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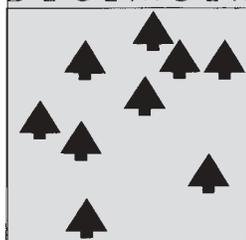
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LEEPing stars win their level five certificates

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

Several Kansas librarians won their Level Five Library Employee Education Project (LEEP) Certificates during the fall season of 2002.

Nicholas Berezovsky was born in the Ukraine in 1955 and came to the United States in 1991. He obtained his MLS degree from SLIM in 1994. He works for the Salina Public Library as a computer systems/technical services librarian.

Annette Burks has been librarian at the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility for thirteen years. She has served on the Randall Library Board and is now chair of the Jewell Library Board. She has served one term on the Jewell School Board. She also serves on the Kansas LSTA Advisory Council.

Sandra Dayton has been employed by the Great Bend Public Library for almost eighteen years. At present, she is the Children's Librarian. Sandy says, "After all these years, I still enjoy coming to work. It has lots of rewards. There isn't a child out there who isn't special to me. I love the challenge of never knowing what's in store for me. The library is a good place to call work!"

Ida Eatmon has been with the Liberal Memorial Library since 1987. She has held most of the positions in the

library, including being interim director three times. At present, she is the Reference/Genealogy Manager. "I have enjoyed working for the library. There always seems to be something new coming up and I am looking forward to growing as our library grows."

Kristi Hansen is Youth Services Coordinator at the Salina Public Library. She has been with the Salina Public Library since 1987 and has very positive things to say about it: "I really love my job, which is probably one reason why the last 15 years have gone so fast. I am very lucky to work with a terrific group of people and I have an extremely supportive boss. It's really nice when you look forward to coming to work every day."

Terri Harley has been director of the Girard Library since 1990. She received most of her training through apprenticeship but speaks very highly of the KPLACE Institute. The Girard Library completed a building program in 2002 and has gone through a major expansion of its technology.

Linda Homolka is director of the J.H. Robbins Memorial Library in Ellsworth. She was also its children's librarian for 17 years. She is an active member of the Central Kansas Library System and a recent graduate of KPLACE. She enjoyed her three years at KPLACE and says that she would recommend it to anyone.

Cindy Shipley is a native of Dodge City, who has been with the Southwest Kansas Library System since June of 1981. She worked in cataloging and now works in interlibrary loan. "I really enjoy my job."

Joyce Steiner celebrated her 25th anniversary with the Lawrence Public Library at the same time that she received her Level Five LEEP certificate. She has held several positions and became the Youth Services Coordinator in 2000. Joyce comments, "I really enjoy my current position, which provides many opportunities for improving library service to Lawrence. I am committed to great library service, not only in Lawrence, but across the state of Kansas."

The Kansas State Library offers its congratulations to all of these talented Kansas librarians. The next issue of *Kansas Libraries* will honor the high LEEP awards in South Central Kansas.

Communicate with KANLIB-L

—by Eric Hansen
Editor, Kansas Libraries

Every library worker knows how important communication has become. Communication with other workers in the same library, with library patrons, and with the library's larger community are important ways we get the word out about the benefits libraries have to offer. Communication with workers at other libraries is no less important in these challenging times. Face to face at meetings and conferences and voice to voice over the phone are two ways we all use to keep in touch. Electronic mail is now very much a part of everyday business communication. The electronic mail forum for library workers at all levels at all libraries in Kansas is KANLIB-L.

Blue Skyways describes KANLIB-L as a forum (also called a "list") that "...deals with all issues of interest to Kansas librarians. Discussion includes job and meeting announcements, Internet resources, the Kansas Library Catalog, online and local databases, ERATE, microcomputer labs, and OPACs." Sending your message to KANLIB-L will automatically distribute your text and any files you might attach to a statewide subscriber base, usually within minutes.

Subscribing to KANLIB-L is easy. Just point your Web browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/lists/>, click on the "Subscribe/More Info" button next to KANLIB-L, then enter your e-mail address and your full name in the text boxes provided. Next click on the "Go" button to the left of the word "Subscribe." You will receive an e-mail message notifying you that you are subscribed to the list, and some short instructions on how to make use of KANLIB-L. If you are adventurous enough to want to make detailed configurations to your KANLIB-L account, just return to the URL above and click your selections.

