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Barbara O'Hara, Scott County Public Library's new director, worked in libraries across the country for over 20 years, until the right opportunity brought her back to her home state. Ms. O'Hara was impressed by Scott County Public Library's strategic planning, as evidenced by the current state of the facility and services offered, and looks forward to building on an already strong foundation.

"My goal in Scott County is to welcome even more people into the library," said Ms. O'Hara. Although expanding services and increasing the number of card holders and circulation are important statistical measures of service, O'Hara believes building strong community relationships is equally critical. "I want to get more people talking about the library in the churches and coffee shops in the community," she said. "I am very excited about becoming a part of the beautiful Georgetown community, with its gorgeous horse farms, historic downtown and friendly people."

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Trustees Earn Certification

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) is proud to announce that the following Kentucky public library trustees have attained Trustee Certification (this brings the total of Trustees who have been certified to 105!):

- Donna Howell, Mt. Sterling
- Elizabeth McCormick, Mt. Sterling
- Chris Peck, Mt. Sterling
- Susan Wright, Lexington

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Ms. O'Hara began her new position July 15.

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By Paul Burns
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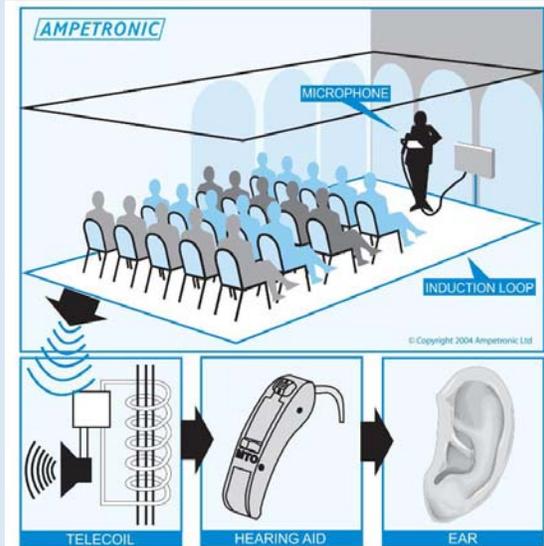
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Kentucky State Archives Receives Tartan Stone

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

- Cheryl Seabolt, Bullitt County, Paraprofessional
- Kim Brown, Caldwell County, Paraprofessional
- Constance M. Herschede, Campbell County, Paraprofessional
- Lynda Schreiner, Henderson County, Library Experience
- Noelle Spicher, Jessamine County, Professional I
- Anne Lawson, Madison County, Library Experience
- Audrea Clairmont, Todd County, Professional II
- Jessica Mather, Warren County, Library Experience
- Julie Speer, Warren County, Paraprofessional

KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Michelle Dean, Breckinridge County
- Sherry Stith, Breckinridge County
- Judy Hughson, Butler County
- Brenda Longhofer, Butler County
- Ken Holley, Hancock County
- David Houk, Hart



