



# STACKS OF NEWS

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It's fall. The 2008 Competitive Grant is tweaking your imagination, but that's only the beginning for Grants with SEKLS! We have expanded the Continuing Education Grant to assist small libraries attending in-System training and we have moved the 2009 Competitive Grant to the spring so libraries can use it for matching funds for the 2009 Gates Opportunity Online Hardware Grant program.

As you probably know, the 2008 Competitive Grant is a Makeover (or Interior Re-design) Grant.

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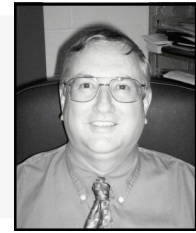
Inspired by the major make-over done to the Oswego Library, we want you to be able to do something for your library as well. This grant may be used for part of the library or the entire library. In most cases, because of the relatively small amounts of money involved, concentrating on a part of your library is more practical. Which area would you like to give the Wow! factor? Projects should be for the purpose of improving visual appeal, décor, or marketing opportunities. Funds may be used for all expenditures necessary to accomplish the makeover, including but not limited to furnishings, carpet, paint, workmen, etc. Application deadline is October 14, 2008.

In 2009, the Competitive Grant will be for Equipment. It may be used to meet your own equipment needs including as matching funds for the Gates Grant. Applicants may use the money to purchase computer equipment, photocopiers, microfilm readers, projectors, etc. The equipment must be primarily for use in the library. For the most part this grant will be for the purchase of one piece of equipment, but multiple related items (computer and printer, 3 new computers for a special purpose, projector and laptop, etc) may be requested. The deadline for this grant is April 10, 2009.

To assist small libraries (annual budget less than \$20,000), SEKLS has expanded the CE Grant to include the Small Library Attendance Support grant. This grant will provide up to \$100 to help cover the expense of the librarian's salary while s/he attends an SEKLS workshop, the cost of a substitute librarian so the librarian can attend and/or the gasoline to get there. New CE grant application forms will be available at the November 7 System Meeting but you may write in your request on the old form if you don't have the new one.

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

BY ROGER CARSWELL



Every so often, we should remind ourselves of the fundamental values which underlie librarianship. These can and have been expressed in slightly varying ways. A statement adopted by the American Library Association in 2004 lists them as the following (condensed by me):

- Access:** Information resources provided by the library should be available to all.
- Confidentiality/privacy:** Protecting user privacy is necessary for intellectual freedom.
- Democracy:** A democracy presupposes an informed citizenry.
- Diversity:** We reflect diversity by providing a full spectrum of resources to the community.
- Education and lifelong learning:** Libraries provide lifelong learning services to all.
- Intellectual freedom:** We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist efforts to censor library resources.
- The Public Good:** Libraries are an essential public good and are fundamental institutions in democratic societies.
- Preservation:** Of information published in all media and formats.
- Professionalism:** Professional education available to meet the social needs and goals of library service.
- Service:** Provide the highest level of service to all library users.
- Social responsibility:** The contribution that librarianship can make in solving the critical problems of society, and support for efforts to help educate people on these problems.

How does your library do in basing its services on these fundamental values?

## Max McCoy To Speak at System Meeting



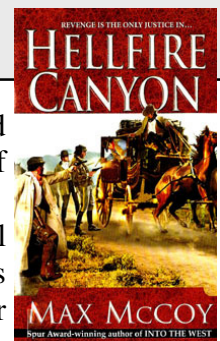
Kansas author, Max McCoy, will be the guest speaker at the November 7, 2008 System Meeting in Iola.

He is an award-winning novelist, screenwriter, and investigative reporter who teaches at Emporia State University.

Mr. McCoy's latest book is **Hellfire Canyon**, which tells the story of Civil War-era Ozarks

outlaw and killer Alf Bolin.

He will have books with him for signing.



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# Black Belt Librarianship Training Coming in November

How do you handle rowdy teens scuffling over the Internet computers? What would you do if a mentally unstable person was wandering your library swinging a tennis racket aimlessly? What do you tell a cross-dresser that wants to use the wrong restroom? And how do you get loose from the lonely patron that wants to monopolize your time just talking?

"Always remember that it's all about communication, rather than confrontation, with



the patron." With these words, Warren Graham, author of the book **Black Belt Librarians**, shows librarians how to maintain — and regain — control of their libraries.

