

Monthly Report –November 2016 Kentucky Dept. for Libraries & Archives



November is National Family Literacy Month!

Competitive Bidding for E-rate 2017-18

Kentucky libraries can now start the E-rate competitive bidding process for FY 2017-18, which covers services between July 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2018. E-rate discounts of 20-90% are available for internet, phone service, and 'Category Two' networking equipment, managed Wi-Fi, or maintenance. Libraries must list the services they need on the Form 470 and wait at least 28 days before selecting the most cost-effective option from bids received. KDLA's Technology Consultant, Lauren Abner, provides one-on-one consultation and filing assistance—lauren.abner@ky.gov or 502-564-1728. For more information, see KDLA's E-rate page: <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/E-rate.aspx>.

Column: Do we need librarians now that we have the internet?

In a recent column on PBS's website, Robert Graboyes, senior research fellow with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, talks about the changing roles of librarians and physicians. He argues that with the internet, both professionals are no longer sole providers of their respective services and both must continually update their skills and prove their value. His wife, a retired librarian, says, "for centuries, the librarian's job was providing scarce information to dependent patrons. Now, the job is helping patrons navigate superabundant information of wildly varying quality and uncertain provenance. The new job, unlike the old, requires marketing — librarians must persuade patrons that a navigator is worth the time and trouble. For better or worse, the digital age forces experts to make the case that a Google search doesn't replace the librarian, and WebMD doesn't replace the doctor." The full column is available at: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/making-sense/column-need-librarians-internet>.

KPLA Conference

Save the date for the 2017 Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference! The conference will be April 19th-21st in Lexington. As in previous years, the Wednesday, April 19th session will include the pre-conferences. The two remaining days of the conference will encompass the regular conference sessions, the unconference, and the ignite sessions. Please consider submitting a session this year. Program proposals are now being taken at: <http://tinyurl.com/jt4r6mg>. The deadline for submissions is February 1st. Please feel free to contact Mark Adler at madler@bourbonlibrary.org with questions.

Webinars for Trustees

There are several webinars on KDLA's continuing education calendar that may be of interest to certified trustees. A brief description of one is below. Sign up at:

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/ContinuingEducationCalendar.aspx>.

- **Leaning In: A Tale of Salaries and a Rural Library Director.** Provided by KDLA. Thursday, December 8th, 2pm – 3pm ET. For small, rural library directors, salary negotiations can be one of the toughest parts of the job. How do you know what you are worth? How do you know what the library can afford? How do you advocate for higher salaries for your staff? One non-expert will tell you what worked and what didn't in one small library and hopefully give you some tools to begin your own quest.