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From the President...

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

Hello All:

The current WALA year is almost over and, as your President, it has been a good year for me. The Board has been supportive, the newsletter has been going out on a regular basis, and WALA activities have been well attended. Last summer the WALA Traveling Show, in its third year, did thirty shows. This summer, the FOURTH YEAR, twenty-three shows are scheduled. The Legislative Luncheon, in November, was a definite success, with a good showing by both librarians and legislators. The program on filtering was very well done by **Paul Hawkins**, the new DIRECTOR OF SCKLS!! The holidays are always very busy, but the WALA Christmas Party at Friends University had over twenty-five librarians enjoying some GREAT food. Not only do WALA librarians know all the answers, but can cook too!! What a talented group we are. The day at the Legislature saw a

bus load of WALA/SCKLS librarians (around 20) arriving in Topeka to guide any misguided legislators that could be found walking the capitol building halls. Again, the legislators responded well, with many of them attending the luncheon and taking time to speak with Kansas librarians. Tri-Conference was excellent this year and included a WALA presentation. A big thank-you goes to **Rita Severt** (Newman University), **Valorie Starr & Betty Batten** (Friends University), **Nancy Malone** (SCKLS) and **Cheryl Canfield** (Hutchinson Public) for their wonderful performances!! The final activity of the year will be the Annual meeting on June 3rd. **Cindy Berner-Harris**, Director of Wichita Public Library, will be the featured speaker. There will also be election



of officers and discussion of suggestions for WALA sponsored workshops. I have appointed a nominating committee, **Rita Severt, Betty Batten, and Valorie Starr**. They are busy working on a slate of officers and would gladly welcome any volunteers!! If you are interested in taking a more active part in WALA, now is time to speak up. Our membership is around forty hearty souls and their participation is not only welcome, but NEEDED, to keep WALA a strong, viable organization. Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting.

Sharon Ailslieger,
WALA President

SCKLS welcomes Paul Hawkins as a Director

Paul Hawkins became a director of SCKLS on March 26. He has served as this library cooperative's assistant director since 1985. Hawkins, a Hutchinson native, holds a master's level degree in LIS from Emporia State University. His areas of library expertise include consulting and continuing education. Hawkins serves on the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Historical Society and is a past board member of the Kansas Humanities Council and Hutchinson Community College. Headquartered in Hutchinson, SCKLS pro-

vides consulting, continuing education, grants and support services to libraries. SCKLS serves member libraries in 12 counties including Barber, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Stafford and Sumner. The organization has 70 public, 56 school, 16 academic and 7 special library members and a staff of 14. Hawkins' goals are to increase funding for libraries, improve marketing and advocacy of library services and to create more educational opportunities for librarians.

WICHITA AREA LIBRARIANS IN THE NEWS

Professor Zhang won Elections to the ALA Council

Sha Li Zhang, Associate Professor and Head of Technical Services, was elected as a Councilor-at-Large in the 2004 ALA election, for a three-year term from 2004 to 2007. The ALA Council is a governing body of the 65,000 membership organization. Zhang has been with the Wichita State University Libraries since February 1999. Among many of her ac-

tive roles within ALA, Zhang served numerous ACRL committees, chaired committees of the ALCTS Acquisitions Section's Committee on Research and Statistics, International Relations Committee's East Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee and Europe Subcommittee, and was Editor of International Leads, the only publications reporting ALA

members' international contributions in librarianship. Zhang is current Secretary/Treasurer of the International Relations Round Table, and is serving editorial boards of College & Research Libraries and OCLC Systems and Services: International Digital Library Perspectives. Professor Zhang is very excited to be able to serve this ALA governing body.



Sha Li Zhang
Associate Professor & Head of
Technical Services, WSU

Welcome to new librarians in the Sedgwick County area!

The new director of Cheney Public Library is **Susan Woodard**, who, along with husband David and their two children, is a resident of that city. Susan has been with Cheney Public since 1998 and was formerly the Children's Librarian. She says the library is busy planning for their Summer Reading Program and looking forward to having more space this summer, as they moved into their new building three months ago at 203 N.

