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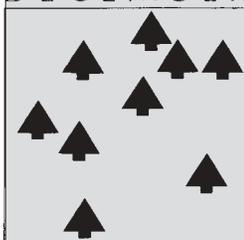
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KLTA grants for Tri-Conference

—by Jan Michael
KLTA/ICE Administrative Assistant

Planning is now under way for the Trustees-Friends Day (Tri-Conference 2004). As part of KLTA's ongoing support of local boards and trustees, KLTA will sponsor grants to help persons attend the Tri-Conference, as well as honor trustees that work in small libraries across the state.

There are two types of grants: (1) first-time attendees, and (2) regional trustee of the year. Each system determines who receives the grants and the type of grant they receive.

Action Requested:

Please include this press release in your upcoming publications.

"KLTA GRANTS FOR TRI-CONFERENCE"

Once again, the Kansas Library Trustee Association (KLTA) is offering each of the seven regional systems two grants for \$150.

\$150 grant to attend Tri-Conference

Never attended the annual Tri-Conference? You could be the trustee from your region who receives a check for \$150 to cover travel, hotel, food and registration costs.

March 31 is Trustees-Friends Day, a day designed specifically for trustees and Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL).

Come meet fellow trustees and Friends, share experiences, and learn new ways to support your library. The schedule includes keynote speaker, Ian Jukes, a futurist; an awards ceremony and luncheon; and two skill-building sessions on library promotions and salary planning.

Winners of this \$150 grant for first-time attendance at the Tri-Conference will be honored and receive their certificates at the luncheon on March 31. Winners will also be featured in the Spring, 2004, issue of *Trustee Talk*.

To qualify, you must:

- Serve a library with a population of 3,000 or less.
- Never have attended the Tri-Conference.
- Be willing to write a brief report for your regional system's newsletter.

Note: You do not have to be a KLTA member to win this attendance grant. To apply, contact your regional director prior to March 1, 2004.

Recognition of outstanding trustees

In addition, a trustee from each region will be honored for their work in a small library.

Winners are honored at the KLTA-FoKL luncheon and their libraries receive a \$150 check.

To qualify, you must:

- Be a current member of KLTA (03-04).
- A trustee for a library that serves a population of 3,000 or less.

JoCoHealth.net partnership provides helpful health information Web site

—by *Marsha Bennett*
Johnson County Library

Looking for low-cost health care information, health and medical resources, answers to health related questions through e-mail, or upcoming local health events? A community partnership Web site, www.JoCoHealth.net, is now available for persons interested in health and medical information, local health services and health care providers.

The Johnson County Library has developed the health information Web site in partnership with Johnson County Health Department, Community Health Assessment Process, Johnson County Mental Health, Saint Luke's Health System and the National Library of Medicine.

The site not only contains consumer health information resources and a calendar of local health-related events, but also a database which enables Johnson County residents with no or inadequate health insurance to locate both services and providers in matters of health concerns.

Visitors to the site will find many reference tools and databases including links to selected health and medical sites; access to health magazines (InfoTrac with many full-text articles), health articles from the National Library of Medicine (MedLine), an index of information for health professionals (PubMed), and news of clinical trials, health organizations and other subjects.

The site, www.JoCoHealth.net, also allows the public to interact electronically with Johnson County Library reference librarians, Saint Luke's library staff and the NurseLine program offered by Saint Luke's who will provide answers to short, factual health questions by e-mail.

Hosted by Johnson County Library, the Web site is accessible from the opening screen of the library's Web site, www.jocolibrary.org; from Saint Luke's Web site, www.saintlukeshealthsystem.org; and the Johnson County Health Department Web site, www.jocogov.org/pubhealth/home.htm.

The site is for consumer health educational purposes and is not meant to take the place of professional medical advice.

Governor Sebelius tours Kingman Public Library

—by *Paul Hawkins*
Director, South Central Kansas Library System

Wednesday, November 12, the Kingman Carnegie Library had a very unexpected guest. According to library director Linda Slack, "The evening before, our Kansas State Representative, Dennis McKinney, called the library notifying me that Governor Kathleen Sebelius would be interested in touring our library. Of course my immediate response was 'WOW!'"

