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## National Book Scholarship Fund

—by Vikki Jo Stewart  
Literacy Coordinator

I met with the director of this program and have a copy of the guidelines for application and the application form. Or, get more information at: <http://www.nbsf.org/>.

Here's a snapshot:

To be eligible for a National Book Scholarship Fund (NBSF) grant, your program must:

1. Have clearly defined, specific need or project for the materials being requested.

2. Use NBSF materials directly with students receiving literacy instruction.

3. Provide evidence the materials requested will be used to begin a "new" educational program or to significantly

"expand" an existing effort.

4. Be willing to participate in public relations/public awareness activities.

5. Agree to provide a written report describing how the educational materials were used and the results.

6. Not have received an NBSF grant during the 2000-2001 or 2001-2002 cycle.

First priority will be given to programs that focus on family literacy.

For purposes of the NBSF, a family literacy program or project is defined as meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1. Stated goal of the program or project is to break the family cycle of illiteracy.
2. Program or project addresses both literacy and parenting (or primary caretaker) instruction.
3. Adults and children receive instruction at the same site and includes interaction.

Priority will be given to family literacy programs. English-as-a-Second Language projects followed by adult basic educational programs are also considered for support.

Applications will receive immediate consideration upon their receipt at Laubach headquarters. Applications are reviewed and awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. (Submit early!) Applications will not be accepted if postmarked after December 5, 2002. Applicants will be notified 10-12 weeks from submittal via e-mail.

Grants will be made in the form of the New Readers Press materials requested in the grant proposal. Grants have ranged from \$500 to \$8,000, although greater or lesser amounts are considered.

Here's another "twist"—upon award, programs must provide a cash contribution to Laubach Literacy equal to 20%; or, 10% if your program is an affiliate or council of LVA or LLA. These funds are used to help defray cost of NBSF program administration. New Readers Press pays shipping and handling charges associated with all NBSF awards.

If you have questions call or e-mail me at 620/532-1075 ([vikki@kslib.info](mailto:vikki@kslib.info)) or Mara Roberts, NBSF Program Administrator, at 315/422-9121 ([mroberts@laubach.org](mailto:mroberts@laubach.org)).

## ICE news/October Food For Thought

—by Erin Ellis  
SLIM, Emporia State University

Food For Thought, Professional Development Seminar  
Sponsored by SLIM's Institute of Continuing Education

Treat yourself to lunch and join us in discussing "Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future," by Margaret J. Wheatley.

### What:

The Food For Thought seminar is a chance for those associated with the library profession to share ideas over lunch and through discussion groups. The schedule for this seminar includes dutch-treat lunch followed by group discussions of "Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future," by Margaret J. Wheatley at SLIM.

### When:

October 24, 2002, 11:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

### Where:

School of Library and Information Management (SLIM)  
at Emporia State University, 1200 Commercial, Room  
319F, White Library, Emporia, KS.

### Lunch:

Merchant Street Barbeque, 607 Merchant St.

Registration Fee: \$15

Online registration starting October 3! The URL is: <http://slim.emporia.edu/forms/ice/reg.cfm>.

For more information, contact Dr. Marty Hale at [halemart@emporia.edu](mailto:halemart@emporia.edu) or Erin Ellis at [ellis\\_erin@emporia.edu](mailto:ellis_erin@emporia.edu).

## Patriot Act workshop

—by Patti Butcher  
Library Development Coordinator, NEKLS

Northeast Kansas Library System, Lawrence, will host a workshop for librarians and trustees on Thursday, November 14, on the "USA PATRIOT Act and Your Library."

The presenter is Professor Michael Hoeflich, KU Professor of Law. Professor Hoeflich is presenting a class for the KU Continuing Education department this fall on the same topic.

The workshop will be held in Lawrence Public Library's auditorium. The library is located at 707 Vermont in downtown Lawrence. It is scheduled from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two hours of LEEP credit will be provided for those attending.

Pre-registration is not required. Questions may be directed to Patti Butcher at NEKLS, 888/296-6963 (toll free), or email [pbutcher@nekls.org](mailto:pbutcher@nekls.org).

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NOTES

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director



**KSLC resumes climb**

After a summer slow-down in new account activity, the Kansas Library Card resumed its ascent in late August. By the last quarter of September, there were 22,027 valid accounts and 47,296 total logins. The number of repeat logins continues to increase by 2-3% per month. I am looking forward to opportunities to make presentations about

the card and its services to Kansas Association of School Librarians at the District I workshop in Olathe on September 28 and the District IV workshop in Manhattan on October 26. For more information about the Kansas Library Card, contact me at 800/432-3919 (toll free) or [eric@kslib.info](mailto:eric@kslib.info), or contact your regional library system headquarters at: <http://www.skyways.org/regions.html>.

