensive, authoritative, and free resource for meeting their patrons' health information needs.

The key to MEDLINEplus's success is that it is not an exhaustive list of every health resource available on the Web. It is a selective list of authoritative health information from reputable organizations like the National Institutes of Health. The material has been selected and evaluated by the medical librarians and health professionals at the National Library of Medicine, so librarians can be assured that their patrons are getting the best information available.

MEDLINEplus also includes a number of *Interactive Health Tutorials*, which use sound, pictures, and easy-to-read text to walk a patient through the important information on a given health topic. *Drug Information* is available for thousands of medications, and can be accessed by either the brand or generic name, while a comprehensive *medical dictionary and encyclopedia* provides definitions and spellings for over 4,000 terms, tests, and procedures.

Many of the MEDLINEplus Health Topics include information in Spanish, and a complete Spanish-language interface should be available in the fall of 2002.

MEDLINEplus can be accessed from any computer with a connection to the Internet at www.medlineplus.gov, and more information can be found by clicking on the "About MEDLINEplus" link available at the top of each page.

Whitney Davison-Turley, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine liaison for the state of Kansas, is available to answer questions or provide training on MEDLINEplus, PubMed, or any other National Library of Medicine databases by calling 800/338-7657 or via e-mail at wdavison-turley@kumc.edu.

Health literacy materials

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
 Literacy Coordinator

Materials on drug abuse, having a healthy baby—and coming soon—minority health issues, all for low-level readers are available free from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). After practitioners pointed out the dearth of material to prepare folks for the GED science section, AAAS scouted resources and developed several sets of materials for struggling readers that would allow them to get a handle on some aspects of science. See <http://ehrweb.aaas.org/scilit/> and <http://www.healthlit.org/> (each has some items), or contact Chickona Royster at 202/326-6454.

American Adults Not Literate in Science

from *Thursday Notes*, a newsletter from the Division of Adult Education and Literacy, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, June 27, 2002.

Nearly three-fourths of American adults do not understand much about basic science, according to a new study by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Less than half could define "DNA" and less than one-fourth could define "molecule." While some university experts believe scientific literacy over the last ten years has trended up, NSF researchers say it hasn't changed much. To keep things moving in our government, academic and industrial labs, the U.S. increasingly relies on foreign workers. Meanwhile, American adults need help with skills required to assess medical claims, determine the merits of genetically engineered food or understand national scientific issues. See <http://www.cnn.com/2002/TECH/science/06/15/not.rocket.scientists.ap/index.html>.

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*.

New library sci/personnel/public administration materials at State Library

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

The following are among titles the State Library has added to its collection. All are available for loan and can be requested through interlibrary loan. Please include call number below with request and send request via KIC Net or OCLC.

Current Trends in Library Support Staff Continuing Education Programs: A Report for the Western Council of State [sic!] Education Task Force, by Karl Madden and Bob Grover. Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management, 2001. (020.7 Mad).

Digital Imaging: A Practical Handbook, by Stuart D. Lee. New York: Neal-Schuman Pub., in association Library Association Pub., 2001. (025.84 Lee).

Electronic Collection Development: A Practical Guide, by Stuart D. Lee. New York: Neal-Schuman Pub., in association Library Association Pub., 2002. (025.284 Lee).

Go for the Goal: A Winning Approach to Learner-Centered Goal Setting in Adult Literacy, by Lin Baer.... et al. Champaign, IL: Illinois Literacy Resource Development Center, 2001. (374.012 Bae).

How to Say It Online: Everything You Need to Know to Master the New Language of Cyberspace, by Kim Baker and Sunny Baker. Paramus, NJ: Prentice Hall Press, 2001. (808.066 Bak).

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship, by Betty J. Simpson and Marsha Foster. Chicago, IL: Illinois Library Trustee Association, 1986. (021.8 Sim).

Making the Case for Your Library: A How-To-Do-It Manual, by Sally Gardner Reed. New York: Neal Schuman Publishers, 2001. (025.11 Ree).

OhioReads: A Handbook for Schools, Businesses and Community Partners and Volunteers, Columbus, OH: OhioReads, Ohio Dept of Education, 2001. (372.4 Ohio).

Powering Up: How Public Managers Can Take Control of Information Technology, by Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2001. (352.38213 Bar).

