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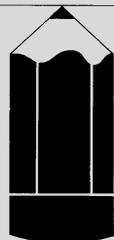
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SEPTEMBER



Internet access: Maneuvering your way through the maze of electronic issues

Mark your calendar for regional workshops on an important topic.

- Are you trying to write policies on Internet access that will be appropriate for your community?
- Are you concerned about legal questions connected with electronic issues?
- Do you need clear answers for concerned citizens?

For years libraries have dealt with the issues of access, confidentiality, freedom of information and censorship. The electronic environment has escalated these issues and put them in the spotlight around the nation. This workshop will assist you in learning the basics about legal issues, choosing options for electronic services and writing Internet policies.

Dr. Marilu Goodyear, Associate Dean of Libraries, University of Kansas, will teach these workshops. Dr. Goodyear is a specialist in electronic information policy issues and has taught a number of workshops in other states.

More information will be coming soon about exact locations and agenda but please mark your calendar for the best date and location for

you. The regional library systems will be hosting workshops in the following cities:

- Friday, October 2 - Manhattan, North Central System
- Wednesday, October 14 - WaKeeney, Northwest System
- Friday, November 6 - Dodge City, Southwest System
- Friday, November 13 - Lawrence, Northeast System
- Wednesday, November 18 - Parsons, Southeast System
- Friday, November 20 - Great Bend, Central System
- Friday, December 4, - Wichita, South Central System

KLA Legislative Committee Meeting August 12, 1998

At the KLA Legislative Committee meeting on August 12, 1998, at Manhattan the Legislative Agenda for 1999 was identified as the following:

- support of the Regents 1% OOE request
- opposition to filtering and support of local control
- support of funding for jointly licensed databases
- increase in State Aid to \$1.31 per capita as a beginning to a seven year plan to bring Grant-In-Aid funding to \$2.00 per capita. (Approximately a \$1 million increase for this year.)

Kent Oliver and Tim Rogers volunteered to produce the flyer for this session with Johnson County Library's Creative Services. Once again a short handout which succinctly provides the points will be created along with a lengthier "points of discussion."

An additional component of the printer materials will be a statement identifying issues from the Task Force Report as discussed in the July meeting. Kent agreed to write this section. The

committee felt it was appropriate to work towards an Interim Legislative Study. A draft of the copy will be posted to the committee prior to printing. An October 1 date was targeted for completion of printing.

Cataloging class

Enrollment is now underway for Technical Services - Cataloging. This class will meet for 7 weekends - October 9 through November 22 Fridays 5:00 - 9:00 and Saturdays 8:00 - 5:30. Tuition is \$105 for this 3 credit class. There is a text book which will run about \$30. Toni Harrell will be the instructor.

This class is open to ALL people who have a minimum of a high school education - it can be taken for credit of for continuing education to brush up skills that may be a bit rusty.

The course description is as follows:

An introduction to the Technical Services process by which materials are organized and prepared for public access, to include tasks necessary for this process; knowledge of cataloging and processing terminology; knowledge of cataloging reference tools and resources, e.g., AACR2, LC Subject Headings, online bibliographic utilities, etc; knowledge of and ability to apply U.S. MARC coding; knowledge of basic processing and preservation techniques.

Enrollment may be made over the phone by calling 800/711-6947 or 316/343-6775 but PAYMENT must be made in advance.

New NEKLS Coordinator

The Northeast Kansas Library System is delighted to announce the appointment of Barbara Stransky as Library Services Coordinator for the Northeast Kansas Library System, effective October 1, 1998. A graduate of the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University. Barbara has been the Director of the Bonner Springs Public Library since 1994 and was

previously the Children's Librarian at Bonner Springs.

Barbara is well known to NEKLS librarians and has been very active in system committees and programs. As Library Services Coordinator, Barbara will be responsible for the Summer Reading Program and other youth services programs for public and school libraries; the system newsletter and other system publications; rotating collections, vendor discounts and other support services; and will participate in consulting and continuing education programs.

