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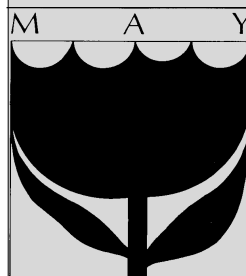
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Letters of intent solicited for LSTA technology development, training grants

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

Letters of intent to apply for FY 2002 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 Wednesday, August 1, 2001. Letters of intent should be written on local library, agency or institutional letterhead.

Letters of intent should state that the library governing body intends to apply for federal funds in grant form from the FY 2002 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. Libraries may apply for either or for both grants.

Libraries of any type wishing to apply for grants to provide technology development and technology training need to submit a letter of intent to Roy Bird, Federal Projects Coordinator, Kansas State Library, 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 343-N, Topeka, KS 66612-1593. They can also be faxed to 785/368-7291

or emailed to royb@ink.org. Include a signature file on emails.

The letter of intent is the first step in the application process for a grant from the 2002 allotment to Kansas for technology development and technology training.

Libraries that submit a letter of intent will then receive a copy of the application and LSTA Technology Grant Program guidelines. This information is now being updated on Blue Skyways at http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/admin/kl_admin.html.

If your library is interested in federal funds to support a technology grant during FY 2002, submit your letter of intent by August 1. Grant awards will be determined at the October 26 joint meeting of the LSTA Advisory Council and the State Library Advisory Commission.

Skyways gets a makeover

—by Jeff Hixon
Director, Library Information Technology

On Friday, April 13, Blue Skyways, the web service of the Kansas State Library, unveiled a new look!

The redesign of top-level pages has been in the works for some time. It was undertaken to incorporate into our overall design

- an organization of primary links that better matches the way pages are used
- brighter colors and more white space for legibility
- increased standardization of appearance and format using Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
- compliance with Kansas Web Content Accessibility Guidelines at <http://da.state.ks.us/itec/WASPriorities102600.htm>

Librarians, other Skyways account holders, and users all contributed ideas, suggestions, and criticism. The bulk of the work and the inspiration can be credited to Lyn Harris and Karen Chinn of the Internet Development Unit, Dykes Library, University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.

LVA announces national conference

—by Vikki Jo Stewart
Literacy Program Director

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.'s (LVA) annual conference, LVA National Conference 2001: A Literacy Odyssey, will be held Oct. 17-20, 2001 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM. Our conference partners are the American Library Association, Office for Literacy and Outreach Services; Laubach Literacy International; the National Even Start Association; the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy; and the United States Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education. The conference will bring together literacy professionals, volunteers, students, tutors, funders, and policy-makers for networking and workshops on literacy issues.

The keynote speaker at the annual banquet on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. will be Dr. Randolph D. Smoak, Jr., president of the American Medical Association. The opening night keynote speaker is Barbara Hambly, best-selling author and former president of the Science Fiction Writers of America. LVA Spokesperson Wally Amos will emcee Friday's Student Recognition Breakfast, which will be hosted by Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

Featured speakers include Wally Amos, Michael Scott Karpovich, Nancy Pearl, and Patricia Wagner. Workshop topics include family literacy, health literacy, fundraising, training, board development, ESOL, and more!

Pre-conference session topics include LVA's Training of Trainers; 50/50 Management; family literacy program development; board development; fund development, risk management; technology; and student leadership.

Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA), Inc. is a national network of local volunteer literacy programs that assist adults and their families to acquire literacy skills through professionally trained and managed volunteer tutors. The LVA network consists of more than 340 community programs in 42 states and the District of Columbia in which volunteers are trained to tutor adults and their families. For more information, visit LVA's website at www.literacyvolunteers.org/conference. Send e-mail inquiries to info@literacyvolunteers.org, or call Tracy L. Carman, Marketing Associate, at 315/472-0001, ext. 201.

KLA honors two at TriConference

—by Eric Hansen
Executive Director, Kansas Library Network Board

The Kansas Library Association bestowed its Presidential Awards on two deserving individuals at the TriConference general session on Thursday, April 5, 2001.

Jeff Hixon, Director of Library Information Technology at the Kansas State Library, received the Library Personnel Award. In presenting the award to Jeff, KLA president John Stratton said, "From his initial employment as the director of the Clay Center Public Library to his current position...at the Kansas State Library, Jeff has proven to be an excellent role model for Kansas librarians.... Jeff has been instrumental in creating the network which links Kansas libraries to each other and the world. His leadership in the implementation of the e-rate program has been of great value to all as we have wandered through the maze of federal requirements. Jeff's sense of humor, willingness to share, and his quiet effectiveness in all his roles makes him an ideal recipient of the KLA Presidential Award for Library Personnel."

