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From the President...

Janet Fowler (jfwlower@usd259.net)

Happy New Year! I hope that 2009 has started in the right way for each of you! WALA has had a busy end to 2008 and we are planning for and participating in some exciting events in 2009.

The **Legislative Luncheon** sponsored by WALA in November at the Crestview Country Club was well attended by our members, one state senator and four legislators were in attendance. **Dr. Jeffrey Jarman**, the keynote speaker, was very interesting. A good time was had by all that attended the **Holiday Party** at City Arts. The food was delicious and some of the attendees even left the event with some “special treasures”!

The **KLA/MPLA Conference** will be held in Wichita on April 1, 2, and 3, 2009 at Century II/Hyatt Regency. WALA will be presenting “**Dress-for-Success Fashion Show**” sponsored by Dillard’s, Inc. on Friday, April 3, from 9-9:50 a.m. in Room 208. If you are interested in volunteering an hour or so of

your time to work at the Registration Desk between 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. on Friday, please contact me at 973-2077 or

jfwlower@usd259.net.

The **Wheatshocker Seminar** has been scheduled for May 8, 2009. We will send you details as they become available.

The **WALA Annual Meeting** is scheduled for June 11, 2009, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Dugan Library and Campus Center at Newman University. Kansas author, **David Nichols**, *A Matter of Justice—Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution*, will be our guest speaker. Watch your e-mail for a flyer concerning this event.

Book Buddy Program

Last, but not least, the WALA Board has begun working on a Community Service Project involving



WALA President: **Janet Fowler**.

the placement of books in law enforcement vehicles for children to read and/or take with them when they find themselves waiting in the vehicles while the situation is being resolved. Preliminary discussions with the police and sheriff personnel have begun and the idea has been well received. Be sure to read future newsletters to find out how WALA is supporting the children of Wichita.

As always, please contact me or any of the WALA Board Members if you have any questions, suggestions or news that we can share with other members. I hope you have a warm and healthy winter! Janet Fowler

Janet Fowler

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WALA Upcoming Events

April 1-3
May 8
June 11

KLA/MPLA Conference
Wheatshocker Seminar
WALA Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Joseph Forte

WICHITA AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Budget Report 2008-2009

Monday, February 02, 2009

	INCOME	ACTUAL
Dues (43 is the goal)	\$645.00	\$555.00
Planned activities	\$1,200.00	\$500.00
Contingency from bank funds	\$500.00	
Total Income	\$2,345.00	\$1,055.00
	EXPENSES	ACTUAL
Planned activities	\$1,500.00	\$683.48
Miscellaneous expenses	\$845.00	\$175.50
Total Expenses	\$2,345.00	\$858.98
Bank Balance	\$1,277.63	
Paid Members	37	

WALA Seeking Volunteers For KLA/MPLA Conference APRIL 1, 2, 3, 2009 CENTURY II/HYATT REGENCY

That's right! WALA is helping KLA Conference planners recruit and coordinate volunteers! You don't need to be a member of WALA to volunteer!

Please volunteer an hour or so of your time to work at the registration desk or as a session host. Times are between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 & 2, and between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3.

Registration desk volunteers please contact Janet Fowler at 973-2077 or jfowler@usd259.net.

Session host volunteers please contact Sharon Ailsiegar at sharon.ailsiegar@mccconnell.af.mil or 759-4207 or 773-7420.



Legislative Day

Kansas Library Association Legislative Day will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at the State Library of Kansas in the Capitol Building in Topeka.

To register for the event and/or pay for your or your legislator's lunch please visit:

<https://www.paymyassociation.com/displayemailforms.cfm?SessionId=F5F1D4C9-F005-0B7C-83C4EF976A899C7D&emailformnbr=103592&event=245124>

In this issue you will also find the schedule of activities for the day, a KLA Legislative Day FAQ, a listing of legislators and their office numbers, and the 2009 KLA pushcard (pdf). This year, because of renovations in the State House, plans have changed, so please read the FAQ.

