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From the President...

Rhonda Bethel (bethel@friends.edu)

Greetings, and welcome to the HOT summer. As the new President of WALA, my first order of business is to thank our outgoing President, **Nan Myers**, for all of her hard work this past year. I hope that I can continue to serve WALA with her zest to guide me!

We have some new and familiar faces at WALA on our board this year. **Sharon Ailslieger** is our new President-Elect, and **Gemma Blackburn** is our new Secretary. **Nan Myers** is our new Newsletter Editor.

The summer has seen some relocation of some of our members as well. **Rita Severt** is leaving Newman University and has accepted

the directorship at WATC. **Helen Rigdon** (WATC) has accepted a directorship at Coffeyville. Congratulations to you both in your new ventures.

Fall is just around the corner. At our next meeting we will be forming a By-law Review Committee. Other topics of discussion will be upcoming events for the Fall. The Legislative Luncheon is fast approaching in November and we will be determining a location and date.

“Technology Day” is scheduled for November 2nd at Friends University. We are also beginning to prepare for our annual Christmas Party. Sug-



WALA President: Rhonda Bethel.

gested locations that will be discussed include Botanica and the new Cargill Education Center at the Sedgwick County Zoo. If you have additional ideas, please let me know.

I am looking forward to working with all of you during my tenure. Please contact me if you have ideas and suggestions at bethel@friends.edu or 316.295.5808

Rhonda Bethel
WALA President

The Kansas Book Festival is Coming – and Volunteers Will Be Needed!

Save the dates of **September 29-30** for the **2006 Kansas Book Festival at Lawrence-Dumont!** Volunteers will be needed to help with a variety of tasks, from promoting the festival by distributing bookmarks and posters around the region to assisting with tickets at the Black, White and READ All Over Ball.

Interested in helping? Contact **Micaela Ayers** at BCCC (316-322-3235 or mayers@butlercc.edu) or **Roseanne Siemens** at the KLA Office (866-552-4636 or kansaslibraryassociation@yahoo.com).

The Kansas Book Festival is presented by the Governor's Cultural Affairs Council and the Kansas Center for the Book. Check <http://www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov> for more information.

Submitted by Jennifer Heinicke, WPL.

2006 WALA Traveling Show Hit the Road Big Time!

by Sharon Ailslieger

The WALA Traveling Show hit the road this summer with a cast of 7 people and a schedule of 23 public libraries. "Claws, Paws, Scales and Tales!" was the children's summer reading theme of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). Our first show was Hesston PL on June 2 and the last one was Wellington PL on July 21. We put on shows for almost 900 children and spent 69 hours on the road and performing.

A big thank-you goes to all the libraries who contributed gas money and/or fed us great meals!! Due to the increased price of gas, every dollar was appreciated!! (Only three libraries were unable to contribute in some way.)

The Library Directors of Newman University, Friends University, and McConnell AFB Library should receive recognition for allowing the cast to take off from work and be away from the library.

This was the sixth summer for the WALA Traveling Show and its cast, which included **Rita Severt**, **Erin Webber**, and **Erick Bucher**--all from Newman University; **Betty Battin** from Friends University; **Nancy Malone**--SCKLS and **Sharon Ailslieger**--McConnell AFB Library. This was Erick's second year, but everyone else has been involved for the WHOLE SIX YEARS. Will there be a seventh year? Who knows!! It has been a wonderful and fun summer!!

Thank You Note from Sharon Ailslieger

The WALA Traveling Show cast members would like to thank the 23 libraries who invited us to perform for their Summer Reading Program. We give a BIG THANK YOU for all who were able to give us food and/or money for gas! Our stats show that we had fun with 967 people in SCKLS and traveled over 1,000 miles. The price of gas will influence our decision for next year. Should we decide not to do it again, it has been a great 6 years. Just visiting all the libraries over the years has been great. SCKLS has some really cool libraries and librarians. Thanks again for all your support.

P.S. A big thanks to SCKLS for their constant moral and monetary support.



Paws & Claws performers **Sharon Ailslieger**, **Nancy Malone** and **Betty Battin**. Photos courtesy of Joan Kugler.

