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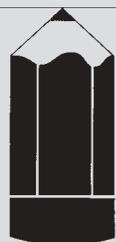
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## Two Haysville librarians achieve Library Services Certificate

—by Shannon Roy  
Director of Local Library Development

Gee Gee Helm of Kingman was the first. Janice Sharp of Valley Center was the second. But the Haysville Public Library was the first to have two staff members celebrate their Library Services Certificate on the same evening.

Norma Johnson first started using the Haysville Public Library when she brought a grandson to storytime. After her husband's sudden and

tragic death, Norma began working for the Haysville Library. She has held a variety of positions. After the death of her friend and colleague Dorothy Goin, she also became the library's bookkeeper. "It has been 12 years and I still love it," Norma

declared.

Norma speaks highly of both KPLACE and the Certificate Program. "I have met so many librarians and teachers and the college credits give you so much self-esteem. Rene has done an astounding job with the Certificate Program."

Norma is proud of herself and her one daughter, three sons and 14 grandchildren. A great-grandchild will appear in January. "They all live near me and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Betty Cattrell has been director of the Haysville Library since it was established in 1977. Before that she served as a school librarian and as a serials librarian at Boeing Aircraft Library. She moved the library into its present facility and is now planning another building program with her board. She is known not only for the quality of her library programs, but for the way she works to help her staff develop. Betty was a member of the first KPLACE Class in 1991. She also won the KLA Presidential Award in 2000.

Betty and her husband Melvin had four children and now have seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Betty reads "a lot" and is a quilter and a woodcarver. She is also active in her church and in civic and library organizations.

Betty added, "The quality of service that Kansas libraries give has improved with the KPLACE and ICE programs. They give the empowerment and confidence that many of us need."

Five board members and as many staff members watched with pride as Betty and Norma received their Certificates from program coordinators Rene Yaws and Jeremy Frank at the July board meeting. State Librarian Duane Johnson, South Central Training Coordinator Nancy Malone and KPLACE Coordinator Shannon Roy also offered their warm congratulations.

## Valley Center Library Director becomes second Kansas librarian to earn new library degree

—by Shannon Roy  
Director of Local Library Development

Janice Sharp, the director of the Valley Center Library, became the second Kansas librarian to receive the new Library Services Certificate from the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University.

The Library Services Certificate Program is a new library education program that allows a librarian to earn a series of 12 hour undergraduate certifications. Janice earned the Generalist Certificate in the shortest possible period and is now planning to work on her Administrative Services Certificate. Janice had graduated from the three-year KPLACE Library Training Program in 1995 and has also sent one of her administrative staff through the KPLACE training.

Janice received her Library Services Certificate from Program Coordinator Rene Yaws at a Valley Center Library board meeting on July 17th. State Librarian Duane Johnson, Local Library Development Director Shannon Roy and South Central Library System Training Coordinator Nancy Malone added their congratulations on this remarkable achievement.

The library board members expressed their pleasure in having a talented and dedicated director. The board chair added that Janice Sharp's help would be critically important as the board began planning for an expansion to the attractive but overcrowded library.

Janice has been the Valley Center library director since 1992. She is known in the South Central Library System for her quiet competence, her creative children's programming and for her strong commitment to partnering with community organizations.

## New books available at the State Library

—by Bill Sowers  
Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

The following books have recently been added to the collection of the State Library of Kansas. If you'd like to borrow any of them send a request via any of the interlibrary loan services.

