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From the President...

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

Welcome PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I will begin my message with the usual, "Hope you had a good summer!" Summer is supposed to slow down, but I have found that just because one thing stops for the summer, something else takes its place.

First, I want to thank everyone who agreed to serve for the upcoming year. This is my third time around as President, but I think that WALA is a great organization and I enjoy being involved. Currently, I am the Reference Librarian at McConnell Air Force Base and have been here for eight years. The President-elect is **Jan Fowler** of USD 259 and we will be working together all year as she "learns the ropes" for next year. It is a really good

board and I look forward to great events!!

The Board meetings will be held the first Monday of every month, 11:30 am, at Watermark Books, corner of Douglas and Oliver. It is an open meeting, members are urged and welcome to attend. The kick-off Board meeting was in August and we began making plans for the upcoming year. Please put WALA on your calendar!!

- Technology Day** -- November 8th
 - Legislative Luncheon**— November 15th
 - Workshop in the Spring**-- TBA
 - Christmas Party**—TBA
- May be combining Board meeting and library tours.

Dues are payable at this



WALA President: **Sharon Ailslieger**.

time and remain at the low amount of \$15.00. Checks may be sent to Treasurer : **Joe Forte**—Newman University. WALA welcomes all library personnel as members. Membership includes a quarterly newsletter and timely notification of all WALA related events.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact me at 316-759-4207 (W) or e-mail sharon.ailsliegar@us.af.mil or sailslieger@netscape.net

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UPCOMING WALA EVENTS

November 8 – WALA will help with SCKLS Technology Day.

November 15 – WALA LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON – 11:30 am at Tallgrass Country Club – Cost: \$20.00 – Speakers: Cynthia Berner-Harris and Paul Hawkins. Send checks to Joe Forte, Dugan Library, Newman University, 3100 W. McCormick St, Wichita, KS 67213. All legislators from SCKLS area will be invited.

December 7 – WALA Christmas Party.

January 8, 2008 – Open House at Newman University Library.

WALA Annual Luncheon



Cyndy with WALA officers.



Cyndy autographs her books for Lorraine Madway, Marianne Eichelberger and other members.



Rachel Crane heads up a line of book lov-

Guest speaker **Cyndy Salzmnn** explains how to "Unclutter Your Life."



Paul Hawkins and **Nancy Malone** of SCKLS.



WALA President **Sharon Ailsieger**.



Cyndy with president-elect **Janet Fowler** (left).



The Olive Tree was a lovely setting...



Joe Forte, **Elaine Harvey** and **Jo Gregg** look happy.



The food was delicious too!

The Compact Shelving Project

Nan Myers

Ablah Library is installing Compact Shelving in the southeast corner of the lower level. This project will increase shelf space, improve functionality, and increase seating space in the library. The Library intends to create approximately 5-7 years growth space in the existing static shelving. Current shelving is over 90% full. In order to facilitate use, accommodate new items, and reduce shifting, library operating standards call for shelving to remain below the 80% fill mark measures. When the project is completed, about 24,000 linear feet of book storage will have been added.

Phase I began in May 2007 and extended through the summer. Books were removed from the southeast corner and stored on rented carts while the carriages for the compact shelving were installed. Phase II will go on throughout the fall semester as **John Stewart** (stacks supervisor) and his crew of workers place materials in the compact shelving and shift the entire collection. Some additional construction is required for a closed stacks area. Project completion is slated for Spring 2008.



Stacks Manager John Stewart and his crew.



Books to be moved off the orange carts to compact shelving.

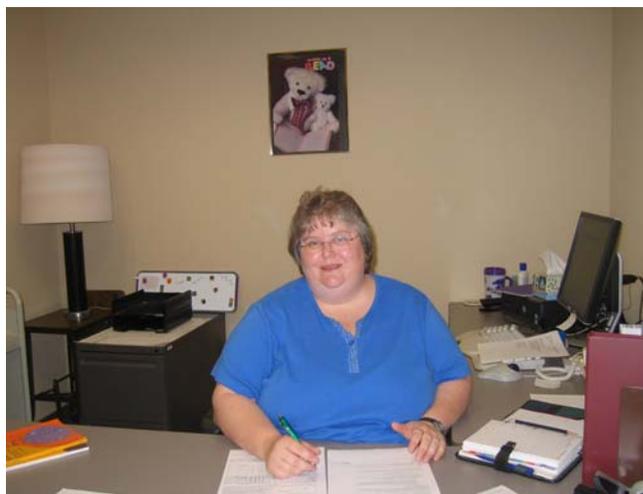


Books moving to compact shelving.