Slack said that the Governor was visiting Kingman to attend a fund-raiser. "Her plane flew into our new 'Clyde Cessna' airport, toured the facilities, and then proceeded to the Kingman Carnegie Library. Apparently Representative McKinney had talked to Governor Sebelius about our library and she wanted to visit it."

"Governor Sebelius was very gracious and asked many questions about our history, funding, and children's services. Representative McKinney made reference to KAN-ED and asked how and where the money would be spent at our library. The Governor was able to visit about 20 minutes. After her tour, my husband and I attended the reception where she mentioned touring the library. It made for wonderful library public relations! I was extremely pleased and honored to have Governor Sebelius, Representative McKinney, and their entourage visit our library and inquire about library services," said Slack.

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N O T E S

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director



It was my pleasure to present a detailed

description of KANAnswer at the Virtual Reference Desk Annual conference in San Antonio on November 17th. The presentation is on Blue Skyways at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/presentations/KANAnswerKSCollabForVR.htm> and will be included in a slightly modified form in the conference proceedings. About 25 attended the talk, and some were interested in the KANAnswer operators manual.

Thanks to the hard work of Nancy Burich and members of the KANAnswer Best Practices Committee, a document describing the do's and don't's we've learned from the KANAnswer pilot project is finished and will be available on the Web very shortly. Watch the KANAnswer Web site (www.kananswer.info) for a link to the best practices soon.

KANGuard debuts

KANGuard, the new statewide Internet filtering service free to public libraries in Kansas, will be available soon. I have agreed to chair the KANGuard Content Review Committee. For more information about KANGuard, see Jeff Hixon's article in this issue, or point your Web browser to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/libtech/kanguard/>.

ICE Food for Thought

The Institute for Continuous Education (ICE) hosted a session devoted to the book entitled "The Answer to How is Yes" at SLIM on November 21st. Co-facilitators Rosanne Goble (KLA) and Patti Butcher (NEKLS) led a thoughtful and invigorating discussion of the philosophy presented in the book. It was a very worthwhile session and I was glad I attended.



Several of the Kansas Western Trails partners now have their Web sites completed. To survey the great work they've done, point to:

<http://www.readinks.info/khc/> (Kansas Heritage Center)

<http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/exhibits/westerntrails/index.htm> (Spencer Research Library, KU)

http://specialcollections.wichita.edu/western_trails/index.asp (Wichita State University Dept. of Special Collections)

Completed Web sites from the Boot Hill Museum and the State Historical Society will follow very soon.

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

Abilene Public Library staff member receives certificate on November 14th

—by Shannon Roy
Director of Local Library Development

Sheryl Davidson, Assistant Children's Librarian at the Abilene Public Library, celebrated her Generalist Library Services Certificate at the Library Board Meeting on November 14th. ICE Coordinator Cindi Hickey, North Central Consultant Kay Russell and State Library Local Library Development Director Shannon Roy added their congratulations to that of the Abilene Library trustees and Library Director Bruce Chance.

Sheryl is one of the first librarians to be awarded a Certificate in the fairly new undergraduate library program at the School of Library and Information Management at ESU. Sheryl is actually fairly close to receiving her Youth Services Certificate, as well as her Generalist Certificate. With her second Certificate, she will also earn her Bachelor of Integrated Studies degree from Emporia State University. Sheryl has worked with a number of instructors in the Library Services Certificate Program and speaks highly of the courses that have been offered.

Sheryl has been with the Abilene Public Library since July of 2001. She wants to continue her career development in library services to children. Her husband is a dairy farmer, whose family took a homestead in Dickinson County and has been there since 1868. The couple has four children, three daughters and one son. Sheryl is kept very busy with her library job, her college work and home schooling her youngest child.

Sheryl's interest in a library career was strengthened by family connections to the Kansas library community. Her husband's aunt received one of the first professional library degrees from SLIM, back in the 1940s. Her mother, Janice Beale, works with the Talking Books Service in Northwest Kansas.

The Abilene Public Library is very fortunate to have this committed and talented librarian on the library staff.

