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**Photo: A customer takes advantage of the laptop check-out program at the Corbin Public Library.**



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Library Director Marie Liang has retired after 18 years of managing the library.

Liang had been the library director since 1996. During her tenure, she supervised a 5,000 square foot addition, several renovations, oversaw the implementation of several new and innovative services (including the library's most recent addition of multimedia downloading stations), and was instrumental in the library's Comprehensive Level achievement from the Kentucky Public Library Association in 2004. The designation is the highest a library can attain in the Commonwealth; the McCracken County Public Library was the only institution to reach the standard that year.

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## Sixth Annual Racing to Read 5k Run & Walk A Success

By Robin Klaene  
Kenton County Public Library

More than 900 runners, walkers and volunteers made the sixth annual Kenton County Public Library Foundation's "Racing to Read 5k Run & Walk" a huge success this year. The race, held on Saturday, June 13,

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By Greg Davis  
Lexington Public Library

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The Racing to Read program is an early childhood literacy initiative designed to introduce books and the love of reading to children in local preschools, day cares and Head Start centers. Library staff travel throughout Kenton County in the Read Racer, a NASCAR-inspired RV outfitted with shelves of books. Children climb aboard to select and check out books during the Read Racer's monthly visits to centers. Over 2,500 children and their families in Kenton County benefit from this program. [Read more...](#)

## KDLA Welcomes Library Director and Trustees

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives would like to welcome the following new director:

- Hillary Arney, Carroll County Public Library

The department would also like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Bill Deatherage, Hopkinsville-

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**Photo: Participants enjoy a watercolor workshop led by local artist Lana Williams at the Warren County Public Library**



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## Archival Photo of the Month



The Alice Silliman Belknap Memorial Bookmobile (a half-ton Chevrolet panel truck) went into service in Rowan County in September, 1951. "Alice" was sponsored by the Rowan County Board of Education. Seated is Frances Jane Porter, director of the Library Extension Division.

Other types of trucks converted into early bookmobiles include an army ambulance (Hart County) and a hearse.

Field Services Photo Collection, Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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The bill authorizes base funding for each state or territory, with the remainder of funding distributed using a population/area-based formula. Kentucky's annual share would be over \$712,000, based on a \$50 million appropriation.

The Council of State Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators fully support this bi-partisan bill. It would be of great benefit to have one or more of Kentucky's seven members of Congress to sign on as a co-sponsor to this legislation.

For more information on the bill, see: <http://www.archivists.org/pahr/index.asp>.

For more information on contacting your representative in Congress, please see [http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW\\_by\\_State.shtml#ky](http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#ky).

Please contact [Barbara Teague](#) if you have any questions, or would like to know more about how passage of this bill will help our Kentucky repositories.

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For libraries with limited space, laptops allow the addition of more public computers without compromising precious floor space. For libraries such as Corbin Public Library and Rowan County Public Library, laptops have enabled them to serve more customers in less space. While both libraries will be moving to larger quarters soon, neither has any plans to abandon laptop checkouts. In fact, Corbin Director Brenda Huff anticipates replacing fewer desktop computer stations in the future, adding laptops instead.

In addition to creating space, laptops also accommodate customer needs in ways that stationary computers don't allow. For those who are working in the stacks, a laptop computer that travels along is the obvious choice. Most libraries have their laptops connected to a printer or a copier wirelessly, allowing customers to work from anywhere in the library.

Laptops also make family time at the library easier. "(Laptops) have been very handy for parents with children," says Hillary Arney, director of the Carroll County Public Library. Laptops allow parents to follow their children to the children's area for supervision while at the same time using the library's resources.

Having laptops for customer use also allows the libraries to offer programs and classes that would have been otherwise difficult or impossible. Carroll County and Corbin have both used their laptops for computer classes. In addition, some libraries such as Jackson County Public Library and Laurel County Public Library are not checking laptops out to the public yet, but have laptops for computer-based programming.

Security issues for laptops that are checked out to customers are an obvious concern. Most libraries that offer laptop checkouts require some or all of the following:

- customers checking out laptops must be 18 years of age or older,
- customers must be in good standing,
- customers must provide a photo I.D.,
- customers must sign an agreement which states that the laptop was in good condition when checked out.