Walker Becomes New Electronic Resources Librarian

We are pleased to announce that **Mary Walker** has become the new Electronic Resources Librarian at Wichita State. She officially started her new responsibilities on August 27. Mary Walker received her MLS in 2000 from the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University.

Mary started her career path in 1987 at the L.W. Nixon Library, Butler County Community College (now Butler Community College). Leaving her position as Technology Coordinator in 1998, she joined the WSU Libraries where she has worked in various capacities until 2001 and then again from 2002 to present, taking a little time away to be the Director of Bradford Memorial Library in El Dorado and working at the Andover Public Library. Most recently, she has worked in Collection Development managing electronic resources and assisting with other collection development projects. Mary is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.





Technology Training Day 2007

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

Technology Training Day 2007



Thursday, November 8, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, October 29, 2007

Friends University

William Penn Lecture Hall-Science Building

Olive White Garvey Business & Technology Building

**Opening Address – “The Evolution in Information Seeking” by Nora Paul, Institute for New Media Studies
School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Minnesota**

Nora will share in plain terms the changes in technology, "information creators", searching techniques, and how information is organized. Nora came to the University of Minnesota in July 2000 as the inaugural director of the Institute for New Media Studies. She is the author of *Computer Assisted Research: A Guide to Tapping Online Information*; co-author of *Great Scouts: Cyberguides for Subject Searching on the Web*; editor of *When Nerds and Words Collide. Reflections on the Development of Computer Assisted Reporting*; and co-author of *Behind the Message: Information Strategies for Communicators*. She has an MLS from Texas Women's University and then founded an early information brokerage service. Getting her first modem in 1978, Nora has been accessing, studying, and explaining the electronic delivery of information ever since, recently speaking on National Public Radio.

Break out sessions in the morning and afternoon include the following: On the Library Automation Event Horizon, My KLOW, B&T Contact Café, Planning for and Writing a Tech Plan, Unmediated InterLibrary Loan, B&T “My Library” Bookstore, Interior Design and Your Library, Search Strategies for the Web, Kan-ed: The Sunflower Internet Courier, Banish Malware, ProQuest: An Overview, How Can I Help Those Students in My Library or Media Center?, World Cat and NetLibrary, HeritageQuest Online, PC Trouble Shooting in Simple Terms, “I Know I Know This But Where Is It?”.

The registration form is available on the SCKLS web site at www.sckls.info under Current Topics.

New Hawker Beechcraft Engineering Library Revived

by Marisa Lewis

A year ago last June, I found myself standing in Plant 1 Engineering, literally surrounded by boxes upon boxes of uncataloged and unorganized materials. I was used to working with materials in various archival conditions, but nothing on such a grand scale. Beechcraft's library had been disassembled around 2000, after about 15 years of neglect. Archival materials and technical data were scattered over five huge assembly plants in two different states, facilities in the UK, multiple warehouses, off-site and onsite storage, in closets, under people's desks and even in bathrooms. Yes, bathrooms.



Before...

I managed not to freak out, despite the results of my initial inventory; I had over 80,000 cubic feet of materials to deal with, and that is excluding electronic data and five million sheets of microfiche that I'm also responsible for. Some of these materials were organized, but not into a cohesive system. The amount of data that Hawker Beechcraft has produced in its lifetime is mind boggling!

Data management is extremely important in a manufacturing environment, especially ours. If drawings or reports are lost, the financial impact can be astounding. Not only is there lost production time, but customers whose planes are grounded for repairs can be losing tens of thousands of dollars a day. The FAA also requires us to keep all of our design data, no matter how old. So, there was quite a bit of pressure on me to address these problems in an efficient, cost-effective way. Still, the price tag was enormous. Luckily, I was able to sell my ideas and secure funding.

Because HBC, like a lot of manufacturing companies, runs on a lean model, staffing is kept low. This makes good economic sense; but, in order for this model to work, department heads have to make sure that operations run as efficiently as possible. Decreased data retrieval time is extremely important, and a library renovation was the first step in the process.

When I started work at HBC, the library and corporate archives were in two different buildings. I wanted to combine as much as possible into one area, but the library itself is fairly small. Compact shelving was our best option, so we installed two large Spacesaver units in late April. These house technical data as well as archival materials. My next project is renovating the library's HVAC system in order to have proper humidity control.