Wichita Public Library's local historian, Heidi Dressler Kelly, received the award for New Professional. "Heidi was recognized for her outstanding work with the Wichita Genealogical Society, her work on the Wichita Digital Library and her work on e-mail reference among other projects," noted Cynthia Berner Harris, Director of Libraries of Wichita Public Library. "We are proud to have her on our team and are greatly appreciative of the talents and professionalism she brings to our library," she added.

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Catalyst

—by *Eric Hansen*
Executive Director
Kansas Library Network Board

Focus on Jo Ann Wahrman



Jo Ann Wahrman

Jo Ann was appointed by the Governor of Kansas to serve on the Network Board beginning in 2000. She brings to the board the perspective that comes from 22 years as the Goodland High School Librarian as well as two years teaching community Internet workshops for Colby Community College. Jo Ann holds a B.S. in English from Ft. Hays State University and an M.L.S.

from the University of Denver. She received the Kansas Association of School Librarians President's Award in 2000.

Among her many professional and community activities, she has served on the Goodland Public Library Board of Directors since 1998 and answers reference questions on the Internet as a volunteer for KidsConnect and the Virtual Reference Desk.

About the Network Board, Jo Ann says:
 "As I visit with librarians in other states I am reminded of the accomplishments that the Board and state library have done to make information finding easier and affordable for all types and sizes of libraries. This sharing or networking apparently does not exist in many other states. My vision for the Network Board is to place continued emphasis on networking with introducing new library practices to libraries across the state at a reasonable cost to them. And although technology will be a major part of the new ideas, I would hope to not lose sight of the fact that we are keepers of information in whatever form it might take."

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

More librarians are winning high LEEP certifications

—by Shannon Roy
Local Library Development

There will be articles in *Kansas Libraries* throughout the summer and fall on Kansas library staff that are winning high LEEP certifications, as the regional systems hold their system assemblies.

Two librarians from southern Kansas have won their Level Five LEEP Certification.

Sue Padilla has been director at the Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library since the fall of 1988. She received her master's degree from Emporia State University and her Bachelor of Science in Education from Kansas State Teachers College. Sue began her career as a language arts teacher in Topeka. After working with students for fifteen years, she began working with both students and adults in the St. John combination school and public library. The St. John library is known as one of the most successful combination libraries in Kansas. Sue is very active in Kansas library associations and in St. John community organizations. She is also on the board of the Kansas Center for the Book.

Sue has two children, Elizabeth and Matthew, whom she describes as "the joys of my life."

Sam Shipley has been head of the Reference Department in Dodge City for six years and has worked for the library since 1986. He went through KPLACE with his sister Cindy, also a librarian in Dodge City, and they graduated in 1996. In addition to his sister Cindy, he has three brothers.

Sam has been a lifelong resident of Dodge City, except for a one-year sojourn in Phoenix. He majored in French and English at St. Mary of the Plains College and is now working on fluency in Spanish. He says he enjoys both foreign languages and the English language. Other interests include art, restaurants, cooking, KU and Notre Dame sports and dogs.

Summer Institute registration/program

—by Harry Willems
Consultant, Southeast Kansas Library System

Don't miss out on the Summer Institute for School Librarians this year! June 13 (optional), 14 and 15, Airport Hilton, Wichita, KS. Institute registration is \$110. Please send payment with registration or a school Purchase Order.

This year we have a unique experience awaiting us as the School Librarians are cooperating with the Migrant Bilingual Education Convention at the Airport Hilton in Wichita, KS. We will have the chance to attend a multitude of sessions aimed at serving the multicultural populations in your schools along with other library issues. Each time slot will have two concurrent sessions to choose from. In the evening, there will be a banquet where poet and author Elva Trevino Hart will entertain. Gary Hartzell will be keynote speaker on Friday, June 15.

If you did not get the gold mailing, please contact Harry Willems at the Southeast Kansas Library System. There are some changes to the original flyer. He can help with registration and/or information, 620/365-5136 or email harryw@midusa.net.

Two (2) graduate credit hours from ESU are available. E-mail Dr. Nancy Thomas, thomasna@emporia.edu for information. Payment can be made on the first day of the Institute. If you have other questions, please e-mail Nancy. She will be describing the course objectives and expectations in one of the sessions. Cost will be \$234 for the 2 hours of graduate credit.

A block of rooms has been reserved under the name LMN Institute - please request them. It will cut the room cost to \$74.00 a night at the Airport Hilton if you reserve your room before May 23. If you fail to request LMN Institute or call after May 23, you will pay full price (somewhere around \$120 a night). For room reservations call 800/247-4458.

The KASL contact for this activity is Sandy Norman. Please call 316/772-5155 or e-mail snorman@usd439.k12.ks.us.

