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From the President...

Sharon Ailslieger (Sharon.Ailsliegar@mccconnell.af.mil)

Hello All:

The WALA year is half over and it has been busy. The Legislative Luncheon in November went very well. Paul Hawkins presented an excellent program on filtering and the Legislators seemed very receptive. A big thank you goes the committee of Rita Severt, Betty Batten, and Valorie Starr. The Christmas party in December saw an excellent turnout, with excellent food and lots of fun had by all. Another thank you to Valorie Starr and Betty Batten for arranging to have it at Friends University Library.

Hope everyone's holidays were happy ones. January is always supposed to be a slow time, but never are!! Remember if something special or "good" happens at your library, let WALA know and Susan will put it in the newsletter. A reminder that FEBRUARY 19 IS KLA DAY IN TOPEKA. SCKLS and WALA are sponsoring a bus. Hope YOU are planning to go. Another reminder is that we will begin looking for new WALA offi-



cers for 2004-05. If you are interested in serving on the WALA Board., just contact me or any Board member.

Other WALA notes include a presentation at KLA Convention, another summer of the WALA Traveling Show and the Annual meeting in June.

Sharon Ailslieger,
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McConnell Air Force Base Library



McConnell AFB Library was the recipient of the award "Best Library in AMC" for 2002-03. This award means that McConnell Library was better than eleven other libraries in the Air Mobility Command. It was based on level of service, circulation, and involvement in base and community activities by library personnel. Besides a plaque for the wall, each staff person received a monetary bonus.

McConnell was also one of the thirteen Sedgwick county libraries involved in the Levand Grant project for summer reading. This project earned a Youth Award from the Mountain Plains Library Association for the libraries taking part in the planning and implementation of the project.

Sharon Ailslieger, Reference Librarian, McConnell ARB Library

Newton Public Library Anniversary Celebration



Newton's Carnegie Library: Recent Photo

On October 23, 2003, the Newton Public Library celebrated several milestones with a lunch and open house. The library sponsored a Newton Area Chamber of Commerce "Lunch-On-Us" from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm., with a reception continuing until 7:00 pm. The approximately 166 guests included library patrons; former board members and staff; current staff and volunteers; Second Century Endowment Foundation members; Newton Friends of the Library; and library personnel from across the state. The Newton Public Library Board of Trustees hosted the celebration with the assistance of the Second Century Board members and Friends of Newton Public Library.

Newton Public Library has enjoyed 30 years "off Broadway" at its current 720 N. Oak Street location. 2003 was the 30th anniversary of the original Oak Street building, which was dedicated on April 1, 1973. The name of the library officially changed from "Newton Free Library" to "Newton Public Library" at the dedication. This year also marked the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Library Building (completed in 1903), which housed the Newton Free Library and is the current home of the Harvey County Historical Society on Broadway. Newton Free Library was established in 1886 and was located in various rented spaces prior to the building of the Carnegie Library. The celebration also highlighted other anniversaries of changes made to the present library facility. 2003 was the 5th year since the remodeling project of the Bessmer Wing and the children's service area.

Several one-year anniversaries were celebrated: carpet tiles installed in the adult services area, a Dynix library information database server, and the implementation of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation technology grant.

Displays highlighted the Friends of Newton Public Library and their activities including the annual book sale; the Second Century Endowment Foundation, established in 1986 to benefit NPL Adult Services, and its annual Flower & Garden Tour; Florence Bessmer and the Bessmer Foundation she established to benefit NPL Children's Services; health resources collaboration between NPL and Newton Medical Center Library; NPL Oak Street building facility projects; 100 years at the Carnegie Library facility; and online resources provided by NPL, KLNb, KAN-ED; and a variety of NPL services.

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Have Questions?

Ask Your Colleagues

The Park City Library is looking to the future and the possibility of building a new building.

What I would like to hear from you, especially those who have done a major remodel or have built a library in the last few years, what things you like about your building, what things you would do different, and what list was or is. I'm open to suggestions.

Thanks for all your creative ideas and input.

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*Wichita Area Library Association
and
South Central Kansas Library System*

present





Second Annual Charter Bus Trip to KLA Legislative Day 2004, Topeka

Thursday, February 19, 2004
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Description:

The Wichita Area Library Association and South Central Kansas Library System are directing their legislative efforts again this year to encourage and facilitate the attendance of librarians and library advocates at the annual KLA Legislative Day in Topeka on February 19.

WALA/SCKLS is chartering a bus with a seating capacity of 47, which will leave from and return to the Wichita State University Metro Complex. The charter bus will transport interested librarians and library advocates free-of-charge to the front steps of the State Capitol where we will then meet with individual legislators and participate in other lobbying activities organized by KLA.

-  Charter bus pick up at the WSU Metro Complex, 29th & Oliver, Wichita (*map attached*)
-  Plenty of free parking available at the Metro Complex.
-  Leave the Complex at 8:00 a.m.
-  Return to the Complex no later than 5:00 p.m.

To register for the time in Topeka, go to the KLA web site. KLA Legislative Day agenda and registration form to reserve a boxed luncheon will be located at the KLA web site. KLA Legislative Priorities for 2004, a way to locate and contact your representative, and additional information about the Kansas Legislature can also be found at this KLA web site: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/legislation/index.html>

To register to ride the charter bus leaving from Wichita fill out the following form OR register online by going to the SCKLS online registration form: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/sckls/sysserv/ce/reg.html> OR contact Nancy Malone, 800-234-0529, Ext. 149 or e-mail nmalone@sckls.org .

