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**Photo:** Children in the Racing to Read program were invited to "christen" the new vehicle with squirt guns at the unveiling event.

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By Paige Sexton  
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ChopChop, the Fun Cooking Magazine for families, is a new quarterly food magazine for kids aged 5-12 and their families. ChopChop's mission is to educate kids to cook and be nutritionally literate, empower them to actively participate as health partners with their families and help establish and support better eating habits for a lifetime of good nutrition. ChopChop's vision is to help reverse and prevent childhood obesity.



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By Bessie Gray-Knox  
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Liza Turner is the new Cumberland County Public Library Director. She is very interested in strengthening the library's adult education, community education initiatives and programs.

Liza is originally from and currently resides in Cumberland County. After graduating from Cumberland County High School, she went

According to the report *F as in Fat 2010: How the Obesity Crisis Threatens America's Future*, authored by the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kentucky children ranked third in obesity rates behind only Mississippi and Georgia.

"With one of the highest child obesity rates in the nation, Kentucky must help our young people adopt healthy routines at an early age," said Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear. "We support efforts that encourage children to cook and eat nutritiously, promote positive lifestyle habits and provide educational information in a child-friendly format."

The magazine is filled with kid-tested real-food recipes to make at home, along with puzzles, games, and fun food facts. A one year subscription (4 issues) is \$14.95 and can be purchased at [www.chopchopmag.com/index.html](http://www.chopchopmag.com/index.html).

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## Story Hour Graduates

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Tuesday, July 27, Butler County Public Library celebrated Story Hour Graduation. Story Hour is a weekly program geared towards ages three to five years old, with the purpose of providing this specific age-group with the opportunity to interact with their peers and to aid in the preparation of entering elementary school.

The program consists of age appropriate books, crafts, and games which usually follows a specific theme that varies on a weekly basis. Story Hour has been a featured program since the library's inception and continues to meet every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. For more information, visit the library online at [www.bcplky.org](http://www.bcplky.org).

Good luck in school, Story Hour graduates!

**Photo: Graduates of the Butler County Public Library Story Hour line up in preparation for graduation ceremonies.**



to Centre College, fell in love with Danville and stayed a couple of years after graduating.

Liza taught for three years at the Pulaski County and East Jessamine High Schools, and coached various sports. Also, she worked in human resources for a manufacturer.

Welcome Liza to Region 3!

### **KDLA Congratulates New Certification Holders**

KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Donna Hager, Pike County, **Paraprofessional**
- Melinda Fox, Oldham County, **Library Experience**
- Teresa Caudill, Johnson County, **Paraprofessional**
- Nicole Dixon, Jefferson County, **Professional I**
- Susan Hughes, Boone County, **Professional I**

### **Trustee Tip**

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## **Widening Circles X is Coming**

Widening Circles is a conference for Kentucky's public librarians serving children and youth, sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Featured speakers for the 2010 conference include:

- Saroj Ghoting, Early Literacy Consultant
- Dr. G. Richmond Mancil, Director of the Kentucky Autism Training Center
- Laura B. Johnson and Stephanie Wycihowski, Warren County Public Library
- Mary Landrum and Lowena Latiff, Lexington Public Library
- Lorinda Jones, Music Therapist
- Kathleen Pool, Kentucky Humanities Council

The Widening Circles X Conference is offered at no charge; participants are responsible for lodging, transportation and meals. The conference will be held at Berea College Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22, 2010. The deadline for registration is September 13, 2010.

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### KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Norma Goode, Washington County
- Kathy Grace, Monroe County
- Jonathan Boyd, Breckinridge County
- Patricia Berke, Hancock County
- Brenda Scott, Caldwell County
- Roy Toney, Anderson County
- Marcia Ridings, Laurel County
- Joan Dock, Webster County
- Mary Steely, Webster County
- Sam Smith, Union County
- Jim Dyer, Union County
- Mary Skipworth,

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### Archival Photo Of The Month



the State Reformatory in Frankfort. In less than a week a prison camp was constructed on higher ground in Frankfort, near the

- Cumberland County
- Sharyn Norman, Bath County
- Maudine Williams, Casey County
- Vicki Tinsley, Daviess County
- Jeremy Edge, Daviess County
- Kathy Resetar, Owen County
- Caroline Hoskins, Morgan County
- Bill Riddle, Estill County
- Harry Siler, Whitley County
- Richard Matthews, Owen County

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current Cabinet for Health and Family Services building and parking lots, 275 East Main Street. The State Journal reported "Corps of workmen...erected army squad tents into each of which went seven convicts. Each tent has a wooden floor and a tent stove. The tents are laid out in regular army fashion, with company streets, and straw-covered ground, adequate sanitation facilities and plenty of food and water."

Source: Works Projects Administration (WPA) Photo Collection, Public Records Division - Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives helps libraries provide equitable access to quality library and information resources and services, as well as helps public agencies ensure that legislatively mandated documentation of government programs is created, efficiently maintained and made readily accessible. For more information, visit <http://www.kdla.ky.gov> or call 502-564-8300 ext. 315.