*The Coalwood Way*, by Homer H. Hickam. New York: Delacorte Press, 2000.  
629.1092Hick6

*Copyright Law on Campus*, by Marc Lindsey Pullman, Wash.: Washington State University Press, 2003.  
346.7304Lin

*Public Library Services to New Americans: Speeding Transitions to Learning, Work and Life in the U.S.* Evanston, IL.: Urban Libraries Council, 2003.  
021.2Pub

*Administrative Law for Public Managers*, by David H. Rosenbloom. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2003.  
342.7306Ros

*Licensing Digital Content: A Practical Guide for Librarians*, by Lesley Ellen Harries. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.  
025.12Har

*Introduction to Reference Work in the Digital Age*, by Joseph Janes. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2003.  
025.524Jan

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director

**Presentations for KASL**

I am looking forward to making presentations about e-books, the Kansas Library Card, and KANAnswer at many of the Kansas Association of School Librarians fall workshops. My scheduled appearances follow:

- September 13     District III Derby
- September 20     District I Overland Park
- September 27     District IV Wamego
- October 11        District V Dodge City

My thanks go out to those KASL fall conference organizers who have given me these opportunities to update school media specialists on programs and services of the KLNb.



**KAN-ED databases and the KSLC**

A number of databases leased for the state of Kansas by KAN-ED are now available for remote access with the Kansas Library Card. See the article by Marc Galbraith elsewhere in this issue for details.

**KLNb Meeting**

The Kansas Library Network Board had its quarterly meeting at the Dodge City Community College Learning Resource Center on Thursday, August 28. The minutes will be available on Blue Skyways from <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNb/meetings.html> very soon.



**Western Trails Roundup**

The IMLS-sponsored Western Trails digitization project is very near the end of its two-year grant period. A wrap-up conference with participant focus group sessions was held on September 4 at Denver University. I was pleased to report on Kansas's part of the project. Other representatives present from Kansas included Sarah Goodwin Thiel of the University of Kansas, Nancy Sherbert of the Kansas State Historical Society, and Dave Webb of the Kansas Heritage Center. Sarah and Dave each staffed a booth at the conference to demonstrate their project Web sites. KU's is entitled "Steaming West: Railway activity westward through Kansas, 1860-1890" (see <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/exhibits/westerntrails/index.htm>). The Heritage Center's is entitled "Dodge City Cattle Trails & Tales" (<http://www.readinks.info/khc/>). Other Kansas Western Trails partners include the Boot Hill Museum and the Wichita State University Department of Special Collections, and their sites will be up and running this fall.

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

## ***KAN-ED databases up and running***

—by Marc Galbraith  
Director, Research and Information Services

After many months of evaluating input from schools, colleges, universities, libraries and hospital representatives, KAN-ED has completed arrangements with several vendors to fulfill one of KAN-ED's primary missions: the delivery of high quality research databases that speak to the information needs of Kansas residents. This has truly been a collaborative effort from the initial development of the concept, to the public policy groundwork, to involvement of a wide variety of representatives in the planning for implementation and the process of database evaluation. Congratulations go out to the hundreds, if not thousands, of librarians and educators who participated in this effort to enhance the availability of educational resources for so many.

The databases now available include:

- World Book Online - one of the leading online encyclopedia on the market. World Book Online includes all of the articles in the 22 volume printed edition and a great deal more.
- Gale's Custom Newspapers - a bit of a misnomer in that the collection available via KAN-ED includes all of the newspapers offered by Gale. In all, more than 130 papers including the *New York Times*, *L.A. Times*, *Washington Times*, and many English-language foreign papers.
- HeritageQuest - a database for both the neophyte and the experienced family researcher. Includes the complete U.S. Census from 1790 through 1930, as well as many other family history resources. Also includes corresponding Proquest indexes which allow searching by name, place of birth, age, ethnicity and other variables.
- Literature Resource Center - Gale's premier online resource for literary information including a variety of Gale and non-Gale reference sources. Thousands of journals articles, critical essays, work overview/summary plots, links to authoritative web sites, author biographies and portraits. Covers classical, medieval, modern, children's literature, poetry and much more.
- Proquest Nursing Journals - a full text database of over 400 leading nursing journals.

The much desired and sought after NewsBank collection of Kansas newspapers was, in the end, not licensed because of difficulties with securing remote access to some of the six Kansas and some of the seven major metro papers in the package.

