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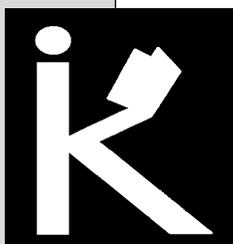
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Letters of intent solicited for LSTA Technology, Training grants

Letters of intent to apply for FY 1999 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Technology Development grants and LSTA Technology Training grants are now being accepted. The deadline for letters of intent is Monday, August 3, 1998. Letters of intent should be written on local library, agency or institution letterhead.

Letters of intent should state that the library governing body intends to apply for federal funds in grant form from the FY 1999 LSTA allotment for technology development or for technology training. Because these are two separate grant projects, it is important to identify either development or training.

Tax-supported libraries of any type wishing to apply for grants to provide technology, development and training. Submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 S.W. 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1593.



The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the LSTA allotment to Kansas for technology development or technology training.

Libraries which submit a letter of intent will then receive a copy of the application and LSTA Technology Grant Program guidelines.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a technology grant during FY 1999, submit your letter of intent by August 3. Grant awards will be determined at the October 23, 1998, joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.

During August and September while the guidelines and applications are being distributed, a series of workshops will be conducted to assist in their preparation. The workshops will consist of two parts: 1) Vikki Jo Stewart will present a basic grantwriting session, and 2) Roy Bird will discuss Kansas LSTA grants in particular. Contact your regional system consultant regarding the time and place of the workshop nearest you.



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Annual public library board member forms

During June, public libraries will receive the Annual Library Board Member Statistical Report. The report is distributed in June, after the April appointments of new members and after the typical first meeting in May.

In order to support the development of public library trustees, especially as the new statewide trustee group becomes more active, and to maintain channels of communication, the State Library must maintain a reliable database of trustees. The report form also ensures that all legally established, tax-supported public libraries in Kansas operate under authority of a legal board of trustees and to keep trustees informed about library programs of interest.

When your public library receives the Annual Board Member Statistical Report this month, please fill it out completely and return the white copy to the State Library, yellow copy to regional system headquarters and pink copy for your files. Deadline for return is July 31, 1998.

KPLACE listserv inaugurated

A new listserv has been established for KPLACE students, graduates and those interested in KPLACE. The listserv is hosted by Emporia State University.

To subscribe:

- Address your e-mail message to: majordomo@esunix1.emporia.edu
- Leave the subject link blank
- In the message body type: subscribe kplace

To send mail to the listserv:

- Address your e-mail message to: majordomo@esunix1.emporia.edu (That is "ESUNIX(numeral 1)" not the letter L.)

If you have problems subscribing or questions about the listserv, please feel free to contact chickey@idir.net.

Library Associate Program accepted!

Flint Hills Technical College is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for Library Associate Program candidates wanting to begin course work in August.

Courses may be taken for continuing education or as a curriculum leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree. Most courses will be offered for 3 credit hours. Tuition for the fall is not set yet, but is expected to be slightly higher than the current rate of \$37/credit hour (or \$111 for a 3 hour course).

The Library Associate program webpages are ready for viewing at: <http://www.fhtc.kansas.net/library/>. The pages are under construction so please excuse their current vanilla flavor ;-). A schedule will be added ASAP.

For more information, contact Flint Hills Technical College office or Janet Anderson-Story, Librarian, Flint Hills Technical College, 3301 W. 18th Avenue, Emporia, 66801, 316/341-2300 x223, 800/711-6947 or janderson@fhtc.kansas.net.

Kansas legislators online

The State Library's "Kansas Legislators, Past and Present" page online is up and running. However, it is still under construction. The URL is: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/Kansas/KSL/Ref/memb.html>. Any comments, suggestions or advice are welcome.

Eventually, the names of legislators will be bolded. Also, boxes rather than a long one-column list is being considered to improve the arrangement of the alphabetical listing on the main page.