Main in Cheney. They are also beginning to use "Automatic Authors" of Baker and Taylor, and think that it will provide an efficient, time-saving plan for acquisitions. The Cheney Public Library has three part-time employees and is getting ready to hire one more.

The new director of Garden Plain Community Library is **Thea Harroald**.

The library services includes computer and Internet access, Summer

reading program, and interlibrary loan. Special collections include local history materials, area Parish Centennial books, Garden Plain high school Yearbooks and the Echo, family videos and The August Nuessen Memorial Western Collection. The library serves population over 700 Garden Plain's residents and located at 502 N. Main. Congratulations Susan and Thea!!

THANK YOU TO THE 2003-04 BOARD SHARON AILSLIEGER, THE WALA PRESIDENT

I want say a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the persons who serve on the WALA Board and attended the monthly meetings.

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Joe Forte—Kansas Newman University
Elaine Harvey—Wichita State University
Nancy Malone—SCKLS (ex-officio)

Saying Farewell to Sr. Edwina Pope, ASC

After 20 years as Technical Services Librarian at Newman University, **Sr. Edwina Pope** is changing jobs. She will be caregiver for retired and infirmed sisters in her order's Columbia Province Center in the lush rural setting of Columbia, PA. Her last official day is May 28. Sister will be thrilled if you send your regards and best wishes. Her email is popee@newmanu.edu. Phone: 316-942-4291 x. 2108.

WICHITA AREA LIBRARIANS IN THE NEWS

M. Kelly is leaving Wichita: we will miss you, Mike



Michael Kelly
Curator and Associate Professor,
Special Collections WSU

Photo by Gwen Alexander

Michael Kelly, Curator of Special Collections, is leaving WSU to become the Director of the Center for Southwest Research at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Mike was with the WSU for 20 years. He is extremely well respected by library staff, the university and Wichita community. Under his leadership, Special collections and the University Archive became a well established center of historical knowledge and preservation of cultural heritage. The collection includes many very valuable resources,

such as 325 digitized historical Kansas Maps dated from 1556 to 1900 for interactive viewing, Wichita Photo Archive with more than 1000 historical photographs, manuscripts, rare books and many more. M. Kelly is known as a moderator, consultant, and speaker at historical and archival symposiums, the author of numerous articles and monographs on a variety of subjects. He is also known for his connection to Wichita and Kansas community where he served as a Chair of the Executive Committee of SCKLS, South Central Kansas Disaster Recovery Coordinator, and Vice-Chair of the Kansas State Library Commission.

Farewell reception for M. Kelly at WSU Libraries on May 7 was attended by many his friends and coworkers. Dean **Rao**, Associate Dean **Gwen Alexander**, and Library Associate **Eric Engstrom** expressed their warm feelings and appreciation to Kelly's accomplishments. Associate Dean **Kathy Downes** wrote a wonderful poem for Mike. Chair of Social Committee **Connie Basquez**, gave him gifts from library staff. Good luck, Mike, we will miss you!!

Susan Matveyeva

National Library Week at WSU

The **WSU Scholarship Festival** was held on April 21, in front of Ablah Library. The annual event, which is sponsored by the WSU Libraries, Research Administration, and Graduate School, honors the research, publication, and performance activities of the WSU community. Refreshments were served prior to remarks by President **Don Beggs**, Associate Vice-President for Research Administration **Gerald Loper**, Dean of Libraries **Pal Rao**, Dean of Graduate School **Susan Kovar**, and **Louis Medvene**, Associate Professor of Psychology and one of the authors who is being honored. A bibliography of the 2003 publications and performances honored at the Shocker Scholarship Festival is available at <http://library.wichita.edu/ShockerScholarshipFestival%20Bibliography.pdf>

The WSU also celebrated the first annual **National Library Workers Day** on April 20th. The theme for 2004 was **LIBRARIES WORK BECAUSE WE DO!** Dean **Rao** was hosting a pizza lunch to recognize all University Libraries workers and their dedication to the profession.