**KANAnswer plans moving along**

The statewide virtual reference pilot project is now called KANAnswer and is still scheduled to make its public debut in January of 2003. In the meantime, several subcommittees of the original virtual reference task force are busy preparing for the January rollout. Those subcommittees are: Assessment, James Swan, Chair; Marketing & PR, Eric Hansen, Chair; Question Referral, Richard Matthews, Chair; and Staff Guidelines, Cindy Roupe, Chair. I will be making two presentations

relevant to KANAnswer in October: “From Facsimile to Fact: Creating a Consortium for Statewide Virtual Reference” for the KLA College and University Libraries Section 2002 conference in Salina on the 11th, and “The Future of Virtual Reference” for the Wichita Public Library in-service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information about KANAnswer, contact me at [eric@kslib.info](mailto:eric@kslib.info), 800/432-3919 (toll free) or 785/296-3875 (voice).



**KAN-ED help**

I was pleased to accept an invitation to join the KAN-ED Content and Services Work Group, along with Marc Galbraith and Rhonda Machlan of the State Library. I look for good things to come out of this group to the benefit of schools, libraries and hospitals in the state. For more information visit the KAN-ED Web site at: <http://www.kan-ed.org>.



**New additions to KS Western Trails Web site**

I have created and uploaded one page each of some of the digital photos I took at the Western Trails Introduction to Metadata and Introduction to Scanning Workshops held in Salina on April 15 and 16, respectively. To view, point your Web browser to the Kansas Western Trails Web site (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/trails/>) and follow the links under the “Training” header.

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

## Libraries commemorate 9/11



Libraries across Kansas found different ways to commemorate the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Following are selected samples from those events:

The **Cimarron City Library** hosted an art exhibition put on by the Cimarron Jr. & Sr. High art classes. The show was entitled "Reflections of 9/11: Cimarron Youth Remember." The show will run from September 11, 2002 through October 11, 2002 and opened with a come and go reception September 11, 2002 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The library will supplement the Art Show with materials relating to September 11. The Art Exhibition is free and open to the public and can be viewed during library hours.

The **Dodge City Community College Library** had a bulletin board with a poster of the Pentagon (received as a documents library) plus other clippings and pictures from magazines and news sources. The library also had a display of books on 9/11, terrorism, Islam and related issues. These are all available for checkout.

Beginning Sept. 1st, the **Frank Carlson Library** in Concordia began making informational reports on the local radio station about Patriot Day. In the Library, materials relating to the World Trade Center, heroes of Sept. 11th, etc. were part of a patriotic display to stimulate public interest in the observance. On Sept. 11, the Library Director read the actual Joint Resolution (Public Law 107-89) that designates Sept. 11 as Patriot Day. This was a segment on the local radio station morning news. At noon, the library staff invited patrons to gather around the flag to observe a moment of silence and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Graham Library at Coffeyville Community College** joined in on the college/community wide commemoration. Everyone was encouraged to wear red, white and blue. A veteran from the town spoke briefly, there was a moment of silence at 9:05 a.m. (CST), a staff member sang, and then the college president led a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Johnson County Library** held an open mic program at the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Some of the participants included

local poet Tom Wilson, library staff Marge Vallazza and Sonia Smith, young mother Leslie White and her three children, 13-year-old Aaron, Colombian journalist Hector Perdilla, Debra Guckenheimer, a young Israeli-American, Kimberlie Walrath.

**Newman University Library** followed the request of the Student Government to have all staff members wear red, white, and blue. A moment of silence was observed throughout the campus at 8:15 a.m. and a service was held at the same time in the chapel of the college's sponsoring Catholic sisters, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. That evening, the city of Wichita held a Remembrance on campus in Jabara Theatre/DeMattias Performance Hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The library displayed a large flag, along with photos of the Pentagon, in a special area in the foyer.

The **Phillipsburg schools** had ongoing student and community involvement and commemoration for the entire year because of some special connections with retired firefighter Lee Ielpi who lost his son Jonathan in the WTC collapse. Lee and two other members of the Great Neck New York Fire Department came to Phillipsburg and presented programs for students from all three attendance centers and the community on August 22. Students spent many hours of library time reviewing newspaper, magazine, and Internet articles, as well as viewing hundreds of photos and "artifacts" brought back by two members of the community (Barbara and Merlin Dennis) who volunteered for weeks at a time at "the TENT" at ground zero. They personally delivered over \$8,000 collected by school students and community fund raising in Phillips and Smith counties to New York City.