The pages will be constantly updated. Election time may prove to be a valuable source of information. Any material on a legislator that could be added is welcome and can be sent to: Bill Sowers, Kansas Documents Librarian, State Library of Kansas, 300 S.W. 10th Ave., Room 343-N., Topeka, KS 66612 or ksdocs@ink.org.

Catalyst

The future of library resource sharing in Kansas

(part 1 of a 2-part series)

*by Paul Hawkins, Assistant Director
South Central Kansas Library System, Hutchinson*

After 14 years as Executive Director of the Kansas Library Network Board, Michael Piper is taking a job with the Texas State Library in Austin. Before leaving Kansas, Michael spoke on "The Future of Library Resource Sharing in Kansas" during the South Central Kansas Library System's Semi-Annual Meeting, in Wichita.

Dr. Greg Zuck, Director of the Southwestern College Library, Winfield, introduced Michael. Dr. Zuck represents private academic libraries on the Network Board, and serves as the KLNBS's Vice-Chair.

"We will greatly miss Michael's leadership, professionalism and organization," said Dr. Zuck. He commented that during Michael's tenure, the Kansas Library Network Board introduced many innovations, including the statewide courier service and Blue Skyways.

In his remarks, Michael discussed noteworthy accomplishments such as the Interlibrary Loan Development Program from a statewide perspective. He emphasized the importance of libraries working cooperatively, and asserted that there are no limits to what Kansas librarians can accomplish when they speak with one voice.

ILDP is a result of effective statewide advocacy

Michael began his talk by asking members of the audience to raise their hands if they had ever written and been awarded a successful Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDP) grant. Nearly half the audience responded.

Michael noted that the ILDP program was initiated by the State Library 14 years ago. When the concept of a statewide collection development program was first introduced, the conventional political wisdom was that such a program had no chance of authorization.

But the conventional political wisdom was wrong. Thanks to the Kansas library community's grassroots advocacy, the Kansas Legislature passed the ILDP in 1985. Since then, ILDP grants totaling more than \$8.4 million have been distributed to libraries statewide. The ILDP is one example of what Kansas librarians can achieve when they speak with one voice.

Everyone can play a role in effecting statewide change, according to Michael. Statewide changes like the ILDP are the results of cumulative efforts of lots of people statewide, each making their own unique contribution.

"The status quo is never good enough," he said. "Libraries must be in the business of continuous improvement. It pays to think globally and act locally. Each of you can make a difference."

Michael asked, "What is the most important library service advance in Kansas during your library career?" Audience members offered many responses, including the Internet, listservs, automation, KICNET, an emphasis on accessibility for disabled persons, the Rotating Book service, telefax, courier, Blue Skyways, First Search and Search Bank online services and statewide summer reading program.

In assessing the development of these services, Michael concluded "Statewide advances are a team effort. At the statewide level, progress is a gradual process that requires steadfast persistence. We must be continually open to trying new ideas, fixing them, and then trying again," he said. "When Kansas librarians speak with one voice, there are no limits to what we can accomplish together."

Next month in Catalyst, five trends that will impact the future of library resource sharing in Kansas.

Modest increase in library rate

The cost of mailing a 1-pound package at the library rate would increase by one cent to \$1.13, under the Postal Rate Commission's recommendation of May 11. The independent commission granted higher postal rates, but it greatly reduced the rates requested by USPS for the library rate. ALA challenged the proposed increases in the library rate as a participant in the rate case that is close to conclusion.

The date the changes go into effect will be set at the June meeting of the Postal Service Board of Governors. The new rates could begin as soon as July or as late as 1999. A spokesman said there was no need to implement the changes until 1999 because the USPS should make more than \$1 billion this year.

If the PRC recommendations are approved by the Board of Governors, a typical 3-pound library rate package would cost \$2.03; the cost of mailing the same package would have risen to \$2.48, a 27% increase, if the USPS proposed rates had been adopted. Currently, it takes \$1.96 to mail a 3-pound package.

