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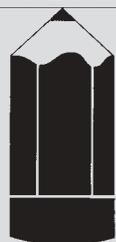
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Kansas State Library staff sponsors new project on library services to seniors

—by Shannon Roy

Director, Local Library Development

A new group of librarians is working together to develop an information clearinghouse on library services for older Kansans. The first meeting of the Older Kansans' Information Forum was held in Emporia on June 14th.

The group discussed the needs of two different groups of older Kansans. Members of AARP who are in their fifties, sixties and seventies are still vigorous. Many are still working, others are pursuing retirement careers or avocations. They have widely-varied interests. But as their numbers grow with aging Baby Boomers, they will be a political and social force to be reckoned with. They will

change the perception of older Americans for good. Also, they are often community leaders and/or very influential library users. Librarians need to market information skills and library services directly to this growing audience.

People who have had their health and lifestyle affected by old age form a second audience. These people need information, assistance, recreation, stimulation. They form a more traditional senior audience but they

vary widely in how well they accept and adapt to their limitations. They want to be helped by librarians but not patronized.

After a wide-ranging discussion on senior issues and library services, the group began to focus on possible projects.

- The Forum will be canvassing for more information on library services to seniors that are presently offered by Kansas libraries.
- The Forum will begin planning for a website that will include active links to information and resources that librarians can access to serve seniors. The group will also be gathering information for a series of online articles on various topics. This website will be designed to serve librarians rather than being targeted directly to seniors. Toni Harrell, director of the Kansas Talking Book Service, will be the webmaster.
- The group will be planning a preconference for Triconference 2004, with other training events as requested by Kansas libraries and systems.

Those presently participating in the Forum include:

Roy Bird, Kansas State Library
Sue Blechl, Emporia Public Library
Sarah Bohndorf, Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
Christine Buller, Hesston Public Library
Jonita Doll-Masden, Central Kansas Library System
Stephanie Hall, Topeka and Shawnee County Library
Toni Harrell, Kansas Talking Book Service
Jeff Hixon, Kansas State Library
Pattie Johnston, Lawrence Public Library
Julie Linneman, Wichita Public Library
Liz Nix, Southeast Kansas Library System
Shannon Roy, Kansas State Library
CJ Sullivan, Johnson County Library
Kathryn Weigel, WaKeeney Public Library

If you have websites or resources to recommend to the Older Kansans' Information Forum, please send e-mail to Toni Harrell at tonih@kslib.info or to Shannon Roy at shanroy@kslib.info.

KPLACE Roundtable Fall Conference

KPLACE Roundtable Fall Conference
September 19-20, 2002

The Dodge House Hotel & Convention Center
2408 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
620/225-9900

Please return registration by September 6, 2002. We have reserved a block of 15 double non-smoking rooms at \$58.00. Please call the number listed above to reserve your room. Tell the desk clerk that you are with KPLACE.

Meetings will be held at the Dodge House Convention Center. Dinner will be at Boot Hill Long Branch Saloon.

Thursday, September 19th

- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. Office Yoga and Relaxation Techniques
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. What's Your Shape? and Is Change in Your Vocabulary?

Thursday Evening, 6:30 p.m.

Chuckwagon Dinner and Show in the Boot Hill Long Branch Saloon. Entertainment will be a show featuring Miss Kitty, Can-Can Dancers and singing Bartenders with the menu of brisket, fried potatoes and onions, cole slaw, baked beans, corn bread, apple crisp, coffee, tea and lemonade. All of this for \$14.95 per person.

Friday, September 20th

- 9:00-11:30 a.m. Let's Get Organized
- 11:30-12:00 Comments

KPLACE Roundtable Fall Conference registration fees:

Workshop Fees	\$15.00	_____
Boothill Entertainment	\$14.95	_____
Total Registration	\$29.95	_____
Registration received after September 6	\$34.95	_____

Please send registration no later than September 6, 2002.
Remit to:

KPLACE Roundtable
C/O Cindy Hittle
Rolla Library
P.O. Box 412
Rolla, KS 67954
620/593-4328

Registration:

Name _____

Library _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Network Board meeting

The Kansas Library Network Board (KLNb) had its quarterly summer meeting on August 15 at the North Central Kansas Library System headquarters in Manhattan. Minutes from the meeting are available on Blue Skyways at: <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB0802.html>. On the following day and at the same location, the KLNb had a strategic planning retreat. Minutes from the retreat are also available at: <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB0802.html>.



