

Director's Corner . . .

—by Roger Carswell

I'd like to use this issue's column to recognize those southeast Kansas librarians who are currently playing statewide roles of one form or another.

Karyl Buffington, of Coffeyville Public Library, is Kansas Library Association president this year. When her term ends this summer, the KLA president will still be an SEK librarian: Bob Walter of Axe Library, Pittsburg State University, currently serving as First Vice President.

Bob, busy guy that he is, also chairs the Kansas Library Network Board.

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Pat Clement of Pittsburg Public Library is a member of the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Advisory Council. The LSTA Council helps determine how the federal LSTA

funds are to be used in the state. They also, along with the State Library Advisory Commission, decide which LSTA grant applications are funded.

Dayna Williams-Capone of Parsons Public Library is a member of the Kansas Disaster Recovery Assistance Network. Jacque Oakes, member of the Independence library board, is the southeast Kansas representative on the Kansas Library Trustee

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Hot Librarians

— by Harry Willems

"I've never seen an advertisement in a magazine create such a stir on a listserv as the one from a recent issue of Time magazine. The ad showed a car, a Honda with a superscript of "The Automotive Equivalent of a Really Hot Librarian." Then the trailer: "Good-looking, yet intelligent. Fun yet sophisticated. All in a very eye-catching 200-horsepower package." I'm not sure what that image conjures up for you, but the 200 horsepower part sort of puts me off.

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The initial posting asked if we're to be insulted or gratified that we were finally being recognized for what we really are. I am just glad that someone considers librarians to be finally getting past room temperature.

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Association (KLTA) board. Wayne Groner, a member of the Friends of Parsons Public Library, is the southeast Kansas trustee on the Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) board.

It's great to see so many southeast Kansas people serving in these capacities.

The Kansas library community has long been known for its fine cooperative spirit, which enables us to accomplish together what we could never accomplish separately. The work done by the various library organizations is important to all of us. The folks who spend their time on the work of these organizations are unpaid and too little recognized. A big thank you to all of them!

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I've done some thinking and as one of the postings insinuated "Oh you mean there's a picture of a 50 something guy , short and fairly dumpy with bifocals and a gray beard? Kewl." What cars do some of the librarians you know remind you of?

- The 68 Volkswagen librarian has the conception that putting books on the computer is just a place to stack books when the shelf is full.
- The 2002 Corvette librarian can't slow down enough to learn the basics of librarianship.
- The 32 Mercedes librarian is elegant and purposeful. Gets things done.
- The Honda librarian, besides being "hot" is practical, in sort of a penny-pinching way.
- The 67 Plymouth Valiant librarian knows how to fix anything . . .
- The Saab librarian is not much for style, but durability counts.
- Then there's the Volkswagen bus (original sin-bin) librarian – we won't even go there.

If you have a special car that reminds you of a librarian type, send it in to harryw@alltel.net and we'll update the list from time to time.

Questions, Questions

Below are some questions we have recently had from member libraries. We're printing them here in the hope that additional libraries may benefit from the same information.

Q. What may I spend my allocation on? Do I have to spend each quarterly allocation in that quarter?

A. SEKLS uses the same guidelines as exist for state aid. The allocation may be spent on any library expenses except construction, repair, debt reduction, or utilities (other than telecommunications). While you need to submit the report quarterly showing how you have spent SEKLS allocation funds, you don't need to spend it all within the current quarter. All allocation funds must be spent or encumbered by Nov. 15 each year. See Section 10 of the SEKLS Handbook.

Q. When a patron treats staff inappropriately, does the library have the right to bar him from the library?

A. Library boards do have authority to deny use of the library to patrons who behave inappropriately and don't cease when asked. You should have a written patron conduct policy to address this. For instance "harassing patrons or staff members" may be listed as an example of improper conduct, and the policy may provide that "patrons indulging in improper conduct may be asked to cease that conduct. Severe or recurring problems may be dealt with by barring use of the library or by making use of the library conditional." In the absence of a policy, we still don't recommend you ignore harassing behavior. Inform him that his conduct won't be tolerated and that as much as you would hate to do it, you will need to ask him to leave the library if he continues to harass staff.

Q. How many books should our library be purchasing in a year?

A. There's no simple answer to that, but guidelines found in the state standards book and elsewhere suggest 15-20% of the budget should go for this purpose. To see how you compare to similar libraries in numbers of books added, you can use the state statistics books. This shows the number of items added during the year by libraries. Since the listings are in order by service population within regional systems, you can turn to the SEKLS section and see how your library compares to SEKLS libraries just above and below it in service population. You can turn to the sections for the other regional systems for further comparisons.

