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Gouache and watercolor painting from "Baby Animals", written and illustrated by Garth Williams

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From Paper Mills to Electrons

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KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Amy Morgeson, Marion County, **Professional III**
- Rosann Patton, Kenton County,

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McCracken County Public Library Receives Gift

By JoAnn Schroader
Administrative Assistant, KDLA

The McCracken County Public Library recently received a gift of \$5,000 from the estate of Mr. Ben Whiteaker. Library director Julie Hart accepted the gift from Independence Bank representatives Bud Qualk and Eileen Duobinis-Gray.

Mr. Whiteaker was a Navy veteran and graduate of the University of Tennessee. He loved the library, art centers and colleges in the area. The donation will be used to provide special programming in the Youth Services Department of the library.



(l to r) Bud Qualk, Julie Hart and Eileen Duobinis-Gray

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James King Simpson,
Logan County,
Paraprofessional
- Malta Flannery,
Jackson County,
Paraprofessional
- Lacey Illers,
Henderson County,
Library Experience
- Shaye Coursey,
Marshall County,
Library Experience
- LaDonna Fay
Hamontree, Graves
County,
Paraprofessional
- Erin Russelburg,
Webster County,
Paraprofessional
- Michele Walter,
Garrard County,
Library Experience
- Cindy Franklin,
Harrison County,
Paraprofessional
- Katelyn Widener,
Boone County,
Professional I
- Ami McCollough,
Monroe County,
Paraprofessional
- Tim Chatlo, Boone
County,
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Daviness County,
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Ground Broken on Covington Library's Renovation and Expansion

By Robin Klaene
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Kenton County Public Library

Recently, the first steps were taken towards the renovation and expansion of the Kenton County Public Library's Covington Branch. Officials including State Secretary of Education and Workforce Development Joseph Meyer, State Librarian and Commissioner Wayne Onkst (former KCPL director), Library Board president Jim Adams, and Library Executive Director Dave Schroeder were on hand to begin the project with a groundbreaking ceremony.



Young library enthusiasts participated in the groundbreaking ceremony

As the oldest Library in Northern Kentucky, the 37 year old building has welcomed millions of people through its doors. The roots of the library can be traced back to 1899 as several distinguished citizens of Covington, Kentucky, convened to discuss the need for a public library for its citizens. In 1901, a newly appointed library Board passed rules that declared there be free library service to every man, woman and child in Covington, making the Covington

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- Zella Wells, Johnson County
- George Patterson, Lyon County
- Robin Chapman, Grant County
- Debbie Howard, Leslie County
- Michael Heineman, Greenup County
- Julie Pence, Lewis County
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- Kenneth Kimsal, Russell County
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- Hazel Kenney, Bourbon County
- Ben Tackett, Jr., Johnson County
- Jennifer Wilcutt, Logan County

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Library one of the first in the south to provide racially integrated service. With a \$75,000 contribution from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the new Carnegie Library opened on March 16, 1904 to the citizens of Covington. That former library is now the home of the Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center. [Read more...](#)

Archival Photo of the Month



Old swimming hole up South Fork in Breathitt County, 1940. This photograph is from records of the Farm Security Administration, in the State Archives Holdings, Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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The centers are made possible by a \$1.3 million American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant provided through the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The project is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA).

"We are pleased to use these grant funds to create Public Library Workforce Centers in 45 Kentucky public libraries. The centers will assist their communities in the economic recovery and provide lasting benefits in education and economic development. We are proud to be working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and partners across the Commonwealth to bring technology and training to so many Kentuckians at their public libraries," said Wayne Onkst, Kentucky's state librarian and commissioner of KDLA.

The centers house computers and software, and teaching tools such as media projectors that will be used to provide training in a formal workshop setting to Kentucky residents seeking employment opportunities.

Some libraries also purchased equipment to give people who have disabilities better access to computers and workshops.

The following counties will be opening Public Library Workforce Centers: Adair, Bath, Boyle, Calloway, Carroll, Casey, Clinton, Crittenden, Edmonson, Estill, Fleming, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Graves, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Jessamine, LaRue, Letcher, Logan, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Meade, Metcalfe, Montgomery, Nicholas, Ohio, Owen, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Spencer, Taylor, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Warren, Washington and Whitley.