Laptops are a great way for libraries to expand services to the public. They allow customers to utilize library resources in unique ways. "The bottom line is that we and our customers love being able to circulate laptops for in-house use," says Rowan County Public Library director Helen Williams. "We could never go back to desktop computers only!"

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Three years ago a nonprofit called TechSoup started the MaintainIT Project with a Gates Foundation grant. As a hub of the program, they initiated "cookbooks" - a free online resource, written by librarians from around the country, featuring current ideas and best practices for planning, building and managing library computer technology. Librarians also contributed their knowledge on topics ranging from security solutions and strategic maintenance practices to community-building experiences involving Web 2.0 tools and vital partnerships.

MaintainIT's third and final cookbook, entitled "Joy of Computing - Planning for Success" contains contributions from Kentucky librarians Leann Jessee, Adair County Public Library; Michelle Foster, Boone County Public Library; and Terry Caudle, Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library.

Jessee tackled a problem that every library eventually faces, how to get rid of old computers responsibly. Her team provided a resource entitled "[Computer Disposal the Safe and Easy Way - Quick Reference](#)". Foster took on technology planning by providing an essay called "[Planning makes perfect: how a library IT manager supports her system's computers today, while keeping an eye on the future.](#)" Caudle worked with a group of librarians who outlined [gaming in libraries](#). They focused on why you should care about gaming in libraries and shared some benefits of gaming, such as drawing teens and parents into the library and building connections between teens and library staff. Caudle et.al. provide many interesting stories from the field to help make their case.

Go to <http://www.maintainitproject.org/cookbooks> to learn more about all three of the MaintainIT cookbooks.

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As part of the World Archives Project:

- All indexes will remain free to the public on Ancestry.com,
- Ancestry.com will donate copies of record indexes and images from the project to partnering government archives and genealogy societies,
- Images and indexes from the project will be available for free to patrons at thousands of subscribing libraries across the U.S. (check with your local public library for availability),
- Ancestry.com will provide free advertising to partnering genealogy societies.

Future plans for the project include active contributors being able to vote on which records the project indexes next, and for active contributors to receive free access to original images in the project's databases.

To find a list of all available projects and completion status, as well as information for participating go to <http://community.ancestry.com/wap/download.aspx>.

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Older adults involved in Spellbinders find that storytelling restores their traditional place in society, where they stand with grace and authority, where they are viewed as keepers of wisdom. Children who hear the stories are unaware of storytelling's positive effect on their vocabulary, their listening skills, their comprehension and their attention span. They know only that their little minds and hearts are soaring to a magical place created by the words and actions of a new hero or heroine standing or seated before them.

Who can't search back in the recesses of memory and recall stories, tall or true, told by a kind, wrinkled grandfather or by a loving mother before bedtime? Chances are great that something about those stories stuck with you through the years. Maybe it was a facial expression, a voice inflection or a body movement that was timed perfectly with the delivery of the story's scariest or funniest hook. Or maybe it was just the story. Those are the kinds of impressions that Spellbinders aim to make with Lexington youth.

Certification as a Spellbinder comes after three days of classroom training provided by a workshop leader certified by the national office of Spellbinders. Eager participants learn how to "spellbind" through story structure, voice inflection, facial expression and injection of suspense. Upon certification, a new Spellbinder shadows a more experienced storyteller before being matched with one or more schools which serve as the Spellbinder's home school(s) for the year. Lexington Public Library, as the coordinator of the local chapter, works with the schools and Spellbinders volunteers to develop schedules that work for all.

The Lexington Public Library chapter of Spellbinders took wings in 2004. It is one of 25 chapters in six states, Canada and Wales. During the 2007-2008 school year, Spellbinders volunteers told stories to a national audience of over 284,000 children in nearly 2,000 classrooms, libraries and other venues. The Spellbinders unique program boosts literacy, redefines elderhood, and builds community. Few other volunteer programs can yield as much good will, yet be administered for so little.

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"Under our agreements with NKU and Thomas More, Gateway students may use their libraries in the same way as their own students," Hughes noted. "In addition, the excellent librarians and library staff members at our campuses provide personalized service that enables our students to tap into these vast resources easily and efficiently."

Reference services are provided in person and via phone, email and Instant Messenger service at Gateway, NKU or Thomas More libraries during library hours. Reference services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week via the Ask-A-Librarian link from the Gateway library homepage.