Registration begins Wednesday, June 13, at 2:20, but will also be available on Thursday morning.

READ USA

—by *Vikki Jo Stewart*
Literacy Program Director

There is a possible opportunity for libraries to get valuable materials donated to them by their local American Legion organizations. Many local American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units have participated in a project called READ USA.

READ USA is a cooperative program between segments of The American Legion and their local libraries that provides an alternative way for non-reading adults to improve their reading and writing skills and do it in the privacy of their own home. This privacy factor is a major reason why 90% of the millions of adult illiterate do not come out to get help from the literacy providers that exist in most communities.

An American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit and/or Sons of the American Legion that decides to participate in the READ USA program purchases one or more sets of a series of three videos entitled I WANT TO READ.

The I WANT TO READ videos, created under the direction of Dr. Anabel Newman of Indiana University, have been reviewed by the National Education Committee of The American Legion, which determined them to be “a valuable means of reducing the illiteracy rate in America.”

The videos have been listed by the American Library Association in *Booklist*, given 4-star reviews by *Video Librarian*, mentioned in a report to Congress by the Office of Technology Assessment, and according to Laura Jaegger, Director of the Minnesota Literacy Council, “will help those that we can’t get to—those that won’t or can’t come out for our help.”

The videos are donated to the Legion organization’s local library, and in cooperation with the library staff, the community is told that the programs are available to check out for those who want to learn to read. This message is gotten to the public by as much publicity as possible including posters, radio and TV public service announcements that are available, church announcements, and all local media involvement.

The READ USA project has been very effective in those communities where a Post or Unit has become involved and generated the necessary publicity. In Pine

City, MN, a community of less than 4,000, the local Legion donated 11 sets of the videos to the library, and put a great publicity campaign together. Three days after the announcement that the videos were available at the library, all 11 sets were checked out, and it was four months before Christy Koch, the librarian, could report that she no longer had a waiting list.

Any library can get detailed help on how best to get their local Legion organization to agree to participate in READ USA by sending an Email to litrcynow@aol.com or writing Literacy NOW, P.O. Box 525, Evansville, IN 47704.

For more information, please contact Jack A. Fenimore, Literacy NOW, Inc. Providing a way for adults to learn to read by themselves in the privacy of their own home.

Web site: <http://www.literacy-now.org>

Email: litrcynow@aol.com

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 state government documents shipment list

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian

The Kansas state government publications below are all recent additions to the collection at the State Library. They are also being mailed to state document depository collections around the state.

You may borrow any of the titles below from the State Library via interlibrary loan. The call number is in parentheses.

Kansas Extended Curricular Standards for Civics-Government, Economics, Geography, and History. January 2001 (E 7.2:C 585/2001).

Kansas Assessment Program: Results of 2000 Mathematics and Reading Assessments. October 2000 (E 7.2:M 416/3/2000).

A Mental Health Guide for Older Kansans and their Families. October 2000 (E 46.19:2447)

Health Risk Behaviors of Crawford County Residents. 1999-2000 (HE 4.2:H 435).

Kansas Trauma System Plan. January 2001 (HE 4.2:T 777).

Selected Topics in Women's Health and Review of Community Approaches to Intervention. November 2000 (HE 4.2:W 872).

Unemployment Insurance: Employer Handbook. 2000 (HR 3.8:E 55/2000).

DISC (Kansas Division of Information Systems and Communications) Annual Report. 2000 (AD 8.1:).

Kansas Travel & Event Guide. 2000 (CB 51.234:).

Health Insurance in Kansas. November 2000 (CB 61.2:H 434/).

Education in Kansas: Making Connections (Kansas State Board of Education Accountability Report). 1999-2000 (E 7.2:Ac 33/).

Kansas Economic Report. Spring 2001 (E 30.109:).

Kansas Economic Indicators. January 2001 / February 2001 / March 2001 (E 30.109:)

Kansas Wildlife and Parks. March/April 2001 (F 1.9:).

Abortions in Kansas: Preliminary Report. 2000 (HE 3.2:Ab 73/).

Kansas Dept. of Human Resources: Workers Compensation Annual Report. 2000 (HR 5.11:).

Kansas Monthly Employment Review. January 2001 / March 2001 (HR 8.13:).

Kansas Employment, Wages, and Contributions. 1999 (HR 8.62:).

Annual Report: Kansas Judicial Branch, Office of Judicial Administration. 1999-2000 (JU 3.21:).

State of the Judiciary: Annual Report of the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court. February 2001 (JU 10.1:).

Kansas Libraries. February 2001 / March 2001 (L 1.7:).

Understanding Kansas Income Tax. 2000 (RE 1.8:U 55/).

Kansas Motor Carrier Services Bureau: Apportioned Instruction Manual. 2001 (RE 7.8:A 653/).