1998 community history institute

Are your pictures fading, your documents curling, and your wedding dresses sagging? Are arsenic in your crazy quilt and mercury in your thermometer causing you sleepless nights? Do you worry about who to call when fire and flood enter collection storage?

Well, worry no more! Help has arrived. During "Sink or Swim: Preservation and Disaster Planning for Historical Organizations" you will explore the meaning of preservation; learn about hazards in your collection; experience some basic textile, object, and paper conservation treatments; and examine the role of disaster planning in your institution.

The Community History Institute is an annual program sponsored by the Kansas State Historical Society. It provides low-cost educational programs to both individuals and representatives of small historical societies, museums, libraries, and preservation and

education-related organizations throughout Kansas. A combination of hands-on activities, lectures, and discussions creates a unique opportunity for learning.

Sessions are September 14-18, 1998, at the Kansas History Center. A registration fee of \$40 for Kansas State Historical Society members and \$45 for non-members is due upon acceptance into the program. This fee covers materials as well as lunch on Monday. Graduate and undergraduate credit is available through Emporia State University. For more information contact: Community History Institute, Education and Outreach Division, Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 S.W. Sixth Ave., Topeka, KS 66615-1099, FAX 785/272-8682 or call 785/272-8681 x251, TTY 785/272-8683, or LHerr@hspo.wpo.state.ks.us.

Grantwriting, community analysis workshops offered

Two series of workshops will be presented in the fall of 1998, one on basic grantwriting/LSTA grantwriting and the other on community analysis.

Vikki Jo Stewart and Roy Bird of the State Library staff will offer the grantwriting workshops in August and September. Vikki Jo will conduct a session on basic grantwriting skills and Roy will discuss writing grants for LSTA federal funds in Kansas.

This will be a timely workshop because it will be presented at a time when potential applicants will be receiving their LSTA applications for technology grants. Workshops are scheduled in NCKLS on August 6; SCKLS, August 18; CKLS on August 27; NEKLS, September 2; NWKLS, September 4; and SEKLS, September 16.

Jo Haight Sarling and Debra S. Van Tassel, graduates of the ESU School of Library and Information Management, will be conducting community analysis workshops in November. These two professionals conducted a highly successful analysis of the north central Denver community in 1995. They will be presenting their techniques at SEKLS on November 3;

NEKLS, November 4; NCKLS, November 6; CKLS, November 9; SCKLS, November 10; SWKLS, November 12; and NWKLS on November 13. Watch for announcements of place and time for both these workshops in your system newsletter.

A week of dedications

Three dedications occurred during the week of June 7-12 celebrating the completion of additions or remodelings and grand openings to the public.

Manhattan Public Library dedicated their new facility, a major addition, on Sunday, June 7, at 6:00 pm. A brief ceremony was followed by tours of the building for the public. Friends and colleagues were invited.

After a week of festivities (see *Kansas Libraries*, May 1998). Newton Public Library held a grand opening on Thursday, June 11, at 5:30 pm to celebrate their new children's services and meeting room areas.

Pittsburg Public Library dedicated the renovation and major expansion of its facility on Friday, June 12, at 2:00 pm. A reception and open house followed the ceremony.

Congratulations to Manhattan, Newton, and Pittsburg public libraries, all dedicating the successful conclusions of major projects the same week.

Johnson County program contends for Ford grants

The Books to Grow Program of Johnson County Library has been named a semifinalist in the 1998 Innovations in American Government awards competition. Semifinalists are eligible for one of ten awards of \$100,000.

Started in 1986, Innovations in American Government is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government.

Innovations awards recognize programs and policies that represent original and effective government initiatives. Selected from a pool of more than 1,400 applicants, the semifinalists include programs to improve the quality of education, reduce crime and protect the environment. The 1998 semifinalists include 19 federal, 42 state, 8 county, 23 city and town programs and 5 special government authorities.