New Coordinator of Children's Services

The Emporia Public Library is pleased to announce that Angela Davis of Emporia has been hired as the coordinator of Children's Services. Angela replaces Jennifer Harshberger who resigned to accept a position in Fort Collins, CO. Angela began her duties June 15.

With the Summer Reading Program in full swing, Angela worked closely with children and parents. She and the Children's Department staff carried out an extensive schedule of programs for young people, including five storytimes each week. Special events included a Pet Show, craft programs, and a Talent Show.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies go out to the family of **Jackie Winkler**, librarian at Montezuma Township Library, who passed away in June.

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“Inventing” theme for Ark City P.L. Summer Reading

*—by Janel Hutchinson, Children’s Librarian
Arkansas City Public Library*

Let me tell you who I am. My name is Janel Hutchinson, and I am the Children’s Librarian at the Arkansas City Public Library. I have a bachelors in Early Childhood and Elementary from Emporia State University, and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Oklahoma. I have taught preschool, kindergarten, and third grade before launching into a library career.

This is my second summer to do children’s programs at the Public Library, and I am too new at this game to know “the rules.” I decided that quite likely it is possible to “learn something” and have fun at the same time. Not that I expect the children’s programs to replace schooling...quite the contrary, without schooling, children would not have the skills to “enhance” through a summer program. And, I do not perceive a continuous process of learning to be competitive with schools, but rather a compatible reinforcement of the skills children need to succeed. I wanted a challenging as well as fun program that might enhance problem solving skills and creative thinking skills, so I chose a program based on inventions.

I began my own research on the process of inventing in the fall of 1997. I wrote to every address on the Internet, visited every Web site, searched the ILL system, and e-mailed every Patent Librarian in the area (Gayle Gunderson at Wichita State University is a wonderful resource). When I finally figured out the steps to the invention process, I began scanning the literature to see what children’s books were available. I knew there had to be a way to deliver this information at a grade school level.

Then, someone directed me to the Broward County Public Library in Florida where they have an annual Children’s Inventions Exhibition. It is such a massive project that they hire a full time Librarian just to work with the twenty some grade schools in the area that participate every year. Broward was kind

enough to send me some of the information they use, to include information on the Project XL by the U.S. Department of Patents and Trademarks.

For a mere \$27, DPT will send you a teachers manual designed for several levels of elementary instruction. It includes lesson plans for problem solving, creative thinking, the steps to inventing, etc. There are more lessons in this booklet than one has time for in a summer program. But, they can be combined and refined to suit one’s needs.

Once I had all the ingredients, the recipe was simple:

- Take four dozen children’s books on inventions,
- Add a weekly challenge for spice (such as “build a better mouse trap”),
- Slowly blend in the steps to inventing (using Project XL lesson plans),
- Mix with special presentations of Inventors and Patent Librarians,
- Throw in a few mentors (we used men from the local General Electric Plant)
- Culminate with a competitive Inventions Exhibition
- Top with rosetta place ribbons and prizes
- Serve to grade school children over a 4-5 week period.

Well, we tried the recipe from June 1—July 10. We had 115 children ranging from 7-12 years of age sign up for this program. We thought that was pretty good in a town of only 12,000 where the Recreation Center offers many sports activities in the same time slots. The children gained some self esteem by meeting the optional weekly challenges, put their creative thinking skills and problem solving skills to good use, had lots of fun, and entered 38 inventions in the Exhibition. We chose judges from the pool of sponsors. The judges said that the entries were so good, it was difficult to decide on first, second and third place in each of the four categories. The entries were wonderful. One seven-year-old invented a “cool cap” to keep her mother’s head cool while working outside. Another eight-year-old invented

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Newton's annual garden tours have been successful for five years

Many public libraries have found that it is valuable to have at least one library event that becomes a cherished community tradition that people look forward to each year. For the Newton Public Library, that event is the Annual Newton Flower Garden Tour that is sponsored by the library's Second Century Endowment Foundation.