### Access

All of the databases are available via id/password access from the KanFind database page (<http://www.skyways.org/library/databases.html>) of Blue Skyways. The password has been distributed via a variety of listservs and is also available by calling 800/432-3919. The databases are also available via the Kansas Library Card (<http://www.kslc.org/kslc/>). All current and new cardholders do and will have access.

Access via IP address and other methodologies will be provided over the course of the next few weeks and months.

### Credits

Credits are also available for any institution currently subscribing to one or more of the new KAN-ED databases. Contact information is as follows:

World Book Online - contact Evelyn Dillon for northeast Kansas at 800/975-3250 and Dorv Conel for the rest of Kansas at 800/975-3250. World Book will apply any unused portion of a subscription to any other World Book product.

Gale for Custom Newspapers and Literature Resource Center - contact Kit Greening at [kit.greening@gale.com](mailto:kit.greening@gale.com) or call toll free 800/877-4253. Gale will credit individual libraries all fees applicable to the unexpired term of the agreement on a pro-rated basis. Credits may be applied to either new electronic subscriptions or print products or a combination.

Proquest for HeritageQuest and the Proquest Nursing Journals - contact David Conkling at 816/453-0808. Proquest credits can be used toward future purchases from Proquest.

## Library positions

### Library Director

The Liberal Memorial Library is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic Library Director. Liberal is a growing community on the high plains of southwest Kansas. The library, located near the downtown area, serves a diverse population of 25,000.

The director will oversee a staff of 18, \$475,000 + budget, 16,000 sq. ft. building, 20+ years old, and print and multi-media collection consisting of 71,000 items.

The ideal candidate will have an ALA-accredited Masters Degree in Library Science and experience in public library administration. The annual salary for this position will range from \$40,000 to \$52,000 depending on education and experience. An attractive benefit package is included. The complete job description is posted at <http://www.lmlibrary.org/jobdescription/director.htm>

Send letter of application, resume and 3 professional references to Juneil McQueen, c/o Liberal Memorial Library, 519 N. Kansas, Liberal, KS 67901, or e-mail to [juneil@swko.net](mailto:juneil@swko.net). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To ensure consideration applications should be received by September 30.

### Technology Manager

Dodge City Public Library is re-opening the position of Technology Manager. A letter of introduction and resume should be sent to: Director, Dodge City Public Library, 1001 N. Second Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801-4484; Phone: 620/225-0248; Fax: 620/225-2761; E-mail: [maryt@trails.net](mailto:maryt@trails.net).

This SW Kansas historic city library, soon to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is seeking an experienced IT person to handle all aspects of technology for the library. Knowledge of AIX, Unix, BSD, Apache, Frontpage, Perl, networking, firewalls and email are desired. The library has a Gates Lab, 41 computers and five servers. Our automation system is SIRSI, based on AIX and Perl. Redhat Linux is also beneficial.

A friendly town, team-oriented staff and great benefits.

### Night Clerk position available at Donnelly College Library

The position of Night Clerk at the Donnelly College Library is now open. This is a 27-hour, part-time position. The successful candidate for the Night Clerk position at the Donnelly College Library will learn how to check books in and check books out using the Kansas City Kansas Public Library's Unicorn WorkFlows online computer software.

The Night Clerk will also need to know how to put a book on hold, and renew material and how to enter books and other material into the catalog. Giving tours of the library to night classes and helping members of the Donnelly College community including students, faculty and staff and members of the public find the information they are looking for is also part of the Night Clerk's job. The Night Clerk will also be taking care of night faculty audiovisual equipment requests.

While being able to leap tall buildings in a single bound is not a requirement for this position being able to communicate and relate well to patrons of the Donnelly College Library is. If you are interested in a job like this please call Tom Brown, Donnelly College Library Director, at 913/621-8735. Ore-mail him at [brown@donnelly.edu](mailto:brown@donnelly.edu). Or come by the Donnelly College Library in the basement of the Donnelly College building at 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66102 (for those of you who want to write using snail mail).