Four criteria are used to evaluate each application: originality of the approach; effectiveness in addressing important problems; value of services to clients; and the potential for replication in other jurisdictions.

In early September the semifinalists will be narrowed to 25 finalists. The National Selection Committee on Innovations in American Government, will select 10 winning programs after a full day of presentations on October 21, 1998 in Washington, D.C. Winners will be announced on October 22, 1998 and each will receive a \$100,000 award from the Ford Foundation. The remaining 15 finalists will each receive \$20,000. Good luck to Johnson County Library.

Emporia Brown Bag concerts

Emporia's 1998 Brown Bag Concert series will return for the fifth consecutive year this summer. Emporia Public Library, Emporia Main Street, Emporia Arts Council, and the Lyon County Historical Museum have teamed up to present the series beginning Wednesday, June 3 from noon until 1:00 pm.

The series will be held on Wednesdays through June and July. The series will feature a lot of new performers this year along with a few of Emporia's favorites. The performers will perform in the library courtyard with alternative rain/heat site in the Emporia Public Library foyer.

Food vendors will be available each week to sell luncheon items and drinks. Food will be sold from noon until 1:00 pm. Attendees may also bring their own lunch and a lawn chair. Children are encouraged to attend, along with their parents. Sidewalk games will be available. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Emporia book discussion series

The Emporia Public Library is offering a four-part book discussion series during the summer on the theme "What Oprah Reads." Members of the community are invited to attend the free programs which will take place in the library's large meeting room.

The first meeting was Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm. Readers discussed A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines. Those interested in attending the discussion could pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk on second floor.

Other books in the series include Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquelyn Mitchard, She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb, and Ellen Foster and A Virtuous Woman by Kaye Gibbons.

National leadership grants fill niche

Over 250 applications have been received for the first ever Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grant competition. In mid-September, IMLS will announce the results of the competition for nearly \$,500,000 to libraries and library/museum collaboratives.

There are four categories of the competition: 1) education and training in library and information science, including graduate fellowships, traineeships, institutes and other programs; 2) research and demonstration projects that emphasize access to improved library and information resources; 3) projects that preserve unique library resources useful for the broader research community or that address the challenges of preserving and archiving digital materials; and 4) model programs of cooperation between libraries and museums with emphasis on how the community is served, technology is used, or education is enhanced.

All types of libraries, with the exception of for-profit libraries, were eligible to apply for the grants. Museums were required to partner with a library to be eligible.

Guidelines for the National Leadership Grants were the product of a yearlong dialog

with library and museum experts throughout the nation. Successful proposals to the National Leadership Grants will not only address the needs of individual communities, but together will have national impact, providing models that can be widely adapted or replicated by others.

All eligible applications will be evaluated by field review in June. A panel of subject area and field experts will convene in late July for the second stage of peer review. Funding is drawn from two sources—\$5,487,750 from the Office of Library Services and \$1,000,000 contributed by the Office Museum Services for model programs of cooperation between museums and libraries. One-quarter of the Office of Library Services funds are reserved for library/museum collaborations, with the remainder allocated to the other three categories of the competition combined.

Awards range from \$15,000 to \$500,000. Awards over \$250,000 must be matched at least one-to-one with non-Federal support, which may include in-kind cost sharing.

Truman library collections

In connection with the 50th anniversary of United States' recognition of Israel, the Truman Library opened three manuscript collections that relate to different aspects of the history of the Jewish people in the years following World War II. They are the papers of Bernard Bernstein, A.J. Granoff, and Charles F. Knox, Jr.

Bernard Bernstein served in 1944-45 as the director of the Finance Division and Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets, U.S. Group Control Commission for Germany. Bernstein in April 1945 accepted responsibility for safeguarding and preparing an inventory of the cache discovered in the Kaiseroda salt mine at Merkers, Germany of looted gold, works of art, currency, jewelry and other items that the Nazis had taken from Jewish and other victims of its extermination camps.

