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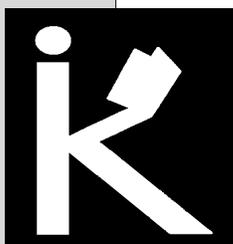
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Vikki Jo Stewart elected to second term as chair of national board

Vikki Jo Stewart, Literacy Program Director, Kansas State Library, with an office in Kingman, attended the Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. national conference October 4-7, 2000. The conference, held at the Hyatt at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, had over 800 participants from all over the United States and Canada. Vikki Jo presided over the VIP's Chairman Reception sponsored by Verizon, Inc. and then introduced the conference opening Keynote Speaker, best-selling author Nora Roberts.



At the Annual Meeting Saturday, October 7, Vikki Jo was elected to a second term as Chair of the National Board of Directors of Literacy Volunteers of America,

Inc. Ruth Colvin, LVA Founder, presented a 15-year pin to Vikki Jo. The coveted Chairman's Award was given to the State Director of Rhode Island. Additional awards were given to the Student of the Year, Basic Literacy Tutor of the Year, Basic Literacy Student of the Year, Administrative Volunteer of the Year, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Tutor of the Year and ESOL Student of the Year.

Conference partners with LVA were: the United States Department of Education (USDOE), VALUE (Voice for Adult Literacy United for Education) and ALA (American Library Association). Other keynote speakers were: Walter Anderson, editor and publisher of *Parade Magazine*, New York City; Tom Harkin, former student and author of *The Millionaire's Secret*, Dallas, Texas; Wally Amos, LVA spokesperson, Uncle Wally's and "Famous Amos" cookies, Kailua, Hawaii; William Gordon, Executive Director, ALA, Chicago; and Trish McNeill, USDOE, Washington, D.C.

LVA is a national, nonprofit educational organization that uses volunteers to help adults and families learn. Accredited LVA affiliates meet high program standards.

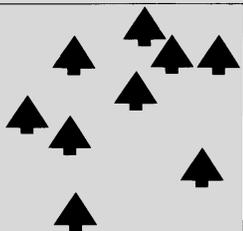
Three Kansas libraries in HAPLR

Three Kansas libraries ranked highly in Hennen's American Public Library Ratings Index, 2000. The results of the index appeared in the November issue of *American Libraries*.

Johnson County Library ranked second among libraries serving populations of 250,000-499,999. The Hays Public Library ranked first among libraries with service populations of 10,000-24,999. And the Mary Cotton Public Library in Sabetha ranked fifth among libraries with a service population of 1,000-2,499. Overall, the state of Kansas received a score of 566 out of a possible 1,000, which put it in eighth place among the 50 states.

The Hennen Index uses six input and nine output measures to rank about 7,000 American libraries. The HAPLR does not measure electronic use, excellence in research, or true population served. For the complete report, see the November issue of *American Libraries* (<http://www.ala.org/online/archive/hennen2000.pdf>).

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Kansas librarians honored by MPLA

Beginning Professional Award

Barbara Stransky, Library Services Coordinator of the Northeast Kansas Library System received the Beginning Professional Award for her service to libraries in northeast Kansas and her assistance in beginning new programs and initiatives. Mrs. Stransky received her MLS from Emporia State University in 1998. Prior to that she was the director of the Bonner Springs Public Library. She has recently been accepted into the doctoral program at Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management.

Distinguished Service Award

Richard J. Rademacher, recently retired director of the Wichita Public Library received the Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Rademacher was director of the Wichita Public Library since 1976 during which time he expanded the library's facilities using innovative partnerships, including the first library in the nation to be housed inside a grocery store. He supervised the expansion and remodeling of the Central Library and expanded hours and services throughout the branches. He initiated the development of WPL's very successful Foundation, which has enabled the library to receive many grants to improve both collections and technology. He has served as the president of the Kansas Library Association and the Utah Library Association and as the Public Libraries Section Chair of MPLA as well as serving on other national, state and local committees throughout his career.

'TIS THE SEASON



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Catalyst

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board

Focus on Fred Atchison

Fred was appointed to the Network Board effective November of 2000. He and his family moved to Manhattan in 1983 where he began working at the reference



Fred Atchison

desk in the Manhattan Public Library. In 1991 he became director of the public library and the North Central Kansas Libraries System. Fred holds a B.A. in History from Fort Hays State University, a Master of History degree from that institution, and a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University.

In his spare time he enjoys reading, writing, gardening, and dog walking in the Flint Hills. About the Network Board Fred says, “The work of the KLN Board interests me because I see it as an entity that can facilitate the best efforts of Kansas librarians to share resources and expertise for building strong libraries and progressive communities.”