Aviation History Mural

Kansas Mural Project

The Network Board is one of eight institutional partners in a project to digitize murals in Kansas. With funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kansas Arts Commission,

the project seeks to raise awareness of the murals, some of which are not well known to the public. There are currently more than 350 public art works available in digital form on the project Web site at: <http://www.kansasmurals.org>.

Search functions for the database are in beta. At present the database is searchable by title, artist, medium, region, city or type. Search operators are limited to “Match all words between fields (AND)” or “Match any words between fields (OR).” A “Find All Records” button permits browsing all digitized murals, 21 at a time.

As the project continues to expand and evolve it will become a very useful source of online information to librarians, researchers, artists, and communities interested in beginning public murals creation as community-building exercises.

Kansas Virtual Reference Pilot Project approved

Among other actions at its meeting in August, the Network Board approved my plan for a statewide virtual reference pilot project. The plan is the result of the excellent judgment and efforts of an 18-member task force composed of library workers from throughout the state. The plan is available on Blue Skyways at: <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNBApprovedVRplanweb.htm>. I am more than happy to answer any questions about the project, and I am interested in expanding the project’s expertise directory with those Kansas library workers among you who have subject area expertise and some time you’d be willing to share to make the project run. I can be reached by phone at 785/296-3875 or e-mail at eric@kslib.info.



The Kansas Heritage Center, Dodge City, has made a portion of its historic newspapers available on the Web as a part of its participation in the Western Trails Project. Called “Dodge City Cattle Trails & Tales,” the site was

constructed with help from Steven Schermerhorn when he was with the Dodge City Public Library. The site currently fronts 105 newspaper articles from Dodge City’s cattle town days, and can be browsed, or searched by article month/year, article summary, or article text. The site is open for review at: <http://khc.dcipl.info/>.

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

2003 Kansas Factual Story Contest

-by Justin Dragosani-Brantingham
Government Records Archivist
Kansas State Historical Society

Entries are now being accepted for the 2003 Kansas Factual Story Contest. The contest encourages writers to preserve factual, unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans. For more than thirty years Olive Ann Beech of Wichita provided cash awards for winners. Since her death, annual financial support for winners has been continued in her honor by her daughter, Mary Linn Oliver of Wichita.

The Beech Memorial cash awards are: first place, \$175; second, \$125; third, \$100; and two honorable mentions of \$50 each.

Entrants are to keep copies of their entries; none will be returned. These stories will continue to provide poignant and humorous insight into the lives of Kansans as they are preserved in the Manuscript Department of the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka.

Contest rules are simple. Stories must: have taken place in earlier days in Kansas, be limited to 750 words, be true and not have been previously published. The contest is open to anyone (and entries are received from throughout the United States). More than one entry will be accepted per entrant. Entries must be postmarked by October 15, 2002.

A panel from the Kansas State Historical Society will judge the stories. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting and banquet of Native Sons and Daughters, to be held in Topeka on Friday, January 24, 2003. The banquet is open to all who wish to join that evening to honor the Great State of Kansas, the Kansan of the Year, and other honorees.

Send entries to June Windscheffel, Story Chairperson, 1100 SW Belle Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66604; 785/272-2831.

Kansas Archives Week

—by Justin Dragosani-Brantingham
Government Records Archivist
Kansas State Historical Society

Come celebrate Kansas Archives Week 2002 at the Kansas State Historical Society's Genealogy Expo October 25 and 26, 2002.

Kansas Archives Week is always a time to recognize the informational wealth of historical documents and publications collections. The Genealogy Expo is a series of workshops and presentations over two days that will enrich the knowledge of any researcher be they new to genealogy or experienced regarding genealogy methods and resources within KSHS holdings. Topics will include a "Getting Started" session on Friday, and continue Saturday with keynote speaker Dr. Sam Dicks covering fascinating Kansas sources and other presenters offering records preservation, church records, 1930 and other censuses, major Internet sites, cemetery records and markers, and government records. Additionally, exhibitors will be set up in the lobby to visit with or purchase from.

Friday night is free and open. Saturday is open to any registrant. It is \$5 for an all-day pass, \$6 for lunch (optional, but pre-registration required), or get both for only \$10 by pre-registering! The cost for exhibitor space is either \$5 for ½ of an 8' table, or \$8 for a full 6' table. Electricity and Internet access are also available for exhibitors.

