



Stacks of News

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Bonnie Keim Gives Update on State Statistical Report

Bonnie Keim of the State Library of Kansas spoke November 30 to the SEKLS Director's Meeting at the Humboldt Library. She brought Statistical Report packets to librarians who attended and explained how they should be completed. Librarians who were not at the meeting will be receiving packets in the mail.

Bonnie did not send the packets last year. They were missed, so she has returned to mailing packets this year. The packets include the statistical report form as well as a copy of the interlibrary loan statistics form and the Civil Rights Certificate. Many librarians use these as worksheets to prepare for filing the online report. The reports are filed at <http://collect.informata.com>. The initial screen asks for the library's user id and password. This is the same as it has been in past years. If you have misplaced the information, you may contact Iris Jones at SEKLS (800-279-3219) for your codes.

A key change this year is the **survey must be completed by March 1, 2008 for a library to qualify for state aid**. Libraries that do not qualify for state aid also lose their system grant, so it is critical to have this survey completed on time.

Bonnie brought attention to some of the areas of the form that confuse people. They are summarized below, but PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WITH THE SURVEY.



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- When completing the Civil Right Certificate, "Name of Applicant or Recipient" is asking for the library's name, not a person's name.
- Sections 1.3-1.5d IF THIS INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, it is critical that this information be written exactly as it was on last year's form..
- Part VI, Operating Income. If you are a City Library, report under 6.1a City. A District library reports under 6.2a. A Township library reports under 6.3a. Coffey County is the only County Library in our System. They are the only ones to report under 6.4a. If you receive funding from two entities please list each in the appropriate place. The answers for this section can usually be gotten from your governing body.
- Section 6.8 Indirect local public support means things that the City pays for which the Library does not pay, such utilities, insurance, etc.
- Section 6.13 Other Income: This is where you report interest, delinquent taxes, donations, money received from the Friends, etc.
- Section 7.2 Employee benefits: If you have an employee, you pay benefits. The minimum benefit paid is Social Security. You can only put "0" in this area if you put

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER**BY ROGER CARSWELL**

This fall, I attended a broadband summit sponsored by the State Library of Kansas. The summit was called to explore the current state of broadband access in Kansas libraries (and, to a lesser extent, Kansas in general) and to discuss possible options for improvement. Libraries have made great strides in having broadband Internet access, especially since the advent of Kan-Ed subsidies. SEKLS public libraries with some form of broadband access mushroomed from perhaps 15 out of 54 libraries to 53 out of 54. Still, the speed of broadband connections varies widely and most libraries' connections are inadequate for video. The availability and the cost are the major barriers to higher speed broadband and will need to be overcome for libraries to offer quality service to our users. Some suggestions were made at the summit, and some additional possibilities have been suggested since. Some of these may bear fruit in coming years.

For now, I would like to share just a few eye-opening facts presented at the conference by the keynote speaker, John Windhausen.

- 94% of broadband connections in the United States are either cable or DSL
- A U.S. Department of Commerce study concluded that these two broadband technologies (cable and DSL) may prove woefully inadequate for coming applications
- Among the 30 democratic, market economy nations making up the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United States ranks 15th in broadband—down from fourth in 2000.
- American average download speeds for broadband are only 1.3 megabits per second (Mbps), far behind averages for Canada (3.1), Germany (3.3), and Japan (51.2).

It's apparent that meeting the demand for sufficient broadband access will be a major concern of libraries for the foreseeable future.

Confused by ISBN 13?

ISBN-13 has been with us since 2004 when publishers began a gradual conversion from ISBN-10 to

ISBN-13. January 2007 was the date ISBN-13 became the primary ISBN number used by publishers worldwide. Have you been seeing more ISBN-13s? Are you wondering why they did it?

First, they were running out of unique 10-digit numbers to identify new books in some parts of the world. Second, they wanted to fully align the ISBN numbering system with the

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"0" in salary. Benefits include Social Security, KPERS and other things paid by the library for the staff.