The Network Board met at the Salina Art Center on November 9. The Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDP) will be reassessed, particularly with regards to the Resource Library program. For this purpose a survey has been sent out to the resource libraries. As a part of the ILDP reassessment, initial contact has been made with a representative of netLibrary. The Network Board will be exploring the possibility of negotiating with netLibrary for a state-wide contract for access to a selection of electronic titles. Your comments on this topic are welcomed and can be sent to me at erich@ink.org or the return address on page 8 of this newsletter.

Following the success of last year’s digitization grant, the Board approved \$12,500 for a grant to digitize materials in a Kansas library collection. More information about this grant will follow on Blue Skyways soon.

The Board also approved \$5,000 for the Kansas Library Card pilot project. The project is a partnership of the Network Board, the Southwest Kansas Library System (SWKLS), SIRS Mandarin, Inc., and the University of Kansas Medical Center computer staff. Beginning in late January 2001, public libraries in the SWKLS will offer the card to qualifying residents. The card will carry a personal identification number (PIN) with which the cardholder can access the SIRS Discoverer Deluxe database from any Web-enabled computer anywhere. The project will be assessed at the end of October 2001.

For more about Blue Skyways, the ILDP, or any other Network Board initiative, contact Eric Hansen, KLN Board Executive Director, at 785/296-3875 (erich@ink.org).

Now at the State Library: "E-mail at work"

—by Marc Galbraith
Research and Information Services

Books and videos on using e-mail at work

Complete Idiot's Guide to Microsoft Outlook 2000, by Bob Temple, Que, 2000 (005.369 Tem).

Electronic Messaging; Best Practices, by Nancy Cox, Auerbach Pub., 2000 (004.692 Ele).

E-Mail @ Work: Get Moving With Digital Communication, by Jonathan Whelan, ft.com, 2000 (384.34 Whe).

E-Mail Essentials: A Basic Guide to E-Mail Style & Etiquette, by Robert Want, 2000 (384.83 Titt).

E-mail Essentials: Legal & Appropriate Use of E-mail, by Quality Media Resources, 1999 (Video #196).

A Manager's Guide to Wireless Telecommunications, by Ron Schneiderman, AMACOM, 1999 (384.5 Sch).

Marketing With E-Mail: A Spam Free Guide..., by Shannon Kinard, Maximum Press, 2000 (658.800285 Kin).

All of the above are available for loan. To borrow one or more of these, or other items from the State Library, send e-mail to Marc Galbraith (marcg@ink.org), indicating which titles you would like to borrow and your office mailing address. Our staff will mail materials to individuals outside the Topeka area. Alternatively, you may contact your local library and ask the staff to borrow books, or others items, for you via the Kansas interlibrary loan network.

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

The Shy Librarian

The Shy Librarian is a national quarterly focusing on public relations, community relations, and marketing for libraries. *The Shy Librarian* will debut in print in January 2001, along with its associated web site: www.shylibrarian.com. Our job (we are librarians) is to promote your library nationally, and in doing so help other libraries learn from the good work being done.

Contributions are now being sought for *The Shy Librarian*. Send your best public relations, community relations, and marketing success stories to: publisher@shylibrarian.com.

We are looking for innovative approaches of any scale. Innovation is the key word. If you have taken a novel, or particularly ambitious approach to connecting with your community, please let us know of your efforts.

Press releases, press clippings, and photographs would be appreciated—the more information you provide, the better. Though short anecdotes, snappy logos, or great library web pages will also be appreciated. We are also seeking full library public relations plans to post on the "Shy" web site. If you've put in the effort, why not share what you've done with other libraries around the nation.

Bonus: Photos of librarians acting very un-shy will also be greatly appreciated. Send us your photos (digital or print) of un-shy librarians having outrageous fun!

If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive our free email newsletter, please write to us at: publisher@shylibrarian.com. Please be sure to include your full contact information (email addresses and phone numbers) in all correspondence.

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*.

LEEPing stars win high awards

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

Constance Doeden of Eureka has received her Level Five LEEP award. Connie started at Eureka as a student page and eventually became the director in 1982. Connie is a KPLACE graduate who is currently working on her MLS degree at Emporia. "Right now, my life is school and work and I'm looking forward to completing my degree," Connie said. "But I love the diversity of public library administration."

Sharon Durkes has earned her Level Five Award for 400 hours of continuing education. Sharon has worked at the Eskridge Branch of the Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library for 26 years. She was among the first KPLACE graduates in 1991. She later worked on a community analysis of Eskridge in partnership with two Emporia State University students. "Off the job I enjoy ranch life with my husband, reading, sewing, landscaping and my children and grandchildren."

Karen Holthaus received Level Five Leep Certificate at the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) Spring Assembly. Karen has been director at the Seneca Free Library for 13 years. She graduated from KPLACE in 1993. She lives on a farm with her husband and has three grown children. The NEKLS CE programs are great," Karen commented. "I always learn something."