I use several library-related e-mail discussion lists as my principal means of communication with libraries throughout the state. 2-yr. (for community and technical colleges), KASL-L (school media specialists), KANILL-L (Interlibrary Loan) and KAECT (Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology) are among them, but KANLIB-L is the one I think of first. If you have an e-mail account and are not already subscribed to KANLIB-L, I hope you will take the first opportunity to subscribe. See you on the list.

Wamego Public Library's grand opening

—by Claudia Leeds
Wamego Public Library

Wamego Public Library's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening was held on Saturday, November 23, 2002 at 2 p.m. at their new location, 431 Lincoln Avenue,



*Grand Opening at Wamego
Public Library*

Wamego, KS. In 1999, the Kaw Valley State Bank and Trust Company of Wamego donated their former bank building to the city for use as a library.

Charles Hall, a Manhattan architect, donated his services to re-design the building. The \$320,000 needed to renovate and furnish the building was raised through donations, grants, and numerous fund-raising activities. Library benefactor Bill Baxter, whose mother was the city's first paid librarian, had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Local authors Jerri Garretson, Nolan Carlson, and Glenn Sixbury were on hand to autograph their books. Storytime volunteer Donna Hatfield did face-painting for the children and handed out free reading posters.

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director

Meeting in Hillsboro

The Network Board had its fall meeting on November 14 at the Tabor College Library in Hillsboro. The minutes of the meeting are available on Blue Skyways at <http://www.skyways.org/KSL/KLNB/KLNB1102.html>. New officers were elected at the meeting. Jo Ann Wahrman, Goodland High School Librarian, is the Chair, and Cathy Reeves, Dodge City Community College Library, is Vice-Chair. The 2003 meeting schedule was set as follows:

February 13, 2003	Salina
May 15, 2003	Manhattan (KSU)
August 28, 2003	Dodge City
November 13, 2003	Topeka

New Developments in the Kansas Library Card



- In response to privacy concerns, administrative and user logins and passwords no longer echo to the screen. Instead, characters keyed in to those fields now appear as ***.
- The Kansas Library Catalog will receive a new interface in the coming months. Called “Agent,” the new look will be available as a link to Kansas Library Card users.

• A process is under way wherein local Kansas Library Card issuing institutions will be connected to cards issued, for purposes of local statistical reports. This functionality is due for completion in the first quarter of 2003.

• A favicon now appears in Web browser address fields when users point to the library card homepage. The favicon also appears to the left of the homepage name when the page is added to users’ Web bookmarks.

Annual Report

The network board’s 2002 annual report is available to your Adobe Acrobat Reader enabled Web browser on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/KLNB/2002annualreport.pdf>. Growth of the Kansas Library Card, the Interlibrary Loan Development Program, participation in the Kansas Mural Project and Western Trails projects, and Network Board funding of the Wichita Photo Archives digitization project are covered in the report.

KANAnswer Update



KANAnswer training (for operators only) will take place on

December 17 at Washburn University. I am presently combining the good work of several KANAnswer sub-committees into an operator’s manual to distribute on or before the training date. I have also created a rudimentary Web site for the project at <http://www.kananswer.info>. To view a PowerPoint presentation about the status of the project that I delivered at the Northeast Kansas Library System fall in-service November 21, point Internet Explorer to http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/presentations/FutureofVR_files/frame.htm.

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

USD 320 passes bond issue

—by Nancy McFarlin
Wamego High School Library

Patrons of the USD 320 Wamego school district successfully passed a bond issue for significant improvements to Wamego High School and West Elementary School (grades 3-5) on November 5. The bond called for over \$16 million in renovation and new construction, including building code and ADA compliance. Committees made up of teachers, administrators, board of education, and community members had been working on plans for the bond for over two years, including active needs assessments by school personnel and planning with architects. Both facility plans include new, larger libraries.

West Elementary will receive renovations to the existing building, including a cafeteria, four classrooms and a special education office suite. A new wing will be added, which will include a gymnasium/stage, art, music and computer lab classrooms, new office suite and a new library. The new library will double the size of the existing space, adding offices and storage for AV equipment and guided reading materials.