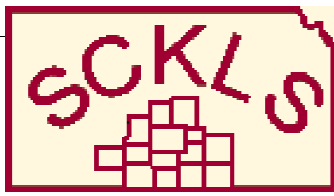
Deadline for charter bus registration is February 16, 2004

Name _____

Library _____

E-mail _____

Mail to: **KLA Legislative Bus** Fax: 620-663-1215
 SCKLS
 901 N Main St
 Hutchinson, KS 67501



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Feature Presentations in 2004



January

- 9 & 12** Bibliostat Collect TrainingAugusta and Kingman
- 23** Survival Skills for Everyone (teleconference) El Dorado, Hutchinson, Pratt,
Winfield, Wichita



February

- 10** READ-A-LUNCH w/ Larry Papenfuss Wichita
"Dave Barry in Cyberspace"
- 18** Storytelling Pizzazz! with Judy NicholsRockwell Branch Library, Wichita
- 19** KLA Legislative DayBus leaves from Wichita



March

- 8 & 9** Tech Trends 2004 Hesston
- 10, 17, 24** Budget WorkshopsAugusta, Kingman, McPherson
- 30** Sandra Nelson, Tri-Conference Pre-Conference Wichita
- 31** Tri-Conference Wichita



April

- 1-2** Tri-Conference Wichita
- 8** Summer Reading Workshop Hutchinson
- 15 & 16** Computer Training Workshops (Gates grant) Hutchinson
- 19** READ-A-LUNCH w/ Nancy Malone Hutchinson
"The Long Goodbye"
- 26** Semi-Annual Business Meeting Wichita



May

17-20 KPLAGE Institute.....Emporia



July

Policy Workshops.....Various days and places

14 READ-A-LUNCH w/ Paul Hawkins.....Wellington
"Main Street"



September

23 Fall Bus Tour of the SEKLS



October

14 READ-A-LUNCH w/ Julie Tomlianovich.....Kingman
"Tuck Everlasting" & "The Fledgling"

25 Semi-Annual Business Meeting.....Wichita



November

4 Annual Technology Day.....Wichita

Watch for additional information on these and other workshops provided by the staff at the South Central Kansas Library System. Start a New Year's habit of regularly checking the System calendar at: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/sckls/>

WALA TRAVELING SHOW—RETURN ENGAGEMENT

It looks like "The Show" will be a go for a fourth summer. We are always looking for "aspiring" entertainers. If you have an interest in being a part of this fun project, contact Sharon Ailslieger (316-759-4207) or Rita Severt at Kansas Newman University (316-942-4291 ext. 2210).

Talent is NOT a requirement!!

WALA Membership Libraries

What libraries are in the Wichita Area?

Nan Myers, Government Documents, Patents and Trademarks Librarian,
Wichita State University Libraries, helps to find the right answer using an MSA concept.

What is an MSA? The general concept of a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) is that of a core area containing a substantial population nucleus, together with adjacent communities having a high degree of social and economic integration with that core. In other words, the MSA is a statistical representation of the social and economic linkages between urban cores and outlying integrated areas. MSAs comprise one or more entire counties.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan statistical areas for purposes of collecting, tabulating, and publishing Federal data. Metropolitan statistical area definitions result from applying published standards to Census Bureau data. The Metropolitan Area program has provided standard statistical area definitions for 50 years.

Counties in the Wichita MSA: Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, and Sumner.

Incorporated Cities in the Wichita MSA by county:

Sedgwick County: Andale, Bel Aire, Bentley, Cheney, Clearwater, Colwich, Derby, Eastborough, Goddard, Garden Plain, Haysville, Kechi, Maize, Mount Hope, Mulvane, Park City, Sedgwick, Valley Center, Viola, Wichita.

Butler County: Andover, Augusta, Benton, Cassoday, Douglass, Elbing, Latham, Leon, Potwin, Rose Hill, Towanda, Whitewater.

Harvey County: Burrton, Halstead, Heston, Newton, North Newton, Sedgwick, Walton.

Sumner County: Argonia, Belle Plaine, Caldwell, Conway Springs, Geuda Springs, Honeywell, Mulvane, Oxford, South Haven, Wellington.

Useful Web Resources

U.S. Census Bureau (information about metropolitan statistical areas)
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metroarea.html>

2000 Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area Standards
(from the *Federal Register*, Dec. 27, 2000)
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/00-32997.pdf>

Historical Metropolitan Area Definitions (U.S. Census Bureau)
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/pastmetro.html>

WALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2004-2005

Name: _____

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Home Address, if desired: _____

Home Telephone, if desired: _____

Should WALA correspondence be addressed to you at work___ or at home___?

Would you like a receipt? Yes___ No___

Is this a renewal___, or a new membership___?

If this is a renewal, have you had a change in name___, position___, institution___, or home address (when provided)___? Please check any that apply and supply the OLD information below. (This will help us to keep our mailing list up-to-date.)

Please mark any of the following WALA Committees on which you would be willing to serve:

___ *Membership* ___ *Finance* ___ *Programs*

___ *Co-operating Libraries* ___ *Communications* ___ *Community Relations*

Please return this form, along with your check made payable the Wichita Area Library Association for \$15.00 for renewal and new full year memberships, or \$7.50 for a trial membership. WALA's year is from July 1 to June 30. Kindly send the form and the money to: Allan Tanner, Wichita Public Library, 223 S. Main St. Wichita, KS 67202

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