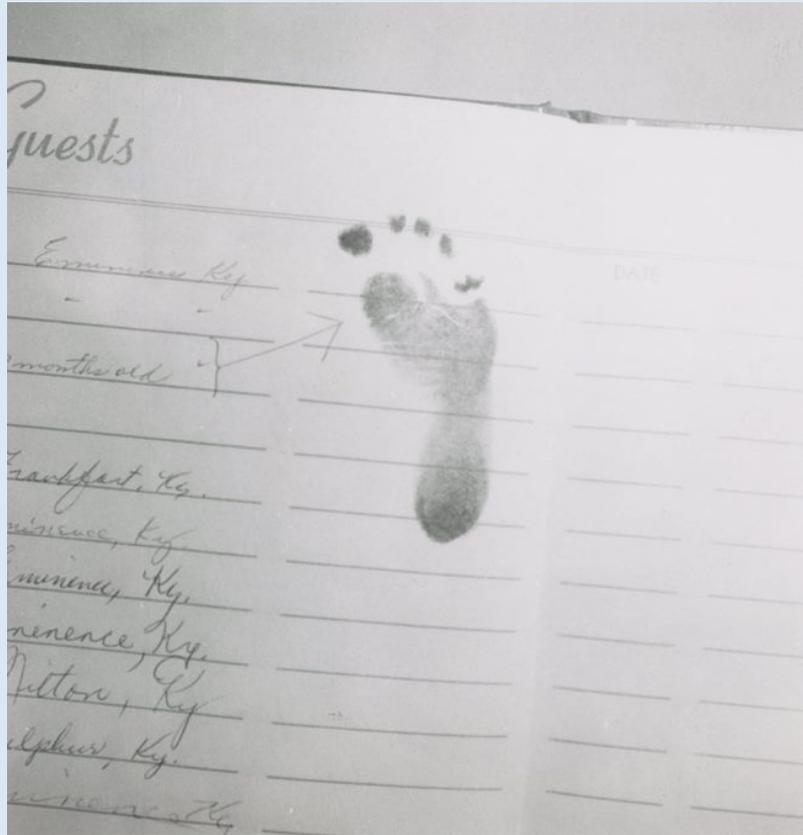
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Archival Photo of the Month

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- Joan Hoffman, Henderson County
- Jeanette Chrisman, Jackson County
- Geraldine Turner, Jackson County
- Judy Asher, Leslie County
- Dana Tennill, Leslie County
- Aaron Boles, Nelson County
- Barbara Headdy, Nelson County
- Molly Mattingly, Nelson County
- Jean Renell Sparrow, Owen County
- Mary Ponder, Rockcastle County
- Hannah Edwards, Trimble County
- Crystal Heinz, Trimble County



"This is the signature that Christy Lee Utterback, two months old, placed on the register for opening day of the Eden Shale Regional Library, Eminence (Henry County), Kentucky." Photo by Dean Cadle, February 1958.

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Each week, families enjoy a meal together, listen to stories, learn about the world and work on an activity that they can take home and continue to discuss. At one program, *Robots, Gizmos & Sci-Fi Adventures: Unlock Your Inner Inventor!*, families listened to stories about inventing, inventors and robots and built a robot capable of creating art. This program, sponsored by Better World Books, is made possible by a grant partnership between the National Center for Family Literacy and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

Lise Tewes, Children's Coordinator for the Erlanger Branch learned about the program and implemented it into the library's summer offerings. "This is truly a unique opportunity for families," said Tewes. "Our hope is that they will use these summer weeks as a model for how to have fun learning together all year long. In addition to what we have been doing at the Erlanger Branch, families across Northern Kentucky can experience Camp What-A-Wonder continually online. The Wonderopolis.org website is a site that they can keep returning to again and again to expand their vocabulary and knowledge, and of course, to just have fun learning together."

The camps have been well attended, with 43, 46, and 45 in attendance in the first few weeks of camp. "We have a large number of returning families each week - at least 80% of the families in attendance are returning families," states Tewes. "The families are enjoying the programs if they are interested in coming back each week!"

And while the library's programs have been full, families can experience the camp online, states Tewes. "Camp What-A-Wonder is available to all families as a virtual family camp hosted by Wonderopolis.org. The Wonderopolis website is a fantastic learning tool for families and educators."

After each session families are asked to complete a survey. The families have been very appreciative of the food, the place-mats and posters, and the free books. The most successful component of the program seems to be the family activity.

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In her spare time, Harris' passion is collecting antiques. She particularly loves antique jewelry, but she and her husband also look for furniture and other unusual or interesting items. She also loves to read as well as visit her grown children who live in Louisville.

Harris is looking forward to leading the library and credits the staff and library board for helping make her transition smooth. "I've had the best staff to assist me with this transition. They have been supportive and made me feel welcome while trying to teach me everything I need to know. We also have an awesome board of directors who have been supportive of my new role," she said.

If you are ever near Greenville, stop by and visit Ms. Harris at the Muhlenberg County Public Library!