Sharon Ailslieger, Nancy Malone and **Rita Severt** belt out a tune during the WALA Paws & Claws traveling show.



Editor's Note:

If you want to learn more about the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) and its program theme for 2008, see the article on p. 5 in this issue of *WALA News* by **Julie Tomlianovich**, Youth Services Consultant for SCKLS, who chairs the Children's Manual Committee of this national organization.



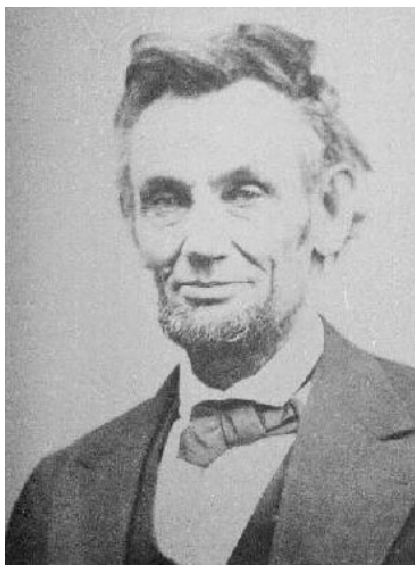
Forever Free and Looking at Jazz ...

By Pal V. Rao

Dean **Pal V. Rao** is pleased to share with the greater Wichita community the accomplishments of two of his faculty members.

Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation

Professor **Nan Myers**, Past president of WALA and Government Documents Librarian at Wichita State University has received a grant to bring an exhibit entitled "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" to WSU Libraries from May 3 to June 15, 2007. Thanks to Nan's initiative, Wichita is the only Kansas site selected for the second tour of this exhibit.



Forever Free is a traveling panel exhibit that reexamines President **Lincoln's** efforts toward the abolition of slavery during the Civil War. Organized by The Huntington's **John Rhodehamel**, Norris Foundation Curator of American Historical Manuscripts, the exhibit consists of reproductions of rare

historical documents from The Huntington's collections and those of the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and draws on the latest scholarship in the field.

Each copy consists of six sections of panels running 75 feet in length. Each panel contains reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative material, such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera. The sections of the exhibition focus on young Lincoln's America, the House dividing, war for the Union, the Emancipation Proclamation, the role of black soldiers in the Civil War, and the final months of the Civil War and Lincoln's life.

The Exhibit is sponsored by: National Endowment for the Humanities, The Huntington Library, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, American Library Association, and Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial 2009 Commission.

Looking at Jazz

Professor **Rachel Crane**, Fine Arts Librarian submitted a proposal to bring "Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form," sponsored by National Video Resources (NVR), in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office. Thanks to Rachel's proposal, Wichita State University Libraries has been chosen to be one of 43 Public and Academic libraries hosting this documentary film viewing and discussion series.

The program series will explore the history of jazz music, commencing in March and building up to the events of the Wichita Jazz Festival in mid-April of 2007. An opening reception/program and the five additional programs will be free and open to the general public. Themes for the six programs in the series are:

New Orleans: The Birthplace of Jazz

The Jazz Age and the 1920s

The Women of Jazz

The Jazz Swing Era

Jazz Innovators: From Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool and More Latin Jazz

Program themes will be punctuated by related student and/or faculty performances and library displays. Programs may be repeated at off-campus venues prior to and/or after the Festival Week. Our partner organization, The Wichita Jazz Festival, Inc., is the second oldest continuing educational jazz festival in the United States, and it has been closely associated with the Wichita State University School of Music during its 35-year existence.

Congratulations to Nan and Rachel for bringing these historical and cultural opportunities for the benefit of Greater Wichita and Kansas residents.

Research Help Available at WSU for High School and Middle School Students

Angela Paul, Instruction Librarian at Wichita State University, is looking forward to a new year of working with freshman composition and research classes. She also provides instruction to high school and middle school research classes. Librarians and teachers should schedule an instruction session to ensure students have access to University Libraries' electronic resources. You may reach her at 978-5085 or angela.paul@wichita.edu.