Sometimes my job is extremely challenging but I wouldn't trade it for the world. Because of our lean manufacturing model, I wear many hats. Not only am I the Engineering Librarian, but I'm also the Engineering records manager and archivist for the entire corporation. I work a lot of extra hours, but the positive feedback I receive from customers makes it totally worth it!



After...

Photos provided by Marisa Lewis.

Wichita Public School Libraries are Off to Another Great School Year!

Library Media Services Staff worked in eleven elementary schools moving books for carpet and remodel projects and completing inventory of the collection. Every book had to be removed from the library at Northwest High School for carpet installation and then every book had to be returned to the shelves! At South High, over fifty percent of the collection was moved for carpet installation and then returned to the shelves. Some of the LMS Staff completed the inventory of the collection at the district's Library Resource Center that contains over 120,000 items. Needless to say, it was an extremely busy summer!

While some of the staff was working in the buildings, the remainder of the staff was busy continuing to process and prepare for shipment the new books ordered by the library staff with two years of significant windfall money! What a wonderful blessing to our libraries to have wonderful new books to bring their collections up-to-date, meet the needs of the curriculum and enhance their existing collections. Another small windfall has been designated for library books this year. Every little bit helps!!

For a second year, the Junior League of Wichita has funded "Reading Rocks" grants for four elementary schools—Minneha, Bryant, Earhart and Cessna. Last year McLean, College Hill and Kensler received the grants. The grant focuses on literacy and each school received \$14,800 to purchase new library books. Also, in addition to the partnership with the Junior League, each public library branch in the school's neighborhood also is involved with planning literacy events and publicizing activities to encourage students to visit the local branches.

The Wichita Public Schools continues to partner with the Wichita Public Library to provide the staff and services at the Planeview Community Library located at Colvin Elementary School. The Memorandum of Agreement for 2007-08 has been revised and will be approved in September by the Board of Education and the City Council.

Two famous children's authors are coming to Wichita this fall thanks to Watermark Books! Author **Jon Scieszka**, will be presenting to students on Thursday, September 27. Author and Illustrator, **Jan Brett**, will be presenting to the public on Sunday, October 21, 5-7:00 p.m., at the East High Auditorium. Also, **Marion Blumenthal-Lazan** will present to students on October 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the East High Auditorium. She is a holocaust survivor and author of Four Perfect Pebbles.

The new school year always presents many challenges and headaches! However, it is still invigorating to have everyone back in the schools and starting another year of teaching our students!

Newman and Wichita State University Libraries Receive ILDP Grants

Nan Myers

Joe Forte, Dugan Library Director at Newman University, reports that the library has received a grant from the State Library of Kansas. This \$2500 grant will allow the library to purchase additional materials on "Catholic Biography and Spirituality."

In addition, the Wichita State University Libraries has received a grant for \$2700 to acquire "Biographies of Notable Women on DVD," according to **Susan Matveyeva**, Bibliographer for Women's Studies.

Other area libraries which received grants include: Andover Public (\$1450 for "Classic Family Television & Vintage Radio"), Augusta Public (\$200 for "Text Preparation for TOEFL Exam), and Mulvane Public (\$658 for "Parenting Information").

These Interlibrary Loan Development Grants enhance the libraries contributions to the statewide ILL resource sharing. The grant program is funded by the State of Kansas and is administered by the State Library of Kansas in Topeka. Forty-two libraries from around the state submitted a total of 47 ILDP grant proposals. The State Library approved funding for 27 of the applications.

Director of Wichita Public Libraries Recognized

Jennifer Heinicke

Cynthia Berner Harris, director of libraries for the Wichita Public Library (City of Wichita), was surprised to learn she was chosen as a 2007 Excellence in Public Service winner in front of a crowd of elected officials, Library Board members, employees and family. Also in attendance were **Bill and Dick DeVore**, donors of the \$2,500 cash prize awarded to Berner Harris. Chosen out of over one thousand eligible employees, Berner Harris was selected as the City representative for her strong work ethic, high performance, commitment to community and leadership qualities.

“One of the impressive things about Cynthia’s volunteer service is that she often is training other women to be leaders as well,” remarked Jennifer Heinicke, special projects librarian and Berner Harris’ nominator. “In her work on different projects with the Junior League of Wichita, that’s a constant thread: she’s always helping others become stronger and smarter.”