Early January Cabin Fever Fiction Book Sale

—by Marsha Bennett
Johnson County Library

Being stuck indoors this winter can be fun—if you come to The Friends of the Johnson County Library Cabin Fever Fiction Book Sale on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 8, 2004, 12:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 9, 2004, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 10, 2004, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The sale will be held at the Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway (at Antioch Rd.) in Merriam, Kansas.

All sales are final; checks will be accepted with proper identification. For information, call 913/261-2330. The sale is cosponsored by the Johnson County Library and Friends of the Library.

New Friends book store

A new Friends book store opened November 1, 2003, at Blue Valley Library. It is located at 9000 W. 151st Street, Overland Park, KS. The store's hours are as follows:

Monday:	10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday:	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday:	11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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*.

The Great Manhattan Mystery Conclave

—by Jerri Garretson
Manhattan Public Library

There's mystery afoot in the Flint Hills of Kansas and you'll want to be a part of it. The Great Manhattan Mystery Conclave will take place October 1-3, 2004 in Manhattan, the Little Apple.

Plotted as a celebration of the small town mystery, the festival features outstanding authors, enthusiastic fans, and the chance to enter a writing contest. Join us for a weekend of programs, tours, and fun.

Authors Jeanne M. Dams, Carolyn Hart, Margaret Maron and Nancy Pickard; and the Deadly Divas, Letha Albright, Susan Hubbard, Susan McBride, and Denise Swanson are headliners on the program. Check the website to see which of your favorite authors are coming. And keep checking. More are signing up to join the festivities.

During the three months following the conclave, each paid participant is eligible to enter a 5,000 word mystery set in Manhattan, Kansas in the contest. The winners will be published in an anthology. See the website for details.

The Great Manhattan Mystery Conclave honors the small town mystery during the celebration of Manhattan Public Library's centennial. The anthology will be the published the following year during Manhattan's sesquicentennial.

Registration costs just \$150.00 if postmarked by March 31, 2004.

For more information on our plot, characters and setting, and to get your registration form, visit The Great Manhattan Mystery Conclave website at: www.manhattanmysteries.com, or contact Jerri Garretson; email: raven@ravenstonepress.com, telephone 785/776-0556.

Library positions

Reference Services Division, Wichita Public Library

The Wichita Public Library has an immediate opening for a service-minded librarian with strong interpersonal skills and a thorough knowledge of current reference materials, particularly those related to the Fine Arts.

The position is assigned to the Art, Music and Video Section within the Reference Services Division.

Responsibilities include: reference service at the Art, Music and Video reference desk; collection development as assigned; writing reports and miscellaneous duties as assigned. Participation in system projects and teams is expected. Some evening and weekend hours are required. This position reports to the Art, Music and Video Section Manager.

Requires: MLS from an ALA-accredited institution. Work experience or academic background in fine or performing arts, customer service skills and experience with the Dynix library system, desktop computers and the Internet are preferred. Residency within thirty minutes lawful driving time of the corporate limits of the City of Wichita will be required of the successful applicant.

Salary range: \$33,536-46,949. Offers of employment are made contingent upon passing a pre-employment drug screening and upon satisfactory evaluation of a police records check. City of Wichita application must be submitted either online (www.wichita.gov <<http://www.wichita.gov>>), by fax or mail. Send resume to: Tammy Penland, Personnel Technician, 455 N. Main St., Wichita, KS 67202.

The Wichita Public Library is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer that actively seeks and encourages applications from minority candidates.

Youth Services Manager

The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library is seeking applications for an enthusiastic, positive, people oriented and creative Youth Services Manager.

Youth Services includes 21 creative, dynamic, energetic and innovative staff members serving the library needs of

children through the age of twelve and young adults through the age of 18. Youth Services offers a dynamic Summer Reading program for children, as well as innovative programs for all ages at a variety of community sites. Youth Services Outreach Storytellers provide literature-based programming at community child care facilities. The nationally recognized Young Adult Library Summer Program features a theater group and other creative programming. The Youth Services area has 38 public access computers and Internet training opportunities for children and parents.