Kathy Johnston has been director of the Baldwin City Library since 1986. Kathy was a member of the KPLACE class of 2000 and also earned her Level Five LEEP certificate. She has a husband and one son. The quiet KPLACE director is known for her strong support of staff development. "We have had a high emphasis on continuing education here. The board has been very supportive."

Marjean Parker is the retired director of the Carbondale Public Library. She returned to NEKLS to receive her Level Five Leep Certificate and to participate in the system's new "Substitute Director" program that frees NEKLS librarians to pursue training.

Janet Warren received her Level Five Certificate at a recent Northwest Assembly. Janet has been director of the Goodland Library since 1975. She received her

MLS from Emporia. She is presently serving on the Northwest System Board. Janet has a husband and two grown daughters.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

Make it Count, video, KTWU, Washburn University, 2000.

The Kansas Kids Project is a cooperative effort among the four Kansas public television stations. Not long ago public libraries throughout the state received the Develop Your Assets booklist. A resource guide listing over 100 health-related organizations and agencies which help in children's health areas followed recently. Both of these were prepared and provided by SHPTV, Bunker Hill. Another portion of the Kansas Kids Project is the production of the PBS television program to be simultaneously aired by all four stations called "Make It Matter" by KTWU, Channel 11, Washburn University. This will be broadcast at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14.

The program might seem familiar if the viewer has seen many episodes of "Sunflower Journeys," another popular, long-running series produced by KTWU. The mark of executive producer Dave Kendall is in the format of "Make it Matter." Five high quality community projects serving Kansas children are interspersed with commentary by statewide authorities on children's issues. The segments include Rosedale Community Project's "Saturday Academy" helping kids connect to their community in Kansas City; The Van Go Mobile Arts in Lawrence developing job and life skills through art; the Heartland Healthy Families in Salina fostering parenting skills and helping teenage parents complete high school or GED programs; Paths Across Generations, an intergenerational program bringing senior citizens together with kids in Bennington; and the Asset Building Coalition in Abilene which helps youth know that their community cares about them and that their contributions count.

Each public TV station had a different assignment in the Kansas Kids Project. Each station also has its website linked to the Kansas Kids website, <http://www.kskids.org>. This website includes a transcript of "Make It Matter." Interested in making a copy? Kendall encourages everyone to record the program off-air. For libraries, copyright restrictions do not apply so copies can be recorded and added to collections.

The Kansas Kids Project goes a long way toward pro-

moting community involvement in children's issues. "Make It Matter" will make an impact in children's services in Kansas. View it, record it, add it to your collection. Recommended for libraries of all types.

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.



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

Library Positions

Reference librarian/bibliographer

The University of Kansas Libraries invites applications for a Reference Librarian/Bibliographer, one of 10 FTE faculty and staff who provide reference and instructional services in Watson Library, which houses the humanities and social sciences collections.

Responsibilities: The Reference Librarian/Bibliographer actively supports the educational mission of the University of Kansas by providing reference assistance (including some evening and weekend hours) to faculty, students and other patrons; participating in an active instruction program, including preparation of user guides and working with classes and other groups; and assisting with the planning of library services in an innovative team environment. The Reference Librarian/Bibliographer coordinates electronic reference services for the library system and is responsible for responding to questions received in the areas of social sciences and humanities. The Reference Librarian/Bibliographer also has responsibility for collection development in one or more areas of the social sciences or humanities. This position reports to the Coordinator of the Reference Department.

Required Qualifications: MLS from an ALA-accredited program (completion required by appointment date); experience in providing academic or research library reference service; knowledge of and experience with a wide range of information resources, both print and electronic, in the humanities and social sciences; experience in teaching library and information research skills; ability to work effectively with colleagues and a diverse clientele; strong commitment to public service; effective communication skills, both written and oral; ability to work independently and cooperatively in a rapidly changing environment.

Preferred Qualifications: At least two years professional experience in providing reference assistance and library instruction in an academic environment; academic preparation in the humanities or social sciences; experience with collection development; knowledge of a foreign language.

Salary and Benefits: Annual salary: \$32,000 - \$37,000, dependent upon qualifications. Benefits include 22 days

paid vacation, 12 days paid sick leave annually; several paid holidays; group health and life insurance options; choice of four retirement programs; eligibility for sabbatical leave and research grant funds.

Terms of Appointment: A tenure-track, library faculty appointment. Librarians at the University of Kansas are members of the University faculty, with full participation in the University Senate and the Faculty Senate, as well as the Library Faculty Assembly. Librarians are reviewed annually first and foremost on the performance of professional responsibilities. In addition, librarians are expected to participate in, and are annually evaluated on, professional service and research.

Application Procedures: Review of applications will begin January 22, 2001. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For full consideration, applicants must provide a letter indicating how their experience relates to each of the required and preferred qualifications. In addition, a curriculum vita, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of three references, and a copy of their undergraduate and graduate transcripts are also required.

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