Gwen Alexander



Nan Myers, WSU Associate Professor and Librarian Government Documents, Patents and

Trademarks, is elected Secretary of the ALA Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT). Her responsibilities will include recording of Minutes of Business and Steering Committee and assisting the Editor of GODORT *Policies and Procedures* manual. Nan was also elected Chair/Elect of the PTDLA (Patent & Trademark Depository Library Association), the organization that connects libraries to the U S Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). Congratulations Nan!!

WALA's warm congratulations to Rita Severt

Paul Xavier Severt born Dec. 31, 2003 to **Pete and Nikki Severt** is the grandson of **Rita Severt** at Newman University and the great-grandson of **Norma Johnson** of Haysville Community Library. Norma is Nikki's grandmother.

WICHITA AREA LIBRARIANS IN THE NEWS



John Williams
Acquisitions Manager, WSU
Photo by Gwen Alexander

John Williams, Acquisitions Manager, was honored with the President's Award for Distinguished Service at the Shocker Pride Picnic on May 5.

John was nominated by library co-workers. They mentioned performance of his day-to-day work duties in managing Libraries Acquisitions where he and four assistants accomplish complicated order processing and bookkeeping, his willingness to enhance his contributions to profession by making extra efforts to support others and his intellectual excellence and enthusiasm. John has been involved in several research and writing projects recently. John and **Gwen Alexander**, Associate Dean and **Joan Wilson**, Library Assistant, co-authored *An Annotated Bibliography of Shorter Monographs: Current Essays and Reports in Information Retrieval and Data Mining* which is in production. Also he co-authored "Allocating the Technology Dividends in Technical Services through Using Vendor Services" for *Library Collection, Acquisitions & Technical Services* and co-authored a book chapter on electronic acquisitions that has been accepted for

publication. John and Gwen have submitted a grant proposal to the NSF for a \$367,000 project related to learning patterns of undergraduate chemistry students. John also took part in both the Kaizen training and the Kaizen Event in August 2003. John has been with WSU Libraries for 21 years and was an early adopter of bar-coding technology which sped up processing in acquisitions and reduced errors. Also he worked with computer programmers and Libraries personnel to create a pioneering computer program to help the collection development department track and analyze periodicals usage. And he has served on the Classified Senate and the Library Classified Staff Agenda Committee as well as a number of other Libraries committees and task forces.

Gwen Alexander

Friends of Kansas Library Received Annual Award

by Nancy Malone

Marion Renner, Larry Romine, and the Haysville Friends of the Library group received the annual Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) Award at the FoKL luncheon that was held during a library tri-conference in Wichita. The award includes a cash part (a \$100 for a group and a \$ 50 for an individual winner), framed certificate, and a one year membership to Friends of the Library USA (FOLUSA). FoKL gives the award to individual members and groups of

varying service populations to recognize excellence and to promote and encourage local friends groups. Winners were judged on their benefit to the library, creativeness and originality of projects, and increased community awareness. The Haysville group maintains a high visibility in the community by sponsoring many events in the city. They also provides funding for library materials and programs. Individual winners were selected on their volunteer effort, benefit to the library and commu-

nity, and commitment to library services. Marion is the cornerstone of the Haysville Friends of the Library and has been active in their group since 1977. She provides invaluable help to the library and is active in the community. Larry has served as Treasurer of the Board of Governors of the Wichita Public Library since 1996. Under his watch, the Friends have made generous contributions to the Wichita Public Library and received a matching grant. He has also been active in library legislation.