Public Library Internet Services and the Digital Divide: The Role and Impacts From Selected External Funding Sources, by Charles R. McClure, Joe Ryan, John Carlo Bertot. Tallahassee, FL: Information Use Management and Policy Institute, 2002. (025.11 McC 2002).

The Strategic Board: The Step-By-Step Guide to High Impact Governance, by Mark Light. New York: Wiley, 2001. (658.4012 Lig).

Tools For Decision Making: A Practical Guide For Local Government, by David N. Ammons. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2002. (352.37214 Amm).

Wiring Governments: Challenges and Possibilities for Public Managers, By John A. O'Looney. Westport, CT: Quorum Books, 2002. (352.38 Olo).

The 2002 Training and Performance Sourcebook, edited by Mel Silberman. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2002. (658.3124 Train 2002).

Library positions

Regional Library System Director

Northwest Kansas Library System, a ten-county multi-type library system headquartered in Norton, Kansas is seeking applications for the position of System Director. Applicants should possess strong supervisory, communicational, organizational and public relations skills, and have experience with budgets, planning and computers. Travel is required.

Master's degree from an ALA-accredited library school and five years professional library experience, including two years in an administrative position, required. Salary begins at \$38,000 with generous benefits.

Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, or age.

Send cover letter, resume and three references to Shelly Huelsman, Chair, NWKLS Search Committee, 1255 South Range, Colby, Kansas 67701-4099. Additional information, including a job description is available at: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/nwkls/norwest/job.html>. Open until filled. Application review will begin August 14.

Children's Services Librarian

Winfield Public Library—Children's Services. Full-time position responsible for all aspects of children's department.

Qualifications: undergraduate degree in ed. or related field, strong communications skills, demonstrated public service, practical knowledge of electronic info. technology is required, desk-top publishing desirable. Ability to plan and implement programs for a wide variety of ages. Health insurance, KPERS retirement, paid sick & vacation leave.

Hiring range: \$24,000-26,000 commensurate with qualifications & experience. Submit a cover letter and resume to: Winfield Public Library, 605 College, Winfield, KS 67156 or e-mail to library@wpl.org by Aug. 9th. For complete job description contact the Library at 620-221-4470 or check the web site at www.wpl.org. Open until filled. EOE

Network Administrator

The Dodge City Public Library seeks a candidate for the position of Network Administrator. This position manages and maintains all library computer systems, including a LAN, all hardware and software related to the automation systems, interlibrary loan state, national and worldwide databases, Internet access, and the TRAILS web server. This position plans and coordinates technology training for staff and public and will be responsible for the installation and program implementation of the new Bill and Melinda Gates Computer Lab. Working in cooperation with technology consultants for the Southwest Kansas Library System, the successful candidate will assist in budget preparation, planning for the future, and recommending appropriate information access technologies.

The ideal candidate will be service oriented and have the ability to quickly diagnose and solve problems. Bachelor's degree and network administration experience preferred. Knowledge of computer hardware and software, and willingness to participate in continuing education and training required. Please send letter of application, resume, transcripts, and three references to Dodge City Public Library, Human Resource Manager, 1001 2nd Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801. Fax 620/225-1931. E-mail: heatherw@trails.net. EOE

Community Libraries Coordinator

Johnson County Library, located in metropolitan Kansas City, has an exciting opportunity for a Community Libraries Coordinator. JCL serves a population of over 344,000 with a Central Resource Library (CRL) and twelve branch libraries. Incumbent will assist with the day-to-day operation and management of Spring Hill, DeSoto and Edgerton libraries including the selection, training, developing and evaluation of branch staff. This position is also responsible for staffing public service desks to provide reference and other services to all patrons, instructing patrons in locating information and in the use of the library's resources. Other duties include assisting in planning and implementing branch programs, scheduling branch staff, interpreting and implementing library system policies and procedures to patrons and branch staff and assuring that library resources and services are fully accessible to the public.

Qualifications:

MLS from an ALA-accredited library school. A minimum of three years experience providing public service in a library setting required. A minimum of one-year supervisory experience and staff scheduling preferred but not required. A broad knowledge of current public library procedures and practices is essential. Experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating library programs and collections is necessary. Experience in working within an automated library system environment preferred. Experience in the use of automated reference and informational resources as well as traditional print reference material to assist patrons in information searching is preferred. The successful applicant will possess the ability to communicate effectively with both staff and the public as they project the public service values of the JCL. Bilingual language skills desired.