Other legislative information can be found on the KLA website at kansasklibraryassociation.org and by clicking on "Advocacy" in the toolbar below the photos. If you have questions about the days events feel free to call at 785-580-4518.

Rosanne Siemens
kansasklibraryassociation.org

Legislative Day 2009 Schedule

February 19, 2009

8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Visits and appointments with your legislator*

8 a.m. State Library Breakfast Reception – As you arrive have a light brunch at the State Library and visit with State Library staff.

8:30 a.m. Briefing on current library issues in the 2009 Legislature

10:30 a.m. Briefing on current library issues in the 2009 Legislature

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 – Deliver Lunches to Your Legislator – Box lunches will be available in the State Library and the Docking Building to take to your legislator's office.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 – Lunch Buffet for Participants in State Library of Kansas (must register and make payment prior)

*A list of legislators and their office numbers will also be available when you arrive. Please be reminded that some of the legislators have relocated temporarily in the Docking State Office Building located west of the State House. Please call prior to legislative day to make appointments and confirm the office location with your legislator.



KLA LEGISLATIVE DAY FEBRUARY 19, 2009 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What day is Kansas Library Association Legislative Day?

February 19, 2009 at the State Capitol in Topeka

Where are KLA Legislative Day activities hosted? Just inside the State Library of Kansas, on the 3rd floor, north wing of the Kansas State House.

Should I eat before I come? Your choice, but be aware that the State Library of Kansas provides a brunch that morning inside the State Library for those participating in KLA Legislative Day. You may also register for KLA Legislative Day and order a lunch for yourself. This year it will not be a box lunch, but a buffet inside the State Library of Kansas, since the renovations prohibit eating activities in the Capitol building.

If you are meeting a member of the House of Representatives how should he or she be addressed? Representative (Last name of your representative)

If you are meeting a member of the Senate how should he or she be addressed? Senator (Last name of your senator)

How do you find offices in the Capitol building? Maps and printed guides will be available throughout the morning. You can also go to accesskansas.org and find your legislators contact and office information online. It is wise to locate your legislator's office before you come that day – major renovations are taking place and your legislator's office may be temporarily located in the Docking Building located west of the State House.

How do your legislators know you are coming? Your legislators have already received a "save the date invitation" for the event and know a box lunch will be delivered to them. This was delivered with a push card of KLA's legislative priorities for 2009. The date has also been set on a central calendar for legislators since before the session began in January.

HOWEVER, legislators' schedules are packed at this time during the session. Contact each of your legislators by telephone or note prior to Feb. 19 to arrange an appointment that day. Arrange for a time to speak to your legislator in his or her office and let your legislator know you will be delivering him/her a lunch.

Don't be surprised if your legislator would rather meet in his or her office early in the morning before party caucuses begin. This may be earlier than 8:00 a.m. or it may be between committee hearings. Available time will be brief. This does not mean that the legislator is not interested, only that he or she may serve on several committees which are often scheduled "back to back". Have your facts and thoughts collected so you can state the things you wish to support in two or three sentences.

Must you limit your remarks to library issues only? Remember that the time available to talk is often limited. If you have library issues and one or more other issues, have each topic refined into two or three sentences. There will be handouts provided for you when you arrive on the library issues and two briefing sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. provided by the KLA Governmental Committee Co-Chairs, Donna Lauffer and Roger Carswell. It helps to have the bill number of any issue you are going to talk about, why you support or oppose that bill, and a business card or other means of letting the legislator know how he/she can contact you for further questions that may arise.

How are the box lunches for legislators distributed? The box lunches for legislators will be delivered to the State Library and to the Docking building at approximately 10:30 a.m. Volunteers will assist you in getting the box lunches for your legislators so you can deliver them to their office.

