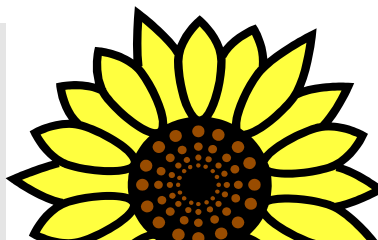


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FALL INTERLIBRARY LOAN MEETING IN MANHATTAN!

*Wondering how to make the most of the recent changes to AGen Interlibrary Loan? Have questions about the new Kansas Courier? Interested in networking with your colleagues from across the state? **Come to the Fall InterLibrary Loan Meeting, at Manhattan Public Library and four satellite locations, on October 28.***

It's been a summer of change in Kansas ILL. This is your chance to get the low-down on all the New Stuff and ask your burning questions. Lynn Shrewsbury will present information on the latest interface ("Illuminar") from Auto-Graphics. Jim Minges, Lars Leon, and Carolyn Little will talk about the Kansas Library Express courier system.

The afternoon will feature our fall Kansas Interlibrary Loan Roundtable (KILR) meeting, with Rhonda Machlan from the State Library on the new way to do ILL in AGen, and an open forum to answer your

questions and discuss ILL issues.

Plan to join us on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at one of these sites: Manhattan Public Library (main site); Newton Public Library; Dodge City Public Library; Norton (NWKLS); and Hays Public Library. Lunch at Manhattan Public will be catered by Planet Sub; lunch arrangements at the 4 remote sites are up to the hosting library - please check with them.

Sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with registration 9:30-10 a.m.

For more information, and to reserve a place and order lunch, go to:
<http://www.nckl.info/register.shtml>,

Or contact Melissa Lienemann at 800-432-2796, ext. 139, or ill@manhattan.lib.ks.us.

Registration deadline is October 15, 2009.

Submit your KLA Conference Proposal by October 31st at:
www.kslibassoc.org

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2010 KLA LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY UPDATE

At a recent Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting, it was decided not to hold a traditional Legislative Day this year. This is due partly to logistical problems with the Statehouse renovation, the banning of receptions and similar events in the Statehouse this year, and the relocation of the State Library outside the Statehouse proper for the next 2-3 years.

This does *not* mean that there will be no advocacy efforts. We are encouraging you to invite your local legislators in to a library in their home districts during the week of Nov. 16, and talk to them there

about library issues. (Of course, if the suggested week will not work, feel free to schedule the event at a better time). We will be supplying libraries with materials to help plan such an event, and in many cases the regional library systems can help coordinate these events.

We will also be sending out an alert when dates of budget hearings affecting libraries are held (usually we only have a few days' notice), and encourage those who can attend to do so.

There will also be a "Virtual Legislative Day", on which library supporters will be

asked to send an e-mail message to their legislators.

Donna Lauffer and Roger Carswell, Co-Chairs KLA Governmental Affairs Committee (Pictured below.)



FROM THE DESK OF KLA PRESIDENT DENISE SMITH

The 2010 KLA conference plans are moving right along. The planning committee is working their hardest to have programs to fit the needs of all types of libraries and librarians. Be sure to reserve April 7-9, 2010, on your calendar (which will arrive before we know it). The conference is in Wichita again this year at the Hyatt & Century II. Join us so that your library can be one of Kansas Libraries like you have never seen them before!

Speaking of this subject moves me right into the next exciting topic - "Kansas Librarians like you have never seen them before" Calendar Project. This project is a first for KLA. The committee for the calendar project hopes to not only raise extra funds for KLA, but also promote all types of librarians across the state. Many applications have been submitted, but only 18 will be chosen. The lucky model will be photographed by professional S.C. Dixon of Emporia, KS. S.C. has been taking pictures for many years in and out of his studio. Two main requirements of the model are that the applicant is able to drive to Emporia at their cost for the photo shoot and the applicant will try very hard to be available at the 2010 convention for a picture signing.