"We have had the garden tours for five years," said library director Marianne Eichelberger. "They have made enough money to really benefit the library. But when we started talking about this back in 1993, we were not primarily concerned with fundraising. We wanted to increase the public awareness of the library and the Second Century Endowment. We also wanted to give something really special to the community."

They succeeded. Four or five Newton area gardens are selected every year for the tour. Community merchants help with expenses and ticket sales. The Friends of the Library bake thousands of cookies and provide cold drinks. Marianne runs errands. Hundreds of people from all over the area come out in the Kansas summer heat to see a tremendous variety of plants and a wide variety of garden styles. They get to see perennial beds, annual beds, ground-covers, wildflowers, herbs, trees, ponds, butterfly gardens, decks, gazebos and many other features that can transform a square of ground into a showplace.

They also want the fun of talking to each other and to the host gardeners about gardening. The host gardeners have described this as tremendous fun but very tiring. This year, the Harvey County Master Gardeners helped the hosts by labeling the plants in each of the four gardens. That helped the participants to identify plants that they might want to try in their own yards.

When asked how the gardens are selected, Marianne said: "We find the gardens mostly by

word of mouth. Gardeners love to recommend each other's work. We have had excellent publicity for this program. This year the Newton Kansan did an article on each of the four gardens.

Like any other outdoor event, this one can have minor problems. Marianne commented: "The first year we did this, the temperature was 108 degrees. I was amazed that so many people came out in such heat. Heat does continue to be a problem. Having lots of cold drinks helps the people but sometimes it takes extra work to keep the gardens fresh and lovely for two days.

Fortunately, the event has never been rained out, though it did get a little damp one year."

Although Newton is my home town, I had never been able to attend the Tour before 1998 and had not realized how beautiful it could be. When I told Marianne I would like to see the gardens every year from now on, she smiled. "You would be very welcome. We have had visitors from all over the state and sometimes from much farther away. This year, we even had someone from Hong Kong visit our gardens."

The Second Century Endowment Foundation was established in 1986, the centennial year for the Newton Public Library. Its mission is to enhance the library's adult collections by helping the library buy a variety of materials. The garden tours have helped to publicize the Second Century Endowment Foundation and the Second Century members have enjoyed working with such beauty.



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*.

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"shoe mops," a way to mop the floor while you dance around the kitchen.

There isn't enough time to explain how amazing and creative the children were in this summer program. But, some of the children wrote to thank me for this program. Among the comments were: "I didn't know what an invention was until I came here." "I really liked this program." "I hope we can do this again next summer." "I am glad to know that I don't have to wait until I grow up to make an invention." "I wish we could do this all summer." "This was a cool thing." "I'm going to make more inventions."

In keeping "in line" with my personal philosophy that summer programs at the Public Library can be educational as well as fun, I am already planning a Natural Sciences Program for next summer. If anyone out there in the Land of Oz would like to try this recipe, I would be glad to share information, handouts, etc. Just e-mail me at janel@hit.net.

1999 young writers life stories contest

Nothing succeeds like success! The Young Writers Life Stories Contest is a proving ground for success at the local level where students, upon completion of their books, will celebrate their achievement. Everybody wins!

The Memory Catchers, (TM) of Wichita is announcing the first Young Writers Life Stories Contest, for grades 1-12. In addition to contributing a gratifying sense of accomplishment, completing a contest entry fulfills many goals of local, state and national standards for Language Arts and English, Social Studies and Local History, Art, Media, and Business Education.

We're eager to make this dream become a reality, first at local and district levels and then at the national where winners will be awarded a publishing contract.

Goals:

- To provide a link between generations and

cultures based on shared experience, family stories, and local histories

- To discover universal meaning and insight within our diverse traditions and heritage
- To foster appreciation of patterns, values, and cause-and-effect in local and family history
- To encourage communication through lab-based activities, developing skills of language, writing, and research
- To develop analytical and communicative skills involved in promoting, publishing, and marketing books

For more information and a copy of the guidelines, contact Phyllis C. Rowland, c/o The Memory Catchers (TM), 1915 Porter #265D, Wichita, KS 67203. 316/838-1876, email: timeof ourlives@juno.com[.]