Wamego High School will renovate the 1938 portion of the building to include seven additional classrooms, three business classrooms/labs, a weight/fitness room, television production studio, graphic arts lab, administrative, counselor, and nurses' suites, and the new library. New construction will involve adding three science labs and renovating two existing labs resulting in a science "suite," renovating an existing vocational building to accommodate vocal and instrumental music, and the addition of a new second gymnasium. The current second gym will be gutted with a second floor added; six of the new classrooms will occupy the ground floor, and the library will occupy the top floor. In addition to the library's 5,940 sq. ft., two computer labs will be built on either side.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2003.

Architects for the building/renovation project are The Ken Ebert Design Group and Bruce McMillan of Manhattan, KS. Plans for both the High School and West Elementary can be viewed at: http://www.usd320.k12.ks.us/plans_descriptions.htm. Other information about the Bond Issue Campaign can be found at: http://www.usd320.k12.ks.us/bond_issue.htm.

Annual meeting

The Friends of the Mabee Library at Washburn held its 2002 Annual Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1, 2002, in room 105 Mabee Library. A program on "Libraries in Post-Communist Bulgaria: Experiences of Two Fulbrighters" and refreshments followed at 3:30 p.m.

Herbert Achleitner, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia University, and Wanda V. Dole, Dean of University Libraries, Washburn, spoke on their recent experiences as Fulbright Senior Specialists in Bulgaria. Professor Achleitner was consultant to the Faculty of Library and Information Science at the University of Sofia and gave presentations on Knowledge Management during Spring 2002. Wanda Dole evaluated library services at the American University in Bulgaria (AUBG) in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and led the staff of the library through strategic planning in July 2002. She also gave presentations on strategic planning, assessment and ethics at American University and the American Center in Sofia. Their presentations were sponsored by the Union of Bulgarian Librarians and Information Service Officers at <http://www.lib.bg/act.htm>.

The University of Sofia was founded in 1909 and is organized along traditional European lines with a faculty of 1608. It offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees to ca. 25,454 students. American University was founded in 1991 with funding from US AID the SOROS Foundation to "educate future leaders committed to serving the needs of the region by promoting the values of an open, democratic society." AUBG is an undergraduate institution with ca. 650 students and 60 faculty members; the language of instruction is English. AUBG is housed in the former headquarters of the Communist Party in Blagoevgrad.

The Fulbright Program offers American students, teachers, faculty and professionals the opportunity to conduct research, teach or study abroad and to make a major contribution to the growth of mutual understanding among countries and individuals. Grants are distributed by country and region and reflect priorities and interests of the host country and university.

PRIME TIME Family Reading Time®

—by *Marianne Eichelberger*
Director, Newton Public Library

The Newton Public Library (NPL) was abuzz for six weeks with parents and grandparents and children and books from Sept. 9–Oct. 14! Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities offered through the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, 17 families enjoyed reading, storytelling, and discussing books that teach about fairness, greed, courage, dreams, and cleverness. The PRIME TIME Family Reading Time® program empowers parents to take an active role in developing their children's reading ability. Some participants signed up for their first library card. One child was heard on the last evening of PRIME TIME saying, "I'm coming to the library every Monday night now!"

Each Monday evening, the PRIME TIME families, staff and volunteers gathered to talk and eat together during a "light supper" meal. Then for approximately 90 minutes, the families and children aged six and older met with storyteller Julie Tomlianovich and scholar discussion leader Jim Hoy to explore different children's books, learn good read-aloud and storytelling techniques, and engaged in group discussion. Participants were also introduced to the many resources and services available to them at Newton Public Library. Pre-reading activities were available for younger siblings including Storytime.

Many people made the six weeks of PRIME TIME possible. Businesses, organizations, a church, etc., provided the meals as well as volunteers. Door prizes were donated and each child received two books to take home along with other gifts for everyone in the family. Newton Public School teachers recruited families and attended with them. *The Newton Kansan*, Harvey County Partnership/Communities In School and Cooper Education Center played a vital part in publicizing PRIME TIME and personally encouraged families to attend the sessions.