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"Thanks to the installation of the hearing loop," said Library Director Craig Buthod, "the Main Library's auditorium will now be a place where those with hearing loss can be full participants in the Library's programs."

"It is always our goal for all citizens to be able to access city services and information and enjoy our city's wealth of arts, entertainment, and culture as fully as possible," Mayor Fischer said. "I applaud the library for taking a leadership role in offering this technology."

What is hearing loop technology?

The technology is straightforward and relatively inexpensive. A ribbon of copper wire (the 'loop') is laid under the carpet and linked to a special amplifier connected to the auditorium's sound system. The amplifier emits electromagnetic signals that can be picked up by a tiny receiver called a telecoil already built into 70% of hearing aids and cochlear implants sold today. When the receiver is turned on, the hearing aid receives only the signal from the induction loop and none of the background noise.

To use a hearing loop, customers need only to flip a switch on their hearing aids to

activate the telecoil. Usually, no additional receiver is needed. Using a telecoil and hearing loop together is seamless, cost-effective, unobtrusive, and does not require the use of additional equipment or devices.

This technology is not new and has been widely used in Europe for decades. The United States has been slow to adopt, but with a growing number of baby boomers now experiencing hearing loss, more businesses and public venues are beginning to implement hearing loop technology. The Hearing Loss Association of America and the American Academy of Audiology have been among the biggest advocates for this technology. The Library's announcement of its new hearing loop coincided with a regional conference of the Hearing Loss Association of America in Louisville in July.

Today, 1 in 5 Americans have hearing loss in at least one ear. And there is a direct link between age and hearing loss, with 30% of adults between ages 65 and 74 having significant hearing impairment. Few Louisville facilities offer hearing loops for this population. The launch event was meant not only to publicize this important new feature for visitors and customers of the Library; it was also intended as a demonstration for the public and for local operators of large gathering places, like churches, theaters, and government buildings. The library is proud to serve as a "beta tester" for anyone thinking of installing this remarkable technology in their facility.

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Maurer wore Scottish attire at the presentation of the stone. He discussed the art of hand-carving stone, the tools he uses for carving, Scottish history, and his own heritage. The "Tartan Stone" that he carved for Kentucky is Indiana limestone and contains symbols appropriate to the Commonwealth: a cardinal, Kentucky bluegrass, a Viceroy butterfly, and a brachiopod.

The "Tartan Stone" is on display in the Archives Research Room, located at KDLA. The Research Room is open to the public, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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The time to start organizing is now. Last month, this column featured information on how the Friends of Kentucky Libraries' Mentoring Committee can help a library start a chapter, but there's more good news: Friends of Kentucky Libraries (FKL) also awards non-competitive grants of \$400 to help reimburse the cost of a new chapter filing for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status with the IRS. This doesn't cover the entire cost, but it does take a big bite out of it.

The application for the grant from FKL is simple; the one from the IRS isn't. But novices can learn from those who have gone before with the samples FKL provides. Either the new chapter or the Board of Trustees must be a member of FKL, but membership applications can be submitted at the same time as the grant application.

Check out <http://www.FriendsKyLibraries.org> for more information.

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- Chair signs welcome letters to trustees with Commissioner Wayne Onkst.
- Officers contribute to article "Trustee Connection" for the KDLA e-newsletter.
- The Trustee Certification Program is growing. Group live/video training was held as a pre-conference workshop at the KPLA Spring Conference in Lexington, KY in April, 2013 with approximately 45 attendees.
- At the KLTRT meeting during the KPLA Spring Conference discussion was held concerning the lawsuits in Northern Kentucky and ways to inform and educate trustees across the Commonwealth.
- On a national level, the Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) has been renamed United for Libraries. We will be sharing communications from ALA regarding the strategic initiatives of this division. Chair Marcum has applied to serve as an at-large member of the United for Libraries Board and run for election in 2014.
- Officers are willing to attend any public library grand opening upon request. Chair Marcum attended Logan County groundbreaking and Jim Stoops attended

Taylor County grand opening.