Bernstein's papers contain a small amount of documentation relating to this responsibility.

The collection also contains documentation of Bernstein's activities as an attorney involved in assisting Jewish organizations following the war to obtain just retribution and compensation for Nazi atrocities.

A.J. Granoff, a Kansas City attorney, worked to persuade President Truman to accept the partition of Palestine and to recognize Israel. Granoff was a formidable proponent of the recognition of Israel by the United States.

The Granoff papers include a letter from Granoff to his son, Loeb, in which he describes a meeting with President Truman on December 9, 1947, about ten days following the passage by the United Nations of a measure that would partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. "When the truth is finally told...about Harry Truman's contribution towards a Jewish State," he wrote, "I am sure his name, above all others in the Christian world, will by the Jewish people everywhere be blessed in their temples and synagogues.

The collection also includes files of correspondence relating to Truman's friend, Eddie Jacobson's work on behalf of Israel from 1948 to 1955, and to A.J. Granoff's efforts to memorialize Jacobson's contributions to the Jewish people and to Israel.

The small collection of papers of Charles F. Knox, Jr. documents the work of a State Department official involved in establishing the first American mission in Israel in 1948. He arrived in Israel in July, about a month before the first American ambassador to Israel. The collection includes letters that Knox wrote to his sister and others in which he describes the difficulties of living and working in a city that is being bombarded several times a day by Arab armies.

These three collections are being opened in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the recognition of Israel by the United States and with the Truman Library's new exhibit, *1948: Year of Turmoil and Triumph*, which opened on April 20. The exhibit includes a section focused on the recognition of Israel, and on May 1 a display of objects and documents relating to President Truman's association with the Jewish

community in Kansas City will be added to the exhibit.

Library position

Kearny County Library, Lakin

The Kearny County Library, Lakin, seeks a well-organized and creative individual to serve as the library's director. Experience in budget development, library programming and policy, and personnel supervision is preferred.

Applicant to have completed at least two years of college or hold a degree in business, management, education or related field—and to have one or more years experience in library or public service.

The Kearny County Library offers a salary based upon level of education and experience, and a generous benefit package. The library's annual budget offers the resources to support innovation and expansion.

Kearny County is located in one of the fastest growing areas of Southwest Kansas and enjoys many of the advantages of a rural life style, while being within easy driving distance of the winter sports areas of Colorado and the scenic attractions of New Mexico. The city of Lakin offers an outstanding public school system and a friendly family-oriented community.

To apply, please send a letter of inquiry and resume to: Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, Chair, Director Search Committee, Kearny County Library, P.O. Box 773, Lakin, KS 67860.

Application deadline: to be received no later than July 29, 1998.

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*.

Kansas books

by Roy Bird

The Contested Plains: Indians, Goldseekers, and the Rush to Colorado, by Elliott West. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1998. 400 pp. ISBN 0-7006-0891-5. Hardcover, \$34.95

Skilled historian Elliott West weaves together anthropology, economics, sociology, physical geography, and history to tell the story of the human inhabitants of the central Great Plains. The author is a professor of history at the University of Arkansas and two-time winner of the Western Heritage Award for the best nonfiction book on the West. He takes a unique perspective, writing that the lust for gold of white late arrivals was the catalyst that brought on the conflict between races.



West also made numerous generalizations and some historical inaccuracies (he mentioned "the new state of Kansas" in 1857, four years before Kansas statehood). He also relegated the Cheyenne nation to the role of high plains traders among other Indians, a note West says continued after contact with whites, regardless of the rich culture, courage and complex society the Cheyenne possessed.

The Contested Plains offers little that is new—it's value lies in bringing together in one volume the research, ideas and perceptions that others have achieved. The bibliography at the end of the book is extensive and treats many areas of the social sciences. From these, West derives a theory of economic ups and downs, with the Colorado gold rush as the final event that led to Indian wars on the plains. Recommended for adult nonfiction collections and readers of scholarly Western America.

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