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Lisa Rice and Jean Ellis

## KDLA Congratulates New Certification Holders

KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Kathleen Cope, Owsley County Public Library, **Library Experience**
- Linda Kay Clark, Nelson County Public Library, **Paraprofessional**
- Joetta Stiltner, Pikeville Public Library, **Professional I**
- Linda Cornett, Perry County Public Library, **Library Experience**

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**Photo: KDLA electronic records analyst Beth Shields**

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**Photo: Pictured left to right are: Doris Lentz, Pat Mills, Winter**

**Library, Library Experience**

- Suzette Yetman, Louisville Free Public Library, **Professional I**
- Jill Siekman, Boone County Public Library, **Paraprofessional**
- Katherine Beach, Louisville Free Public Library, **Professional I**

**Book Sale Coordinator Maudine Buchanan, Janice Crosno, Ann Carneal, McCracken County Public Library director Julie Hart, Bill Beasley, Marge Heyduck, Beth Schmidt, and Dewey Burger**

## Livingston County Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

By Susan Dunman  
Regional Librarian, KDLA

Livingston County is set to begin construction on a new three-story building that will house county government offices and a library. The groundbreaking ceremony was held May 21 and an excited group of parents, children, teachers, farmers, business owners, local dignitaries and other library supporters were on hand to celebrate.

## Trustee Tip

By Paul M. Poland  
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In order to truly represent each of our respective communities, public libraries and the board of trustees should look at several factors in choosing new members to serve.

We all look at what our particular needs may be at the time...perhaps a builder or architect if we're looking at a building project. Having a local banker is always a major plus to help all of us better understand library finances. A lot of times we look at the geography of our county to insure every corner has adequate representation. These factors and many more go into choosing a new board member for the library.

However, I want to discuss one factor I'm not sure we use enough in making that very important future trustee choice. Diversity! How many of us look at the diverse population of our

The library will be housed on the third floor and will offer 8,000 square feet of space to provide library service to Livingston County. The building will take 16-18 months to complete.



**Photo 1: State Librarian Wayne Onkst addresses the crowd at the Livingston groundbreaking ceremony**

**Photo 2: Local officials and dignitaries participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new library**

## Research Opportunities in the State Archives: Kentucky State Militia Records

by Tim Tingle  
Public Records Branch Manager, KDLA

communities when narrowing down our choices to submit for approval from our County Judge?

Minorities are a major part of our public library communities and should have representation on as many boards as possible. We all need to look hard to make sure our local public library boards represent our whole community and not just the majority of people in our county.

In doing this I believe we can better serve our entire community, plus help make the library a more welcoming place for everyone.

### KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Betsy Harned, Barren County
- Ben Brown, Jessamine County
- Lateshia Johnson, Taylor County
- Vicky King, McCreary County
- Farra Shoffner, Bell County

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### Archival Photo Of The Month

Friends and relatives of the family of the deceased going home from a memorial meeting in the mountains near Jackson, Kentucky in 1940.



Photo by Marion Post Wolcott. Source: Work Projects Administration (WPA) Photo Collection, Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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The flash flood of August 4, 2009 was the result of more than six inches of rainfall in just 90 minutes. The devastation of the flood caused an estimated 7.8 million dollars in damage to the Main Library, that required the rebuilding of nearly 60,000 square feet of the library's lower levels and historic stacks.

Though no one ever wishes to go through a catastrophe such as this, the flood did have a silver lining. The rebuilding set the stage to restore the historic 1908 Carnegie wing of the Main Library and implement enhancements called for in the library's master plan. As part of its repair and recovery plan, the library added the teen center, new children's library and auditorium.

"We needed to go beyond just flood recovery, and refurbish the historic Main Library," said library director Craig Buthod. "This was an opportunity to restore the greatness of the original Carnegie Library as a centerpiece for education and community life."

It has been a busy couple of weeks at the Main Library (a busy nine months for that matter.) Since the Grand Re-Opening, the new children's library has hosted visits from area schools and daycare centers. The teen center is filled with middle and high schoolers nearly every afternoon. And the auditorium has welcomed hundreds of patrons for author events like 2010 Pulitzer Prize winner T.J. Stiles and *NY Times* bestseller Elizabeth Berg.