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The Read Racer staff visit local daycares and preschools monthly. During each visit, library employees read stories to children, allowing them to interact with books and hear how words are formed. After the stories, children and their caregivers are invited onto the Read Racer to check out materials from among the collection of 6,000 items shelved on board. In addition to books for children, the program also offers teacher resources and books so that caregivers can continue introducing children to books and reading.

The goal of the program is to introduce children to books and reading so they are prepared to learn how to read when they enter kindergarten. The Racing to Read program serves 38 childcare centers and 1,500 children in these centers.

To learn more about this program and see the monthly visit schedule, please visit [www.racingtoread.org](http://www.racingtoread.org) or call (859) 962-4060 ext. 4069.



On hand for the Read Racer's inaugural event included Kentucky State Librarian Wayne Onkst, Kenton County Public Library Board member James Horner with his granddaughter Karen Horner, Mike Fair, Jeanne Longeway and Lisa Spencer of the Racing to Read team, Library Executive Director Dave Schroeder and Children's Department Head Patricia Richards.

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Dana was always a confident driver thanks to her Dad putting her behind the wheel of everything from tractors to fire trucks and many things in-between. In addition, Powell County is home to the Mountain Parkway Dragway where she drag raced cars when she was 16. Nevertheless, she admits being quite intimidated when she was charged with parking the "large" bookmobile in the "small" library garage at the Fleming County Public Library. She just knew she was going to hit their new building and wreck the bookmobile in one incident her first week on the job.

Dana recalls what a treat it was for her mother to take her to the public library. She remembers thinking every book in the world was there and she was amazed that she could take them home. Her mother had to reassure her it was okay to take the books without paying for them. She will never forget the thrill of getting her very own library card. She was so proud of it and treated it like a treasure. Dana continued to love and use the library as a teenager and young adult. She earned her first college credits taking classes at her public library.

Now, when she is not at the library, you will find her enjoying time with her husband, Kermit, and their young son and daughter. She especially likes to be outside with her children. Whether they are riding bikes, going for walks, or simply playing in the yard this is her favorite way to spend her time. If there is ever a minute that she gets to do what she enjoys, it is always to read a book. She enjoys "going to new places, meeting new people, solving crimes, and saving the world all while sitting at home reading a

good book." Dana also enjoys sharing the joy of reading with her children. She never misses an opportunity to read a book with them.

Dana looks forward to working with the staff and the trustees to continue providing great programs, services, and materials to the community in Fleming county. She is eager to become acquainted with her new Kentucky public library family and work with her colleagues across the state. Please feel free to contact her at [d.belcher@windstream.net](mailto:d.belcher@windstream.net) or stop in and see her at the Fleming County Public Library!

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## Trustee Tip

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### **65.007 Removal of appointed member of a special district governing body -- Hearing -- Appeal**

(1) Unless otherwise provided by state law, an appointed member of the governing body of a special district may be removed from office by the appointing authority after a hearing with notice as required by KRS Chapter 424 for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance or conflict of interest. The hearing shall be initiated and chaired by the appointing authority, who shall prepare a written statement setting forth the reasons for removal. The member to be removed shall be notified of his proposed removal and the reasons therefor by registered mail sent to his last known address at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The person to be removed may employ counsel to represent him. A record of the hearing shall be made by the appointing authority.

(2) Where the removal of an appointed member of a special district governing body is by the county judge/executive pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the removal shall be subject to the approval of the fiscal court.

(3) A member removed pursuant to this section may appeal within ten (10) days of the rendering of the decision or the approval of the fiscal court if required, to the Circuit Court of the county of the appointing authority. The scope of the appeal shall be limited to whether the appointing authority or the fiscal court abused their discretion in removing the member.

**Effective:** July 15, 1980

**History:** Created 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 18, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1980

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Some of CoSA's current work includes managing a \$2.6 million Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grant to develop records-related emergency preparedness training for state and local government officials; improving support for the work of the State Historical Records Advisory Boards in each state; and passing the Preserving the American Historical Record bill, currently introduced in both houses of Congress, to provide for preservation and use of historical records. Teague testified in June in support of this and related funding for historical records at a Congressional hearing held by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Teague is a graduate of Harlan High School in Harlan, Kentucky, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky, and a master's degree from the University of Virginia. She has worked as an archivist at KDLA since 1983, and was appointed Kentucky State Archivist and Records Administrator in February, 2008. She served CoSA on several committees and project teams, before her election to the CoSA Board of Directors in 2008 and her service as Vice-President/President-elect over the last year. For further information, please visit the KDLA website, [www.kdla.ky.gov](http://www.kdla.ky.gov), or the CoSA website, [www.statearchivists.org](http://www.statearchivists.org).

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The system proved to be very difficult to regulate, however, and many prisoners escaped and many others fell ill and even died from poor treatment. The minute books also contain detailed inventories and appraisements of the contents of the penitentiary, and proposals for repairs and new construction. Reports from the warden are recorded, as are lists of proposed rules and regulations for staff and inmates. One lengthy entry from 1887 records the testimony of various guards and prisoners concerning the cause

of a serious fire in the prison. The minutes of the directors of the State Penitentiary are an invaluable resource for research into the late 19th century correctional system.

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