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**Photo:** Posters from the *Libraries Complete the Economic Puzzle* display; the display is available for public libraries to check out from the State Library.

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**Photo: Kenton County Public Library Director Dave Schroeder**

### **Boone County Celebrates *Carnival of Cultures***

by Lucinda Brown  
Director, Boone County Public Library

On May 16th approximately 350 people turned out for the *Carnival of Cultures* at the Florence Branch of the Boone County Public Library. The event was a cooperative effort between the library and the City of Florence to celebrate the community's diversity and to promote library and city programs and services.

Beneath a giant carnival tent colorful pinwheels featured national flags, and representatives from Taiwan, Puerto Rico and the Middle East provided information about their history and culture. The City of Florence welcomed children to climb aboard a fire truck and talk to firefighters. Children attended German and Hispanic

(Ballard/Carlisle/Livingston Counties); Rhonda Henderson (Calloway County); Dwight Hitch (Jessamine County); Kaye Smith and Judy Smith (Clay County); Ronald C. Cox and Linda Mefford (Harlan County);

storytimes on the Community Center on Wheels. MadCap Puppet Theatre presented "Once Upon a Clock", a performance of tales from Germany, India and Italy.

For adults, there was Chinese brush painting and a Thai Chi demonstration. Everyone enjoyed sitting in the authentic Native American Tipi listening to Native American Flute. Of course there were refreshments, balloons, games and prizes.

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To wrap up the event, children and their parents decorated bicycles, wagons, strollers and themselves to march in the Children's Parade (a Mexican Spring tradition).

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I appreciate everyone's evaluations of the conference. The luncheon speaker, Devon Brown, got many accolades. His perspectives on the importance and symbolism of reading were incredible. After Devon, the most popular program was the discussion on *Abolishing Performance Reviews*. I think the panel gathered a roomful of converts. Other programs that were mentioned favorably: *Strolling Among the Tombstones*, *Making Sense of Gadgets*, and *The Library's Responsibility to the Community*. One of the chief complaints about the conference, in fact, was the difficulty of which session to choose!

We had an impressive number of trustees attending which is fabulous. I believe that twelve trustees came to the Kentucky Library Trustees Roundtable meeting. I congratulate Paul Poland (Scott County PL), the incoming chair. The Roundtable needs all of our support if it is to be effective and survive. I hope that you will encourage your trustees to become active members.

The conference is a wonderful place to meet folks from different "library-friendly" companies. We're able to take a minute or two to get a quick question answered in a low-pressure format. You can help the conference planners by passing along the names of quality vendors or particular services that you would like to see represented.

There are so many people who help make a conference work. I was so fortunate to have the best conference planning committee helping me: Nanette Eichell (Lexington PL, retired), Jimmie Epling (KDLA), Judith Gibbons (KDLA, retired), Regina Holland (William B. Harlan Memorial Library), Charlotte Keeney (Pulaski County PL), Pam Metts (Christian County PL), Paul Poland (Scott County PL), Lisa Rice (Warren County PL), Dave Schroeder (Kenton County PL), Peggy Stanifer (Laurel County PL), Kristi Tucker (Marshall County PL), Anne VanWilligen (KDLA), and Martha White (Lexington PL). Thanks to you all for your time, confidence, support, professionalism and sense of humor. You each gave so much!

As for me, it's back to the usual grind of professional yodeling, asking for alms for my dancing monkey, playing for tips and whatever records I can move, etc. (Thanks for everyone's support. Truly.)

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Diane Brownstone, a New York philanthropist, says "I am interested in providing books for young children, hopefully to excite and foster an early interest in and love for books and reading. The public library of my youth gave me an addiction to books that has enriched my life...My wish...is to give this experience and pleasure to many other young people." This is Diane Brownstone's personal mission as well as the goal of her foundation. She is a voracious reader and student of picture books. She maintains a list of approximately 300 of her favorites - titles among the best of the genre. She sends this list to a needy library with the offer of donating 100 books selected by the librarian. She works closely with the Brodart Company, a vendor that delivers the books (cataloged and shelf-ready if the librarian chooses.)

The 59 Kentucky recipient libraries were selected by staff of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives using three criteria: percentage of county population under the age of 18 living in poverty, county public library income per capita, and overall library expenditures per county. One library system selected was receiving only \$2.38 per capita annual income. One county had 61.9% of its children living in poverty. Mrs. Brownstone decided to make donations to one-half of all public library systems in the Commonwealth.

The Brownstone Book Fund gift was an unexpected delight for all recipients. It helped them toward their goal of introducing the joys of reading and the beauty of fine picture books to young children, their families, and caregivers.

