

## **Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Accomplishments 2013**

**Fueling the Mind.** In 2013, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) collaborated to address both food insecurity among Kentucky children and limited access to educational and enriching summer programs. Sixteen Kentucky public libraries participated in the Fueling the Mind grant program. All programs funded by the grant were presented in conjunction with a meal at a Summer Feeding Site. 20,534 children participated in the program, receiving meals and enjoying literacy and enrichment activities. Participating libraries saw a 17% increase in their Summer Reading Program over 2012. The libraries also offered 121% more programs by participating in the grant program.

**Local Records Grants.** The KDLA Local Records Grant program distributed \$935,341 in grant funds to local agencies in 2013. This program helps to preserve, protect, and make available records with continuing archival value and to assist local agencies with records management through grant support, training, and direct service. Grant funds have been used to support work in microfilming, preservation, equipment, automated indexing, digital image systems, and codification of ordinances.

**E-rate,** or Education Rate, is a federal program designed to ensure schools and libraries are connected to information networks. E-rate funds provide discounted telephone service, Internet access, and subsidize the cost of eligible internal connections. The program is not funded with tax revenues; funding comes from Universal Service charges added to telephone and cellular phone bills. All public libraries in Kentucky are eligible to participate in E-rate, and 76% of the Commonwealth's libraries are currently participating in the program. In 2012, Kentucky libraries saved \$961,438.37 on their phone and Internet bills. Funding approval continues for 2013, and so far the Commonwealth's libraries have been allocated \$976,762.98.

**Summer Reading Program.** Public libraries across Kentucky participated in the Summer Reading Program, and in 2013, 145,681 children participated. This program is vital in preventing summer slide, where children lose ground in reading skills over the summer. Children who participated in the program read and were involved in educational and enriching activities throughout the summer months.

**Trustee Certification Program.** The Kentucky Public Library Trustee Certification Program is the first of its kind in the state, and is offered by KDLA to provide public library trustees with the tools to help them fulfill their responsibilities to their library and community. Topics covered are director and trustee roles, effective board organization, budget and finances, policies, and advocacy. To date, 122 trustees have received certification through the program.

**KDLA chooses preservation service.** The Public Records Division selected Preservica, the digital preservation service offered by Tessella, for long-term preservation of Kentucky state government records. KDLA was the only state government agency in the United States to participate in a test audit of the Trusted Digital Repository standard before it was adopted by the International Standards Organization. The 2012 audit gave KDLA the opportunity to consider options for expanding and improving its existing digital repository and to manage the growing

volume of digital content that the archives receives from Kentucky state government agencies. Jon Tilbury, Director of Archiving Solutions for Tessella, notes that: “KDLA is one of the largest state archives collections in the U.S. and has been a pioneer in electronic records since the early 80s.”

**State Records Center construction begins.** In early March 2013, ground was broken for a consolidated State Records Center to house over 200,000 cubic feet of state agency records. This leased, 100,000 square foot facility is expected to be completed by December 2013, with relocation from the two storage facilities that are currently leased expected to be finished in late 2014. This expanded and improved facility for high-volume, low-cost storage will provide more space for efficient and professional records services for state agencies, while saving millions of dollars for those agencies in records storage costs every year.

**Library Construction.** With over two million library visitors last year, library expansion continues to be a serious need in the Commonwealth. In 2013, the following six libraries opened with expanded square footage to meet the needs of their communities:

- Boyd County – Catlettsburg (February 2013)
- Greenup County – Greenup (December 2013)
- Kenton County – Covington (November 2013)
- Letcher County – Neon (Summer 2013)
- Pendleton County (Winter 2013)
- Taylor County (March 2013)