WSU Libraries will Launch the New OPAC in August

by Sai Deng

WSU Libraries is going to launch a new OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) in August before the start of the fall semester.

This newly designed OPAC is feature-enhanced and more user-friendly: it displays the resource information in its original language; allows users to use OPAC at home without configuration, and to customize "MyOPAC" interface. Several new features are added such as: "Map direction" for each book in the main stack, multiple library resource links in the OPAC banner, "My Bookbag", and different formats displayed in the search results.

A controversial new feature, a link to Amazon.com, is added to provide users with access to book reviews, cover image and publishing information. Also, the brand-new graphic interface will give the users a familiar but greater sense of the WSU community.

The redesign decisions are based on careful consideration of various results: the OPAC Committee's investigation of new voyager features, examination of the current OPAC based on usability guidelines, comparison of different OPAC systems from various university libraries, listening to opinions given by reference librarians and library staff, and finally library-wide user surveys and user tests.

To better serve our users, the OPAC Committee will focus more on user-centered design and conduct user tests in the University Usability Lab in the near future.



The new WSU OPAC look.

New Night Supervisor Carrye McGrath

by Gemma A. Blackburn

WSU Libraries Circulation Department welcomed **Carrye McGrath** as the new Night Supervisor on August 1st, but there is nothing new about Carrye! She first worked in Circulation as a student assistant from 1997 to 2000, and then came back to the department again in 2002 as a library assistant.

Her new responsibilities, besides supervising the department during evening hours, include hiring, training, and supervising student and graduate assistants, processing appeals, and serving as the library liaison to the University Library Appeals Committee. "I am very excited about the new job and look forward to all the new challenges it will bring," Carrye explained.

Many congratulations to Carrye on her new job!



WSU Libraries new Night Supervisor Carrye McGrath.



CSLP, Kansas, SCKLS and Summer Reading Programs

By Julie Tomlianovich

“The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)” is a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

By combining resources and working with a commercial vendor to produce materials designed exclusively for CSLP members, public libraries in participating states or systems can purchase posters, reading logs, bookmarks, certificates and a variety of reading incentives at significant savings.

The participating systems and states develop a unified and high-quality promotional and programming product. Participants have access to the same artwork, incentives and publicity, in addition to an extensive manual of programming and promotional ideas.

CSLP began in 1987 when ten Minnesota regional library systems developed a summer library program for children, choosing a theme, creating artwork and selecting incentives that public libraries in the regions could purchase and use. State libraries and systems continue to join and CSLP continues to evolve, but its guiding principle remains the same, librarians sharing ideas, expertise and costs to produce a high-quality summer reading program for children.” (www.cslpreads.org)

Kansas has been a member of CSLP since 1999 and has seen the changes and ever improving program and materials. From a sea faring program to Lewis and Clark and dragons to this year’s animal theme, Kansas and the South Central Kansas Library System has traveled a long way in the quality of materials for summer reading programs.

Membership in CSLP is voluntary, with dues paid according to the number of libraries doing an organized summer program. All public libraries plus McConnell Air Force Base and three schools in SCKLS participate in what is almost a nation wide organization. Forty two states and several regional systems are members of CSLP.

Member states meet once a year in different locations around the country. In 2006 we met in New Jersey and 2007 will be Oregon. State representatives bring the concerns of their state to the meeting and vote accordingly. Each state has a varying number of votes to cast on the many issues brought forth. Kansas has eight votes, through a calculation of number of public libraries within the state. Some states have up

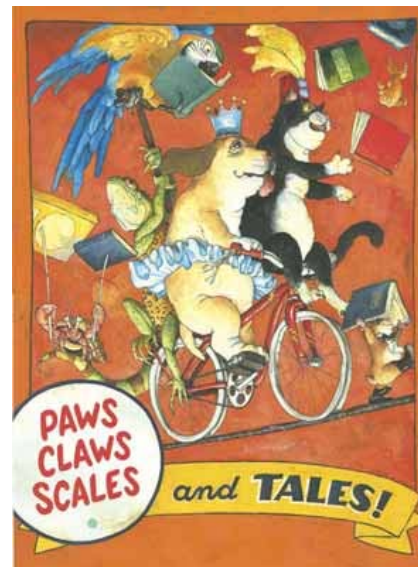
to fifteen votes while others only have one vote (South Dakota). As in all elections, every vote does count.