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Until last November, McLean County was the only county in the state without a public library. At that time an inter-local agreement was established to fund the library for 18 months with money from a line item in the federal budget, after which additional funding would be needed. A volunteer library started by the Livermore Women's Club had been serving McLean County since the mid-1950's.

The board appointed last November knew they needed to move quickly to secure more permanent funding before the inter-local agreement expired. With support from the newly hired library director Aimee Newberry and staff, county attorney Billy Quisenberry, judge executive Kelly Thurman and many others, the resolution passed unanimously with no one in the courtroom speaking against it.

Board president Dianna Hoover has volunteered at the library for over 20 years and was almost speechless at the news. "This will be a tremendous educational asset for the residents of McLean County," she said.

Aimee Newberry has been serving as library director since April. "I am very appreciative of all the volunteers hard work over the many years. I can't say enough about my board and the support of the CJE and the fiscal court," she said.

Newberry says plans for the future include applying for a bookmobile grant, providing various outreach programs, workforce training sessions, computer classes and social events to be held at the library in the spacious community room.

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Talking Book librarians were able to meet their fellow colleagues to discuss issues and best practices. We often feel left out of local library activities because what we do is so different, and in most cases we are the only library in the state providing this

service.

During the business meeting I was elected President of the Southern Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a position I will hold for two years. Speaking on behalf of all who attended, we will continue to provide the best service we can and look forward to embracing new methods for providing accessible reading materials to those who are print disabled.

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One important group we all need to be willing to discuss library services with is our local leadership. We must never miss an opportunity to promote the great services we offer to our community. Each message will be somewhat different because each library is unique to its community...but the main message will be the same and that is all the services your library provides.

Make a point to attend the fiscal court meetings in your county. Invite the magistrates to the library for a tour or better yet ask them to come and read to the local children for a program. Anytime the fiscal court is appointing a trustee to the library board I request the director and the trustee being appointed attend the meeting. Of course, as the board president, I always attend those meetings as well.

With the economy the way it is today and the concerns the community has about taxes and how they're being spent, we all need to be prepared to promote the library on every level of our community. That may also at times mean having to defend expenditures. But, that's part of what we do...we're trustees with one of the most important facilities in each of our counties...our local public library!

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He did hire her, and has been grateful ever since. Now, she is preparing to succeed him. Henderson County Public library board chairman Ken Christopher announced Monday that Vincent, 41, will become the new director when Wathen retires July 31 after 32 years in the position.

"She was our sole applicant," Christopher said. "We're lucky as can be to get her."

"The bar was set very, very high," he said. "You replace a Don Wathen, you've got to go top-notch; you can't go backward. She's been here 16 years. He groomed her to become director."...

"I don't know anybody in the whole Kentucky library system more qualified," Christopher said.

"She's without a doubt the best person I ever hired," Wathen said.

Yet, Vincent said, "I don't think I was given a job description or a title."

Among her first responsibilities was to assume bookkeeping duties. She also worked the circulation desk at night and on weekends.

But a larger challenge loomed; helping shepherd the library into a rapidly changing environment of technology. She succeeded, despite having little background in computers or networks.

"I learned a lot from Roy Bruner," who owned The Computery here at the time," Vincent said. "He serviced (the library's) computers, and was very gracious. He allowed me to watch what he was doing."

"About the time Pam came along, the Internet starting clicking with the Worldwide Web," Wathen said.

On Jan. 1, 1997, the library introduced the first Internet-connected computers available for use by the public; three machines running Windows 95 and connected to the Internet by three dedicated dial-up lines.

"I think we paid \$90 a month for each (line), and it was as slow as Christmas," Vincent said.

She oversaw the introduction of the library's high-speed Internet and wireless services as well as the growth in the number of computers.

"When I hired her, I didn't know she could do it, and she didn't either," Wathen said. "She definitely speeded our development along, and that's where libraries are going."

Four years ago, Vincent turned over technology responsibilities to Keith Stallins, a native of Henderson County with a college degree in computer science.

