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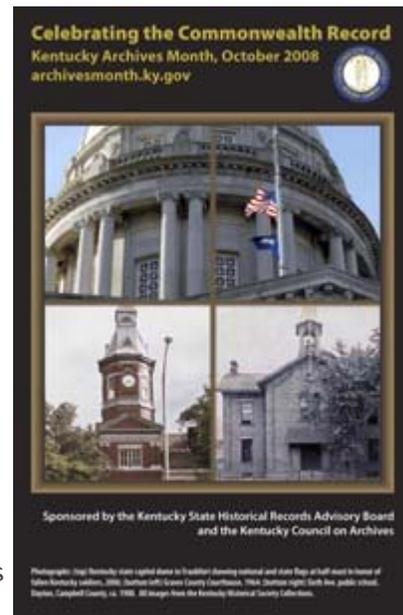
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By Valerie Edgeworth
Librarian, KDLA

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Trustee Tip

As Trustees, we need to take advantage of every resource and opportunity we have to help us do a better job representing our libraries. One such resource is the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) Regional Library Consultant program. KDLA provides eight specialized consultants who work with libraries in every aspect of library management. Each consultant serves a region consisting of 14-16 counties, representing the entire state. In addition, the program provides a library construction specialist who is available to work with libraries on all phases of construction and renovation. I have found these wonderful people to be a tremendous asset to me as a Trustee, as well as our library director and staff.

The regional consultants are our first line of communication with KDLA. They attend Trustee Board meetings. They share new and exciting information not only about libraries in other Kentucky

of Kentucky's families. Their holdings include personal papers, photographs, bibles, diaries, letters, and government records, such as marriage certificates and wills. [Read more...](#)

Photo: 2008 Kentucky Archives Month Poster, courtesy of the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board and the Kentucky Council on Archives

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By Judith Gibbons
KDLA Division of Field Services
Director



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Photo: William B. Harlan Memorial Library director Regina Holland receives a Book Fair Grant from Judith Gibbons, chair of the Kentucky Book Fair Grants Committee.

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by Jerry Carlton
KDLA Local Records Manager

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communities...but also keep a lookout for innovative programs from the American Library Association and other libraries across America.

All will profess to not being lawyers, but they know the KRS laws pertaining to libraries like the back of their hand. They can guide you through a closed meeting, a special called meeting or an attendance issue all the while making sure the advice they give will help keep your meetings legal.

Get to know your regional consultant. Ask their advice and pick their brains. They know what we need to do and are more than willing to help us do it...correctly.

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Congratulations...

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced that three Kentuckians are among the 109 librarians selected for the 2009 class of the Emerging Leaders program. This program allows participants from across the country to participate in project planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership

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Photo: Harrison County Clerk Linda Furnish and KDLA Archives and Records Regional Administrator (Eastern Region) Tim McIntosh

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By Doug Tattershall
Media Relations Coordinator
Lexington Public Library



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Photo: Governor Steve Beshear speaks at the opening of the new Northside branch in Lexington

Widening Circles IX: Librarian 2.0

By Nikole Wolfe
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capacity. The three Kentuckians chosen for this special honor are:

- **Maria T. Accardi** of Louisville, assistant librarian and coordinator of instruction at Indiana University Southeast
- **Adam Murray**, dean of libraries (interim), Murray State University
- **Emily Symonds**, metadata librarian, University Archives, University of Louisville

Jay Bank, system support analyst for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has received the John G. Lorenz Award on behalf of the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the timely and accurate submission of state library agency data for fiscal year 2007.

Judith Gibbons, director of the division of Field Services, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has been awarded the 2008 James A. Nelson Library Advocate Award through the Kentucky Library Association.

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Libraries Can Purchase Book for Wholesale Price

This book about a rural community arts movement spreading across Kentucky is also a piece of art in itself. *Kentucky Quilt Trails: Views and Voices* documents the evolution of Kentucky's Quilt Trails and highlights what the quilt symbolizes to Kentucky's literary and visual artists.

Public libraries have the opportunity to purchase this book at the wholesale price of \$5.95. Contact [Beau Haddock](#) at the Kentucky Arts Council for more details.



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Kentucky's original library outreach program: A packhorse librarian packs his leather satchel to deliver library materials to customers.

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Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories, all listed on the Kentucky Archives Month website (<http://archivesmonth.ky.gov>).