At this time finishing touches are being put on the incentives for 2007’s summer program Get a Clue @ Your Library and the young adult program YNK @ Your Library. Both programs are mystery based. Order forms are being readied to send out to the member states for distribution. Manuals and compact discs with additional graphics and forms that may be customized are being sent to the printer.

SCKLS libraries will begin receiving the children’s and young adult 2007 manuals this fall along with the glossy order form from Upstart/Highsmith, CSLP’s vendor. Several items of interest for 2007 are the stand-up display, summer apron, teen book bags, travel mug and the necessary piece of equipment for any detective, a decoder ring.

The 2008 summer programs will be: Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library (children’s); Metamorphosis @ Your Library (YA).

The overall theme for 2009 is fine arts, with an emphasis on music and theatre.



Wrapping up *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales*, SCKLS libraries are now able to order 2007 summer materials and submit their 2006 summer evaluation online at www.sckls.info.

Those completing both forms will receive the

\$100 SCKLS Summer Reading Program Grant. Once again, libraries in our area have had a busy and remarkable summer program. Congratulations to all.



News and Programs

by Paul Hawkins

German Student Studies SCKLS Libraries

Jessica Wiens, a library and media student from the University of Stuttgart, Germany is studying library administration and management through a practicum with the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS), South Hutchinson. During the month of August Wiens will work with SCKLS staff as well as several member libraries. Her practicum topics include public library facilities, governance, funding, youth services and staff training. Wiens has family members in the Hutchinson area that include her grandmother and two uncles. Her father, Dr. **Bill Wiens**, coordinates education programs for United States Army military personnel in Vilsek, Germany.

Museum Collaboration

As a consequence of a June meeting of area non-profits and museums hosted by KPTS Public Television, Wichita, Youth Services Consultant **Julie Tomlianovich** has been collaborating with the Museum of World Treasures, Wichita.

The museum, located in Wichita's Old Town, will host an open house for interested librarians on Tuesday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In addition, the museum is developed some traveling exhibits of artifacts that will be available to public libraries.

Upcoming Local Library Events

Date	Time	Location	Program Title	Sponsor
Aug. 15	9:00-11:00 a.m.	831 East 1 st Street, Wichita, KS	"Discover a Museum of World Treasures"	SCKLS
Contact: Nancy Malone or Lon Smith http://skyways.lib.ks.us.sckls/workshops/14 Join your library colleagues for free-admission into a morning of exploration and discovery at the Museum of World Treasures. Experience three floors of displays from the ancient to the modern including a cane carved by Abraham Lincoln, Barry Sanders' football jersey, World War I artifacts, Egyptian sarcophagi, ancient coins and a music room.				
Aug. 17	5:00-8:00p.m.	SCKESC Clearwater, KS	"Advocacy and Marketing for the Small Library Trustee"	SCKLS
Contact: Nancy Malone http://skyways.lib.ks.us/sckls/workshops/15 Carol Wohlford , Andover Public Library Director; Elma Broadfoot , local volunteer and the library's campaign consultant; and Carolyn Kaplan , President of the Andover Public Library Board of Directors are prepared to address questions about advocacy and marketing for the small library. Practical tips and ideas will be shared as well as time for questions and discussion. Public library board members from smaller SCKLS libraries (one to three staff member libraries) are specifically encouraged to spend the evening with fellow library board members sharing successes and concerns.				
Aug. 18	9:30-11:00 a.m.	SCKESC Clearwater, KS	"SCKLS Executive Committee Meeting"	SCKLS
Contact: Mia Wilson				

120 years celebrated in September

by Marianne Eichelberger

Newton Public Library will celebrate 120 years of service with special events during the month of September.

* *September 6* **Thomas Fox Averill** will be leading the first TALK book discussion which focuses on his book, *Secrets of the Tsil Café*.

* *September 7* **Karen Epp**, author of *With Love Stan: A Soldier's Letters from Vietnam to the World*, will present her book about the writings of her brother during his time of service in Vietnam.