"I didn't know what a burden it was," she said. "We were quickly reaching the point where I had reached my limit," adding that Stallins has brought knowledge and talent that has propelled the library forward. Today, the library has 61 computers available for the public. dedicated variously to the adult department. children's department.

genealogy department, and a mobile lab for classes and training.

"I consider myself very fortunate to be coming into this position at this time in this library," Vincent said, "because Mr. Wathen had done an excellent job bringing this library up to standards a lot of libraries do not meet. I'd say there's not a whole lot he's not tried to do."

"One thing I hope we can do in the future is get more space," she continued. "We've expanded once since I've been here, but we're still running out of room. The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives reports that for a community this size, the library encompass 27,000 square feet. We're under 22,000," she said.

A native of St. Louis, she graduated high school in Pensacola, Fla., then came to Bowling Green to study photojournalism at Western Kentucky University, though she ultimately received her undergraduate degree in political science.

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As part of the exhibit, literature historian Leonard Marcus, author of *Golden Legacy: How Golden Books Won Children's Hearts, Changed Publishing Forever, and Became an American Icon Along the Way*, will discuss the importance of Little Golden Books and sign his book at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Central Library.

During the exhibit, the Central Library will have occasional visits from the Pokey Little Puppy and other characters from Little Golden Books. The story room of the children's department will be open as a reading room, with a variety of Little Golden Books available for families to read together after visiting the exhibit.

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This is a program that Sony smartly set up to get its products into libraries, train librarians and patrons, and help drive the eReader industry. If you agree to their terms and conditions, they will provide your library with the following...a two to three hour live eBook training session led by a Sony trainer, along with the following:

- 1 Reader Pocket Edition PRS-350 for the librarian to use
- 2 Reader Pocket Edition PRS-350 for the Reader display
- 1 floor standing display for 2 sample Readers
- Access to web training, information, and self-print collaterals on the Sony website (www.sony.com/libraryprogram)
- Reader banner for your library homepage
- 150 printed Quick Start Guides
- 5 printed Library Counter Cards
- 150 printed Product Brochures
- 300 printed Bookmarks

This information comes straight from the [Sony Reader Library Program](#) site. Sony has made it easy enough to do this that even your library's most 'technologically challenged' employee can probably make it work. (I only say probably because I've been around the IT industry long enough to know that not everyone can overcome this disorder.) There are free training videos and tutorials, printable quick-start guides, bookmarks, counter cards and other materials available to use as well, and Sony even mentions www.overdrive.com as a source of eBooks! For those of you who don't know, Overdrive is the service provider for the KY Libraries Unbound program.

Unfortunately, Barnes & Noble hasn't created the extensive training and advertising materials like Sony. But we must remember that this is B&N's first foray into the world of consumer electronics, an industry in which Sony has been a heavyweight for years. However, B&N does provide a [Getting Started Page](#) that outlines the basic steps in setting up that new Nook. Of course the company, like Amazon, would like to SELL you eBooks, so it doesn't tell you of free services like KY Libraries Unbound.

So how can we help our patrons IN the library? Obviously we want them to come to us (or at least think of us) first for all their help. But if we only refer them to online training materials, in other words, "figure it out yourself", what message are we

sending? Are we telling them we don't know anything about these devices, other than they can be used with our services? Are we telling them that we don't care enough about the future of books that we can't be bothered to learn? The manufacturers' websites should be the definitive resources on their devices to be sure, but isn't the library the place to go for information? I'm not saying we should know the nuts and bolts of these devices, but we should be able to describe to someone how to use them with our services!

For instance, the Sony Readers work best when used with the [Sony Reader Software](#), and to use nearly every other device with KY Libraries Unbound requires [Adobe Digital Editions](#) since most eBooks on the KY Libraries Unbound site are in Adobe's ePub format. Armed with that basic knowledge, most librarians ought to be able to guide their patrons through the download, transfer and enjoyment of an eBook. If your librarians can't do this, or don't know how, then go to the manufacturer's sites and get this information. It's free, so there's no reason not to use it. KY Libraries Unbound has [a good section on the use of Adobe Digital Editions](#) and transferring to supported eReaders. Use the [Digital Media Help link](#) on the KY Libraries Unbound site and become familiar with how to do these things. My point is, there are lots of avenues for us to use and learn. Call it on-the-job training, even, and dedicate an hour for an employee to learn!