A noteworthy activity to celebrate Archives Month has been a weekly Lunch and Learn series hosted by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) each Tuesday during October. David Kirkpatrick opened the series with a discussion of KDLA's Works Progress Administration (WPA), followed by an overview of Kentucky's State Publications Program by Jane Minder. On October 21 Mark Myers will present an introduction to Kentucky's E-Archives, and Walter Bowman will conclude the Lunch and Learn series on October 28 with a presentation highlighting Eastern European Immigration to Eastern Kentucky. Sessions begin at noon in the Conference Room at KDLA, 300 Coffee Tree Road in Frankfort. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Kentucky Council on Archives and KDLA. For further information call 502.564.8300 ext. 246.

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On Friday, November 14th at 11:30 a.m., Asbury College Professor Dr. Devin Brown will be the guest lecturer at the Fourth Annual Librarians' Luncheon. Brown recently served as the Scholar-in-Residence for a weeklong Summer Seminar at The Kilns, C.S. Lewis' home just outside of Oxford, England. The seminar was put on by the C.S. Lewis Foundation, which purchased The Kilns in 1984 and has restored it to its 1930's appearance.

This is an opportunity to meet a prominent author, enjoy a lively discussion with library colleagues and visit the Frankfort Convention Center to purchase Kentucky Book Fair titles at "Library Preview Day." Luncheon tickets are \$15.00 and available by emailing kybookfair@ky.gov. Librarians have an opportunity to preview and purchase books on November 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Books for library use will be available both days

at a 20% discount. Additional information about the Librarians' Luncheon and Library Preview Day will be posted on the various library lists.

The Kentucky Book Fair, Inc., was founded in 1981 as a charitable and non-profit corporation for the sole purpose of staging an annual book fair. The Kentucky Book Fair has three key goals:

- To honor the profession of writing in the form of a one-day celebration,
- To provide a format for authors to meet their reading public,
- To raise money through the sale of books and donate all profits to mostly school and public libraries throughout Kentucky.

The Book Fair is Kentucky's premier literary event and one of the largest of its kind in the nation. It is sponsored by The State Journal, Frankfort's daily newspaper, and co-sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and the University Press of Kentucky.

The 27-year history shows that each year approximately 150 authors attend the Book Fair to autograph copies of their latest book. Between 4,000 and 5,000 people attend and gross sales annually top \$120,000.

The Kentucky Book Fair, Inc. awarded eight (8) grants to public and school libraries at the Kentucky Library Association Conference in Louisville on Thursday, October 2, 2008. The following libraries were approved for grants totaling \$7,000.00:

- \$900 to Ballard-Carlisle-Livingston Public Library to purchase large-print books for senior readers
- \$900 to Camp Ground Elementary School in Laurel County to replace worn and well-loved copies of picture books and popular fiction for students
- \$700 to Fleming County Public Library to increase the number of bilingual English/Spanish books for expansion of library outreach efforts
- \$900 to Hazard High School in Perry County to enrich the science and math book collection
- \$900 to McFerran Preparatory Academy in Jefferson County to update and refresh the school's Caldecott Award winners
- \$900 to Osborne Elementary School in Floyd County to overhaul the intermediate fiction section in the library
- \$900 to Sebastian Middle School in Breathitt County to offer a wider variety of Newberry Award and Honor Books
- \$900 to the William B. Harlan Memorial Library in Monroe County to assist community members in learning conversational Spanish

Since the inception of the Kentucky Book Fair in 1981, over \$300,000 has been awarded to Kentucky libraries.

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Campbell's schedule includes 16 regular stops. Last year, she provided over 1,400 service hours to shut-ins, rest homes, day care centers and residents of surrounding counties. Through this vital outreach program 6,000 items were circulated last year, including books, audio cd's, magazines and videos. For many customers, the bookmobile is their only opportunity to check out library materials. For some, it is their primary means of social interaction.

The bookmobile was purchased with library funds and a 2007 Bookmobile Grant for \$25,000 from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). "We appreciated receiving this grant so much," said Campbell. "The new bookmobile has not only generated lots of excitement but has allowed us to better serve our community."

Kentucky has the largest bookmobile fleet in the nation with over 90 outreach vehicles currently in service. "Last year we were able to replace eleven of these aging vehicles, with the oldest vehicle replaced being 17 years old," said Terry Manuel, KDLA Program Development Branch manager. "We have 12 bookmobiles currently in use which are 17 years old or older."

"Although KDLA was not able to offer bookmobile replacement grants in 2008 due to budget constraints, we look forward to reinstating these grants when the budget situation improves," he said.

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Recently the Local Records Grant Program provided fifteen local agencies a total of \$239,184 for records preservation and records management projects, with thirteen grants going to the county clerks' offices. The county clerks' offices create and maintain many important permanent records, including deeds and mortgages, marriage licenses, wills and other probate records, articles of incorporation and election records.