* *September 12* **Roger Hill** of Hollywood Galleries in Wichita will discuss and feature the work of Reed Crandall, illustrator of comic books such as *Flash Gordon* and *Ripley's Believe It or Not*.

* *September 21* **Marci Penner**, author of *The Kansas Guidebook for Explorers* and director of the Kansas Sampler Foundation will give an author talk.

* *September 23* A genealogy workshop led by **Scott A Lucas** will be held, focusing on making genealogical connections.

* *September 27* A grand event will celebrate the Library's 120th birthday and plans for future services for the community.

120
years

LOOK!
Newton Public Library
is celebrating!

Summer Reading and More at the Newton Public Library



Family Library Day: Meet animal friends with Harvey County 4H-ers



A Club Read reader (young adult summer reading program).



Summer readers with juggler/comedian **Brian Wendling** - He kept them watching and participating the entire hour.



(Photos with permission from Newton Public Library.)



Wichita Public Library News

By Jennifer Heinicke

Another Record-Breaking Summer @ Your Library!

Over 10,000 children and teens registered for free summer reading programs at the Wichita Public Library (up 6% for children and 11% for teens from 2005). As of July 31, 13% more children met their goals than last year and 17% more teens returned for their first prize.

Watch www.wichita.lib.ks.us as the program concludes for more on the Library's remarkable summer! The Library's incentive reading programs are underwritten by the Leonard and Celia Levand Trust.

Wichita Public Library Foundation Receives Two Grants

The Bombardier/Learjet Aerospace Care Fund Board has awarded \$2500 to the Wichita Public Library Foundation for the purchase of approximately 100 children's arts and crafts books for the Evergreen Branch Library.

The Sunflower Club of the AT&T TelcomPioneers has awarded \$1,000 to the Foundation for children's books at the Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library to encourage and promote reading in children in preschool through third grade.

Summer Reading Program a Success in Derby Public Library

by Judy Bennett

Derby Public Library is pleased to announce a very successful summer! **Carri Fry**, Youth Services Coordinator, reports that enrollment for their summer reading programs was up by 28%, with 1296 participating in the birth to 5th grade group, as well as 338 teens for a total of 1634 young reading enthusiasts. Each child enrolled in the program was given a chart to fill out in 30 minute increments, and aimed for a goal of 8 hours. A total of 1035 readers (63%) reached their goal, which is a much higher percentage than previous years.

All children enrolled in the reading programs were presented with a day pass to Derby's Rock River Rapids water park. The library also hosted a party for all participants and their families at the park from 7:45-9:30 pm on July 29th, and saw 798 people in attendance. Children who reached their goal were also awarded with a prize and a paperback book. This spectacularly successful program was sponsored in part by the Leonard and Celia Levand Trust.

But the success does not end with Derby's reading programs. They also saw record attendance at summer story time sessions for children ages 3-5, with as many as 175 kids attending each session! Various performers were also on hand to entertain throughout the summer.

Many congratulations to Derby for their impressive summer! Visit the Derby Public Library online at <http://www.derbylibrary.com>.

Haysville Community Library News

By Betty Cattrell

Haysville Community Library now has a new state-of-the-art Entertainment Center. Thanks to the the Friends of the Haysville Library, a ceiling projector, 81" screen and Surround Sound System have been installed in the library's Activity Room. The capabilities are endless it seems: the library can show CD's, DVD's, or videos; hold video game tournaments; and do power point presentations.

We have already started "Friday Nite Movies for Teens." Movies begin at 7:00 pm until school starts, and are then shown at 9:00 pm after the football games, so young people have somewhere to gather and enjoy such favorite teen fare as GODZILLA and NEVER CRY WOLF!

As another service, the Haysville Community Library is now providing a meeting room for the meetings of the Haysville Chamber of Commerce.

The WALA treasurer's report will appear in the September/October edition of the WALA News.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2006-2007

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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 __ Newsletter

Please return this form, along with your check made payable to
Wichita Area Library Association for \$15.00 for renewals and
new full year memberships, or \$7.50 for a trial membership, to:

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