Berner Harris was praised for her work in improving the Library’s functioning both internally and externally since her appointment as director of libraries in 2000. Among the achievements noted in the nomination include the opening of two new branch library facilities, the adoption of a new master plan for library facilities and four straight years of increased circulation. Internal improvements in library organization, communication and training were also hailed, as was Berner Harris’ leadership in state-wide library issues.

This is not the first accolade of the year for Berner Harris. In January, Berner Harris was recognized by the State Library of Kansas with a Shining Star Award, primarily for her leadership role a lead organizer for local arrangements and planning for the 2006 Kansas Book Festival.

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Legislative Luncheon on November 15th! Flyer is coming! Save the date!

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“I’m really a people person,” commented Donna, “so I enjoy the variety of people who visit the library on a daily basis. I enjoy helping people find the reading materials they are looking for.” It is not uncommon to hear Donna encouraging a library user to try a new author or share her impressions of a recent book she has read. “I really don’t have a favorite author, but I read a lot of murder mysteries. I call them murder and mayhem. Some of the authors I read are Patricia Cornwell, Catherine Coulter, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci, James Patterson, and Robert Parker.”

When she is not busy working the front desk at the Derby Library, Donna is working behind the scenes to bring library services to her home community of Rose Hill. This spring Donna was appointed to the newly formed Rose Hill Library Board. “I feel as long as you can read; you can learn new things and expand your ability to see different points of view. Reading opens new worlds to each and every one of us.”

Haysville Library Receives Awards

Jennifer Heinicke

The Haysville Community Library was given the Haysville Chamber of Commerce's "Golden Star" at the March Chamber Luncheon.

The award is to recognize a local business that the members feel has contributed to the general and economic welfare of the Community. This is a yearly function and is the first time that our agency received it.

The "Friend to Education" honour is given each year to a private/public institution for support given to public schools. This is the 25th anniversary of the Friends of Education recognition program.

The Haysville Community Library was nominated by USD #261 for acting as the Haysville Alternative High School Library; supporting "Parents as Teachers"; being a member of and offering meeting space to Communities in Schools; giving parenting and baby sitting classes; and having on-site teachers for English as a Second Language programs and Adult Education programs through the Wichita Area Technical College.

Haysville Friends of the Library Host Haysville Chamber of Commerce

The Haysville Friends of the Library will serve breakfast to the members of the Haysville Chamber of Commerce from 7:00AM to 8:30AM April 19th in a joint celebration of National Library Week and National Volunteer Week.

A breakfast of ham and eggs, fruit and muffins will be cooked and served by Friends Board Members. Paul Hawkins, director of the South Central Kansas Library System, will be speaking on "The Impact Libraries Have on Economic Development". Ten persons from the Community will be recognized for their contribution to the Quality of Life in Haysville.

The U.L. "Rip" Gooch and Evelyn Clark Lead "Learning Tree" Discussion

An interesting and lively discussion of this year's Kansas Reads! Selection, The Learning Tree by Gordon Parks, was held at the Haysville Community Library on March 17th. Former State Senator U.L. "Rip" Gooch contributed, having known and talked with Mr. Parks a number of times. Evelyn Clark, a retired teacher of English literature, also contributed.

Mr. Gooch had held an earlier reading and author signing of his book Black Horizons. We highly recommend reading his book, especially those interested in aviation and Wichita.

WALA MEMBERSHIP – IT'S DUES TIME!

Treasurer Joe Forte says we currently have 36 paid members for 2007/2008. Our goal this year is 50 members! If you have not yet paid your dues for the year, please be in touch with him. Dues are \$15.00. The Membership form at the WALA website: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/wla/>

Library Library Site Obtained

Land for a proposed new Derby Public Library has been obtained. Derby School District #260 unanimously approved an exchange of land with the city on August 13. The property at the corner of Walnut Grove and Sumac east of Tanglewood Elementary School was transferred to the city for the purpose of building a new library.

Now it is up to the voters within the Derby City limits to make the dream a reality for the Derby community. In 2006 the Derby City Council created a Library Design Committee to study the needs of the community. The committee was charged with considering not just the immediate needs, but to build for the next 25 years. The committee, working with architect Kirk Jurgensen of Gossen Livingston Associates, Inc. created a plan for a 36,620 square foot library building with meeting rooms and a community room. Citizens of Derby are being asked to vote on October 16 on the library proposal. A “yes” vote would mean the library would be built using a ½ cent sales tax that will begin after the current ½ sales tax for the Rock River Rapids Aquatic Park has ended.