Larry Romine, Wichita, and Karen McCulloh



Karen McCulloh, FoKL president, and Marion Renner, Haysville



Karen McCulloh, FoKL president, and Judy Pegg, Haysville



Good News from Andover

by Carol Wohlford, APL Director

The Andover Public Library (APL) has been awarded three grants that will allow it to continue to expand its outreach to the Andover community.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) selected APL to receive the 2004 We the People Bookshelf which includes 15 hardcover books reflecting the theme of "Courage" that will engage young readers as well as their parents and teachers. The Bookshelf is an important part of the NEH's three-year, \$100 million We the People initiative to increase the study and understanding of American history and heritage. APL will be among 500 libraries in schools and communities across the country participating in the Bookshelf series. The NEH provides "Courage Kits" which define a variety of activities to engage parents and children in the series. "Throughout the month of April, we will be working with schools and community groups to provide orientation and training in developing group discussions for this series," noted **Carol Wohlford**, APL Director. "The series will begin in May and run through December and is geared to all grades, K through 12," Wohlford added. "We see this as an extraordinary opportunity to further reach out to the youth of our community and their parents and to instill in them a greater sense of, and appreciation for, our American history and heritage,"

Wohlford noted. "We also see this as a great addition to our already growing Summer Reading Program," she added. Additionally, Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) has awarded two grants to support APL's efforts to expand its Friends group. One grant partially underwrote the highly successful April 3rd membership drive and Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash. The event attracted over 350 participants, 110 new Friends members and more than \$3,000.00 to be put towards children's programming.

A second FoKL grant has been earmarked to jump-start a marketing campaign for the APL Friends with a promotional and informational video. "Our children's programming, especially our Story Time sessions, are growing so quickly, that we clearly need a larger Friends group to support that growth. These grants will enable us to do more effective outreach into the Andover community to strengthen the Friends," Wohlford explained. The APL Friends, which has only been in existence for two years, helps with the Summer Reading Program, supports the annual Book Sale, and has plans to create book discussion groups and create a "Raise A Reader" program for new mothers.



Newman's Future Library

Most of you are aware that the Newman University Library has move to temporary quarters following its closing due to structural problems. The Board of Directors has decided to build a new library building that will also house all student services, including the CAC, computer labs, a small auditorium, and the bookstore. This design concept is in line with what many institutions are planning for their future libraries. What is now a difficult and cumbersome situation for students, faculty, and librarians will flourish into an excellent opportunity to place the library where everyone says it should be—the heart of the university. A recent survey of students indicated that, although they may not use books as they did in the past, they still want their library space. To them the library offers comfort, security, and a place to study and to socialize. The future library will accommodate them nicely since it will be in the center of campus activity.

The new library will be a true "curriculum driven" one. Newman is not a research institution and does not require a library with extensive back files of bound journals and a significant collection of little-used books retained "just in case" someone will ask for one. The new library will still have paper, microfiche, and bound journals and it will still have books. What it will not

have is that "just in case" collection that takes up a considerable and expensive amount of storage space. Before construction and with faculty collaboration, this "just in case" collection will be deselected (weeded) and the remaining collection will be transferred to an accessible facility for about a year until construction is complete.

Although the library is an information provider, it is assuming an equally important role as *education* provider. Areas in the new building will be earmarked for this purpose. Beginning fall, 2004, formal information literacy instruction for faculty will be implemented. The ultimate goal is to have 80% of the class syllabi containing a library research component. Also, librarians will provide information literacy instruction to students in the traditional forums and in other non-classroom situations (dorm sessions, online, etc.). Newman subscribes to the ALA guidelines for information literacy and believes that an information literate student will more likely be academically successful and will be better equipped for lifelong learning.

Joseph Forte, Library Director, Newman University

ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT!

**WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION(WALA)
ANNUAL MEETING-2004**

DATE: JUNE 3, 2004 (Thursday)

TIME: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

**PLACE: SCOTCH & SIRLOIN RESTAURANT
KELLOGG & EDGEMORE**

COST: \$10.00

**PROGRAM: CINDY BERNER-HARRIS
DIRECTOR – WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Renew Now
A Predictable Word from the Treasurer

by Allan Tanner

This is a busy time of year for all of us. One thing that makes it busy for me is processing WALA membership renewals. This, then, is your chance to make Tanner do some work.



The WALA year runs from July 1 to June 30, so the 2003-2004 memberships will soon be expiring. Beat the rush and renew now.

Please fill out and return the renewal form, found inside the back cover page, to me. I'll send you a brand new membership card, and if you want it, a receipt.

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

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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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