*"This donation came at a time when we were in dire need of children's books. We received a grant to automate our library and in the process we had to discard a number of children's books due to the condition of the books. Because of budget constraints, we were unable to replace them...These new books were an astounding addition to our children's collection."*

Rhonda Glass, Metcalfe County PL

*"In my 37 years as a children's librarian, this is the most generous donation."*

Virginia Owens, Estill County PL

*"What a blessing we got when the books arrived. So many wonderful storytime books with large pictures that are perfect for day care children. We are using them with our puppets and flannel board stories. We had a lesson on manners and the Book Froggy Eats Out was a hit with the children. As we read a Brownstone book we lay it on a table and everyone wants to take it home. 'Read it again!!' is what we hear at the end of each story. Thanks for these books, as we could not have purchased them on our budget."*

LaDonna Collins, Knott County PL

*"We were just thrilled to receive the materials at no cost. The selection was terrific and had many classics needed to build a core library children's collection."*

Melissa Acquaviva, Ohio County PL

*"We were very grateful to receive the 100 books for our library. The books really came at a good time due to the budget cuts. Thanks for the Brownstone Foundation gift, I am so appreciative of people who promote reading and libraries."*

Carol Mitchell, Robertson County PL

Each of the 59 libraries has unique needs for the Brownstone picture books, but all of them have the ongoing responsibility to provide support for emergent literacy. They have a challenge to make reading so much fun that it will become an "addiction" just as it did for the young Diane Brownstone. Kentucky's children are fortunate and grateful that Mrs. Brownstone chose to give them a legacy of books and reading - the finest gift they could receive and one that will last forever.

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Not all Friends of the Library groups are legally organized. Some are simply volunteers who have come together to help their local library. But others have taken the steps necessary to form an incorporated nonprofit organization recognized by the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office and the United States Internal Revenue Service. These legally organized groups are granted a general exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from paying federal income tax on money they raise for the library. This status allows the Friends group to give more to the library. It also qualifies them to apply for some grants from government agencies and private foundations.

Many Kentucky libraries have Friends groups and a number of them are incorporated 501(c)(3) organizations. These groups bring many benefits to the libraries in their communities. They often are able to come up with creative ways to advocate for the library, raise money and bring the community together around the library.

In Scott County, the funding for the Friends group is from membership dues, book sales and an annual silent auction. With the silent auction they provide a small table tree or wreath to decorate. They also provide baskets that can be used as a gift basket. They recruit volunteers to decorate the trees or wreaths and volunteers who will fill a gift basket. Items are then returned to the library where they are placed on exhibit for two weeks and bids are taken. Final bids are usually the first Saturday in December, which gives people time for these items to be part of their Christmas shopping. The money raised has been up to \$1,200.

In Campbell County, the Friends help with convenient services for library customers. They provide books for ongoing sales near the entrance at each branch, they buy the flash/thumb drives that the library sells to the public for the computers and they buy the cash cards to pay for public fax use. The Friends also work at events for crowd control, handing out flyers, signing people up, selling an author's books, etc. "We adore our Friends," said Library Director JC Morgan. "It's a great relationship for us."

The Friends of the Lexington Public Library raised \$27,000 for the library in 2008. The Todd County Public Library Friends pay for all summer reading supplies, paved the parking lot and bought the awning over the front door. The Friends of the Taylor County Public Library hosted a Spring Thing - an event featuring story time, pottery painting, coloring, snacks and more.

The friends of the Middlesboro/Bell County Public Library work to assist the library by conducting fundraisers that include book sales and special events such as chocolate tasting parties. The funds they raised have helped support programming and furnish the library, including furnishings for a teen area and reading areas.

In Kenton County, the Friends have seven book sales a year which rotate among the three library branches. The Friends give an annual \$30,000 donation to the library for programming, to cover the costs of summer reading and to fulfill a "wish list" of items requested for the library by staff members.

Groups interested in forming an organized and recognized Friends of the Library in their community should gather for regular meetings, elect officers and file for 501(c)(3) status. They may also want to join the Friends of the Library USA (FOLUSA) for assistance and guidance. Additional information about FOLUSA can be found at <http://www.folusa.org> or by phone at 1-800-936-5872.

Organized Friends groups are an example of the library's importance in the community. They are volunteers who give their time to raise money, advocate and provide services for their local library. Many of these groups already provide benefits to libraries in Kentucky. Many others are forming and will be seeking ways to provide assistance. With the help of these volunteers, libraries in Kentucky are able to serve their communities in more ways than ever before.

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Kentucky is a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a grassroots consortium of 48 states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children, at the lowest cost possible, for their public libraries.

This year's summer reading theme is the Arts. The children's slogan - Be Creative - and the teen slogan - Express Yourself - offer librarians lots of ways to engage youth this summer.

Libraries will partner with other community groups to feature books, programs, performers, and other activities in the areas of music, dance, visual art, painting, writing, drama and other creative endeavors.

Below are just a few of the exciting activities taking place in public libraries in Kentucky. Be sure to check out the program at your local library and let the librarians know how much you appreciate all they do for children in the Commonwealth!

-- Marion County is hosting a Street Fair for local artisans, craftsmen and other community members to showcase local talents.

-- The Mary Ann Mongan Library in Covington is partnering with the Northern Kentucky University Music Preparatory Department to offer a drama and music troupe for elementary age children. The Troupe will perform an Appalachian Readers Theater featuring the work of Kentucky author and illustrator Paul Brett Johnson.