The position of Youth Services Manager reports to the Deputy Director of Operations and performs the following essential administrative duties: formulate and oversee implementation and management of Division goals, procedures, programs and projects, oversee day-to-day operation of the Division for interviewing applicants, training, scheduling, assign projects, direct committees and focus groups, evaluating and problem solving, submit annual budget request to correlate with collection development plan and special projects, prepare and submit all reports as required, implement policies and procedures, plan and chart staff training and development. Complete staff evaluations in a timely manner and provides clear, well articulated communication to the Deputy Director of Operations.

The required qualifications include a Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited college or university, three years of supervisory/management experience and three years experience in a related library setting. Preferred skills include excellent reference skills, strong public service orientation, excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office Suite software applications and Internet searching techniques and experience with teambuilding.

The Library is committed to making a difference in the community serving a population of 160,000 with a total budget of \$14 million, a staff of 200 and over 85,000 registered borrowers. The Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library is comprised of a main library and two bookmobiles and an Adventure Mobile for children.

Topeka, the capital city of Kansas, is located on I-70 linking Kansas City (70 miles east), the University of Kansas-Lawrence (20 miles east), Washburn University-Topeka and Kansas State University-Manhattan (50 miles west). Topeka has a stable economy and very good housing at affordable costs.

The starting salary is \$47,050. Excellent benefits, including BCBS health/dental, retirement and cafeteria plan, with 22 days vacation and 12 days sick leave.

Application and more specific job information is available at web site: <http://www.tsopl.org/jobs.asp>. Please submit an application with resume and three professional references to Human Resources, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th, Topeka, KS 66604-1374. 785/580-4492. EOE Applications accepted through December 5, 2003.

Instructional Designer

Hot off the press! Some of you might be interested or know of someone?

Emporia State University is seeking an Instructional Designer to join Technology and Computing Service's Instructional Support team. The Instructional Designer will work with faculty on course design and development, conduct ongoing training and provide general instructional support services, particularly in the area of distance education.

Minimum requirements: Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, Education, Instructional Development, Information Technology/Science or related field; documented experience in developing and delivering online instruction; experience working with faculty and instructors in the development of courses or other educational materials; experience with Blackboard and/or WebCT as well as work in higher education is preferred. Applicants must have strong communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to effectively handle multiple projects simultaneously.

Review of applications begins December 8, 2003, and will continue until position is filled. Please send letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to:

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An AA/EOE institution, Emporia State University encourages minorities and women to apply.

More info. at <http://www.higheredjobs.com/state/details.cfm?JobCode=175076583>.

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Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
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The East Pasture, by Kay Johnson Craig. Order from: Windbreak Publishing, 208 W. 12th, Ford, KS 67842. Softcover, 5 1/2" x 9", 247 pp., ISBN 0-971327-0-8, \$12.95.

The old adage “You can’t judge a book by its cover” certainly holds true for a first novel by Kay Johnson Craig. With an unprepossessing cover and title, a fan of mysteries or Kansas books might easily overlook this work in favor of more dramatic exteriors—don’t make that mistake! This self-published contemporary mystery, which also incorporates some of the common elements of the classic Western genre, is decidedly one of the best reads recently reviewed in this column.

The author exhibits a more polished style than many first novelists. Her story is filled with curves, complications and the commonplace. She is obviously familiar not only with the locale—fictional Cottonwood County south of Dodge City—but also with law enforcement and lives of southwest Kansas citizens. Her main character is a woman who left an abusive husband and their children many years earlier only to return with a college education as a sheriff’s deputy in her old home town. Convinced her ex-husband, son of her boss the sheriff, is the killer of several childhood acquaintances, she struggles to prove her case. She finally succeeds in spite of, or because of, the people around her, not just old friends or family but new contacts as well. How she resolves the situation while exploring a new romance, the impact of children who never knew her, and a father stricken with cancer right up to a final show down with the killer keeps the reader anxiously turning pages.

Recommended for all adult fiction and Kansas collections, with more in a series promised. Don’t overlook this one—suggest it to your mystery and Kansas reading patrons!



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