- Other Operating Expenditures is new this year.
- Section 7.11 All other operating expenditures is expenses not listed elsewhere. This includes the cost of computers, maintenance fees, Internet fees, etc.
- Section 8.2a Capital Revenue: Local Government Do you have a Capital Revenue Fund? Is there a balance in this line item? Was money moved from the General Fund to this Capital Revenue Fund? If yes, that money came from local government and should be listed here.
- Section 8.2d Capital Revenue: Other This includes donations, interest earned and other revenue not identified in other parts of Section 8.2.
- Section 9.2 Number of audio materials This includes Playaways and Overdrive audio that you have purchased
- Sections 9.5-9.7 These are new this year.
- Part XI: Annual Services.
 - *Instructions say to *count Young Adult with Adult Services* for this line.
 - *In-house (meaning just used in the library) use does not count as circulation. If you want to count something, such as microfilm, be sure it checks out.
- Section 11.6 This is the number of events you held for children under the Summer Reading Program umbrella.
- Section 11.7 This is the number of attendance at each event. The same people attending multiple events get counted once for each event.
 - *If students come in to sign up for reading logs, count them as attending a program.
 - *If students add their name to a drawing without doing anything else as part of a program, this is NOT a program and cannot be counted.
- If you get an Edit Message that says your figures are different from last year, fill out the yellow pop-up box and say "Yes, this is correct."
- Section 11.8 List Non-Summer Reading programs here.
- Section 11.11 Total Attendance at Adult Programs Do not count infants. If a child attends who is old enough to benefit from the program, he can be counted. This judgment call is up to the Librarian.

There was a question concerning what the FSCS was asking and what information the State Library needed to collect. Bonnie will be going over these questions. Some were concerned that not all libraries were addressing the questions the same way. She will be working closely this year trying to clarify some of these problem areas.

Bonnie thanked Roger for having her at the meeting. She appreciated the open and honest discussion and getting to know the directors present. She is willing and able to help anyone that needs her assistance. She can be reached at bkeim@kslib.info, (800) 432-3919, or (785) 291-3081

Idea File at Your Fingertips

by Iris Jones

It's here! The Idea Blog that I mentioned to several of you at the System Meeting has been launched. Presently it is located

at <http://irisideafile.blogspot.com>.

The file will list things I learn as I visit your libraries and other tidbits found here and there. The blog is for you, the librarians of SEKLS. If you spot something to share, please let me know. I'll blog it for you!

Need Adult Programming Ideas?

Activities in a Bag and It's in the Bag Cookbook can offer some great and easy programming ideas for activities at your library. These are the two newest books in the SEKLS Special Needs Collection. Order them today through ILL!



At LARGE

with Jaime Prideaux,
Talking Books/
Special Needs Consultant

BiFolkal Kits Now Available in DVD and CD Formats

The SEKLS Special Needs Collection now has eleven of the complete BiFolkal Kits available in DVD & CD versions! That's right! You no longer have to use a slide projector or VHS and cassette tapes (but these options will still be available for those who want them). The DVD can be used instead of the slides from the complete kits, and the CD can be used in place of the cassette tape. The DVD/CD kits can be checked out separately, or in addition to the complete BiFolkal Kits. **The kits available in new DVD/CD formats are: BIRTHDAYS; FALL; THE FASHION; THE 1950'S; HOME; THE HOME FRONT; MUSIC; PETS; SCHOOL DAYS; SPRING; & SUMMERTIME.**

The DVD/CD kits include a binder, instructions on how to use the new formats, a special guide explaining the DVD program, and one copy of the song/program booklet. (If you want to have multiple copies of the booklets available to use with program attendees, I recommend checking out the full kits and the DVD/CD kit for that program. However, if an abbreviated program is what you're looking for, the DVD/CD kit may be all you need.) Either way, please be sure to specify your preference when you order kits through interlibrary loan.

For those of you who are not familiar with BiFolkal Kits, a BiFolkal Kit is a collection of photographic images, music, artifacts, and activities to stimulate the senses, to unlock



memories, and to invite participants to share stories. Each kit recreates the sensory impressions of a time or topic in history. BiFolkal Kits are designed to prompt universal memories, enabling persons to share those common memories in a group social setting. You can also learn more about the BiFolkal Kits at www.bifolkal.org, or you can check out the instructional DVD on BiFolkal Kits from SEKLS (*A Time Machine Called Memory*), which explains how to use BiFolkal Kits. BiFolkal Kits can be checked out for 3 weeks at a time, and can be checked out by individuals, or by institutions such as libraries and nursing homes. You can view a list of items in the Special Needs Collection at <http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us/bph/specialneeds2007.pdf>

Vendors Give 2008 Discount Lists

by Iris Jones

December 2006 I asked the vendors that serve SEKLS to share their discount lists with our members. Baker and Taylor was the only one that responded and I published the price list in our newsletter. I asked for the 2008 price lists this year and more vendors responded than I have room to print.

Joe Tholen to the rescue! He

is posting the lists on our website at www.sekls.org/vendorprices. Some vendors gave price lists for schools, public libraries and academic libraries. Some have one list that is good for everyone.