The Campaign to Build Derby’s New Library has been working hard to get the word out on the vote. They have created a website www.buildourlibrary.com for citizens to view the proposed new library. With a successful vote, library staff and supporters hope for a groundbreaking in 2008, the Derby Library’s 50th anniversary, and a move-in date in late 2009.



Library Employee in the Spotlight

Sheila Korphage

Recently library staff member **Donna Tucker** received a surprise in her mailbox at the Derby Library. The letter was from **Michael Zibart** of BookPage, America’s book review publication. Mr. Zibart notified Donna that she had been



Donna Tucker, Derby Public Library, assisting library patrons Chris & Maggie Wilson.

nominated for the BookPage Annual Spotlight Award. From

February through May 15, readers of BookPage could nominate their favorite librarian for the first annual BookPage Spotlight Award. BookPage is distributed to more than 435,000 readers through subscribing bookstores and libraries in 48 states. The award was designed to honor librarians for their efforts to make life better for their patrons and their communities.

Donna was one of nearly 2000 nominations from across the United States. She was nominated by Kathy Weber of Rose Hill. The winner of the award was announced at the American Library Association held in Washington, D.C.

When the nomination notification letter arrived at the library, Donna’s first thought was “the letter was a piece of junk mail and I almost threw it away. I was very surprised when I read the letter and I wondered who might have nominated me.” Donna’s co-workers speculated on who had nominated Donna and waited anxiously for news of the Spotlight Winner from Director Judy Bennett who attended the ALA conference. Although Donna was not named the final winner, she was honored by the nomination. “It was very nice to think that one of our patrons thought I deserved recognition for what I consider normal, everyday service.” (Continued on page 7)

Grant from Target for Family Reading Double Feature: Books to Movies

Judy Bennett

[Derby, KS] (August 21, 2007) — The Derby Public Library today announced a partnership with Target in recognition of its efforts in promoting literacy and the value of family reading.

The grant will be used for a program to be held at the library next January through March. Family Reading Double Feature: Books to Movies will feature 3 books that have been made into movies. The books selected are: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by **Kate DiCamillo**, *Babe the Gallant Pig* by *Dick King-Smith*, and *How to Eat Fried Worms* by **Thomas Rockwell**.

With the movie theme in mind, the first program will be a “Premiere Party” where each book will be introduced, excerpts of the books will be read aloud and activities will be provided. Each family participating will receive a copy of one of the books. A “Wrap Party” for each book will be held to discuss the book, participate in trivia contests, view a private showing of the movie and enjoy refreshments.

“The Target grant will make this program possible,” comments Library Director **Judy Bennett**. “This is a project my staff and I have long wanted to do, but funding was not available to offer this program to the community.” Money from the Target grant will be used for books, refreshments, prizes and incentives for participants, and for a multimedia projector.

Director Bennett hopes to reach 500 community members with the proposed program. The program will also be part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Derby Library to be held throughout 2008. “We are every excited to be able to offer such a quality program to the families of Derby. We want the Derby Library to be a cornerstone of our community,” reported Bennett.

The grant received by the Derby Library is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country. Since opening its doors, Target has given 5% of its income to organizations that support education, the arts and safe families and communities. Today that translates to \$3 million every week.

“At Target, we are making a real difference every day through our grant-making program,” said **Laysha Ward**, vice president, community relations, Target. “We’re proud to

partner with Derby Public Library as part of our ongoing commitment to give back to the communities where our guests and team members live and work.”

Additionally, Target also gives through signature programs that are designed to inspire learning in children and families. Programs include:

Take Charge of Education®, a school fundraising program
Target Field Trip Grants, a program that helps educators bring learning to life for students through the distribution of grants
Ready.Sit.Read!SM, a program dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of reading in children
Target House®, which serves as a home away from home for families of children receiving life-saving treatment at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital® in Memphis
Target Volunteers, a program where Target team members and retirees annually donate more than 315,000 hours of time to more than 7,000 community-based projects
Minneapolis-based Target serves guests at 1,502 stores in 47 states nationwide by delivering today’s best retail trends at affordable prices. Target is committed to providing guests with great design through innovative products, in-store experiences and community partnerships. Whether visiting a Target store or shopping online at Target.com, guests enjoy a fun and convenient shopping experience with access to thousands of unique and highly differentiated items. Target (NYSE:TGT) gives more than \$3 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs.

Program schedules will be available at the Derby Library located at 611 N. Mulberry, Suite 200 and on the library website www.derbylibrary.com in early December.

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