If your business, library or yourself would like to be a sponsor for this fun project you can do so. The amount for a business sponsor is \$125.00. For this amount the entity will have a business card size ad in the calendar with logo included. For a personal sponsor of \$25.00 your name will be listed.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please send your check along with a business card to:
Kansas Library Association
1020 SW Washburn
Topeka, KS 66604

For more information contact Denise Smith 620-492-2302 or e-mail me at director@stantoncountylibr.info, or Rosanne Siemens at kansaslibraryassociation@yahoo.com

CULS FALL CONFERENCE EXPLORES GAMING



Fall! Exquisite weather, Oktoberfest and cider, long views across the plains at the harvest - and the coming winter. Need to get away? Need to meet some continuing education requirements? Need to feel Fall this month? It's not too late to register! <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/divisions/culs/>

The annual fall conference of the College and University Libraries Section of the Kansas Library Association will meet in the Memorial Union of Ft. Hays State University on Oct. 15 and 16. Sixteen breakout sessions and 4 poster sessions are

planned, with a keynote by author Beth Galloway on the conference theme "Getting into the Game: Players, Positions and Challenges."

The theme idea was generated by awareness of the nature of the college student today, an understanding of learning that occurs during coursework or library instruction. The conference will be of interest to anyone considering adding gaming to their library programming.

The planners have created a pre-conference session to provide a non-threatening environment for learning how to game on the Wii or with Beatle's Rock Band. Royce Kitts will give some background and theory, then offer gaming advice to the novices during their practice.

Following the sessions, we will hold a

business meeting to present awards to nominated librarians in Distinguished Service, Support Staff, and Beginning Professional categories. To conclude the session, The Kansas Humanities Council will present "Inside 'Outsider Art' in Kansas" by Erika Nelson.

CULS was organized at the 1942 Annual Conference and affiliated with KLA in 1948. CULS promotes the interests of academic libraries, the interests and professional development of academic librarians, and represents Kansas as ALA Association of College and Research Libraries Chapter. Membership is through KLA.

--Micaela Ayers, CULS President
2009-2010



MPLA 2010 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

April 25-30, 2010; Estes Park, Colorado

WELCOME TO THE
KANSAS LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER!

DEADLINE for Applications is Tuesday, December 1, 2009

The 7th MPLA Leadership Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan has over 25 years experience in leadership development.

She helped establish the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute and is a faculty member for its annual program.

Send submissions for
inclusion in the Winter
2009-2010 issue to
Royce Kitts at :
roycekitts@gmail.com

Criteria for applicants:

- *Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- *Current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
- *Minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
- *Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- * Expected continued contribution to the profession
- *A thoughtfully completed application
- *Two letters of recommendation
- * Note: Education requirements of previous institutes have been removed.

Have fun!
Royce Kitts
Editor



The Institute will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Located in the heart of the Colorado Rockies, the 860-acre facility is 65 miles northwest of Denver and is surrounded on three sides by the magnificent Rocky Mountain National Park.



Registration cost for MPLA members is \$450; non-MPLA members \$550. This includes room and all meals. Attendees pay for their own transportation costs. Individual libraries, state libraries, and state associations have assisted attendees with registration and/or transportation costs in the past. It is up to the individual attendees to pursue these or other sources of financial assistance.

Thirty participants will be selected through a process involving states and the MPLA Leadership Institute Committee.



Notifications will be sent February 1, 2010.

The online link to application form: <http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>



Get KLA updates on facebook. Search for "Kansas Library Association"

I SURVIVED BOOT CAMP...AND I'M GOIN' BACK FOR MORE

Turns out I'm a glutton for PLA punishment. Last fall I attended the Public Library Association's Results Boot Camp 4 in Cleveland, Ohio. The program provided a week-long intensive library management training based on the PLA Planning for Results series.

Presenters were Sandra Nelson, author of the books *Strategic Planning for Results* and *Implementing for Results*, and June Garcia, contributor and collaborator on these same titles. The training was attended by library folks from all over the country and involved lots of group interaction and discussion. It was one of the most motivating and informative training sessions I've ever attended and I came back to Kansas with practicable ideas and a determination to put a workable strategic plan into place.