Finger-Tip Facts about the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. 2001 (SR 4.108:F 497/).

Kansas State Board of Technical Professions Statutes ... and Rules and Regulations. 1999/2001 (YE 200.6:).



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

Volunteers are putting Kansas history on the Web

The award-winning all-volunteer Kansas Collection website is soliciting volunteers to help transcribe articles published in the *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (KHQ) from 1931 to 1977.

This journal was begun by the Kansas State Historical Society seventy years ago as a vehicle for publishing scholarly research, memoirs, and historical documents related to Kansas, the Great Plains, and the western frontier. The Society has granted permission to the Kansas Collection website to convert the printed material into digital format for publishing on the Internet.

Tod Roberts, the coordinator of the *KHQ* Web publishing project, says, "The articles in this 46-year span of the *Kansas Historical Quarterly* turn dry facts into lively details about the past. Hundreds of colorful characters such as soldiers, gunslingers, Indian warriors, tycoons, inventors, politicians, visionaries, humble pioneer families, and many scalawags and scoundrels come to life in these pages. We invite everyone with an interest in history to help us make these articles available for the worldwide Internet community."

Volunteers may perform one or several tasks. These include keyboarding or scanning the printed material to convert it into digital text, proofing and editing so it remains faithful to the original, and preparing it in hypertext markup language (HTML) for posting on the Internet. Volunteers are given credit on the Kansas Collection website for their contributions of time and effort.

Teachers of history and others involved with youth activities such as scouting are especially encouraged to involve young people in this project.

For more information, please see <http://www.ukans.edu/carrie/kancoll/khq/index.html>, or contact Tod Roberts via email at thorsdag@home.com (or by phone at 941/927-2212).

Kansas books

—by Roy Bird
Library Consultant

The Alzheimer's Legal Survival Guide, by William G. Hammond, Karen Hays Weber, Mary Helen Gautreaux, with Mary-Lane Kamberg. Order from: The Elder & Disability Law Firm, 8575 W. 110th, Ste. 210, Overland Park, KS 66210, 2000. 5" x 8" paper. 160 pp. \$14.95 + \$3.00 p/h.

The Alzheimer's Legal Survival Tape Collection, by Elaine Perilla, Karen Arkin, Jea, Sarno and William G. Hammond. Order from: The Elder & Disability Law Firm, 8575 W. 110th, Ste. 210, Overland Park, KS 66210, 1999. 5 cassettes. \$49.95 + \$3.00 p/h.

Two important and informative resources for library collections produced in Kansas and dealing with one of the most discussed topics of aging Americans are now available. Four noted specialists — two attorneys, a legal nurse and a professional writer — collaborated to produce *The Alzheimer's Legal Survival Guide*, an excellent small trade paperback book that provides easily understandable explanations about legal issues for the families and caregivers of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

The four presenters on the five cassettes in *The Alzheimer's Legal Survival Tape Collection* include two tapes by one of the attorney authors of the book, who is the founder of the Elder and Disability Law Firm. Like the book, the five tapes share down-to-earth information in lay person's terms. Readers will not be bogged down by undecipherable legalese — they will receive simple, concise, direct discussion on most of their legal questions.

An elder law attorney wrote about the book, "A wealth of information and practical advice. I recommend it for everyone who loves someone with Alzheimer's Disease." The same can be said about the collection of five cassette tapes. Together these form a major contribution to the legal issues involved with Alzheimer's. A must for collections dealing with issues of aging in public, system, and academic libraries.

Kansas Libraries.... 50 years ago

—by Bill Sowers

Kansas Documents Librarian/Tech Services Librarian

Gleanings from Kansas Library Bulletin of late spring, 1951

- Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties will begin the first attempt in Kansas at a two-county regional library on June 1. The project, initiated by the Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission with the assistance in each county of leadership from Home Demonstration Units, schools and other organizations, will be in effect for about eighteen months. In November 1952 the citizens of both counties will vote on whether or not to make it permanent.
- Miss Jane Pope, Nebraska Library Commission, served as consultant at a workshop in Topeka on April 5 for librarians interested in promoting adult services in public libraries. Many librarians have noted that librar-

ies are used extensively by children, but lack a sizable number of adult users.

- Two snakes were recently found in a bookmobile traveling through Wabaunsee County. Mr. Murphy, one of the drivers, identified the snakes as a garter and a joint snake.
- A new building housing the Atwood Public Library officially opens to the public on June 4.
- Dedication ceremonies for the Pioneer Mother statue in Cooper Park, in front of Liberal's Memorial Library, were held May 30. The statue was donated by Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Baty.
- Garold L. Cole of Pittsburg has been awarded the Kansas Library Association's annual grant for study in librarianship in 1951.



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