Q. How do I receive LEEP credit for a college course?

A. Use the form at the back of Section 3 of the SEKLS Handbook. Send the form signed by your instructor to Harry Willems at SEKLS.

SEKLS PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION ADDITIONS

PC 025.1 Giesecke, Joan. *Practical Strategies for Library Managers*. Chicago. ALA. C2001. PP 102. Index.

PC 025.04 Gordon, Rachel Singer. *Teaching the Internet in Libraries*. Chicago. ALA C2001. PP 143. Index.

PC 020.712 Ryan, Jenny. *Information Literacy Toolkit: Grades 7 and up*. Chicago. ALA. C2001. CD-ROM. Research Projects Literacy Planner insert.

PC 025.04 Saur, Michael P. *Using the Internet as a Reference Tool*. NY. Schuman. C2001. Notes. Index. Appendices. Perfect book for the librarian learning how to search the Internet effectively. Good illustrations and advice.

PC005.72 Smith, Susan Sharpless. *Web-Based Instruction: A Guide for Libraries*. Chicago. ALA. C2001. PP 194. Index.

Around the System

Chanute. Miss Jo, (**Joanna Welch**) is celebrating 45 years at the Chanute Public Library. She began her career as a junior in high school, encouraged by a friend to try for a library job. She had to work for nearly 300 training hours for free and pass a test for full time employment. She became children's librarian in the early 70's. Congratulations to Joanna for her many years serving the children of Chanute.

Chetopa. The Chetopa City Library has received a make-over. Twenty-eight volunteers with the help and leadership of Prudential agent Doug Moses decided that after an adjoining building was razed, the exposed side of the library was a colossal eyesore. The library board president, **Deborah Jackson**, who was also a Prudential agent at the time, worked with the Prudential company to get \$1000 offered by the company for such projects. The city of Chetopa purchased the paint and helped with painting so the money from Prudential will be used for the children's library. The children's section is being remodeled so the funds will be put to good use.

Pittsburg. The Pittsburg City Commission voted last Tuesday to increase the mill levy to 6 mills. **Pat Clement**, director of the Pittsburg Public Library indicated to the commission that she would need 5.38 mills in 2003 and use the rest of the levy authority in succeeding years. Pat used the library standards and evidence of sharply increased maintenance costs to justify her case to the commission.

**SEKLS and KTLA
Grants Awarded**

Tri-Conference

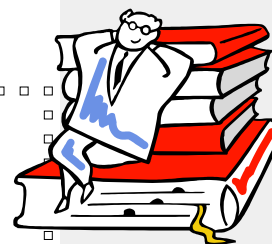
- Sandra Freidline, Caney City Library
- Shawna Lenard, Eureka Carnegie Library
- Linda Geffert, Toronto Public Library

KTLA Grants

- Harold Black, Eureka Carnegie Library
- Linda Geffert, Toronto Public Library

ROTATION BOOKS

When packing the boxes for the upcoming rotation, please make sure the New Books, the Westerns, and all the Large Print are in the boxes. Please do not put them in an overflow package or box. The libraries on the rest of the rotation want to read them also.



**“Connecting with the Child Within.”
2002 KLOA Conference**

**May 16 and 17
Crosswinds Conference Center
Hesston, Kansas**

More information will be mailed soon.

**For more information E-mail to: Lori Hein
Lhein@bethelks.edu**

**Yesterday’s Tomorrows
Past Visions of American Future**

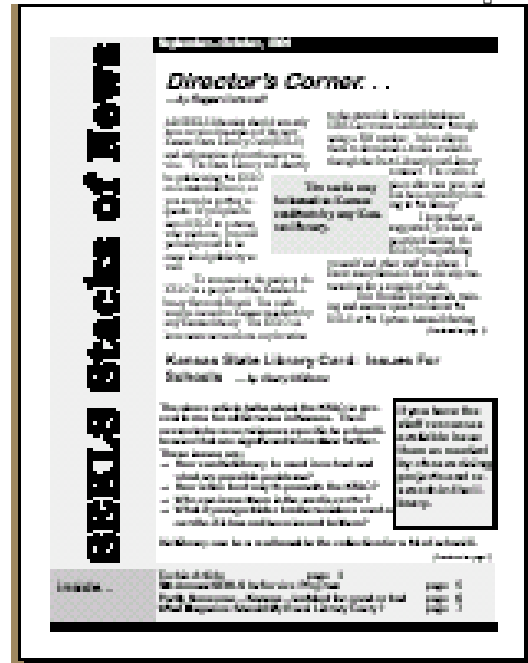
Traveling Smithsonian Exhibition
Presented by
The Kansas Humanities Council
March 15—December 27, 2002

Burlington—June 21-August 2, Coffey County Historical Museum
Coffeyville — September 27-November 8, Coffeyville Center for the
Arts

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The Southeast Kansas Library System Newsletter is now available in PDF format on the web at: <<http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us/newsletter/newsletter.pdf>>. You will need an Acrobat Reader that can be downloaded free at: <<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>>. The online version will allow web addresses to show up as hot-links. When we give web addresses in articles, the address will be a live link to that site.