Fortunately, our library board of directors was also ready to rock 'n roll and even approved hiring June Garcia to facilitate the process. The *PLA Results* approach to planning begins with advice from a group of community stakeholders and the vision they have of what the ideal community would look like in the future. The library then works with the group to determine the ways library services can be prioritized to help achieve that vision. This gets a broad section of the community involved and supportive of the library's efforts.

Today, we have *measurable* goals and objectives written and will be tracking our progress through 2012; but when I saw PLA Boot Camp 5 being offered, I knew I wanted more. This year Boot Camp is in Seattle and focuses on "Management Tools and Techniques to

Improve Library Services and Programs." Sandra Nelson and June Garcia will again be the presenters and I've coerced a co-worker to share in the rigors and rewards of training.

If you don't want to take on a grueling week of cross-country travel, brain-draining exercises from PLA taskmasters, and laboring in the trenches with library colleagues, you should at least check out *Planning for Results* and *Implementing for Results* and consider their approach to strategic planning. It may seem challenging at first, but you know what they say: No pain, no gain.

Carla Kaiser, Director
Basehor Community Library



This year KPLACE partnered with PLS to sponsor three attendees to the 2009 PLS Retreat in Wichita in early October. From left to right: Tram Nguyen, Kathryn Androski, Gregg Winsor, and KPLACE Chair Royce Kitts.

Thanks to KPLACE, PLS, and KLA from 2009 PLS sponsored attendees

I would like to thank the KPLACE Roundtable for sponsoring my attendance at the Public Library Section Retreat. I graduated from SLIM in July and have missed the interaction with other students. It was great to see familiar faces, meet new friends, and share library experiences. The conference speakers addressed topics that were very relevant to my job as a reference assistant, and I came home with a renewed sense of respect and admiration for librarians. I especially enjoyed hearing Jeff Imparato sing! I plan to become active in KLA - I want to become an advocate for public libraries.

~Kathryn Androski

A huge thank you goes out to KPLACE for making it possible for me to attend the PLA Fall Retreat. I was able to take back a lot of useful information and tools to implement at the Mulvane Public Library.

Sincerely,

~Tram Nguyen

On behalf of the rest of the group, I'd like to extend our thanks to the wonderful folks from KPLACE for the scholarships that allowed us to attend the Fall 2009 Retreat in Wichita. For them to volunteer their resources in tough economic times to help some younger librarians learn new skills and to make new connections shows a true commitment to the Kansas librarian community. We thank them for the opportunity.

~Gregg Winsor

SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH A PURPOSE

By Barbara M. Pope

I have to admit it. I have both a Myspace account and a Facebook account. The Myspace account I use for personal things and I don't even use my real name so I don't feel silly talking to strangers about what my cat did today. Usually, there's no real purpose with the Myspace blog other than a desire to connect with others with similar interests. However, I do view social networking as a wonderful tool to keep in contact with others. As a result, I have come to realize that if I am going to reach patrons, I need to reach them in their world using a medium with which they are comfortable. So, I decided to stop waiting for opportunities to interact with students and faculty to present themselves and instead create them.

That idea was the seed that sprouted into a full blown project to use technology to better promote our resources and instruct patrons on how to search databases. Last fall, there was a news byte in an issue of Library Journal about Cornell University Library doing YouTube videos for basic instruction on library resources. Then, around the same time, I saw a listserv email about the new ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards.

Suddenly, all of these things began to come together, drawn by magnetic forces, and I thought "why not create YouTube tutorials about databases and library resources and base them on the ACRL Information Literacy Standards?" It made a lot of sense. Waudenna Agee, Reference/Instruction Librarian in Axe Library, also recognized the need to connect with students and faculty.