Another important quality that the Night Clerk should have is the willingness to do whatever work there is to be done including put away magazines, clean the counters and help organize the Donnelly College Library archives. Even more important is having enough self-initiative to keep busy helping the Donnelly College Library fulfill Donnelly College's mission of providing education to those who would otherwise go unserved.

The new Night Clerk will start September 18, 2003.

### *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*.**

## **Kansas City, Kansas Public Library**

### **1) Adult Services Librarian - Main Library**

Enthusiastic librarian to provide quality customer service including reference, readers advisory and information and referral to patrons at a downtown urban location. Develops and maintains library materials in assigned collection areas and implements programs and services for adults and young adults. ALA/MLS required. At least one year public library experience and interest in YA collection and programming beneficial. Work schedule will include evening and weekend rotations.

Salary range: \$27,000-\$44,928. Expected hiring range: \$27,000-\$29,500 d.o.q.

Excellent benefits package. Cover letter, resume and three professional references are a requirement of the application process.

### **2) Youth Services/Young Adult Supervisor - West Wyandotte Library**

Exciting opportunity for a creative, energetic, self-starter to coordinate all aspects of children and young adult services. Responsibilities include planning, collection development, programming, reference, reader's advisory, outreach and supervision of 4.0 fte. Position requires an ALA/MLS with at least two years progressive public library and supervisory experience. Work schedule will include evening and weekend rotations.

Salary range: \$29,000-\$48,298. Expected hiring range: \$29,000-\$37,000 d.o.q.

Excellent benefits package. Cover letter, resume and three professional references are a requirement of the application process.

Inquires should be directed to Tammie Sharp, Personnel Coordinator, at [tsharp@kckpl.lib.ks.us](mailto:tsharp@kckpl.lib.ks.us), 625 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101, or 913/279-2256. If listed as a requirement, a resume and three professional references may be initially sent. However, it does not replace a completed KCKPL employment application, a fixed component of the reviewing process. Official KCKPL employment applications may be printed from the KCKPL web site using Adobe Acrobat. Unless otherwise stated, applications are accepted until positions are filled. [www.kckpl.lib.ks.us](http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us). Eoe.

Dean Hobrock is retiring in spring '04; both applicants and nominations for the position are heartily welcomed. We have a beautifully renovated/expanded facility and a terrific staff. The full [expanded] advertisement is at <http://www.lib.ksu.edu/news/dean.html>.

### **Dean of Libraries Kansas State University**

Kansas State University seeks an experienced librarian to provide dynamic leadership as the Dean of Libraries.

Designated a Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Extensive institution, Kansas State University is ranked among the top state and private institutions of higher education in Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholars. Enrolling approximately 22,000 students, including more than 3,300 graduate students, K-State is a student-centered research university with the goal of becoming one of the nation's top land-grant institutions. KSU Libraries house approximately 1.5 million print volumes and over 16,000 serial titles in six library facilities. The Libraries support a proactive technical web environment including Endeavor's Voyager and Encompass, and provide a leadership role in the implementation of the campus wide collaborative effort in construction of the KSU Digital Library. The Dean of Libraries reports directly to the Provost, and participates in policy development and review through membership on the Deans Council.

Primary responsibilities of the Dean of Libraries are:

- Providing vision and leadership in long-range planning
- Providing passionate advocacy on behalf of KSU Libraries on and off campus
- Providing effective change management
- Managing and allocating financial resources, including fund-raising initiatives
- Developing an efficient organizational structure and responsive management team
- Providing oversight for development and preservation of collections, working towards the goal of ARL membership
- Providing leadership and support for diversity efforts regarding collections and personnel, including support for campus wide curricular diversity
- Providing leadership among campus partners in development of KSU Digital Libraries

Qualified candidates will have:

- A record of scholarly and service accomplishments, including a MLS from an ALA-accredited institution,

meriting appointment as a tenured full professor (PhD or other terminal degree preferred)