Another note: The flyers that we send to all libraries for continuing education will be available from the workshop page: <<http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us/workshops/wrkshps.html>>. Just click on the "For more information" link. You will need Acrobat Reader to see the flyer.



Partly Nonsense by Harry Willems Hot Librarians

- ⇒ I kind of remember back to the 60's that a sit-com was produced called "My Mother the Car." Sort of makes sense to have an updated show called "My librarian the Honda."
- ⇒ There is a website devoted to 60's sit-coms: <<http://www.tvparty.com/recmothercar.html>>. The show is characterized as "possibly the worst show of all times." "Mother" returned from the grave as a 1925 Porter convertible.
- ⇒ I'm not sure that with all the LSD and other stuff that people smoked, but never inhaled, back then that even some baby-boomer librarians had hallucinations about being a car—probably not a Honda because in those days, Imports were still stigmatized by the "made in Japan" label.
- ⇒ Hot librarians today are characterized by many things, not the least of which is creating influence to accomplish the goals of the library and understanding intellectual freedom. Intellectual Freedom is the broad category containing free speech, confidentiality, censorship and other facets of the ethics of our profession.

Kansas Kids Ready For Learning!

www.readyforlearning.net

-Tammie Benham

Early literacy continues to be a hot topic across the nation as research validates the importance of quality early childhood experiences. Recognizing and responding to this important issue, the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE), in collaboration with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and Kansas In-service Training System (KITS), has developed a new web site.

Subtitled "Links to Early Literacy for Families and Providers," this site "links" internet users with quality early literacy web sites and initiatives within the state and across the nation. Developed for use by parents and early childhood providers, this web site has been divided into, "What We Know", "Activities" and "Special Needs" sections for ease of use.

Librarians from Kansas State Library, educators in the field of early childhood, State Department personnel, and families have contributed their expertise and suggestions to make this a valuable web site for those who have an interest in ensuring young children are literate.



If you have suggestions for links within this resource, or suggestions on how families who do not have internet access might have the opportunity to gain access to this site, please contact Tammie Benham, tammieb@ku.edu or phone 620.231.6550 x1638.

Tammie Benham is the Early Childhood Resource Center Coordinator

Other web sites of Interest:

<http://www.kskits.org/>

<http://www.parsons.lsi.ukans.edu/kits/ecselib/html/aboutus.html>

<http://www.kskits.org/ecselib/index.html>

For more information about KITS and the Early Childhood Resource Center, logon to their website at: <http://www.parsons.lsi.ukans.edu/kits/>

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SEKLS CALENDAR

April—December, 2002

(*) *Cyberseries*

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| April 11 | Southern SEKLS HS Librarians Meeting | Columbus HS |
| April 12 | Summer Reading Workshop | Iola |
| *April 18 | E-mail workshop | Pittsburg |
| April 24 | Northern SEKLS HS Librarians Meeting | Ft. Scott HS |
| May 9 | Readers' Advisory W/Joyce Saricks | Pittsburg |
| May 20 | SEKLS Executive Board Meeting | Iola |
| May 20-23 | KPLACE | Emporia |
| *May 30 | Microsoft Publisher (desk top publishing) | Pittsburg |
| June 7 | SEKLS Meeting/Book Fair | Iola HS |
| July 9 | Web Design workshop | Pittsburg |
| June 13-19 | ALA | Atlanta |
| July 17 | Children's Programming | TBA |
| *June 27 | Internet for Reference | PPL |
| July 27 | Trustee/Friends Conference | Chanute |
| August | Trustee Visits/workshops | SEKLS |
| September | Essentials of Librarianship | TBA |
| Sept. 19 | Automation Overview | Pittsburg |
| October 4 | Children's Collection Development | Baxter Springs |
| Oct. 2-5 | MPLA | Fargo, ND |
| *October 17 | Spectrum Overview | Pittsburg |
| November 1 | SEKLS Annual Meeting | Iola |
| *November 12 | Desktop Security | Pittsburg |
| November 22 | YA Workshop w/Patrick Jones | Neodesha |

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