We can only help our patrons within the limits of our own knowledge and experience. Since their taxes are paying for us to be in the library with the knowledge they need, why shouldn't we go get it? The help online is good enough that we don't have to pay anyone to come and teach us. We have folks in various KY libraries that can and will help out if asked. Jennifer Gregory, the mother of KY Libraries Unbound at the [Boone County Public Library](#), has put together a [great set of help PDFs](#) for anyone in the Overdrive/KY Libraries Unbound arenas. What works for Overdrive will also work for KY Libraries Unbound, as they are essentially the same service, and you don't have to be a member of the KY Libraries Unbound consortium to use the help section.

Finally, we can and should help each other. While we hope that folks in our own counties use their home library, some of us have inter-county and inter-state agreements with other libraries. Those are few and far between, though, and we should never turn away someone from out-of-area if they need help! We are here to serve the public, which requires knowledge and information. We would be best-served by sharing that with each other, and that's one of the main reason I agreed to write this column.

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Course 1: Essential Records (ER)

July 28, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The IPER Essential Records Course presents a step-by-step approach to developing an essential records program that is based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Continuity of Operations (COOP) guidance. The course covers identification, protection, accessibility, and implementation of an essential records program. This course will include discussions of Kentucky-specific guidance and resources.

Course 2: Records Emergency Planning and Response (REPR)

August 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Records Emergency Planning and Response Course extends what you learned during the Essential Records course about how to identify and secure essential records which are critical to COOP. The course broadens the focus to all records so that agencies can plan for protecting and recovering both essential records and others that are also important or useful, should an emergency occur. This course will also include discussions of Kentucky-specific guidance and resources.

Participants are required to register online through the CoSA Resource Center; click [here](#) to register.

The KDLA instructors are [Jim Cundy](#), [Mark Myers](#) and [Beth Shields](#). Please let one of them know via email if you have any questions about this or if you need help with registration. There are a limited number of seats available, so please complete the IPER registration online as soon as possible.

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Ground Broken on Covington Library's Renovation and Expansion

Recently, the first steps were taken towards the renovation and expansion of the Kenton County Public Library's Covington Branch. Officials including State Secretary of Education and Workforce Development Joseph Meyer, State Librarian and Commissioner Wayne Onkst (former KCPL director), Library Board president Jim Adams, and Library Executive Director Dave Schroeder were on hand to begin the project with a groundbreaking ceremony.



Officials participate in groundbreaking ceremony

As the oldest library in Northern Kentucky, the 37 year old building has welcomed millions of people through its doors. The roots of the library can be traced back to 1899 as several distinguished citizens of Covington, Kentucky, convened to discuss the need for a public library for its citizens. In 1901, a newly appointed library Board passed rules that declared there be free library service to every man, woman and child in Covington, making the Covington Library one of the first in the south to provide racially integrated service. With a \$75,000 contribution from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the new Carnegie Library opened on March 16, 1904 to the citizens of Covington. That former library is now the home of the Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center.

The construction and renovation project began in May and is expected to take 20-24 months to complete. The library will be open during this project. Once completed, the

library will offer a new children's department complete with an outdoor programming area, a 64 percent increase in the number of computers available for the public, an expanded teen space, a larger public meeting room, a drive thru window and an expanded and new Kentucky History department. The library's history department is one of the largest collections of local history documents in the state and has more than 20,000 volumes of historical facts and 8,000 reels of microfilm. The library's history collection includes books and documents, more than 6,500 photographs, family files, maps and art work. Additionally, there are extensive resources regarding Civil War veterans, cemetery and church records and Census data. Visitors from around the world use the Covington Library's Kentucky History department in person and online. The department will have climate controlled features to preserve historical documents.

Architect Jack Hedge from Design Group and construction manager Kenny Davis from Codell Construction will be leading the project. Construction costs for this renovation are estimated at \$9.2 million. The current total estimate for the project is \$12.5 million including architectural fees, furniture, computers and other items. This will be paid for by savings, bonding and fundraising efforts.

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