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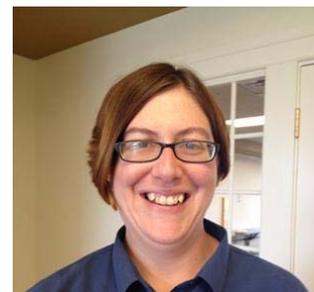
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KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Brandon Hagan,
Daviess County,
Library Experience
- Shonna R. Brown,
Whitley County,
Professional I
- Tracy LeAnn Weikel,
Bullitt County,
Paraprofessional
- Tobee Taylor, Bullitt
County,
Paraprofessional
- Wanda M.
Hazelwood, Marion

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Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the City Hall of Philadelphia all evoke thoughts of our country's history,

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- Emily Irby, Henderson County, Library Experience
 - Retta Zollinger, Henderson County, Paraprofessional
 - Shana Schack, Shelby County, Paraprofessional
 - Deborah Davidson, Madison County, Paraprofessional
 - Ashley Adair, McCracken County, Library Experience
 - Sandra Harrell, Grant County, Library Experience
 - Eileen Peterson, Nelson County, Paraprofessional
 - Brianne McGaffey, Madison County, Library Experience
 - Elizabeth Rheaume, Warren County, Paraprofessional
 - Elizabeth Flerlage, Kenton County, Professional II
 - Amanda Gearhart, Lincoln County, Professional I

KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Mark Hoskins, Clay County
- Phil Dixon, Muhlenberg County
- Dana Sprowles, LaRue County
- Rita Goddard, Robertson County
- Elyse Willoughby, Grant County
- Susan Scrivner,

while pedestrians using smartphones and tourists tagging photos remind us that our nation's former capital must balance the tradition of history and the progress of modernity. The same should be said of our public libraries. This very theme - the balance between technological progress and the preservation of libraries' traditional social functions - resonated with me in every session I attended and every vendor's booth I visited while at the PLA conference.

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Archival Photo of the Month



"The small fry enjoy the water at Kentucky state parks and the parents need never worry for their children's safety because a staff of life guards is always on duty during swimming hours. Many of the parks have wading areas set aside especially for children learning to swim." Circa 1962.

Source: Public Information Photo Collection, Public Records Division - Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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- Sherrell Hill, Estill County

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This was the first year that the Daviess County Public Library applied for this grant. In addition to Summer Reading Grants, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation offers grants for Adult Literacy, Family Literacy, Youth Literacy and School Libraries. I would like to encourage public libraries across the state of Kentucky to apply for these grants and take part in this wonderful opportunity. The 2013 Summer Reading Grant applications will be available January 2013.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants to organizations in communities served by Dollar General Stores. The foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$71.2 million in grants to nonprofits, helping more than 4.1 million individuals. For more information on the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and a complete list of grant recipients, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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This project was a team effort. My first step was to work closely with the Mayor of Sadieville. I attended their city council meeting and presented the concept and asked for permission to continue the project with the location being at city hall. With their approval the project began. The equipment needs some protection from the extreme weather so we contracted with a local (Sadieville) carpenter to build us a three-sided structure. The carpenter took great pride in helping us with this project and the final structure looks like it was original to the building! The city of Sadieville may be small but the city clerk has a database of residents and produces a newsletter called "The Sadieville Sunshine." We were able to advertise our event through their newsletter.

My favorite Sadieville story - a little girl got her first library card at the bookmobile during that Sunday celebration. On Monday we had a request for books from her. The family is regularly requesting items!

The Library Express project is designed to bring library service closer to our outlying communities. First stop for this project was Sadieville but more will be coming. Look out Stamping Ground, population 643, the express is moving your way.

It's a changing world and we know that the public library needs to change to meet our community's needs. We are looking for more ways to save time, money and energy for our patrons. In Sadieville, Library Express Sadieville can be the answer. As librarians we know a library card is the most valuable card you carry. For our Northern Scott County residents they can use it often - now in Sadieville!

Footnote: as librarians you are now asking yourself how much does this cost and who is the vendor? The kiosk and library lockers will cost \$50,000 and are from LEID Products. John Kormanik is the sales representative. He came along with the technician for the installation and training. We didn't ask City Hall to share internet connections. We are providing our own. City Hall does provide the electricity. Since our location didn't have a sheltered area we had a shelter custom made. Currently drop-off service is done three times a week. We will continue to monitor and adjust this schedule as needed. We have also included in next year's budget funds for a small economical vehicle for deliveries.

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Before moving to Kentucky, Gearheart was director of Kittanning Public Library in Pennsylvania for six years. While at the Kittanning library, she automated its circulation system, remodeled the children's section and oversaw increased children's programming using grant funding.

"I've planned a lot of programs in my time," she said.

Prior to Kittanning, Gearheart worked at Ford City Public Library, where she began as an assistant librarian in 2001 before being promoted to director in 2003.

Gearheart said she sees libraries as having a very wide and important role in their communities. Everyone, from students to senior citizens, should get something from their library, she said.

"I feel very strongly that the library is a part of everything in the community," she said. "I think every library should work to meet the needs of its community."

Gearheart said in her previous director positions, she worked to make her libraries destinations for children and their families.

"I think the library should participate in attracting people to the area," she said.

Gearheart is glad the Lincoln library already has an outreach position. She's also excited to get more people using the library's community room, and she's pondering the possibilities for a currently unfinished room on the second floor.

Her two children, Aiden, 8, and Cheyenne, 11, will be attending Stanford Elementary and Lincoln Middle School in the fall.