Librarians and Trustees from SEKLS will be able to hear Warren's advice in person at a **workshop at the Pittsburg Public Library on November 20, 2008**. (Registration for this workshop will open on October 1.)

Warren is nationally renowned as an expert of day to day library security procedures. He has been a security professional for twenty-five years and spent the last seventeen years as the Security and Safety Manager for the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, developing and overseeing their program. He retired in August of 2006 to establish Warren Graham Training and

Consulting.

Developing his techniques for handling difficult situations and patrons through the years of facing myriad security situations, Warren knows by his own experience what works and what simply does not. His "real world" approach and strategy, grounded in much trial and error, will quickly give you a sense of empowerment and put you well on your way to doing all you can to develop a practical, workable, security program.

Even if you don't have security issues now, or you think your library is too small to have problems, attending this workshop will help you determine how you will handle situations before they happen. This will let you establish the policies that protect both your library and the staff in the future.



## Don't Forget!

Libraries that have received new equipment through the **Gates Opportunity Online Hardware Grant** in 2008, need to purchase and install, by the end of September, 2008, the number of computers assigned to them. You *do not need to spend all your money*, but you must have the computers purchased. After they are in place, you must run TechAtlas again. Among other things, TechAtlas reports on the age and condition of your equipment. Running it last year established your "before" condition; running it now shows "after." TechAtlas must be run by Nov. 1, 2008.

Contact Joe Tholen or Dave Blakesley for help.

## Free Audio Bibles Available

Libraries may get free recordings of the Bible from Audio Bibles for the Blind, a division of Aurora Ministries. The Bibles are available in seventy languages and come in sturdy cases that can be checked out. For more information go to the website:

[www.audiobiblesfortheblind.org](http://www.audiobiblesfortheblind.org)

# From Iris' Idea File

<http://irisideafire.blogspot.com>



## Library Terms

Do all those phrases folks toss around (as if you understood them) send you to a corner talking to yourself?

I'm compiling a list of library terms on the **Idea File** blog. The list started as common cataloging terms to help new catalogers, but it keeps growing! The current list has more than 40 entries. I'm sure I've missed some. Please take a look at the blog (address is above) and let me know which terms that drive you crazy should be included.

*Here is a sample of what you will find on the blog:*

- **Easy (Picture) books** \_\_\_\_\_ Material written for preschoolers and children. Illustrations dominate the work. These are intended to be "read-to-me" books. The text is not controlled vocabulary and may be up to a 6th grade reading level.
- **Easy Reader** \_\_\_\_\_ Controlled vocabulary picture books intended for beginning readers. They come in 3 reading levels: beginning beginner, intermediate, and advanced (simple chapter books). Do not classify an item as an Easy Reader unless the publisher identifies it as such with a label like "Beginning Beginner" "Step into Reading" "Getting Ready to Read" etc. Remember, just because it's by Dr. Seuss, doesn't make it an Easy Reader. Easy

Readers need to have controlled vocabulary and a certain structure.

- **Children's (Juvenile)** \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter books and non-fiction written for children from preschool to grade 8.

- **Integrated Library System (ILS)** \_\_\_\_\_ A library management system that keeps track of what a library owns, what is ordered, what bills have been paid and what patrons are using the material. The system is automated and provides two formats, one accessible to the patrons that allows them to search the catalog, place holds and deal with materials in their own accounts, and one format available to the staff which allows them to create and edit the databases. This is sometimes called an *Automated Library System (ALS)*.

- **Large print ed.** \_\_\_\_\_ Books specially published for the visually impaired. Print is at least an 16 pt. font (This is a 16 pt. font.) Do not classify an item as large print unless it is identified as a large print item by the publisher

- **Larger print book** \_\_\_\_\_ An unofficial term used by some publishers, usually of paperback books, to show that the books are printed in type larger than standard paperbacks, but less than 16 pt. type, so not large enough to qualify as a large print

book.

- **Tweens** \_\_\_\_\_ Junior high students. Pre-teens. They feel too old for children's books but aren't quite ready for some teen-age materials. Materials aren't usually cataloged separately for this age group, but librarians are aware of their reading needs.

- **Verso** \_\_\_\_\_ Verso of the title page. The back side, or reverse, of the title page. In library jargon, "verso" is the publisher data that helps a cataloger to identify unique information about an item. Publishers usually print their legal information, publisher's address and printing history as well as CIP and ISBN on the back of the title page. That is why this information is called verso information. Some publishers get creative about where they place verso information. It may be on the left-hand side of a two page title page, or at the end of the index, or with other "back matter." Older books, particularly rare books, have limited verso information. The front of the page is called the *Obverse*.

