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## Network Board welcomes two new members

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director  
Kansas Library Network Board

I am very pleased to announce that the Network Board now has a full roster, thanks to the Governor's appointment of two outstanding individuals.

Fred Atchison is Director of the Manhattan Public Library and North Central Kansas Library System. Fred will represent System Libraries.

Jo Ann Wahrman is the media specialist for Goodland High School USD 352. She will represent School Libraries.

Fred and Jo Ann will meet with the other members of the Board for the first time at the Fall meeting November 9, 2000, at the Salina Art Center.

## LSTA special populations letters of intent

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

It is time again to submit letters of intent to apply for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Special Populations grants. The deadline for letters of intent for FY 2001 awards is Friday, December 15, 2000. Letters of intent should be typewritten or word-processed on library, agency, or institution letterhead.

LSTA Special Populations grants are open to libraries of all types. To apply, submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th, Room 343N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593, fax 785/368-7291.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for special populations. Libraries that submit a letter of intent will receive a copy of the application and LSTA Special Populations Grant Program guidelines.

A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted for FY 2001 Special Populations grants.

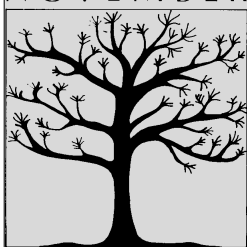
If your library is interested in federal funds to support a project serving a special population during FY 2001, submit your letter of intent by December 15.

Grant awards will be determined at the February 9, 2001 joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.

For additional information about LSTA Special Populations grants, contact your regional system consultant or Roy Bird at 800/432-3919, royb@ink.org.



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## Pretty Prairie wins small library award

—by Paul Hawkins  
South Central Kansas Library System

The Pretty Prairie Public Library has been recognized as the “Outstanding Small Public Library” serving populations of fewer than 1,000 by the 145-member South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS). The award, which includes a \$500 check and framed certificate, will be presented at the SCKLS semi-annual business meeting on October 30 in Wichita.

The Pretty Prairie Public Library will be recognized for serving area patrons and providing an atmosphere of learning and enjoyment. Access to electronic information and programming for children and adults are impressive.

Judges for the award included Kate Mutch, Director, Andover Public Library; Dorothy Goodrick, Librarian, Little River Community Library; and Jane Barnard, Librarian, Rose Hill High School Media Center. Judges for the award commented that “Pretty Prairie is providing lots of library service with not many tax dollars.”

Pretty Prairie was chosen from among 27 public libraries that serve communities with populations of fewer than 1,000. The award program is in its twelfth year.

For more information contact: Patti Brace, Librarian, Pretty Prairie Public Library, 119 West Main, Pretty Prairie, KS 67570-0068, 316/459-6392.

## Position opening - Director

**PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR** — The Bradford Memorial Library of El Dorado, Kansas, is accepting applications for the position of library director. The library board is seeking a director to play a leadership role within the library and the community.

The candidate must have an MLS from an ALA accredited institution, 2 years management experience and familiarity with the networked computer environ-

ment. Salary is commensurate with experience starting at \$28,500. Residency within five miles of El Dorado is required within the first year.

The director will lead an FTE staff of 8.5 and help advance the facilities collection of 59,527 and help its users further into the digital age. The library is currently automated with Dynix software and will be migrating to a graphical interface/web environment within the next two-three years. The modern facility was built in 1959 and expanded and fully renovated in 1997.

Interested applicants should send a resume to arrive no later than November 29th, to the City of El Dorado, P.O. Box 792, El Dorado, Kansas, 67042, Attn: Sally Hargrove.

Qualified applicants will receive an information package on the position, the library and the region. Please check the City of El Dorado's web page at [www.eldoradokansas.com](http://www.eldoradokansas.com). The library is an equal opportunity employer.

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# Catalyst

—by Eric Hansen  
Executive Director  
Kansas Library Network Board

## Focus on Ed Burgess

Ed is the Vice-Chair of the Kansas Library Network Board. He holds a B.A. from Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota and an M.L.S. from the University of Minnesota. Over the years Ed has held a number of positions in the service of the U.S. Army. Since 1995 he has been the Chief of Public Services at the Combined Arms Research Library, Fort Leavenworth. Ed is also a member of the Kansas Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission, and a past president of the Heart of America Chapter of SLA. Ed relates that he and his wife Ann spend their lives denying the inexorable march of time and spoiling their two cats, Chandler and Marlowe. Ed gardens and writes; Ann is self-employed as maker and seller of hand-marbled fabrics and soft sculpture.

About his current concerns regarding librarianship and information management, Ed writes:

The impermanence of organizational information is going to be a major concern for historians and archivists for some time to come. Electronic storage of information is clearly inferior to printed or microfilmed data today; considerable improvements are required in permanence of storage, migration techniques, and retrieval methods. Electronic media are on the other hand excellent for distribution and incorporation or transformation into new publications. Today, the mili-

tary is faced with declining resources, and is attempting to use techniques like distance education, reduction of ink-on-paper publishing, web technology, and salami-slice downsizing. Military librarians must innovate, cooperate, and restrain the excesses of wild-eyed technologists while protecting their own abilities to deliver the best and most timely information to the right people in a chaotic environment. Librarians who aren't perceived as cooperating with the march of technology are likely to be marginalized, no matter how daffy the immediate issue.