ILD materials available

Circle High School has acquired through the Kansas Library Network Board an Interlibrary Loan Development Program grant on the Spanish culture. For a list of materials purchased through this grant, contact Vicki Patton, Circle High School, P.O. Box 159, Towanda, KS 67114, 316/536-2277, vpatton@mailexcite.com.

Karen Davis named MCI Cybrarian of the Year

MCI named Karen Davis, a librarian with the Lawrence Public Library, the Kansas state winner of the first annual MCI Cybrarian of the Year award. Davis is one of the 51 winners in the national award program, which honors librarians' efforts as Internet innovators in sharing the wonders of the World Wide Web with their communities.

Davis is credited with building The Lawrence CyberVillage, a gateway to the city of Lawrence that contains links to nearly every other accessible site in the city, providing users with a vast array of information. As the Kansas MCI Cybrarian of the Year winner, Davis will receive a \$1,000 donation for the library educational materials, and one year of dial-up Internet access.

Interim Dean announced

President Kay Schallenkamp has announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Grover as Interim Dean of the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) for the 1998-99 academic year. Bob will assume the dean's responsibilities from Dr. Faye Vowell, who has served in that capacity since July, 1994.

Bob has been a professor in the School since 1990. He was dean of SLIM 1981-87 and director of the School of Library and Information Science at University of South Florida 1987-1990. Before coming to ESU, Bob was assistant professor and assistant dean of University of Southern California 1976-1981.

He has served as president of the Kansas Library Association and the California Media and the Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society national board of directors.

In acceptance of the position Dr. Grover noted the importance of the school to the region and library science profession:

"I look forward to the challenges of the position and dedicate my energies during the next year to our work, including preparing for an accreditation visit from the American Library Association in 1999."

Belleville festival

The Belleville Public Library will celebrate its recently-completed remodeling and automation project with an open house festival and Sunday, October 4, from 1:30-4:30. A carnival-like atmosphere will be carried out with storytelling, live music, prizes, children's activities, demonstrations, and a food tent.

Featured will be storyteller Rosemary Cutrer of Topeka who integrates storytelling with music and poetry. Library staff will demonstrate our new Athena catalog and circulation system, as well providing Internet demos. Every child will be able to make a bookmark, and exchange a coin from our treasure chest for a free book. Various local musicians and other talent will perform on

the lawn. Our food tent will offer free caramel apples, popcorn, and more. We hope to make our festival a fun and exciting experience for all ages! We cordially invite all Kansas librarians and their families to join us for this special day.

Wichita receives challenge grant

Wichita Public Library has been awarded a \$500,000 challenge grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) that will create an endowment for humanities materials acquisitions and education programming. The grant must be matched with \$1,500,000 raised from the local community over a three year-period. The existing library endowment according to an article in the *Library Hotline* is \$512,000.

The NEH grant will rebuild, strengthen, and expand existing humanities holdings, specifically addressing collection gaps in history, literature, literary criticism, geography, biography, religion, and language. Electronic databases featuring humanities abstracts and local history and genealogy will be offered online or by Internet access. Book discussion groups, lectures, exhibitions, storytelling, and walking tours will be developed.

Library positions

Library Director Augusta Public Library

For the public library of Augusta, 12 miles east of Wichita. Population 8,429. Circ. 90,000, coll. 38,000. Staff 11. Seeking enthusiastic, well-organized individual with strong skills in planning, implementing and providing excellent service for our library patrons. Must have a progressive attitude towards all facets of library service, knowledge and understanding of an automated system and experience with budgeting and payroll. Position requires an MLS from an ALA accredited library program with a minimum of 2 yrs. experience at supervisory level. Salary starts \$25,000—\$27,000 plus benefits. Send letter of application, resume and 3 professional references to Maxine Moore, in c/o Augusta Public Library, 1609 State Street, Augusta, KS 67010.