LFPL is so very proud to have been able to revive and restore the Main Library to its original splendor and preserve it for the next 100 years!

The following photos were taken at the Grand Re-Opening Ceremony:





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The Institute is held by the University of Wisconsin's School of Library and Information Studies and funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The goal of the Archives Leadership Institute is to examine the leadership needs of the archives profession and to prepare participants to serve as leaders. A mix of panels, workshops and small group discussions explore topics such as policy issues for archivists; communication and media relations; legislative advocacy; strategies and sources for funding; collaboration; and coalition building.

This is the second consecutive year that KDLA has had a staff member selected to attend the Institute. Valerie Edgeworth, librarian for the Kentucky Guide Program, Public Records Division, attended in 2009. Both Shields and Edgeworth were interns at KDLA from 2002-2004 as part of the graduate internship program in partnership with the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science.

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"Our Summer Reading Programs have over 100,000 children participating statewide every summer. The Dive into Saving for College Sweepstakes component not only provides great incentives for families but increases awareness of the importance of reading throughout the summer and saving for college early with KESPT," said Wayne Onkst, state librarian and commissioner of KDLA. "And the \$500 for the winners' local libraries will assist in improving future reading programs."

KESPT is the Commonwealth's official Section 529 College Savings Plan which helps parents, grandparents, family and friends save for a loved one's future college education expenses. KESPT is administered by KHEAA and managed by TIAA-CREF

Tuition Financing, Inc., a leader in managing Section 529 plans. For more information on KESPT or the Dive into Saving for College Sweepstakes, please visit [www.kysaves.com/library](http://www.kysaves.com/library) or call toll-free at 1-877-7878.

*The Dive into Saving for College Sweepstakes runs June 1, 2010 - August 13, 2010. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Entries must be postmarked by August 13, 2010 and received by August 20, 2010. Visit [www.kysaves.com/library](http://www.kysaves.com/library) for official rules and prize details. Sponsored by the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust.*

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The Friends have donated in excess of \$200,000 to the library in just over a decade. You can become a Friend - sign up by calling Friends of the Library president Jennie Boyarski at 270-442-6263 or the library staff at 270-442-2510.

The group's summer used book sale will be July 23 and 24. Planning has already started, but you can help right now. Donate your used materials, from books to DVDs, so the Friends can stock shelves. Drop off your contributions during the library's normal business hours. There is a donation bin waiting to greet you inside the Kentucky Avenue entrance.

The McCracken County Public Library serves more than 42,000 Purchase Area patrons and is open seven days a week. Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 9 PM; Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM; and Sunday from 1 PM to 6 PM.

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The **Kentucky Library Trustees Round Table Conference Scholarship** provides assistance to trustees of Kentucky public libraries to attend the KPLA/KLTRT annual conference. This award pays up to \$500 of conference costs, including registration and lodging. This year's winner was Jeremy Brown, Fleming County Public Library.

The **Continuing Education Scholarship** provides assistance to staff members of Kentucky public libraries to seek library higher education and Kentucky certification for public libraries. The winner of this year's scholarship is Jill Siekman, a public services associate at Boone County Public Library working on her MLS.

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The **Richardson/Conway Outstanding Library Volunteer Award** recognizes the contributions of an individual who serves in a Kentucky public library as a volunteer. This year the award went to Jean Ellis and Sue Loyall who volunteer at Casey County Public Library. These two ladies set up and stock the Friends of the Library bookstore, rake, pick up trash, clean (even guinea pig cages and fish tanks), and many other jobs that would not get done without them. They also spread the library gospel.

The **Outstanding Public Library Service Award** recognizes the contribution of an administrator whose career has exemplified a combination of excellence in local service with promotion of libraries on a regional or broader basis. Debbe Oberhausen, Crescent Hill Branch Manager, Louisville Free Public Library is the winner of the Outstanding Public Library Service Award. Professionalism, innovation and public service are the hallmarks of Debbe's career. She is a strong advocate for public libraries and for involvement in professional organizations. Most significantly Debbe encourages and supports her staff to learn and advocate.

The **"Miss Pickle" Outstanding Children's Services Award** recognizes and emphasizes excellence in developing and providing children's library services in the local community. Monica Edwards of Logan County Public Library is the recipient of this year's "Miss Pickle" award. This hard-working children's services professional has implemented a number of creative programs at her library, with topics ranging from language learning to leadership training for teens. A true team player, Monica has brought in over \$50,000 in grants, scholarships and donations to the library since 2000.