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Wichita Voters Pass School Bond Issue

On November 4, 2008, U.S.D. 259 voters approved a \$370 million facility bond issues for the Wichita Public Schools. This bond issue plan is the result of a community-driven effort that actually began in the Fall of 2005. This will continue to be a community-driven process with citizens serving on the oversight committee and on design resource teams through involvement with school

At this time, fourteen schools will receive new buildings and two 800 student -5 450 student schools will be constructed. The agreement consulting firm, Schaefer Johnson plan and schedule.



ing on the oversight committee and on design resource teams.

or expanded libraries. Also, two existing schools high schools, two K-8 800 student schools and two K critical first step to be completed by the bond manager Cox Frey, will be to develop the detailed phasing

In anticipation of planning and design associated with the many projects included in the plan, the district will begin the formation of design resource teams to serve all sites. These resource teams will include staff and community representatives from the buildings as well as operational and facilities representatives. The resource teams will be responsible for providing input to architects and engineers throughout the design phase.

KLA LEGISLATIVE DAY FEBRUARY 19, 2009 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Where will participants eat lunch? You and others supporting Kansas libraries who are participating in the activities of the day, and who have sent in a registration indicating they want a lunch can present a payment ticket to go through the lunch buffet in the State Library of Kansas anytime between 11:00 and 1:00. Registration and payment for lunches can be made at kansaslibraryassociation.org calendar of events link in advance.

Are Capitol tours available? A virtual tour of the Capitol prepared by the Kansas State Historical Society and the Topeka Capital Journal can be found at: <http://www.kshs.org/places/capitol/index.htm>

You may want to familiarize yourself with the building before you arrive. Tours to the Capitol Dome are available for those who like to climb stairs. If you make it to the top and back you may purchase a t-Shirt for bragging rights.

Where should I park? You can park in the visitor garage below the Capitol Building. The entrance to the underground garage is on 8th Street. An elevator is located in the center of the garage. When you get off the garage elevator follow the signs to the main elevator or stairs to the third floor.

You can also park west or south of the Kansas Supreme Court Building in Visitor Parking located south of the Capitol Building. Use the east entrance of the Capitol Building to come inside.

Who should I call if I have other questions before the event? You can call the KLA offices in Topeka at 785-580-4518 or e-mail your question to kansaslibraryassociation@yahoo.com.

Who should I talk to if I have questions that day after I arrive? KLA Governmental Affairs Committee members also participating in the activities will be available to answer questions or refer you to someone who can answer any questions you may have.

Newman University Library ILDP Grant Materials

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Joseph Forte, Director of the Newman University Library announced that the library received an Interlibrary Loan Development grant for \$1000 to purchase DVD's on PTSD therapies. The grant program is funded by the State of Kansas and administered by the State Library. The following materials are available through interlibrary loan or from direct use of the library.

DVD's

Seeking Safety videos (Series of 4 DVD's):

Seeking Safety Training ▪ Therapy Session: Asking for Help
▪ A Client's Story & Example of Teaching Grounding to a Client ▪ Healthy Relationships.

Videos for survivors (Series of 7 DVD's):

Wounds That Won't Heal: The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study ▪ Numbing the Pain: Substance Abuse and Psychological Trauma ▪ It's Not About the Food: Eating Disorders and Childhood Trauma ▪ Counting the Cost: The Lasting Impact of Childhood Trauma ▪ Understanding Self Injury ▪ Success Stories: Healing from Childhood Trauma ▪ True/Not True: When Memories Can Be Trusted
Treating Complex PTSD I: Clinical Issues
Treating Complex PTSD II: Stabilization Techniques; Therapeutic Modalities

AUDIO BOOKS FOR STATE LIBRARY DATABASE

Evolution and Posttraumatic Stress
Healing from Post-Traumatic Stress
The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Sourcebook
Social Work and Child Abuse
Strong at the Broken Places

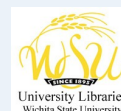
WATC Library Move

The Wichita Area Technical College Library moved from its Grove location to Southside (47th & K-15) on a very snowy, icy December day. The move went very smooth and the movers (Haggard & Sons) were great in trying to get the books in order. The college supplied the stretch wrap, so everything stayed nice and dry. Since the Library opens onto the commons area which is the center of the major construction renovation, the Library is closed to everyone except the few workmen and staff who are brave enough to walk through. The upside is that everyone can wear jeans, the office is set up, the front desk will be set up soon, and it will all be really pretty when it's finished. (Rita Severt)

Base Libraries Join in Consortium

On McConnell Air Force Base Library is part of the Air Mobility Command that includes twelve base libraries. Until October, 2007 each base had its own OPAC system. Now, they are all part of a consortium using the SIR-SIDYNEX system.