Ordering from a vendor can give you "more bang for your buck." Not only will you get a price break, you can order books with the jackets already on them or laminating done for you. If you need catalog cards, they can be purchased for a small fee as well. Check out the price lists. Put the vendors to work for you.

**Have you
checked
out a
puppet
kit yet?**



SEKLS offers over 50 different puppets and some include related books. This is a great way to give your storytime a jump start. Interlibrary Loan one today!

We the People Grant

Free Books!

The American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities are sponsoring the fifth annual *We the People* Bookshelf grant. They will be offering 3000 sets of classic books for young readers on the theme "Created Equal".

Both school and public libraries are eligible for the grant. Each applicant must describe how his/her library will create a theme-related program that highlights the Bookshelf titles. To apply, complete the online application at www.ala.org/wethepeople.

Applications are being accepted until January 25, 2008. The program will run from May 1, 2008–April 30, 2009.

The Bookshelf will in-

clude 17 titles of interest to children from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Some of them will be available in Spanish. There will be a bonus History in a Box Kit on Abraham Lincoln that includes a resource book, DVDs, posters, an interactive CD-ROM and more. This is in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.

Titles included:

Kindergarten-Grade 3: The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen; The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln; Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco.

Grades 4-6: Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis; Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence by Russell Freedman; Lincoln, a Photobiography, by Russell Freedman; Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Free-

dom, by Virginia Hamilton; Lyddie by Katherine Paterson.

Grades 7-8: Saturnalia, by Paul Fleishman; Freedom Walkers: the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, by Russell Freedman; Abraham Lincoln, the Writer: a Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters, edited by Harold Holzer; Breaking Through, by Francisco Jimenez.

Grades 9-12: Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution, by Natalie S. Bober; That All People May be One People, Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth by Nez Perce Chief Joseph; Flowers for Algernon, by Daniel Keyes; Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography, by William Lee Miller; Amistad: a Novel, by David Pesci.



ISBN

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barcodes that are used on most consumer goods. The barcode on a book is usually printed in a box with the ISBN number.

ISBN-13 numbers are not the same as ISBN-10 numbers. You cannot shorten a 13 to make it a 10 and you cannot add a prefix to a 10 to make it a 13. ISBN-13 numbers

starting with 978 were originally created from ISBN-10 numbers. They look alike to a point, but the last digit, the check-digit, is different from the ISBN-10 check-digit.

Since January 2007 publishers have not had to create an ISBN-10 number for a book. They only need to use an ISBN-13. That is why you are seeing more ISBN-13s without ISBN-

10s on books.

The ISBN-10 is dead. ISBN-13 is now the standard. Use it for ordering. Enter it in anything you are cataloging and use it on the "pink slips" you are sending to SEKLS for cataloging.



AROUND THE SYSTEM

📖 Dinner Theater with a Workshop will be a hard act to follow. The **Twice Around Sisters** gave Library Management Workshop attendees a full hour of songs and laughter. The Sisters had their caps set for the only men present, **Roger and Wes. Wes** was their primary target. He may be a little wary of going to any more workshops.



Roger & Singer

📖 Do you **Playaway**? Playaways are the first self-playing digital audiobooks. Each is self-contained with the playback equipment and the story all in one small package. Just add headphones and go! They are smaller than some MP3 players, so they are quite portable. **Pittsburg Public** added 100 Playaways to their collection recently. In 30 days, the entire collection of 100 had circulated an average of 2.25 times! **Pat Clement** reports that more Playaways are already on order.

History of McCune to school annuals, FFA scrapbooks, country school records, obituaries and cemetery records and other documents that may not be found anywhere else. Next time you are in the area, you should drop in to see their collection.

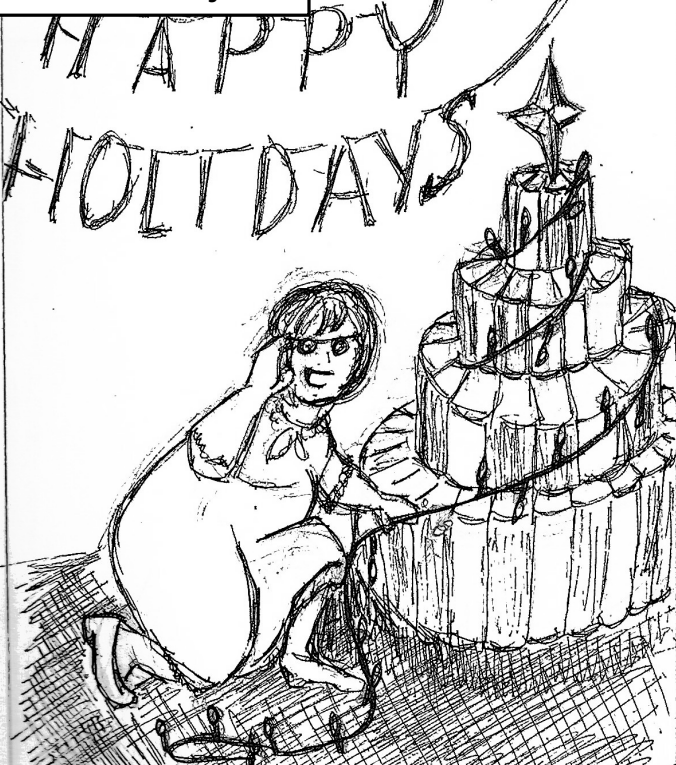
📖 Another Roadside Attraction. No, I'm not talking about the book by Tom Robbins. I'm seeing DINOSAURS! This