Leaping stars reach new heights in library continuing education program

Two Southeast System public librarians have been awarded their Level Five LEEP (Library Employee Education Program) Certificates for four hundred hours of continuing education.

Muriel (Betty) Burrows has been the library director at Johnston Public Library in Baxter Springs since 1989. She has guided the beautiful old library through a major renovation and a damaging windstorm.

Betty is also the children's consultant for the Southeast Kansas System. She has served as a children's consultant for the Joplin Public Library in Missouri and the Arkansas State Library. She has also been a system consultant for the Tulsa City-County System.

Betty has a large family since she counts her husband John, her three children Angela, Andrea and John Ryan, her four cats, Monet, Josephine, Loki and Evander, her two dogs, Shakespeare and Scrappy and two goldfish.

Virginia Pedroja is the library director at Madison, Kansas. Like Betty, she is a KPLACE graduate and she is really proud of the many improvements in facility, collections and information access that have been made at the Madison library.

Virginia is a native of Madison who returned to help the community after graduating from KU and working for five years at the Sears Vincent Price Art Gallery in Chicago.

Virginia's other interests include art, music, bird feeding and prairie plant identification. She also has a very green thumb with over 50 thriving houseplants to care for. She owns a cat, Rudi, who visits the library from time to time.

Two other Kansas librarians have become the first to reach the new Level Six LEEP Certification for 600 hours of continuing education. One is a member of the Kingman library staff in the South Central System. Julie Krehbiel has worked at the Kingman library for 14 years.

Seven have been spent in the Adult Services department and seven in the Children's Department. She is currently working on a degree from Wichita State University, with a major in English literature. She expects to graduate in the summer of 1998.

"Julie's wide background in all types of literature is really an asset to the Kingman library," says library director Linda Slack. "We get real benefits from her commitment to her education and her enjoyment of learning."

Julie lives in Kingman with her daughter Nici who is 17 and her son Nathan who is 16.

Ann Bailey was also in the South Central System when she was director of the El Dorado Library but she is now the director of the Northwest Library System. Earlier in her career she has served as the system's consultant. Ann and her husband live in Norton. Ann and her staff work out of quarters in the beautiful Norton Public Library.

When she learned that she would be the first to achieve Level Six Leep Certification, Ann explained her commitment to continuing education by saying, "When I realize it has been 18 years since I received my library degree and how much the library world has changed since then, I realize why continuing my education has been so important. I have been fortunate enough to be in jobs where I have been encouraged to attend programs that have broadened my knowledge. And I don't know it all yet, so I guess I'll have to keep going!"

The State Library staff has anticipated that Level Seven Leep Certificates might be necessary someday for these librarians and other Kansans like them. The levels of professional commitment and intellectual curiosity just keep rising.

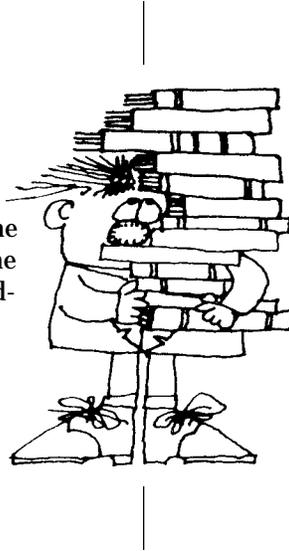


Kansas books

by Roy Bird

Kansas, by Patricia K. Kummer.
Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 1998.
ISBN 0-7368-0019-0.

Patricia K. Kummer is with the Capstone Press Geography Department. She is the author of several high interest, low reading level state books for her publisher. *Kansas* is written at the fourth grade reading level. It is 50 pages full of facts, many of which ought to be common knowledge to the average Kansas



fourth-grader. (Unfortunately, librarians are often surprised at what surprises young readers.) The style of this children's books is plain, simple, straightforward. A photograph or chart illustrates nearly each page. The scope of sources was originally shaky, but a revision has helped it greatly. It might be a good source for public library children's collections and elementary school libraries.

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