This enables each base's patrons to use all base catalogs and request items. It provides for collaboration in cataloging, reporting, interlibrary loan and problem solving. Since these libraries are located all over the country, there has had to be some problem solving. Conference calls have been numerous and we are really getting to know one another better!! Talk about networking!! McConnell AFB library has Playaways for check-out, wireless internet accessibility, remote OPAC connection, and Rosetta Stone Online for the Active Military. The library has a full-time IT person who teaches free computer classes to patrons and is available to aid patrons with their technology concerns. As technology needs and knowledge increases, McConnell AFB Library will do its best to offer it all to our patrons.



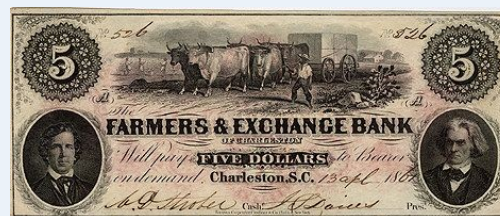
Wichita State University Library Associates presents...

The Face Value of U.S. Slavery: Reflecting Its Economic Impact in Paper Currency

Speaker Gerald Norwood
African-American Historian and Collector.

Sunday, February 22, 2009, 2-4 pm
Ablah Library, Special Collections

Open to the public ▪ Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call 316-978-3586



Wichita Public Library Migrates to POLARIS

The Wichita Public Library said goodbye to Dynix and migrated to the new Polaris ILS in October 2008. After months of planning and over 500 hours of staff training, real-time use of the system began Oct. 17. There were a few glitches in the beginning and there still remains some behind-the-scenes clean-up work to be done, but overall the process went smoothly as the old text-based system was replaced by a GUI-based system which offers its users many more functions.

The new library catalog is packed with new features. Customers can search more straightforwardly and more powerfully than ever before. They can easily see new items or receive them via RSS feeds, search and limit by material type and branch, save searches with results e-mailed to them monthly, and preserve their reading histories. Reviews, tables of content and first chapter excerpts are available for many items. Even the format of the catalog is flexible, with a large print version available for those who have difficulty reading regular sized text. A special catalog just for children features a colorful interface and searches only age-appropriate children's collections.

New customers may register directly from the catalog. If they are using the catalog from outside the Library and find a book or film they want to request, they can register for an account at that time and immediately place a request for that title. Self-registered customers may also save searches and lists. They need only bring proof of identification and current address to any Wichita Public Library location in order to obtain full borrowing privileges.

Some of the new features which staff enjoys include the capability of searching the catalog by collection and being able to find statistical information quickly, such as the number of items in a collection. Staff appreciates the ease of searching for and grouping both items and library users. Also, the in-house catalog now matches what customers view from outside the Library.

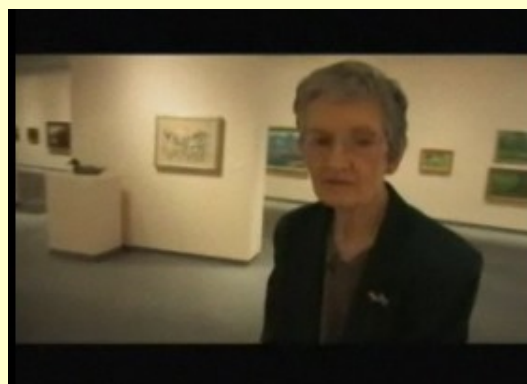
One of the unanticipated things that staff noticed was that when the catalog was unavailable for a few days during the transition, the number of calls for holds and searching increased sharply, indicating that customers utilize the catalog frequently in a number of ways.