The **Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award** recognizes achievements by certified county and regional library staff that have made outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of public library service on the local level. Beverly Cooper, director of the Fleming County Public Library, is the winner of the Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award. She has an impressive list of accomplishments and partnerships in her library and community. Among her activities she can count assisting in creating a local arts council, active in her local Chamber of Commerce, and partnering with local schools to offer online tutoring and to help organize the Summer Reading Festival which brings in nationally known children's authors.

The **Outstanding Board of Trustees Award** recognizes the dedication and

volunteerism of the men and women who serve on Kentucky's library boards. This year's winners are Larry Prichard, Barbara Davis, Teresa Brown, Mindy Woods and Jenny Knipp, the Carter County Public Library Board of Trustees. This board met for the first time on February 19, 2009. They had no home, no by-laws, no officers and no director. In a very short amount of time the board created a budget, adopted by-laws, presented a grant funded Big Read project, hired a director, leased space, received an LSTA programming grant, and held a grand opening on September 26th!

The **James Gugeler Outstanding Trustee Award** recognizes the contributions of an individual who is currently serving as a trustee for a Kentucky public library. Helen Northcutt, Chair Rowan County Public Library Board of Trustees, is the recipient of this year's James Gugeler Outstanding Trustee Award. She has steered the library to grow in hours of service (46 to 64), collection titles, formats, computer classes and programs for children. She has increased staff from one full-time, three part-time and a director to eight full-time and 11 part-time. Ms. Northcutt led the library to automate and in 2006 realized that continued growth would not be possible in the current space. Thanks to her determination, skills and leadership a new state-of-the-art facility is scheduled to open in June.

The **James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Services Award** recognizes and emphasizes the achievements of a bookmobile/outreach librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and implementation of bookmobile/outreach services in the local community. Barbara Faris, Fleming County Public Library, is the recipient of this year's award. She goes to incredible lengths to provide library services throughout her community. Barbara averages 1560 hours on the road each year, and has a registered patron base of over 2600 borrowers. In addition to transporting books to borrowers in private homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, this professional provides monthly story times to hundreds of young readers in day cares and schools. Barbara makes sure the library has a presence in the community, making appearances at quite a few festivals and parades throughout the year.

Please join KPLA in congratulating the very deserving winners of the 2010 KPLA awards and please take the time to acknowledge the many professionals in our public libraries for their hard work, dedication and passion.

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As the official in charge of the Kentucky state arsenal, the Quartermaster General

obtained many of his supplies from the United States Military Storekeeper, based in Pittsburgh. The **Quartermaster General Invoice Book** (1828-1838) documents the transfer of arms from the U.S. stores to the Kentucky arsenal. The cost for a new musket in 1832 was \$13, while a pair of pistols was priced at \$16 and a saber at \$6. This volume also contains several inventories of the arsenal. In December 1832, the "total arms on hand" included two iron 6-pounders (cannon), one brass 3-pounder, 4329 muskets and bayonets, 425 pistols and 187 sabers.

The state militia was reorganized by statute in March 1860, and divided into three classes: active or volunteer, enrolled, and reserved. The active or volunteer class was to be styled as the "Kentucky State Guard." The **Roster of Officers of the Kentucky State Guard** lists the commissioned officers for the various units of that body. The first entry is dated May 5, 1860 and records the appointment of Simon B. Buckner as Inspector General of the Guard. A notation at the end of the entry reads "Resigned July 23, 1861." (Buckner resigned to accept a commission as a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army.) The local State Guard companies named themselves, so there are entries for the "Lexington Chasseurs," the "Woodford Blues," and the "Warren Voltiguers," among others. Like Buckner, some of the officers went on to serve in either the Union or Confederate causes. John Hunt Morgan, for example, was listed as Captain of the "Lexington Rifles" in May 1860. Morgan later had a notable career in the Confederate service until his death in September 1864.

Also available are an **Adjutant General Letter Book** (1824-1851) and the **Roster of Officers of Union Volunteer Regiments** (1861-1864.) All of these volumes are important resources for researchers interested in 19th century Kentucky military history.

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