We decided to embark on making tutorials, but the first hurdle was in how to do it. Neither Waudenna nor I had any idea what software to use. After meeting with a few people to get some ideas, we began to create tutorials. We encountered several obstacles along the way, but the result has exceeded what I had imagined. The tutorials have been getting some use and we are very excited about it and see real possibilities for growth. I also acquired a Facebook account so that I could begin networking with students, faculty, and staff at my university to better promote the library. However, I want to make clear that we do not view the tutorials as a replacement for classroom instruction, but as a supplement and also as instruction for distance learners.

Waudenna Agee and I are making a presentation at CULS on October 15th about our experience in making YouTube tutorials. I hope to see you there and I will welcome your questions and comments. If not, please view our tutorials by clicking on the link below.

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Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education. <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency.cfm>

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NDOTB: NEW DIRECTOR ON THE BLOCK!

When I got ready to leave my position at the Northeast Kansas Library System to become the new director at the Atchison Public Library, my friends and colleagues gave me some very useful going away presents. Among the many thoughtful gifts were a brand new toilet plunger from Cindi Hickey, a calculator, a how to manual on marketing a public library, lots of chocolate, a variety of alcoholic beverages, a desk set, and words of wisdom from the librarians of Osage County (my favorite from Peggy Waldman of Overbrook, "just remember, the patron is always right even when they're wrong.") With all these gifts in tow, I was ready to return to the world of being a public library director.

Three months into my new job, I am thankful the one gift I haven't had to use yet is the plunger (although I did spend part of one weekend on a ladder, cleaning dead bugs out of the ceiling lights). Some things I have learned as director of the Atchison Public Library:

- when cleaning ceiling lights, put the ladder where when you unlock the panel, the dead bugs slide away from you
- chocolate helps your new staff like you better
- there's a reason the short magazine rack sits where it does - it covers a hole in the wall
- there are more than a few holes in the wall in a building built over a hundred years ago
- there are people who don't quite understand that although our building is over 100, we serve patrons with very modern and diverse needs

All of which are why the thoughtful gifts of beverages have been appreciated. As well as the book on marketing your library, because promoting the library is one of the biggest parts of the job. Everywhere I go in Atchison, I try to talk about the library. I talk about the good things that are happening, but also about the challenges. It's been amazing some of the support and suggestions that have come from unexpected sources at unexpected times. It has helped too, I think, that I am determined to spend money locally whenever I can. It may be cheaper to buy online or from a discount store, but local business owners really appreciate the support and the recognition that we have to help each other.

The best gifts I have received the last few months have been all the advice and support from fellow librarians across the state of Kansas. Anytime I have a policy question, a collection development question, or a patron complaint I don't know how to answer, expert advice is just an email, phone call, or instant message away. And what a blessing state and system events have been. At the NEKLS NEST retreat, my spirit was renewed by the wonderfully positive and dedicated librarians of northeast Kansas. At the Public Library Services retreat in Wichita, I was again uplifted by the kind words of Virginia Johnson of Morton County Library, who many years ago was my first roommate at KPLACE. Also at the NEST and PLS retreats, I heard great, new (to me) ideas from Diane Trinkle of Nortonville, Leah Krotz of Belleville, Sue Blechl of Emporia, the staff at Andover Library, and many, many others. All of these great ideas are now on my to do list, which of course will never all get done, but now I know better which to-dos need to be at the top.

Staying in touch with other Kansas librarians reminds me that when it comes to being a successful library director, vision, passion, and dedication are just as important as plungers. So, please, stay in touch!

Diana Weaver, Director
Atchison Public Library

WE CAN DO IT! PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION RETREAT 2009!

We Can Do It!...

...meet the challenge of “an opportunity that we have not asked for.”

...avoid complacency by challenging ourselves to change.

...make decisions that are best for our organization, KLA.

...develop, create, provide free or very low cost programs.

...find IT for free.

...use low or no cost methods to justify our existence.

...help the job seeker.

...learn about a “green” approach to our buildings.

...learn from our past, think differently and creatively, get on the front row of life and make people feel valued.

...create an environment where we have good healthy conversations.

...enjoy a restful environment, good food and good company!