T. Rex Sculpture

Tyrannosaurus Rex and other metal sculptures may be seen between mile posts 29 and 30 on KS 47. The farmer who makes them says his daughter, a paleontologist, makes sure they are anatomically correct.

Thru IRISH's Eyes



Hey, Roger! We found a use for those leftover book sale books!

📖 The **McCune Osage Township Library** has organized their local history section and created a new brochure to promote it. They have a good sized collection of local material, from the 1946

Did you find the order form?

The glossy order form for Upstart/Highsmith Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) materials was tucked inside the summer reading manual. Check the shipping deadlines and turn in your orders in a timely manner for the delivery date you desire.

Mark your calendars! The **Summer Reading Workshop** is **February 20 in Iola**. Details are pending and will soon be announced in a flyer.

Time to start the hype. Just like all the hype before the Superbowl game, we need to be planning and building the anticipation for summer reading. January is the perfect time to "get buggy".



Sandy's Corner



by Sandy Wilkerson

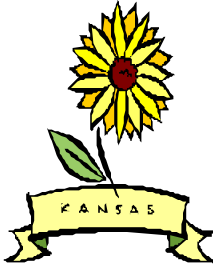

Planning your summer reading program is just as important as having good books available for your patrons. The summer reading program is often the life-blood of a children's program and lack of planning often makes a poor program. Summer reading manuals have been distributed to each library in the SEKLS region. If you do not have one or have not seen the manual for your library, call the System Headquarters and talk with me, Sandy Wilkerson. Included in the manual are several calendars to help you get started.

One of the easiest things to schedule is outside performers, but I have noticed that schedules are filling up for summer performers and programs. Traditionally SEKLS has sponsored a Performers Tour to support the summer reading theme.

Bongo Barry will be the featured performer this summer and he will be touring the SEKLS region June 23-27. **Buggies with a Beat** is Bongo Barry's theme this year. He will be traveling with his bee hive full of drums for an interactive program exploring the "Catch the Reading Bug" theme. Call or email Sandy Wilkerson to sign up for the performers tour this summer. Each library is responsible for Bongo Barry's \$150 performance fee and SEKLS will pick up the rest.

Storytime Ideas for Winter

  January is all about snow and cold. How about a warm story about a lost mitten and the animals that find it? This puppet kit includes the book, The mitten by Jan Brett and a large white mitten and the 8 animals of the story. Also included with this kit is the DVD of the story. This kit is available to ILL from SEKLS.

  Kansas will be 147 on January 29, 2008. Celebrate our great state by sharing the most famous symbols. The non-fiction book Kansas: facts and symbols by Kathleen W. Deady has wonderful pictures of the buffalo, cottonwood, meadowlark along with a variety of other things that represent Kansas. Because this is a non-fiction selection the wording is long, but sharing the photos and your own reflections is a wonderful way to transfer the love of our great state to your youngest patrons.

Performer's Tour



Sign up now!

Bongo Barry is the featured performer this summer. He will be touring SEKLS land June 23-27, 2008. Contact Sandy Wilkerson by phone (800)279-3219) or email (swilkerson@sekls.org) to register.

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SEKLS Calendar

January

- 15 How to File the Online Statistical Report (Oswego)
- 18 How to File the Online Statistical Report (Eureka)
- 28 Executive Board Meeting (Iola)

FEBRUARY

- 5 Copy Cataloging Workshop (Axe Library, Pittsburg)
- 7 Copy Cataloging Workshop (Allen CC, Iola)
- 18 Presidents Day (SEKLS/Iola PL closed)
- 20 Summer Reading Workshop (Iola)
- 21 KLA Legislative Day (Topeka)
- 28 Director's Meeting (Blue Mound)