The events take place Friday, 6-8 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Center for Historical Research, 6425 S.W. 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66615. For more information, or to be an exhibitor, please call the Library/Archives Division at 785/272-8681, ext. 276 or review the updates as they are available on our website at: <http://www.kshs.org/archives/archweek2002.htm>.

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*.

Books acquired by State Library

—by Marc Galbraith
Research and Information Services

The State Library has added the following books to its collection. All are available for loan and can be requested through interlibrary loan via KICNET and OCLC.

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

The Quick Guide to Local Government Financial Statements, by Dean Michael Mead, Norwalk, CT: Government Accounting Standards Board, 2001 (336.01473 Mea2).

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).

What You Should Know About Your Local Government's Finances: A Guide to Financial Statements, by Dean Michael Mead, Norwalk, CT: Government Accounting Standards Board, 2000 (336.01473 Mea 2000).

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).

Questions may be directed to Marc Galbraith (marcg@kslib.info), Cindy Roupe or Rita Troxel at 785/296-3296 or 800/432-3919.

Genealogy conference

—by Patti Butcher
Northeast Kansas Library System

“Please Return My Family Tree in the Enclosed Envelope” Genealogy Conference

A genealogy conference targeted at public librarians will be held Oct. 24 at the State Historical Society and Museum in Topeka. The all-day event (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) features Thomas Kemp, formerly of Heritage Quest and well-known author of genealogy resources, as the keynote speaker. Mr. Kemp will speak on “Publishing Trends in Genealogy” during the morning session.

Breakout sessions will follow during the remainder of the day. Tracks are targeted to beginners, advanced and special topics. Some of the choices include:

- Helping the new family researcher get started
- Digitizing records
- National Archives
- What should my library collect?
- Genealogy ILL
- Cataloging genealogy materials
- Minority family research

Vendors will be available throughout the day for browsing the latest in equipment, digital and print resources.

Cost for non-NEKLS system members to attend is \$20. Lunch is on your own. For more information, or a registration form, contact the NEKLS office at 888/296-6963, or pbutcher@nekls.org.

Andale establishes new district library

—by Paul Hawkins
South Central Kansas Library System

Voters in the City of Andale and Sherman Township, located in western Sedgwick County, established a new district library on August 6 with 196 voting in favor and 32 against the question. The district library will be the first of its kind in the twelve-county South Central Kansas Library System.

According to Lanita Moore, an Andale citizen who led the campaign, “The people definitely wanted a library! A district library will allow the people to elect the library board rather than have them appointed by the city council or township trustees.”

Moore and other members of a library committee began working on legally establishing a public library nearly six years ago. A few locally elected officials were unreceptive to their initial efforts, so eventually the committee decided to collect signatures of voters on a petition which placed the question of whether to establish a district library on the ballot for the August 6 election. Once an election is held for the new seven-member district library board, the board will have full legal and taxing authority exclusive of any city or township.

Along with placing an ad to vote “yes” in the local newspaper, the library committee distributed flyers door-to-door promoting the establishment of a library. The new library will be housed in a donated downtown building that was formerly a doctor’s office. Remodeling of the building is planned to be completed early next year.

In the past decade, Sedgwick County has seen the establishment of a city library for Park City, population 5,600, and a city library for Garden Plain, population 800. The Andale District Library will include a service population of about 1,000 in a changing rural, suburban locality.

For more information about the Andale District Library contact Lanita Moore, 316/444-2472 or Paul Hawkins, 800/234-0529, ext. 113.

Library positions

William Allen White Library, Emporia State University seeks candidates for two 12-month, tenure-track positions at the Assistant Professor level.

1) University Archivist/Curator of Special Collections (Beginning date: Approximately May 12, 2003)

Innovative individual needed to administer and provide leadership in the Archive and Special Collections areas. Reports to Dean of University Libraries and Archives and serves on Library Administrative Team.

Responsibilities:

Manage operations of the two areas; develop and implement appropriate technological plan including digitization; supervise support staff and student assistants; responsible for collection development, organization and preservation; develop goals, policies and procedures; curate and organize exhibits; work with organizations to promote use of Archives/Special Collections.

Salary range is \$45,000 to \$46,000.

Required:

ALA-accredited MLS or equivalent. Preferred - Minimum three years professional library experience demonstrating increasing responsibilities in management/supervision; experience/knowledge of appropriate technology; Archival/Special Collections experience; knowledge of archival standards, practices and historical research methods; superior organizational/communication skills; experience in writing grant proposals and fund raising; interest in university, local, and regional history.