The Newton Public Library Board volunteered to organize meals and assisted at the sessions. NPL staff provided special activities for the younger children, processed the books and library cards for each session, gave input for "library commercials" about library programs and services, as well as helping the families before and after the program.

It was six weeks of fun and sharing and learning. The PRIME TIME Family Reading Time® program is over for Newton and will not be funded again nationally. Winfield Public Library, a 2001 PRIME TIME site, Newton Public Library and Kansas State Literacy Program are looking for ways to make PRIME TIME a statewide program. Nationally, children who have participated in family literacy programs show an 80 percent increase in reading books and made twice as many trips to the library. Anyone who is interested in developing PRIME TIME for Kansas should contact Vikki Jo Stewart (vikkijo@kslib.info; 620/532-1075) or either of the libraries.

Robert W. Richmond

President of the Friends of Mabee Library at Washburn and former State Library Advisory Commission member received the American Association for State and Local History's Award of Distinction at the Association's annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, September 27, 2002. The award, given only fourteen times in the sixty-two year history of the organization, is for "innovation, creativeness, leadership, and service to the history profession." Richmond has been active in the organization for many years and served as its president in 1985-1986.

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

Young Adult Librarian

The Trustees of the Grant County Library are seeking applications for the new position of Young Adult Services Director. The successful candidate will be energetic, broadly experienced in technology, accomplished and creative in directing the development of our new Young Adult Department. This new department will be located adjacent to the coffee shop and fireside reading room on the upper level of the new addition to the Grant County Library.

Desired qualifications for the successful candidate include, but are not limited to: a strong desire to work with young people and adults, Master of Library Science (MLS), a four-year college degree, minimum of three years library experience.

Duties and responsibilities include: schedule, plan and coordinate quality library services for teens; supervise and work on inventory; weeding and bar-coding of young adult materials; maintain a pleasant, inviting environment for our young adult and youth patrons; supervise an assistant and student aides; keep accurate records; collaborate with the High School Librarian and all Public Library staff; analyze statistics and prepare department budget; supervise Young Adult circulation desk; and stay informed on current research methods and trends.

Salary for this position will be commensurate with education and experience. Interested applicants should send a letter of intent, with resume and three references to: Attn: YA Applications, Grant County Library, 215 East Grant St., Ulysses, KS 67880.

Application deadline: 12/15/02. Grant County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Newsletter Editor

The Northeast Kansas Library System is seeking an editor for its bimonthly newsletter, effective January 1, 2003. Requirements include demonstrated composition and editing skills, and familiarity with Adobe Pagemaker, Photoshop, and Acrobat software. Familiarity with library trends and issues preferred. Editor will meet with system staff at least bimonthly; compose, edit and produce

newsletter using Pagemaker and Photoshop software; and upload in Adobe Acrobat format to system website. Flexible hours estimated at 20 hours/newsletter issue. Compensation rate negotiable.

Apply with resumé of relevant experience and work samples to Newsletter Editor Search, Northeast Kansas Library System, 3300 Clinton Parkway Court, Suite 100, Lawrence, KS 66047.

Web Content Manager

Under the direction of the Associate Director for Technology and Bibliographic Services, the Web Content Manager (WCM) serves as "editor-in-chief," overseeing the development and maintenance of all content available through the library's Internet and Intranet Web sites. This position supervises and provides managerial oversight to the team of five Web Content Developers and acts as a catalyst for creating new ways to use the Web to carry out the library's mission and goals. The WCM promotes the library's Web sites among the intended audiences and provides outreach to patrons, Web partners, and employees to determine their needs and create commensurate information and services for the Web. In addition, this position assists the Library's Training Department in offering learning activities to staff which enable them to use the Web to do their work.

Compensation Package:

Salary range: \$37,500-\$56,250, depending on qualifications, benefit package.

For more information or to apply, contact: Tim Rogers, Assoc. Dir. for Tech & Bib. Services, Johnson County Library, PO Box 2901, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-1301. Phone: 913/495-2459; Fax: 913/495-2441; E-mail: Rogerst@jocolibrary.org or go to http://hr.jocoks.com/Jobs_Available/job_apply_instructions.htm.