Check out the new catalog at the Library's website at www.wichita.lib.ks.us.

Lois Crane Says Goodbye and Thanks as She Retires from WAM

Just to let you know that I will be retiring as librarian at the Wichita Art Museum as of the end of January. I'll probably be found hovering around other libraries, at WSU in particular, as I have some research I want to pursue. I have appreciated all the professional contacts I've enjoyed over the 31 years I've been at WAM, as well as the friendships that have developed. We are fortunate to benefit from a strong regional library system in Kansas that has provided excellent workshops and other opportunities for professional development and assistance. WALA has been a great source of networking possibilities that should not be overlooked, and is one of the best reasons for being a member. Best wishes to all, and thanks.

Lois Crane



View **Hatteberg's People** interview with Lois Crane at www.kake.com/hattebergpeople/headlines/38306254.html

Derby Public Library

Justin Ball

Derby Public Library Goes KOHA ZOOM

On October 24, 2008, the Derby Public Library went public with our new library system called Koha Zoom. Koha is an award winning open-source integrated library system. Debbie Thomas, our User Support Services Coordinator says that "With Koha, we aren't getting a 'one size fits all' product. Koha is adaptable to our needs and preferences. Koha's web-based interfaces were a must, as was the option to have LibLime update and maintain our system for us. Finally, Koha is affordable." [Learn more about Koha and LibLime at <http://www.koha.org/> and <http://liblime.com/>].

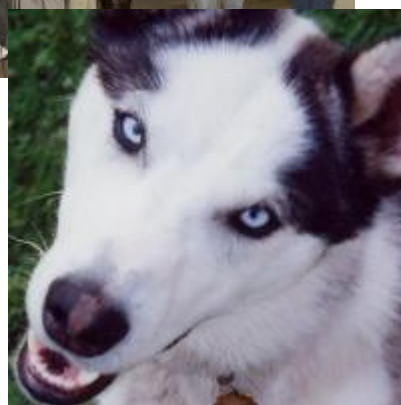
Watch Progress Live on Derby's New Building

We are also excited to see the progress being made with construction on the new Derby Library. The frame of the building was put up in a couple of days and work is going quickly. You can watch and keep up to date via webcam at www.derbyweb.com/camera.cfm



Derby Public Library Hosted Iditarod Speaker

The Derby Library was very excited to host **Karen Land** and her sled dog **Borag** on February 3rd. Karen is a three time participant in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. The Iditarod is a sled race that covers over 1,150 miles of Alaskan country. Karen completed her first race in just under 14 days!



South Central Kansas Library System*presents***“New Public Library Building Tour”****Monday, March 30, 2009****1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

You'll enjoy the opportunity to visit three medium-sized south central Kansas public libraries that have completed building projects in the last year. Each of the libraries has a service population of around 10,000. The tour, sponsored by the South Central Kansas Library System, departs at 1:00 p.m. from the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Wichita. Travel on a comfortable coach bus to the Andover Public Library. Andover Public Library Director Carol Wohlford will describe 25 “green” architectural features. From Andover, you'll visit the newly constructed Haysville Community Library.

Haysville Director Betty Cattrell will lead the tour and award-winning architect Kirk Jurgensen will be present to discuss Wichita, Haysville and Derby building projects. The last stop will be the newly renovated and expanded McPherson Public Library. At 6:00 p.m. at the McPherson Public Library, you'll enjoy a catered meal from the popular local restaurant Amics as well as a brief presentation on organizing a successful building project by McPherson Public Library Director Steve Read. The tour concludes around 8:00 in the evening when you arrive back at the Hyatt in Wichita.

Registration for the new public library tour can be made only at the SCKLS website: The \$20.00 cost of the tour includes afternoon refreshments and an evening meal of your choice of (1) Pork Loin with Honey Dijon Sauce and Sun-dried tomato Couscous or (2) Beef Medallions with Burgundy Mushroom Sauce. Registration limit is 45. Checks should be made payable to “SCKLS.”