- **Young Adult (YA)** \_\_\_\_\_ Material written specifically for teenagers. This may be fiction or non-fiction. The genre is read by both junior and senior high students. Material written for older teens may have more mature content than is appropriate for preteens.

# ILL NOTES

FROM BRENDA CASH, INTERLIBRARY LOAN DEPARTMENT



Summer has drawn to an end and chances are you are seeing an increase in your



interlibrary loan traffic. As your patrons get back into their winter routines, they now find they have time to read all those books that had to wait during the summer.

If you are not doing so currently, this might be a good time to explore the advantages of participating in the state wide resource sharing program (KICnet).

This program, using the Kansas Library Catalog (KLC) allows you to borrow and lend

books. Instead of having SEKLS request items for you, you can place requests immediately for your patrons. This will save mailing time as the item would be mailed directly to your library and ultimately your patron would receive the book quicker.

For more information about this program and details on how to get started, contact me by email ([bcash@sekls.org](mailto:bcash@sekls.org)) or by calling the SEKLS offices.

## Erie CityLibrary awarded *Picturing America* exhibit

SEK Libraries are winners! Last month we learned that **Parsons Public Library** will receive a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. This month we learn that **Erie City Library** has been awarded the **Picturing America** exhibit, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA). **Erie Library** will have 40 copies of famous American Art to display and use to help students and citizens gain a deeper appreciation of our



country's history and character through the study and understanding of its art.

Following the principle "Great art speaks powerfully, inspires fresh thinking, and connects us to our past," the exhibit offers unique insights into the character, ideals, and aspirations of our country. By bringing high-quality reproductions of notable American art into public and private schools, libraries, and communities, Picturing America gives participants the opportunity to learn about our nation's history and culture in a fresh and engaging way. The program uses art as a catalyst for the study of America—the cultural, political, and historical threads woven into our nation's fabric over time.

Source: <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>.

## Teaching East Asia Seminar available to School Librarians

The Kansas Consortium for Teaching About Asia (KCTA) will be holding its "Teaching East Asia" seminar at the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park, KS this fall on Tuesday nights in October and November with a special session at the Nelson-Atkins Museum on December 6th.

This seminar is offered FREE to teachers and school librarians, and those who successfully complete the course RECEIVE a cash stipend of \$700. There also are opportunities for subsidized enrichment activities.

For more information on the seminar, please visit the KCTA website at <http://www.kcta.ku.edu/tea.shtml>.



# At LARGE

with Jaime Prideaux,  
Talking Books/  
Special Needs Consultant

## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....

By now, all of you have probably heard that I have left my position at SEKLS. While I have LOVED being the Special Needs Consultant very much, due to continuing health problems with my son (and after LOTS of prayer!!), I turned in my resignation. I am going to stay at home with my son for the next few years.

It was a very, very difficult decision. I am going to miss everyone, but I believe this is the best decision for my family at this time. I do plan to return to the library field again when my son is older, and would love to return to this same position if it should become available again in the future. During the last few years, I've really enjoyed getting to know all of you. You all make such a difference in the lives of those you serve.

So, until we meet again, I wish every one of you great success and happiness.

-Jaime Prideaux

## AROUND THE SYSTEM

📖 **Cherryvale Public Library** is installing a Memory Sidewalk using personalized bricks. Ask **Jessie** how it's going!

📖 **Roger Carswell, Director of SEKLS and Iola Public Library** is co-chair of the KLA Governmental Affairs Committee this year.

📖 **LaNell Knoll** is the new librarian at **Colony City Library**.

📖 **Helen Rigdon**, formerly of **Coffeyville Public Library**, is now Branch Manager of the Argentine Branch of Kansas City Public Library.

📖 In case you didn't hear, **Mary Markwalter** left **Coffey County Library** this spring to become the Director of the Mason City Library in Iowa. Her husband retired and this puts

them closer to family.

📖 **Jennifer Dalton** has been selected as the new **Coffeyville Public Library** Director. She will start around October 1, 2008..

📖 **Lena Dick** of the **Mary Sommerville Library, Mound City**, reports an effective fundraiser they have been using. She purchased several boxes of M & M Minis, the candy that comes in plastic tubes.



