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Libraries Celebrate KPLA Standards Accomplishments

By Kristi Tucker
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Congratulations to each library who submitted the Kentucky Public Library Association Library Standards document. Whether your library is where you want it to be, or is on the way there, you are to be commended for participating in the program and working to make your library the best it can be.

The 2011-2012 KPLA Standards cycle is now closed. During this two-year cycle, there were 75 submissions. The breakdown is as follows:

- **Exemplary:** 5 libraries achieved this level: Boone County Public Library, Boyd County Public Library, Kenton County Public Library, McCracken County Public Library, and Warren County Public Library.
- **Enhanced:** 30 libraries were at this

Genealogy Day at the Library, LFPL's annual full-day conference for beginning and experienced genealogists, returns Saturday, March 23. Participants will learn methods for researching their family history from expert presenters.



This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Doug Boyd, Director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky. He will discuss the importance of documenting family and community through oral histories.

The conference begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Main Library, 301 York Street. The event is free and open to the public. In addition, librarians can receive four continuing education credits for attending the event. For a complete schedule of the day's speakers and workshops, please visit <http://www.lfpl.org/genealogy>.

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By Doug Tattershall
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Revisions to the KPLA Standards are made after each cycle. Sub-committees have been formed and will be reviewing each section.

Trustee Connection

By Mindy Woods
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The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Leslie Tate, Fayette County, Professional I
- Lynn Johnson, Jefferson County, Professional I
- Valerie Viers, Jefferson County, Professional I
- Mary Jo Gauck, Kenton County, Library Experience
- Andrea Noe-Whitaker, Madison County, Paraprofessional
- Pamela Whelan, McCracken County, Library Experience
- Laura Downs, Nelson County, Library Experience
- Julie Wilson, Oldham County, Professional I

KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Cathy Sullivan, Ballard County
- Clay King, Bracken County
- Monte Schellenger, Bracken County
- Jamie Sparks, Clinton

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Do you like discovering new and exciting books? Join our Online Book Club! Every day, Monday through Friday, you will receive an email of a five-minute selection from a book. By the end of the week, you'll have read two to three chapters. Every Monday we start new books!

What kinds of books can you discover? You can sign up for the Fiction or Nonfiction Club. Or, if you prefer not to stray too far from your favorite genre, you can choose from clubs such as the Sci-fi Club, the Mystery Club, the Romance Club, the Good News Club, the Classics Club, and more. We also have an Audio Club and a Business Club!

But why limit yourself to one Online Club? Sign up for as many as you like and start reading.

In addition to book excerpts, you can learn more about the authors themselves by signing up to receive AuthorBuzz and KidsBuzz.

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On Saturday, February 2, Kyra, along with her mother and sister, brought over 100 boxes of crayons, markers and colored pencils to the Calloway County Public Library. These items will be used in weekly programming for children and youth.

Kyra Shutt is a wonderful example of the difference one person can make in a community, no matter their age.

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For the beginners, Hellard makes sure there is help and a welcoming atmosphere. For the regulars, she offers the encouragement of the "Silver Knight," a certificate given to anyone who attends 50 times.

Sessions vary each month, so those interested in attending should contact the Eagle Creek Branch at 859-231-5560 or look at the library calendar at <http://www.lexpublib.org/calendar> to find upcoming meeting times.

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By offering five to seven sessions at a time, librarians were able to choose the sessions that best suited their needs. One librarian stated, "I really enjoyed attending the 2013 Summer Reading Conference, and have lots of new ideas to implement for our library's Summer Reading Program. It was a unique experience to have the cave tour in conjunction with the conference!"

Another indicated, "This was my first Summer Reading Conference. I learned a lot that I could incorporate into my Bookmobile program. I am excited for summer to get here, so I can use a lot of the ideas that I got from this conference. I thank you."

Starting in 2014 the Summer Reading Conference will be moving to the fall. KDLA staff is already hard at work preparing for another exciting conference.

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Eumusicie: A murder mystery written and directed by Lee Goldberg (best known from his work on the *Monk* television series.) Guest artists: Firelight Entertainment Group (production team) and Todd Reynolds (actor)

The Winay Hollow Eoys: A documentary chronicling an historic restaurant in Daviess County, and the two brothers who built it. Guest artist: Rick Miller (director)

The Red Box: A romantic comedy/fantasy in which a hapless boyfriend is rescued by a magical video kiosk. Guest artist: Max Moore (director)

Elysian: A film in which a woman and a young girl wander through a dreamlike world that is not as it seems. Guest artist: Lewis D. Chaney (director)

They Said They Were Here to Help: An investigative journalist finds himself in the middle of a horrifying conspiracy. Guest artist: David Bonnell (director)

Obsolescence: A thriller with sci-fi elements which follows a man searching for his missing wife. Guest artist: Jakob Bilinski (director)

Monkey Mocha Fantastique: A comedic showdown between two rival baristas. Guest artist: William Wallace (director)

A Mina Eesia Itself: An institutionalized man tries to recover his disjointed memory. Guest artist: P.J. Starks (director)

The program and Starks were the subjects of a segment for the PBS series *Main Street*,

which focuses on regional arts and culture. A film crew visited to interview Starks and others involved in *Unscriptea*, and the segment will air in late March. The series proved popular with attendees, building networks within the local film making community and providing an enjoyable, interactive viewing experience for the audience. The series was attended by 236 people.

Programs such as *Unscriptea* demonstrate an exciting direction for the Daviess County Public Library. Viewing our community as creators - and not just consumers - of content, the library seeks to provide opportunities for the public to use our resources to create, distribute and showcase their content, including our virtual art galleries through "Frame Your Imagination" (see January's "Libraries & Archives Monthly" for more details) and a forthcoming creation area which will feature music and video editing equipment.

For questions concerning the film series, contact Ryan Henry at 270-684-0211 ext. 244 or rhenry@dcplibrary.org.

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Individual Friends are mostly Kentuckians, but there are a few out-of-staters that care enough to join and support our in-state efforts. Some are authors that join, usually at the Book Fair in Frankfort each November, but others come from various professions and backgrounds. To date, our only lifetime members are the Bruckheimers in California. Yes, it's that Bruckheimer of movie and television fame, so joining Friends of Kentucky Libraries (FKL) puts one in very entertaining company.

Local Friends of the Library chapters may join as a group, with their annual membership dues based on their size: chapter of less than 150 members, 150-200 members, and with more than 200 members.

Boards of Trustees may join as a group at the same rate as the smallest Friends chapter. FKL would be honored to have all library boards in the state as members, so if you're a trustee and your board hasn't joined yet, please do so at your next meeting!

Two other categories recently created are Small Business Membership and Corporate Membership, with a differentiating factor of 50 or less employees to be identified as a "business" class. Those membership categories are so new they are not shown on older printed application forms or flyers, but may be found on FKL's website.

Whatever category fits you best, become a Friend and tell your friends.

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