Of the current grant amount, over \$150,000 is being used for electronic records projects, including installation of digital imaging systems and digitization of paper records, for inclusion into new electronic systems. Over ninety county clerks in Kentucky currently have digital imaging capabilities. With the advent of these electronic systems, permanent records are easily accessed by the public and the records of the county clerks' offices are more easily recorded and preserved. Security microfilm can be created from this digital data at a lower cost. For example, the office of the Harrison County Clerk received a grant in the amount of \$27,440 to digitize deeds, mortgages,

wills, marriages, articles of incorporations and encumbrances. "I appreciate getting the grant very much," said Harrison County Clerk Linda Furnish. "By having the information in the computer it saves us time making copies and provides better access to the records. It also provides extra security in case of a disaster."

The next grant application cycle will begin in October 2008. For additional information concerning the Local Records Grant Program, please contact Jerry Carlton via email at jerry.carlton@ky.gov or by phone at 502.564.8300 ext. 255.

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The new Library is at 1733 Russell Cave Road, next door to the old Northside branch, which opened in 1984 and was sold at auction this summer to the University of Kentucky. The new library was funded by the Lexington Public Library and a state construction grant from KDLA.

Crenshaw, who represents the district in which the branch is located, thanked the library board and director for keeping the branch on Russell Cave Road, allowing children in nearby neighborhoods to continue to walk to the library. He also praised the library's use of community meetings during the planning process.

"A library is a place that wherever or whenever you go, there is a friendliness about it. There's a warmth to being there. The people treat you with great respect and great assistance," Crenshaw said. "This library will enable untold numbers of young people to succeed and become the best that they can possibly be in the future."

The original Northside branch opened Feb. 22, 1984 with help from Barbara Bush, at the time the wife of the vice-president. At 11,056 square-feet, the branch was the city's largest library branch. The new building once again makes the Northside branch the Lexington Public Library system's largest branch. The new building is a \$7.725 million, 27,818 square-foot structure. The additional square footage provides several new features, including additional meeting space, a computer classroom, a teen room, a children's story room, a deli and a digital studio lab. The number of public computers has increased from 23 to 64.

The branch also provides a new home for Central Kentucky Radio Eye, a nonprofit organization that brings the written word to thousands of visually impaired and disabled Kentuckians, as well as for the Lexington Public Library's cable channel.

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The following day, Amy Olson and Carolina Fernandez presented a pre-conference on working with Latino families in the library. **Bienvenidos! @ Your Library** enlightened participants on Latino culture and how to tweak their current collection, development, programs, outreach and other services to serve a Spanish-speaking population. Participants practiced making two popular Latino crafts: tissue paper flowers and papel picado (paper cutouts). Olson has been a children's librarian at the Village branch of the Lexington Public Library since 2004. Fernandez relocated from Venezuela in 2000 and is a librarian at Lexington's Northside branch; both locations serve large numbers of Spanish-speaking customers.

In addition to the pre-conferences, several other training sessions were offered:

- **MyFacebook and Beyond: Using Web 2.0 to Engage Youth at the Library.** Beth Gallaway of Information Goddess Consulting trained on how social networking sites like Myspace and Facebook and other Web 2.0 tools meet developmental needs and can build valuable skills for today's students.
- **Get Your Game On: Gaming at the Library!** Gallaway also trained on gaming in the library. Participants learned why libraries should care about the video game phenomenon and how supporting gaming also supports literacy and youth development.
- **Reading with the Brain in Mind.** Ann Anzalone, professor at Wright State University, trained on what the latest brain research says about how children read and process information. She gave simple strategies anyone can use to optimize a child's learning and communication skills. Cheryl Clemons, Children's Librarian at the Grant County Public Library, led the group in a storytime to learn how to incorporate literacy activities and movement to improve children's focus and reading skills.
- **Early Literacy: Doing it Everyday @ Your Library.** Participants saw what a fully developed early literacy program looks like using ALA's Every Child Ready to Read @ your library program, and saw examples of play literacy programs. This session was presented by Betsy Glick, Lisa Sensale and Diane Setter of the Boone County Public Library and Abby McCurry of the Tates Creek branch of the Lexington Public Library.

Librarians were also given the opportunity to network with their peers and try some of the popular gaming systems first hand. Trainer Beth Gallaway cheered the librarians on as they grooved with Dance Dance Revolution or sang, played guitar and beat drums on Rock Band. Librarians also tried their hand at games on Wii, Wii Fit and Nintendo DS.

Conference participants were also treated to a dinner speech by Paula Brehm-Heeger, immediate past president of the Young Adult Library Services Association and Teen Coordinator at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Brehm-Heeger excited the crowd with new ideas for creative library services geared toward today's teens.

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