Tubes of candy were given to patrons with the request they eat the candy and refill each tube with quarters, then return the

tubes to the **Library**. Each tube holds \$13.00 in quarters. They have a set time frame for the campaign (it ends this month) and they clearly told people the purpose of the project (renovation of their new building.) It's been a big hit. Several people have filled multiple tubes with quarters for the Library.

📖 **Stephanie Arbuckle** at **Weir Public Library** reports that her biggest Summer Reading participant read 440 books. He came to the library daily and checked out at least 10 books each trip. He only missed coming to the library one day: he overslept the day of the Wrap-up Party and missed being there to get his prize! (She gave it to him later.)

# STORYTIME SPARKS

## Sandy's Corner

by Sandy Wilkerson



We have new puppet kits at SEKLS. Puppet kits include a book and puppet and sometimes other material for creating a storytime. These and all puppet kits are available through the ILL department. Give them a call today!

**Bark, George**-includes large George dog, mother dog, duck, cat, pig, cow.

**Clumsy Crab**-includes crab puppet

**The Gingerbread Man**-includes a fox puppet.

**Manuelo the playing mantis**-includes preying mantis puppet.

**The Nutcracker**-includes stuffed nutcracker.

**Russell the Sheep**-includes a sheep puppet.

**Tickly Octopus**-includes octopus puppet.

**Very Greedy Bee**-includes bee puppet

**Velveteen Rabbit**-includes rabbit.

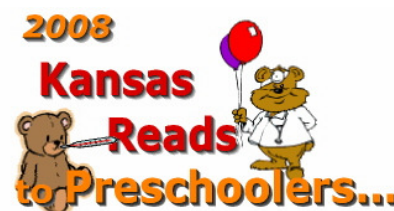
Get your band-aids ready! It is that time of the year again and the theme is Health. The Kansas Reads to Preschooler book, ***Bear Feels Sick*** by Karma Wilson, has been selected to be read the week of November 16-22 to all Kansas preschoolers. This is a heart-warming story of how Bear's friends nurse him with herbal tea, lullabies, and tender loving care until he's well again. Thank goodness!

Children's librarians can invite a health professional to storytime in November. Any Doctor, Nurse, P.A. or E.M.T. would love to be included in Kansas Reads to Preschoolers week and your kids would love to see them outside of the office. Invite all your story-timers to bring a bear with

them to storytime and give away band-aids when they come.

Check out the website for other activities and projects.

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/orgs/kcxfb/bear.htm>



For more information contact Janie Rutherford, [janier@kslib.info](mailto:janier@kslib.info)

The Kansas Center for the Book sent one copy of the book to public libraries that are legally established and which have filled out a statistics report for the State Library.

# 5 HOT PICKS

The kids at **Caney Valley High School** are *totally* into reading books in series. Wendy Oyler, their librarian, tells us.

These are their top picks.



1. **Twilight series**  
by Stephenie Meyer



2. **Pendragon Series**  
by D.J. MacHale



3. **Maximum Ride series**  
by James Patterson



4. **Uglies series**  
by Scott Westerfeld



5. And *anything* by Ellen Hopkins!

## Summer Reading Manuals



The 2009

**Summer Reading Manuals** will be distributed at the November 7, 2008 System Meeting.

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## SEKLS CALENDAR

### September 2008

- 24 GREENBUSH 9:00-2:30 Selecting Young Adult materials
- 29 IOLA 8:30-10:30 Executive Board Meeting
- 30 PITTSBURG PUBLIC 1:00-4:00 Cyberseries: Troubleshooting basics

### October 2008

- 7 EUREKA 1:00-4:00 Cyberseries: A new (MS) Vista
- 9 PARSONS 1:00-4:00 Cyberseries: A new (MS) Vista
- 10 DEADLINE (12:00 NOON) FOR REGISTRATION FOR WESTMINSTER WOODS
- 16 WESTMINSTER WOODS 9:00-4:00 12th Annual In-Service
- 21 GREENBUSH 9:00-2:30 Handy 5
- 28 NORTH COMMUNITY BLDG, IOLA 10:00-3:00 Storytime Applications of Every Child Ready to Read

### November 2008

- 4 ERIE 9:00-12:00 Cyberseries: Editing photos with Kodak Easy-share
- 7 IOLA 10:00-12:00 System Meeting
- 13 FREDONIA PL. 9:00-12:00 Cyberseries: Editing photos with Kodak Easy-share