"Loss and Recovery" is a program that will be offered as part of the **South Central Kansas Library System** and Wichita Area Library Association Technology Training Day on November 7. Librarians will have the opportunity to view portions of the American Library Association's video "Loss and Recovery" and a panel and audience will discuss how the events of September 11, 2001 have affected them and their libraries.

The **Valley Heights Junior/Senior High Library** ran an Accelerated Reader (AR) contest to honor the firefighters and police officers of 9/11. For every 10 AR points earned from August 28 to September 10, one entry was placed in a drawing to win a "United We Stand" T-shirt. In addition, the Library Assistants and Media Specialist Dixie Talbot made flag sculptures from books that are part of the media center's "United We Stand" display.

## ***School librarian runs for office***

Diane Bryant, a library media specialist with the Olathe Public Schools, has announced her candidacy for the Kansas House of Representatives 14th District. She pledges to educate the young people of Olathe by making sure we have quality public education, to develop economic opportunity in Olathe to encourage businesses to locate there, and to improve senior citizens services. She says, "I will do my very best to support the citizens of Kansas and the 14th District to make Kansas a better place for all its citizens. I believe the legislature can work in harmony to achieve these goals." The Mainstream Coalition, Educating All Children in Kansas (E-PAC), and the Friends of Kansas Education have endorsed her. For more information, contact the Committee to Elect Diane Bryant, 11417 S. Hunter, Olathe, KS 66061, 913/888-0835.

## ***State Library welcomes Brendan Yorkey***

The Kansas State Library is pleased to welcome Library Assistant Brendan Yorkey to the staff. Brendan is native to Falmouth, Maine, a suburb of Portland. He attended Falmouth High School where he participated in soccer, basketball, and track and field.



***Brendan Yorkey***

Upon graduating from Falmouth, Brendan attended the University of Arizona where he majored in Anthropology with a minor in Middle Eastern Studies. After college he entered the U.S. Air Force and specialized in intelligence. In 1998 he participated in the air strikes against Iraq (DESERT FOX) that resulted from Iraq's rejection of U.N. weapons inspectors.

He moved to Topeka in 2001 with his wife Amanda, who is a native of Great Bend and who attends Washburn University. In addition to his duties at the State Library, Brendan is pursuing an M.B.A. from Washburn University. His interests include reading, hiking, playing with his two dogs, and sports.

### ***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*.**

## Library positions

### Technical Services Librarian, Overland Park, KS

Johnson County Community College - Billington Library,  
Overland Park, KS

Librarian, Posting No. 2003-074

Community Outreach and Media Resources - Library

#### Responsibilities:

Coordinate the acquisition, cataloging, and processing of all materials selected for the library collection. Responsible for maintaining the library catalog and for assuring the delivery of other electronic resources over the library local area network.

#### Qualifications:

Master's degree in Library Science from an ALA accredited institution required. Experience using OCLC to perform original and copy cataloging required. Experience managing and maintaining a local area network required. Experience building microcomputer databases and spreadsheets required. Experience searching commercial electronic databases required. Experience using automated library systems required. Ability and willingness to work independently within established policies and procedures required. Good interpersonal and communication skills required. Experience with reference work preferred. Ability to work effectively with diverse college and community population required. Please submit an unofficial transcript(s) and complete the question for faculty applicants included in the employment application. If employed, certified transcripts for all college-level education will be required.

#### Salary/Benefits:

Placement on the salary schedule based on degrees and related experience. Participation in college Flexible Benefits program which includes options for single and family health and dental coverage, life insurance, tax sheltered annuities, and reimbursement accounts. Income protection insurance. JCCC tuition reimbursement for employee and dependents. Generous sick leave and personal leave allowances. Participation in social security (FICA) and state retirement programs (KPERs). Eligibility for participation in an extensive range of JCCC staff development programs. For more specific information on our benefit package visit our Website at: <http://www.jccc.net/acad/hr/benefits01.htm>.

#### Position Status:

Full-time, regular, faculty appointment as Assistant Professor/Librarian leading to continuing contract eligibility. Twelve-month position. Starting date: January 2003.

#### Review Date:

Review of applications will begin October 18, 2002.

To apply for an open position, view the list of current openings and apply on-line at: [www.jccc.net/acad/hr](http://www.jccc.net/acad/hr), e-mail [jcccjobs@jccc.net](mailto:jcccjobs@jccc.net), or contact the Office of Human Resources, JCCC, GEB 251, 12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210-1299, 913/469-3877.