For further program information contact **Paul Hawkins**, 800-234-0529, Ext. 113 or paul@sckls.info. For registration information contact Elizabeth Rankin, 800-234-0529, Ext. 120 or elizabeth@sckls.info.

Register online at the SCKLS webpage (<http://sckls.info/forms.aspx?FID=61>).

Persons with a disability who attend this workshop and require special accommodation, including dietary requirements, may contact Tom Taylor 800-234-0529, Ext. 149 or tom@sckls.info. To better ensure availability of an accommodation on site, please request the accommodation in advance.

This SCKLS Continuing Education program meets the following Core Competencies for Kansas Public Library Directors: II. Public Library Administration, D. Physical Facilities Management, 3. “plan for future building needs.”

Related links:

South Central Kansas Library System: <http://www.sckls.info/>

Andover Public Library: <http://www.andoverlibrary.org/>

Haysville Public Library: <http://www.haysvillecommunitylibrary.org/construction.html>

McPherson Public Library: <http://www.macpl.org/>

Amics Catering: <http://www.amicscatering.com/>

WDM Architects: <http://www.wdmdesign.com>

Gossen Livingston Architects <http://www.gossenlivingston.com>

DMA Architects: <http://dmapa.com/>

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SCKLS 2009 Challenges and Opportunities

Given impending state level reductions and other economic factors that may affect library funding in the upcoming year, SCKLS and its Executive Committee has assured its 148 member libraries of their continued commitment and support for all budgeted SCKLS grant programs during 2009. According to SCKLS Director Paul Hawkins, "These grant programs which total \$1,137,000 for public, academic, school and special libraries include grants-in-aid, interlibrary loan resource sharing grants; continuing education grants; general technology and automation matching grants; library programming; and summer reading grants."

SCKLS also recently completed an extensive system-wide survey and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis. Hawkins commented that the survey and SWOT analysis will help guide services and grants in the future and help identify any budget reductions should they become necessary. For more information about the SCKLS survey and SWOT results as well as grants and services, visit the SCKLS website: www.sckls.info.

Video Conferencing @ SCKLS

The mission of the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) is to provide grants, consulting, continuing education and cost-effective support services to its 149 member public, school, academic and special libraries in twelve counties.

As part of that mission, the ability to provide current technology which enhances our ability to offer our membership and staff the opportunities to virtually attend meetings and/or continuing education activities are of critical importance. In 2008 we applied for and received a 2008 Kan-ed Equipment and Technology Grant to develop and offer high definition video conferencing capabilities via a Polycom system at our office in South Hutchinson.

We are currently in our final installation stages and anticipate on having implemented an integrated HD (High Definition) Video Conferencing System in our already established computer training lab. In late 2007 we also joined the *Kan-ed* Backbone and upgraded our Internet connectivity to a 3MB fiber circuit in order to provide adequate bandwidth specifically for HD Video Conferencing capabilities.

It is our goal that by May 2009 we will have in place a fully functional HD Video Conferencing System which will allow SCKLS to provide its twelve county multi-type system membership with an interactive distance learning facility to facilitate and/or participate in training, classes and collaboration activities at a local, state, national and potentially international level. For further information please contact Larry Papenfuss at Larry@sckls.info or (800) 234-0529, ext. 160

Larry Papenfuss, SCKLS Automation & Technology Coordinator

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Tentative Itinerary

- 1:00 Leave Hyatt Hotel, Downtown Wichita, KS Parking Lot (Prestige Tour Bus)
- 1:45 Arrive Andover Public Library
- 2:45 Leave Andover Public Library (Afternoon Refreshments Provided En Route)
- 3:15 Arrive Haysville Community Library
- 4:00 Leave Haysville Community Library (Drive past Alford Branch, Wichita Public Library)
- 5:30 Arrive McPherson Public Library
- 6:00 Catered meal and building project presentation
- 6:45 Leave McPherson Public Library
- 8:00 Arrive Hyatt Hotel, Downtown Wichita, KS