2) Reference Librarian and Children's Literature Specialist (Beginning date: June 9, 2003)

Staff Virtual Reference Desk evenings and weekends; assist the Distant Education Library Services Coordinator with reference and instructional needs of distant students and faculty; serve as departmental liaison for children's literature; supervise staff and student assistants in preservation of children's literature collections; work as William Allen White Children's Book Award Executive Secretary in annual administration of award; teach library instruction in children's literature courses and some general education courses.

Salary range is between \$35,000 and \$36,000.

Required:

ALA-accredited MLS or equivalent; experience with print and electronic reference sources and/or coursework in Library Science; awareness of current and emerging technologies and trends in reference service and distant education; strong technological skills; effective oral and written communication skills; excellent interpersonal and organizational skills; ability to work independently and as part of a team; ability to meet tenure requirements of teaching/performance of primary duties, research, and service.

Both positions require effective oral and written communication skills, strong technological skills, excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, ability to work independently and as a team member, and ability to meet tenure requirements of teaching/performance of primary duties, research, and service.

Screening begins October 1, 2002. Applications accepted until position(s) filled. Interested candidates should send letter of application, vita, and three references' names and addresses to: Anita VanSchaick, Senior Administrative Specialist Office of the Dean of University Libraries and Archives, Emporia State University, 1200 Commercial, Campus Box 4051, Emporia, KS 66801-5092, 620/341-5208.

An AA/EOE institution, Emporia State University encourages minorities and women to apply. More information about Emporia State University and William Allen White Library may be found at <http://www.emporia.edu> and <http://library.emporia.edu>.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

The Wacky World of Worms: A Never Ending Story, by Debbie Anderson. Order from: Rising Mist, 406 Anderson, Box 70, Belvue, KS 66407, or e-mail thebuzzabout@hotmail.com, 2001. 8½" x 11", 48pp. + appendices, spiral bound. \$18.75 + \$3.80 p&h.

Debbie Anderson reminds me of the story I heard about the college student whose professor was the most knowledgeable person in the world about worms. In order to pass the course the student became the second most knowledgeable person in the world about worms, but when the test came, it said nothing about worms but instead was about elephants. The student wrote that an elephant was a mammal with a long, worm-like trunk...now let me tell you about worms. Debbie knows worms and loves to share her knowledge with children. Her children's nonfiction book, *The Wacky World of Worms*, shares that knowledge in a very special and fun way.

The author tackles this using a narrator named Eisenia fetida, a scientific name for a type of earthworm. Readers will learn to start a mini worm bin, how to care for worms, worm wisdom, and Wacky Worms Exercises that can be tried by individuals or by groups or classes. She also enjoys doing presentations to young persons, and something as simple as earthworms can be a wonderful and enduring learning experience! It's hard to mention all that can be learned from this 48-page book, or the fun readers can have doing the exercises scattered through the pages or viewing the illustrations also done by the author.

Highly recommended for children's collections in all public libraries and all school libraries. School librarians, mention this to your science teachers or those who do science projects in their classrooms. Maybe use it to start a worm bin in the library! Or get the book, then have Debbie Anderson visit to talk about worms and bring some of her elongated friends!



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

Kansas libraries.... 40 years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

Excerpts from *The Kansas Library Bulletin*, September 1962

- A highlight of the National Library Week observance in Kingman was the selection of a “Library Family of the Year.” The staff of Kingman Carnegie Library chose the family that they believed most truly represented a whole family who were library users.
- Two new libraries in western Kansas had open houses last spring within a month of each other. The new Stevens County Library at Hugoton entertained visitors March 11. The new Dudley Township Library in Satanta held its open house a week before National Library Week on April 1.
- The technical library for the State Highway Department is being organized and developed by Mrs. Janice

McEvoy, a recent graduate of the Library School of the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

- Wellington Public Library has finished remodeling the basement for their Children’s Library. Prior to the remodeling project the basement was used for meetings as well as classrooms for two seventh grade classes from the overcrowded junior high school.
- The Dwight Library board entertained approximately 145 people during their two-day open house in April. The open house was planned to observe the 25th anniversary of the founding of the library.
- The Feeney Memorial Library on the campus of Mt. St. Scholastica in Atchison was opened for use last May after the 41,000-book collection was carried from the old building to the new building by the students.



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