### Regional Library System Consultant, Northwest Kansas Library System

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

Master's degree from an ALA-accredited school is preferred. Minimum salary \$31,300 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: Leslie Bell, Director, NWKLS, #2 Washington Sq., P.O. Box 446, Norton, KS 67654.

Additional information, including a job description, is available at: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/nwklsl/JOB2.html>.

Open until filled. Application review will begin November 1, 2002.

## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

*Fundraising for Libraries: 25 Proven Ways to Get More Money for Your Library*, by James Swan. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 100 Varick St., New York, NY 10013, 2002. 390pp., \$69.95.

The many libraries who bought Central Kansas Library System and Great Bend Public Library director Jim Swan's first book on fundraising found it extremely helpful for generating ideas for community fundraising to support public library services. Jim has now published a new book, an "inspiring guide" which "illustrates 25 proven techniques you can put to work for your library today." Ranging from soliciting donations on the Internet to lobbying legislatures and other techniques for marketing your library and raising money which is available right now, this is a practical handbook applicable to public libraries of all sizes. As the publisher says, "Do your library and community a favor—the funds are out there for you to be making a difference today." Well worth the investment, recommended for all public libraries.

*It Happened Here: Stories From Marshall County, Kansas*, by Oretha Ruetti. Order from Marshall County Historical Society, 1207 Broadway, Marysville, KS 66508. Deluxe hardcover, 9" x 11", 484 pp., \$45.00 + \$5 shipping.

Marshall County is fortunate to have Oretha Ruetti as a native and resident. Every Kansas county should be so blessed. She has faithfully produced a column, "It Happened Here," for the *Marysville Advocate* weekly since 1977, never missing a deadline. She is also familiar to readers of other Kansas publications as she freelances historical topics. Her writing style is folksy, down-home, yet always factual, documented and informative.

All those columns would fill several books. In 2000, a book committee of the Marshall County Historical Society began reading, selecting and editing Oretha's columns and articles. Chapter topics include agriculture, daily life, pioneering, ghost towns, business and industry, one-room schools, holidays, tragedies, biographies and the author's own autobiographical sketches. The brief glimpses provided in the many pages of *It Happened Here* are not merely history or memories of the octogenar-

ian author. They are snapshots—written photographs—of how people have lived, reminders of how many of us got where we are, and if wise, where we might go in the future. As such, it is invaluable to all secondary school libraries, academic libraries and adult or Kansas collections in public libraries. Get this one soon—copies are going fast.

## Crowe wins first Budig award

William J. Crowe, Director of the Kenneth Spencer Research Library and former Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas, has received the first ever Gretchen and Gene A. Budig Distinguished Librarian Award. The Budig award is KU libraries' first endowed faculty award. Former KU Chancellor Gene A. Budig and his wife Gretchen established the award with a \$50,000 gift to the Kansas University Endowment Association in 2001. About the award, KU Dean of Libraries Stella Bentley said, "Thanks to the Budigs' generosity and foresight in creating an endowment for an award for a distinguished librarian, the Budig Distinguished Librarian Award will enable us to recognize and reward outstanding librarians at KU for many years to come. We are deeply grateful for the Budigs' commitment to the KU Libraries."

Speaking on the occasion of his receipt of the award on September 11, Crowe said, "I think it particularly fitting that we are gathered today for *this* event, in *this* KU library, which holds for all of society so many original records of human experience, from around the world. As we recall the vicious attack of last year on our values and that tradition of freedom, we are committed more than ever to defend unfettered access to information...I thank Gretchen and Gene Budig for this latest, remarkable gift. I regard it as but a continuation of work they *always* have done: to encourage and support what they believe in—the work of teaching and learning, work that is always worth doing."



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, October 1992

- Ten Kansas City area colleges and two area public libraries unveiled a new state-of-the-art computer library network at a reception on September 22 at the Kansas City, Missouri Public Library. The network brings vast research capabilities to the fingertips of Kansas City area residents and students, linking all member libraries to offer 2.5 million holdings.
- After 22 years service Wichita Public Library's Sweetbriar Branch Library has closed its doors. The branch's collection has been moved to the Marina Lake Branch Library which opened for business on September 1.
- Johnson County Library is sponsoring workshops to train volunteers for the Picture Person program. Picture

Persons make presentations in elementary schools throughout Johnson County and the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. The goals of the program are to show children how to look at works of art, develop values and appreciate art.

- Kansas City, Kansas Public Library is exhibiting the Second Century of Service, a display of library memorabilia on view until October 16 at the Main Library. The display celebrates the centennial of the Kansas City, Kansas public library system.
- The Southwest Kansas Library System will be holding its 12th annual Book & Media Fair in October in Dodge City.



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