This exciting opportunity offers an excellent starting salary and a competitive benefits package that includes health, dental, vision and life insurance, deferred compensation, KPERS and supplemental retirement.

Candidates interested in joining our team may submit a resume with salary requirements electronically to hentschel@jcl.lib.ks.us or via mail to:

Johnson County Library
Attn: Tiffany Hentschel
PO Box 2933
Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-1333
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Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

A Dulcimer For Elspeth, by Esther A. Kreek. Overland Park, KS: Esther A. Kreek, 2002. Order from author at 913/661-9590 or serenesnd@aol.com. Hardcover, 9" x 11", 24 pp., includes CD dulcimer music played by author. \$22.95 +\$3.00 p/h.

A children's book about an instrument she loves by a Kansas woman who plays it shares a delightful story and the very sounds created by the author. A father, returning from a mission for a king, loses the gifts of music for his wife and children. Hearing a new music from a cottage in the woods, he seeks shelter and learns of an instrument called a hammered dulcimer. A second instrument made by the woodsman and his wife replaces the lost gift for the messenger's wife, Elspeth. After learning to play the dulcimer, she shares her music—she "let it go to fly freely on the wind."

Esther Kreek received a hammered dulcimer from her husband and she performs, records, teaches and sells the instrument she has grown to love. Well known as creator and director of the Heartland Dulcimer Camp held annually in Parkville, MO and throughout dulcimer circles, the author fills *A Dulcimer For Elspeth* with the warmth and deep feeling she has for the instrument. The inclusion of an audio CD makes this a wonderful tool for children's programming in public libraries as well as an addition to a school library to share with music teachers.

Recommended for all children's collections and elementary school libraries.

Pioneer Naturalist On the Plains: The Diary of Elam Bartholomew, 1871 To 1934, by David M. Bartholomew. Manhattan: Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, 66505-1009. ISBN 0-89745-221-6, 6" x 9", 338 pp. softcover, 1998.

Part edited primary source, part autobiography, *Pioneer Naturalist On the Plains* is a moving account not only of pioneering in Rooks County near Stockton but also a record in his own hand of a Kansas homesteader who went on to become one of the most respected academics at the young Fort Hays State College. Edited by the diarist's grandson, David M. Bartholomew—a native Kansan, a Kansas State University alum, and a respected scholar in his own right—this work will be of interest to botanists, historians and readers in north central and northwest Kansas.

The text of the book is in diary style with many entries annotated with important background information by the editor. The original is italicized while the editorial comments are in plain type. It is well-illustrated with photographs and artwork depicting the life of Elam Bartholomew and pioneering on the high plains of Kansas. The diaries have been rearranged from chronological order into a more meaningful subject format. Elam Bartholomew, the pioneer diarist, was an eloquent writer interested in much of what happened around him. He was a successful farmer, also earned degrees from what is now Kansas State University and eventually took a position at Fort Hays State College. His grandson has not only produced a fitting tribute to the Kansas pioneer but also an important, while highly entertaining, read.

Recommended for public, academic and secondary school libraries.



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

Kansas libraries.... 10 years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

Excerpts from Kansas Libraries, August 1992

- A policy group has been established to assist the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Hospital Association explore the broad issues associated with telemedicine.
- In the spring delegate election BCR/OCLC general members selected William A. Crowe, Dean of University of Kansas Libraries, as one of BCR's three delegates to the OCLC Users Council.
- Kansas Library Operation (KLOA) for paraprofessionals, support staff and other non-MLS library employees was granted roundtable status by the Kansas Library Association at the 1992 Tri Conference.

- A survey sent out in the November 1991 issue of Kansas Libraries says that the Kansas List of Serials (KLS), a union catalog of serial/magazine holdings at libraries around the state, is a hit! Survey results indicate that the KLS has benefited users in virtually all types and sizes of libraries.
- The new Kansas Library Catalog, produced by OCLC/Autographics is scheduled to be shipped out to libraries in November.
- The Kansas State Library received \$280,000 for Kansas Volunteers for the Literacy Grant Program from the Kansas Legislature and Governor this year. The mission of the program is to give financial aid to volunteer literacy programs, especially in rural areas.



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