Gearheart said she doesn't think she'll miss Pennsylvania winters, but hopes there's some snow for her son, who really likes it.

As library director in Pennsylvania, Gearheart helped organize all kinds of programming, from programs for little kids to gardening events and history lectures. Whatever her communities were interested in doing, that's what she wanted to provide.

"That's what I'm hoping to do here, too," she said.

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Some libraries are feeding children in their facility; some are providing enriching literacy activities while the children eat at a location other than the library. The participating libraries are doing whatever works in their area, and are thrilled to be included in the grant program.

"We knew that there was a backpack ministry in the county that assisted children on the weekends, but we weren't aware of anyone here helping children eat during the summer through the week," said Estill County Public Library Director Glen Kahmann. "Our goal in participating in this program was to provide children with food, in a safe air-conditioned environment with enriching activities." Estill County PL is teaming with the local public school system to provide Read and Feed.

To read a very interesting article on Kenton County Public Library's Read and Feed program, [click here](#).

The 10 participating libraries are Boone County PL, Carter County PL, Casey County PL, Estill County PL, Grant County PL, Kenton County PL, Logan County PL, Madison County PL, Marion County PL and Union County PL.

Plans are to continue the Read and Feed program next year (FY2013) and allot additional funds, so your library has an opportunity next year to participate in this great program.

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FKL's mission is twofold: to advocate for public libraries on the local, state, and national levels; and to provide support for the formation and success of local Friends chapters. FKL supports the librarians' professional associations with their legislative events as well since both have the same goal of protecting funding for libraries.

The new incarnation of Friends of Kentucky Libraries Inc. is off to a respectable start. To date 65% of the local chapters are members, 30% of the library boards belong, and individual membership is nearing 300 and growing constantly. Learn more about FKL at www.FriendsKyLibraries.org.

Mark Twain wrote, "Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life." We at FKL would like to think so.

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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 third year since 2009 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. Beth Shields, electronic records analyst in the Public Records Division, attended in 2010. Cundy, Edgeworth and Shields were interns at KDLA between 1999 and 2004 as part of the graduate internship program in partnership with the UK School of Library and Information Science.

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This is the trustee's national organization and they want to communicate national and local issues, with a goal of nurturing the next group of trustees. Kentucky will continue to develop its own certification sessions, specific to our state. Also, certification sessions will be available on-line and can be done individually, as a whole board, or regionally.

While certification is still voluntary at this time, it may become mandatory in the future. As certified trustees, we can now advocate for the benefits of certification!

On another note, we thank Paul Poland for his many years of dedicated service as a library trustee and Commander in Chief of KLTRT! We will miss his leadership, smiling face and comic quips!

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How are customers using our services and materials? Libraries across the nation are providing technology and spaces for customers to produce their own podcasts, videos, and music, and to contribute to local interest productions such as wikis and databases. Some libraries are reevaluating traditional reference services in favor of high interest adult programming and generalist reference librarianship for niche areas of expertise (business, technology, etc.)

With the increasing amount of content available, customers need the guidance of library staff more than ever to find the best material for them in a social environment

where they can connect with their community. Successful book and film discussion group models all in-person interaction, while reader's and music advisory services expand the horizons of our customers (and bring usage to more of our collections.)

Attending PLA in Philadelphia has given me the opportunity to see a historic part of the country I have never visited and to share ideas with librarians from across the nation. I am grateful for KDLA's support of my professional development.

I invite all readers to visit my blog for more detailed notes from PLA 2012 and to join a conversation of how to integrate the promise of technology into the traditional role of libraries: <http://blog-barian.blogspot.com>.

As for me, I will continue to examine the offerings of the various eBook vendors, identify ways to assist customers in creating original content, and point out ways our library can use technology as a resource to facilitate communication among our staff, the profession and the community.

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One technology that's in use and still under development is called Near-Field Communications, or NFC. Basically, NFC is used in devices to communicate some piece of information between them. Google Wallet is an NFC-based service, where an NFC-enabled phone can transmit payment information to another NFC-enabled device, usually a cash register or credit card reader. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is another type of NFC that some libraries are using as methods of both security and circulation. There are also some bank cards and public transit authorities that are using NFC-enabled devices to conduct transactions.

NFC requires both devices to have NFC chips in order to work, so it's not been widely adopted yet. Some systems require both chips to be powered and transmitting, but in the case of RFID, only the reader has to be powered, and the non-powered tag transmits via induction power. One area that has seen a widespread adoption is in the veterinary field - it's the chips they implant into animals that identify the animal and its owner. The chips are of the RFID type, and hold the animal's medical history so the doctor can more quickly diagnose and treat the animal based on that information.

The typical range of NFC devices is less than about four cm (1.6 inches), which provides some measure of security; someone would have to be awfully close to you to read the information on your phone. Unlike Bluetooth, which is a secure connection between devices, there is not necessarily a security method employed to keep others from reading the information. This means that someone with the right equipment, and it IS available for purchase, can be a few feet away and read the information on your cards or phone and use it in nefarious ways from identity theft to illegal transactions.

I'm not trying to scare you. If your bank and other cards have a magnetic strip on the back, chances are that they are not NFC-enabled. If you have questions about whether or not your cards and/or device(s) are NFC-enabled, you should contact the card issuer or device manufacturer.

I can see some form of this technology becoming more mainstream than what is already out there, but the folks who implement this technology will have to figure out the security and privacy issues that are associated with a largely open communications platform. For more information on Near-Field Communications, please see the [entry on Wikipedia](#), which seems to be pretty accurate after checking the sources.

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