The SWON consortium includes the Kenton and Boone county public libraries and the Cincinnati Public Library as well as 80 other libraries in the region, and the partnership provides Gateway students with open access to these resources as well.

The hybrid library project was nominated for national recognition based on quality, efficiency, cost effectiveness, creativity, learning impact and service to students. Employees involved in implementing the project include Charlene McGrath, director of library and information services; Jeremy Berberich, assistant director of information services; Ian Fray and Sheila Gray, library specialists.

"Use of the library is growing exponentially, due in part to the training we provide to faculty, staff and students on how to capitalize on the many services we offer," McGrath said. "We try to make it as convenient for students as possible. For example, students can reserve a book from either the NKU or Thomas More libraries, and our courier service will deliver it to one of our campuses, saving the student time and transportation costs. We really appreciate the cooperation we receive from our partners in helping us serve our students."

"The hybrid library is another example of how the college relies on partnerships to solve problems and extend our effectiveness," Dr. Hughes said. "The concept works because all of the partners and their employees do an excellent job of making it work. This award may recognize Gateway, but it is a tribute to our partners as well."

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"I was struck by the high level of enthusiasm the participants demonstrated. Given the one-hour time limit, they really put a remarkable amount of effort into their work," Teague stated. "I strongly encouraged them to continue practicing on their own, and I suspect they will," she concludes. Interest in the calligraphy workshop has been so great, in fact, that another June session was scheduled. This event is also being offered at the Main Library on July 2 - with the class filling immediately, a waiting list was created.

It is no secret that south central Kentucky is home to many accomplished, professional artists, musicians and craftspeople. Several have generously agreed to lead workshops that explore various artistic mediums and topics. Bowling Green native and art instructor Lana Williams' first love was oil painting. While living in Australia, however, she studied watercolor and now prefers this technique. On June 18, she taught a watercolor class at the Main Library.

Art history enthusiasts will be pleased to know that Kentucky artist James Pearson will deliver two compelling lectures during the Summer Reading Program. *American Artists: How the Art World Shifted after World War II* was held in June at the Main Library. On July 14, Pearson will also speak about muralists during the Great Depression who found work through the Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration. In addition to painting, Pearson is an accomplished musician and composer. He is also involved in recording, engineering and production.

Speaking of music, the Warren County Public Library made provision for fans of this art form, as well. Those interested in traditional music enjoyed a bagpipe performance by J. P. Johnson, also learning about the instrument's fascinating history.

Additional workshops will focus on fiber arts, sculpting and pottery. The Summer Reading Program concludes July 23, with a lecture by writer and photographer Linda Schaefer entitled, *Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity: A Photojournalist's Journey*, with a reception taking place immediately afterwards.

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## Trustee Tip

If you attended any of the Trustee Training Sessions over the last several years conducted by KDLA's Regional Consultant Nelda Moore, you understand what a great asset she has been to Trustees over the years.

This past December Nelda retired from KDLA and it's at a great loss not only to KDLA, but also to all of us as Trustees. For many years she not only helped with training to better educate all of us to do a better job but she was also responsible for the *T-3: Trustee Training Tips*. You can still read back issues of this publication through the [KDLA website](#)... they are all very informative and have great tips for all of us.

She also was the advisor for the KLA Trustee Section for many years. Next she helped guide the section when we became the Trustee Round Table. All the while making sure we dotted our i's and crossed our t's. If you had a question or a problem, Nelda was always there to lend not only a helping hand...but sound advice!

She did all of this on top of her "normal" job. She was a very busy person as a Regional Consultant yet always found time to help with Trustee issues. She was truly our mentor in every sense of the word.

Nelda sent a farewell note through the Trustee ListServ in which she gave her home phone number and email address in case any Trustees had questions or just needed advice. She was serious. If you have a need, she WILL be there to help. That's just the way she is. In case you missed it, her email address is [nmoore@bardstowncable.net](mailto:nmoore@bardstowncable.net). Do not hesitate to email her with any question that you have.

Thank you, Nelda. You always went above and beyond for Trustees' here in Kentucky and all of our libraries are much better because of it.

As a Trustee, I'll miss Nelda a lot. But as a friend, I'll miss her even more!