*Edwin Burgess*

As for his concerns for the Network Board, he writes:

Chief among them would be improved provision of access to resources (i.e. databases and networks) to underserved communities in Kansas, closer integration of libraries with other cultural and community organizations, and resource sharing in faster, less labor-intensive ways.

*For more information about the Kansas Library Network Board, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (erich@ink.org).*

## ***New members of State Library Advisory Commission***

The State Library Advisory Commission has two new members.

Ellen G. Miller is president of the Ellen Miller Group of Lenexa, Kansas, a marketing and management consulting firm. Recent workshops on trustee and advocacy issues include the Indiana Library Federation, the Texas Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association. A trustee for Johnson County Library (JCL), she is president of the newly formed Kansas Library Trustee Association. She is an advocacy mentor for Libraries for the Future.



***Ellen Miller***

Ellen Miller co-chaired JCL's 1992 Central Resource Library bond issue and was president of Friends of the Johnson County Library. She sits on KLA's Legislative Committee and is past 2nd Vice President of the Association of Library Trustees & Advocates (ALTA). She was named to the ALA-ALTA 2000 Advocacy Honor Roll. Ellen Miller received a B.S. from the University of Oregon and an M.S.L.S. from the University of Illinois.

Ruth Jackson is the Dean of University Libraries and Professor, Wichita State University. Before accepting that position, she was Dean of University Libraries, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, where she was cofounder of the West Virginia Academic Library Consortium, serving seven academic libraries with automation and technology planning. Ruth holds a B.S. in Business from Hampton University, An MSLS in Academic Librarianship from Atlanta University, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from Indiana University. She is listed in *Who's Who Among Black Americans*, *Who's Who Among American Women*, and *Who's Who in America*.



***Ruth Jackson***

### ***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*.**

## LSTA technology grant awards

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

The Kansas State Library Advisory Commission and the LSTA Advisory Council selected recipients of the federal FY 2001 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) technology grants at a joint meeting on Friday, October 6, 2000 at the Days Inn in Topeka.

Amounts funded ranged from \$848 to \$14,000. All types of libraries in Kansas were eligible for federal technology funds. Awards were divided according to technology development and technology training.

Technology development grants funded included: North Lyon County Library District #1, Allen; Arkansas City Public Library; Burlingame Community Library; Coffey County Library, Burlington; Neosho County Community College Library, Chanute; Independent Township Library, Claflin; Clay Center Carnegie Library; Coffeyville Community College Library; Emporia Public Library; Frankfort City Library; Hutchinson Public Library; Independence Community College; Lawrence Public Library; Russell Public Library; USD 300, Coldwater; Southwest Kansas Library System; J.H. Robbins Memorial Library, Ellsworth; Finney County Library, Garden City; Horton Public Library; Thayer FRC City Library; Lawrence Gardner High School Library, Topeka; USD 320, Wamego; and USD 259, Wichita.

Technology training grants funded were: Basehor Community Library; Belleville Public Library; Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility Library; Coffey County Library, Burlington; Finney County Library, Garden City; Northeast Kansas Library System; South Central Kansas Library System; Northwest Kansas Library System; and Wichita Public Library.

## Kansas books

—by Roy Bird  
Library Consultant

*This month's column is not a review, but an announcement of a newly-published book by Roy Bird, Library Consultant—ed.*

*Fraternalism and Leadership: The Second Fifty Years of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas*, by Roy Bird. Order from: Kansas Knights of Columbus Book, PO Box 280, LaCrosse, KS 67548. 6"X9" hardcover, 352 pp., 2000. \$25.00 + \$5.00 p&h prepaid please.

On Sunday, September 17, 2000, the state council of the Knights of Columbus introduced for the first time *Fraternalism and Leadership: The Second Fifty Years of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas*. This year the K of C celebrated its centennial, and when the council was established in Topeka in 1900, it was the first one west of Chicago. In 1950, the golden anniversary was celebrated with a 50-year history book and dedication of the Father Juan Padilla monument three miles west of Lyons.

This new book begins in 1950 and brings the history of these men and their proud heritage to the rededication of the Padilla monument on September 17. It also includes more than 2,000 local council histories representing communities statewide, and more than 150 historic photos.

Especially recommended for academic and parochial school libraries, also public libraries in Kansas or inspirational collections.



## Local government planning resources available

—by Marc Galbraith  
Director of Reference Services

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

*Benchmarking - Fundamentals*, The Innovation Groups, 1999 (Video #198).

*Cases and Materials on Land Use*, by Thomas Roberts, 1999 (346.73704 Cases).

*Cities Back from the Edge; New Life for Downtown*, by Roberta Gratz, 1998 (307.3416 Gra).

*CityState Seattle: Shaping a Modern Metropolis*, by Mark Hinshaw, 1998 (307.121 Hin).