-- In Perry County, school age children and teens will design and decorate their own waxed hand.

-- The Kentucky Shakespeare Festival will be in Trimble County to perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

-- Grayson County is partnering with the local high school art department and a local dance instructor to offer children attending a week-long day camp 90 minutes of art or dance instruction every day. At the end of the week, parents will enjoy the displayed artwork and watch their child perform a dance routine.

-- The Northside Branch of the Lexington Public Library has a monthly sensory storytime for children with special needs. Visual schedules, sign language, props and repetition help adapt the program for children of all abilities. Beginning this summer the program will incorporate adaptive seating and fidget toys.

--Children in third through sixth grade in Jessamine County will be invited to create an "Old Time Radio Show" using the script for "Popeye Visits the Zoo." Children will read the parts, create sound effects, and produce commercials, all of which will culminate in a public performance.

-- Union County will feature a renaissance fair for older children and a sock hop for all ages, complete with poodle skirts, The Beach Boys and other 50's music.

-- In Marshall County, teens will create a collaborative "zine", a self-published magazine.

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A registration fee of \$45.00 includes attendance at the Institute from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., lunch and all materials. Deadline for registration is July 2nd, and seating is limited to 50. Registrations should be sent to: Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., ATTN: Kentucky Archives Institute, P.O. Box 4224, Frankfort, KY 40604.

For further information, or to see a detailed schedule for the event, please visit the KDLA website at <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/events/friendsinstitute09.htm> or contact Tim Tingle at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives at 502-564-8300, ext. 251.

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Schroeder was nominated for this project by the staff of the Library of Congress. His background, advanced degrees in American History and Library Science as well as his experience in archives, local history and public libraries were determining factors in his selection.

"It's a true honor to have been selected to work on this project. Being able to work with the staff of the Library of Congress and its collection is a wonderful opportunity" said Schroeder. "Free and open access to our nation's rich history is essential to preserving our democracy and it is a privilege to play a small role in these efforts."

Shroeder has been with the Kenton County Public Library for 16 years. He began his career with the library in 1986 as a shelver. In 1987, he joined the staff of the Local History Department as an indexer and reference assistant. From 1996 until 2000 Schroeder was the archivist for the Diocese of Covington and Thomas More College. He returned to Kenton County Public Library in 2000 when he was named Kentucky History Librarian. He was selected as director of the Kenton County Public Library in

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To help insure these situations don't happen to you and your board...always go into your board meeting with an open mind. Be prepared to have an open and honest discussion on any topic. Everyone at the table deserves your respect. During the debate avoid saying anything that could be taken as disrespectful. Once the votes have been cast, if you were on the losing end...don't hold a grudge. The majority has spoken and it's time to move on to the next issue.

It's amazing how much can be accomplished when we all work together as a team. During the board meeting, if we treat each other as we would hope to be treated, you'll not only be doing what's right for the library, but what's right for your fellow board members, too.

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The proclamation ceremony capped the latest effort by library supporters in Carter County to establish a countywide public library. The community of Olive Hill has supported a small all-volunteer library in conjunction with the local Adult Learning Center for twenty-five years. In late 2008, Olive Hill Mayor Danny Sparks and the city council committed \$18,000 to support the library.

Library supporters were brought together on December 2nd by State Representative Robin Webb to discuss the formation of a countywide public library. By the end of the year, Grayson, through the leadership of Mayor George Steele, and the County Fiscal Court, through the support of Judge Executive Charles Wallace, had committed equal amounts. The commitment to support a public library by the county and town governments spurred Department for Libraries and Archives Commissioner Wayne Onkst to offer the new library the aid each county receives from the state.

The Carter County Public Library began to take shape in January 2009 with the signing of an agreement by all three governments and KDLA to support the library for three years. The Mayors and County Judge selected five dedicated library supporters to become the library's first Board. The Board met for the first time on March 5th to undertake the task of forging a countywide library district. The Board's vision for the county's new library is "to meet the needs of a diverse population, narrow the digital gap, empower and engage all citizens in lifetime learning."

The district begins with the Olive Hill Community Library, a 1,920-square-foot facility built in 2001 through local donations and volunteer labor. The Board has moved quickly to begin official operations on July 1st. It is partnering with the Olive Hill Adult Learning Center to do a community-wide "Big Read" program. Libraries, such as Kenton and Boyd Counties, have contributed shelving, furniture, computers and other items to help get the library started. The Board is also seeking to secure a site in Grayson, the county seat, for an additional location.

There is still much to do in the coming months, but the Carter County Public Library District has a dedicated Board and strong community support that will assure that it becomes a valuable community asset the county will continue to support.

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After demonstrations of downloading digital books onto both of the Library of Congress' Talking Book player and a commercial Victor Reader Stream, the group enjoyed hearing local celebrity, musician and author Patrick Henry Hughes and his father tell their story about living with Patrick's blindness and other disabilities. Patrick performed several songs for the appreciative audience.

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