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In fact, bookmobile librarian Donna Christian reports that most of her customers sign up for the reading program. "I tell them that if they are reading anyway, they may as well enjoy the benefits that come with membership," she said.

Participants get to choose a treat from the snack pack at each visit after viewing their reading log. All ages can enjoy the reading challenge as well as activities and prizes. Christian has found that more adults than children sign up for summer reading through her bookmobile program.

Some of the summer reading activities that the library has planned involve music, dance and art. Rock Band and Family Game Night will be held at the library - everyone is welcome to participate.

Christian attended the Kentucky Summer Reading Program Workshop presented by KDLA and came back brimming with ideas. One was art puzzles which she plans to try on a smaller scale. Each week she will have a theme with activities and handouts for the bookmobile, just like they do inside the library. The grand finale will be July 30th with a balloon slide and bounce house on the library parking lot. Food and prizes will also be provided.

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## **Library Director Trades Books for Beaches**

McCracken County Public Library Director Marie Liang has retired after 18 years of managing the library. Liang had been library director since 1996. During her tenure, she supervised a 5,000 square foot addition, several renovations, oversaw the implementation of several new and innovative services (including the library's most recent addition of multimedia downloading stations), and was instrumental in the library's Comprehensive Level achievement from the Kentucky Public Library Association in 2004. The designation is the highest a library can attain in the Commonwealth; the McCracken County Public Library was the only institution to reach the standard that year.

Liang was Assistant Director for five years prior to her promotion, signing on when the library was known as the Paducah Public Library. She previously held posts as the Paducah Community College Librarian, Garrott Community College (Western Maryland) Library Director, and Westvaco Corporation Research Librarian. She holds a master's degree in Library and Information Services from the University of Maryland and a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science, with a minor in Journalism, from Syracuse University.

While her professional credits are impressive, the community will remember Liang's public service and charitable work, including tenure on the boards of Head Start, St. Mary School System, and Lourdes Hospital. Liang was also Rotary Club of Paducah Director from 2003-2007, represented the Paducah Human Rights Commission for more than a decade, and is a 1997-98 Leadership Paducah graduate.

Noting her accomplishments on behalf of others, several organizations have honored Liang. Most recently, she received the Carol J. Parris Mentoring Award from the Kentucky Library Association in 2008. She is also the Paducah Chamber of Commerce 2005 Distinguished Citizen of the Year, and a 2004 Paducah River City Business and Professional Woman's Association Woman of Achievement.

Liang's last day on the job was June 30th. She plans to spend her retirement catching crabs on the Great Wicomico River in Virginia.

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## **Sixth Annual Racing to Read 5k Run & Walk A Success**

More than 900 runners, walkers and volunteers made the sixth annual Kenton County Public Library Foundation's "Racing to Read 5k Run & Walk" a huge success this year. The race, held on Saturday, June 13, benefited the Library's early literacy outreach education program "Racing to Read."

The Racing to Read program is an early childhood literacy initiative designed to introduce books and the love of reading to children in local preschools, day cares and Head Start centers. Library staff travel throughout Kenton County in the Read Racer, a NASCAR-inspired RV outfitted with shelves of books. Children climb aboard to select and check out books during the Read Racer's monthly visits to centers. Over 2,500 children and their families in Kenton County benefit from this program.

Sponsored by U.S. Bank, this year's event focused on families and offered a stroller division and many fun children's activities including face painting, a Kids Fun run, music and dancing with the Library's mascot Booker, the reading retriever. Pre-registration was \$20 and included a technical running T-shirt, the event and a pancake breakfast from First Watch. Race day registration was \$25. Prizes were given to the top male and female walkers, top family team and top walkers, winners of the stroller division, and runners in each age division. Door prizes were also given out.

The event was organized by the Library's public relations and development departments. An executive committee of area runners assisted in bringing in new ideas, sponsors and race promotion throughout the running community. Additionally, the Library's staff was instrumental in pre-race planning and race day implementation.

Next year's race is already in the works and expects to be bigger than ever. For more information about the Kenton County Public Library Foundation's "Racing to Read 5k Run & Walk" contact Robin Klaene at (859) 962-4083 or visit [www.kentonlibrary.org/race](http://www.kentonlibrary.org/race).

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