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

The Know Your Buddy Book, by Marty Postlethwait and Kathleen Patton. Request an order form from: Shadow Buddies Foundation, Know Your Buddy Book Program, Box 3225, Olathe, KS 66062, 888/BUDDIE1, Fax 816/436-1511. Softcover, wire comb binding, 9" x 12", 118 pp. Kit includes book, eight Shadow Buddies dolls, one carrying case, one poster, one Shadow Buddy pin, one tablet with lanyard. \$419.00 + \$20 p/h.

Do you have disabled children in your community or in your school district? The inspiration for this book and kit, Miles Postlethwait, was born with birth defects and once after a long hospital stay wished he had a "friend just like me." From that remark a little boy's mother created Shadow Buddy dolls, the Shadow Buddies Foundation, and now *The Know Your Buddy Book* Program. The program developed includes two kits, one described above, the other adding eight more dolls, another carrying case, two more pins, 500 ID arm bands and 1000 Shadow Buddy stickers in attractive packages which appeal to children. The Buddies include dolls for children with cerebral palsy, diabetes, heart, oncology, respiratory, burn, seizure, vision, dialysis, Down's syndrome, HIV/AIDS, identity, liver transplant, lung transplant, orthopedic and ostomy disabilities. *The Know Your Buddy Book* is a resource guide in educating children about disabilities, illnesses and medical challenges. This includes not only the children with the disabilities but also those who can be helped to understand those with disabilities. The book includes information about the conditions described above, lesson plans for schools and projects and activities using the Shadow Buddies. The creator, Marty Postlethwait, and her foundation has been cited as one of its local heroes by *Time* magazine, noted as a "Daily Point of Light" by George Bush, and adopted by Kansas City Chief football player Tony Gonzalez as a charity for his foundation. Based in Johnson County and intended for K-6 children, this could be an important addition to an elementary school curriculum or for children's programming in large public libraries.

The Women of Paragon Springs Series, by Irene Bennett Brown. Five Star Publishing, 800/223-1244, ext. 15.

Some of you will recall three children's books, the adult novel *The Plainswoman*, and the first in this series, *Long Road Turning* by Irene Bennett Brown, reviewed in this column. Others may have met her when the Western Writers of America convened in Wichita last summer, and still others may have hosted her at their libraries following a mailing to public libraries last spring. Ms. Brown's books continue to grow in popularity and in number with the release of three new titles in her series, *The Women Of Paragon Springs*.

The Plainswoman (now in large print and audiobook formats) was so successful it led to this four-book series about women who tamed the high plains of Kansas and built their own town. Brown is a native Kansan who now lives in Oregon. She makes trips back to Kansas for research and exhibits great familiarity with the state as well as with pioneering life. *Long Road Turning* (\$25.95) begins with the first sod house built by the women in 1873; *Blue Horizons* (\$25.95) relates the struggle to pioneer in the late 19th century; the most recent, *No Other Place* (\$26.95), covers town promotion, a county seat and a railroad for the women's town; the final book in the series, being released in December, will bring the women to a role in the birth of aviation in Kansas in 1914. Taken as a whole, the series is a tremendous work of storytelling, enjoyable by males and females alike, suitable for readers not only of historical romances but also of Westerns. If your library has any of the early books in the series, you will want to get the final one. If you haven't acquired the series, consider it.

Recommended for adult fiction or Kansas collections in all 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

Excerpts from *Kansas Libraries*, December 1982

- Four libraries have been awarded seed grants by the Kansas Library Network Board for OCLC retrospective conversion projects. The libraries are: Menninger Institute Professional Library, the Benedictine College North Campus Library, Atwood High School Library and Hesston High School Library.
- On January 1, 1983, the Garden City Public Library will become the Finney County Public Library. Its status was changed by the voters at the August 1982 election. The library was established in 1897 by the Ladies Library Association and a tax was first levied in 1907.
- Hilliard Moultry, affectionately known as “Mo,” retired recently after 18 years with the State Library, the last few years spent working in the Division for the Blind and

Physically Handicapped. Two other State Library employees, Connie Batson and Virginia “Vee” Friesner, were recently honored for ten years of service with the state.

- The Reference Division of the State Library is expanding its efforts to inform state agency personnel of the services and collection available. Beginning in January various staff members of the library will offer workshops on different subjects including online bibliographic searching and federal and state documents.



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