- Evidence of substantial leadership ability and a minimum of three years senior administrative experience in an academic or research library
- Demonstrated experience in personnel management & resource allocation
- Demonstrated commitment to principles of equal opportunity, Affirmative Action and diversity
- Excellent communication skills
- An awareness of trends in evolution of information technologies as applied to higher education

Candidates should provide a letter of application; a curriculum vitae; a statement of purpose that outlines a vision and addresses qualifications; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least three references with knowledge of the candidate's career and administrative experience. Applicants should refer to the following website for the complete position announcement and information about Kansas State University Libraries and our community: <http://www.lib.ksu.edu/news/jobs.html>.

Kansas State University actively seeks diversity among its employees and is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Nominations should include the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the nominees.

Applications and nominations will be accepted immediately. Screening of applications will begin November 17, 2003 and will continue until a successful candidate is identified. It is anticipated that an appointment will be made by March 31, 2004, with a July 2004 starting date. Send applications and nominations to:

Professor Eric Maatta, Chair  
Dean of Libraries Search Committee  
Office of the Provost  
106 Anderson Hall  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS 66506-0113

## Kansas books

by Roy Bird  
Federal Projects Coordinator/Library Consultant

*Planting Dreams Series*, by Linda K. Hubalek. Order from: Butterfield Books, Inc., PO Box 407, Lindsborg, KS 67456-0407. 2001. Softcover, 5" x 9", \$9.95 each.

Many Kansas readers and librarians are familiar with prolific author Linda K. Hubalek's earlier two series, *Butter in the Well* (4 books) and *Trail of Thread* (3 books), not to mention the years she owned and operated Book Kansas! In these short paperbacks, she has accurately portrayed pioneer life in southern Saline and northern McPherson county.

Hubalek has made a career of bringing to life the travails and triumphs of pioneering in the Smoky River Valley during the last half of the 1800s. Now she does so again, in the *Planting Dreams* series. Whereas many of the works about pioneering in Kansas begin with the pioneer's arrival on the unforgiving prairie, Hubalek traces her great grandmother from her home in Sweden in 1868 in Book 1, *A Swedish Immigrant's Journey to America*. It is striking in its description of sailing across the Atlantic. The second book, *Homesteading on the Great Plains*, describes the hard life and ultimate accomplishments of the first Swedish pioneers from 1869-1886. The final book, *Life on the Changing Prairie*, brings the family saga from one woman's view to a conclusion. Hubalek fictionalizes the missing portions of her genealogy, lightly spiced with family photos, to weave another enthralling story in three books. She is especially good at depicting the life of a farm wife, a portrait in words which did not change dramatically until the mechanization of the family farm in the 1920s.

Recommended for Kansas collections in school, public and academic libraries.



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

# Kansas libraries... 20 years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Support Librarian

## Gleanings from Kansas Libraries, Issue #13, September, 1983

- The Hays Public Library underwent a week-long renovation project in August. Under the direction of Melanie Miller, librarian, about half of the library's 50,000 volumes were rearranged. The massive project involved many volunteers, including the Boy Scouts, members of the Friends of the Library group, staff members and other volunteers. Some books were taken to the basement and recently purchased books were added to the limited shelf space. Seating capacity for library users was more than doubled.
- In keeping with the tradition set by other agencies in the Statehouse, the State Library has now added a collection of photographs of all former state librarians to the

library's hallway. The 8" x 10" black and white framed photographs include all of the fourteen state librarians to date, and three of the four acting state librarians.

- Charles E. Sims, Sr., the twelfth state librarian who served from 1973 until January 1975, died of a heart attack in Topeka, August 8. He was 58.
- The State Library will shortly release a new publication, "The Handy Book for Kansas Public Librarians and Trustees." The 74-page book, compiled by the State Library's "official scribe," Allen Gardiner, is designed to cover the gamut of issues and items of concern to public librarians and board members.



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