*Community of the Future*, by Frances Hesselbein, 1998 (307 Com).

*Developing Infill Housing in Inner-City Neighborhoods*, by Urban Land Institute, 1997 (307.336 Suc).

*Financing Rural America*, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 1997 (307.142 Fin).

*Good Neighborhoods: A Study of In-Town & Suburban Residential Environments*, Sidney Brower, 1996 (307.3362 Bro).

*Growing Greener: Putting Conservation Into Local Plans and Ordinances*, by Randall Arendt, 1999 (333.72 Are).

*The Impact of Supportive Housing On Neighborhoods...*, by Urban Institute, 2000 (HH1.2:N31/27).

*Landscape Planning: Environmental Applications*, by William M. Marsh, 1998 (333.72 Mar).

*Neighborhood Planning: A Guide for Citizens and Planners*, by Bernie Jones, 1990 (307.3362 Jon).

*Neighborhood Planning and Community Based Development*, by William Peterman, 2000 (307.3 Pet).

*New Governance for Rural America: Creating Intergovernmental Partnerships*, by Beryl Radin, 1996 (301.140973 New)

*Response of Small Urbanized Area MPOs to ISTEA*, by Montie Wade, 1998 (338.108 Syn #252).

*Restructuring Times Square: Politics and Culture in Urban Development*, by Alexander Reichl, 1999 (307.1216 Rei).

*Turning Brown Fields Into Greenbacks*, by Robert Simons, 1998 (307.34 Sim).

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



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

## Gates Foundation grant program

—by Jeff Hixon

Director, Library Information Technology

On September 7-8, Duane Johnson, Eric Hansen and Jeff Hixon attended a meeting in Seattle, Washington, at which the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation explained the library grants program for 2002, which will include the State of Kansas.

Public libraries in Kansas that meet eligibility requirements will be able to apply to receive from 1-6 computers, plus in some cases an additional "content server," along with pre-selected, pre-installed software through the foundation. Libraries who do not meet all requirements will be eligible for "partial" grants (the ability to purchase the grant program software/hardware at cost).

The State Library will also work with the Foundation and Kansas libraries to locate and provide "supplemental training labs" with 10 public-access machines plus trainer machine, printer, and applications server.

The grant program includes hardware, software, onsite installation, onsite training (regional training for the smallest installations), and three years technical support.

Based on extremely early information, and subject to change, here is a quick look at what is going to happen:

November 30, 2000: KSL must submit by this date a "statewide" application seeking to include Kansas in the program, along with an application for our supplemental training labs.

February, 2002: The Gates Foundation will conduct regional grant workshops to help individual libraries prepare for and/or complete applications. Applications are due approximately 2 weeks after the workshop. We don't know yet how many workshops there will be, or where.

May 2002: The Foundation will conduct "Before Your Computers Arrive" workshops (attendance required) to make sure that libraries have the necessary resources in place for a quick installation.

August 2002 - January 2003: Installation of awarded equipment.

Training is provided by Foundation staff along with, and following, the installation of equipment, based on grant size. The minimum training package for an eligible library would include:

- Two half-day Laptop Lab classes
- On-site technical visit
- 1 full-day Follow-Up Training: Applications and Hardware class
- Optional, a centrally-located hardware/software class

The largest grantees would receive:

- Two-day on-site training class
- 1 full-day Follow-Up Training: Applications and Hardware class
- 1 full-day Follow-Up Training: Content Server class
- Optional, centrally-located hardware/software class with variations in between.

Beginning in early 2001, we will have more details and information to share with you about this opportunity for Kansas libraries.

## Wichita public library director named

—by Jacque Smith  
Wichita Public Library

The Wichita Public Library Board of Directors has named Cynthia Berner Harris as the new Director of Libraries. Berner Harris replaces longtime director Richard Rademacher who retired last spring.

"The Board was unanimous in its decision," said Board President Dan Barry, "given Cyndi's ability and background, she is the best person to take the library forward."

Berner Harris joined the Wichita Public Library in 1984. She has served as Acting Director since last June. Prior to that she was Coordinator of Administrative Services, Coordinator of Extension Services and Westlink Branch Manager.

Berner Harris received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas and a Masters of Library Science from the University of Denver.

### Kansas libraries.... ten years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian

#### Gleanings from Kansas Libraries, November, 1990 issue

- Margaret Gates, director of the Manhattan Public Library and North Central Kansas Library System for the past 25 years, has retired effective January 1991.
- Donna Koepp, head of the KU map and government documents library in Lawrence was featured in a recent article in the Kansas City Star on a project to index and preserve more than 12,000 old U.S. maps.
- Cunningham Public Library and Belle Plaine Public Library are the recipients of the \$500 1990 "Outstanding Small Public Library Awards" in the South Central Kansas Library System.

- Chisholm Trail Elementary School, located in Park City, is currently opening its library media doors at nontraditional times.

- The 1,382 page Kansas List of Serials is back from the printer and is being distributed to libraries. Database input was performed by Jan Boyd, Kay Bradt and Diana Sowers.



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