Details, summaries, more observations and evaluation form for attendees at <http://klapls.wordpress.com>.

Diane Trinkle and Gregg Winsor do some role-playing at PLS

GREETINGS KANSAS LIBRARY COMMUNITY!

Greetings Kansas Library Community! Most of you have heard of the School of Library & Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University, but I’m betting many of you haven’t heard about all the exciting changes.

For all of you current MLS students and SLIM alum out there I’m sure Candy Boardman served as a *pillar of encouragement* during your years as an MLS student. Candy has since been promoted to Director of Program Administration leaving me to fill her shoes as Director of the Kansas MLS Program. With my new position I can only hope to be as inspirational and supportive as Candy has been to our students.

Administrative changes are not the only difference for SLIM. This past fall SLIM signaled a new beginning for the MLS program. In August 2009 we welcomed two new cohorts of MLS students; one in Emporia and one in Overland Park. It is now possible to complete all required MLS courses in the Overland Park/ Metro Kansas City area. We also welcomed a 12 student cohort to our Doctoral Program that started in August.

In addition, SLIM has submitted a set of concentrations to the University for approval. These nine credit hour concentrations would be obtained as part of the MLS program. Possible areas of concentration include Leadership in Library Administration, Children’s Librarianship, Archives, and Public Librarianship. Along with the possibility for concentrations, we will also be adding two new Faculty members for the spring 2010 semester.

This is an exciting time for SLIM and I encourage those of you who are on the fence about getting an MLS to give me a call at 1-800-552-4770 and we can discuss your options and future at SLIM.

Katie Hill
Director, Kansas MLS Program
School of Library & Information Management
Emporia State University

KEEP YOUR COMPUTERS UP TO DATE WITH PATCH TUESDAY!

Patch Tuesday, you say? What in the world is Patch Tuesday? It's a term in the tech world that signifies the second Tuesday of every month during which Microsoft releases security patches for your Microsoft operating systems and system components. This is done through Microsoft's Windows Update, which checks each computer to see what patches need to be applied. These patches help protect your computers from vulnerabilities and fixes security holes, bugs and other known issues.

Computers can be set to download and install these updates automatically, or you can choose to review the updates and select which ones you want installed, or you can turn off Windows Update entirely. My recommendation is to create a restore point, review the updates, and then install the ones you feel are necessary, and then install the updates on one machine to ensure all applications continue to work properly. If all goes well, then you can push the updates out to the other computers.

How to create a restore point:

1. Log on as an administrator
2. Go to Start - All Programs - Accessories - System Tools System Restore
3. Click Create a restore point, and then click Next
4. In the text box labeled Restore Point Description, type a name for this restore point
5. This will need to be done for each computer

How to set your Windows Update settings for Microsoft Vista:

1. Log on as an administrator
2. Go to Start - Settings – Control Panel – Windows Update
3. In Vista, choose Change Settings, and then make your selection
4. Click Apply and OK
5. This will need to be done for each computer

How to set your Windows Update settings for Microsoft XP:

1. Right click on My Computer then choose Properties
2. The System Properties Property Sheet will open
3. Choose the Automatic Updates tab and make your selection
4. Click Apply and OK
5. This will need to be done for each computer

A little FYI: your computer will probably need to be rebooted after the updates have been applied. Go ahead and reboot it. Many times, when you shut down your computer, your screen will say a certain number of updates are being applied to your machine; this is fine – just let it do its thing and feel free to turn off your monitor and head home for the day!

For more information: <http://support.microsoft.com/>

Kelly Fann
Leavenworth Public Library

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KLA members can gain leadership experience as active members in Executive Council, Committee, Section and Roundtable activities.

Get a Job!

KLA members can look for a job, KLA institutions can post jobs.

Vote!

KLA members have a vote on association matters.

Support!

KLA actively supports intellectual freedom issues and professional rights.

Pride!

Being a part of your state association instills a professional pride that cannot be matched!

Sign up for KLA at the KLA website:

www.kslibassoc.org

Stay Tuned for the next issue in Winter 2009-10!