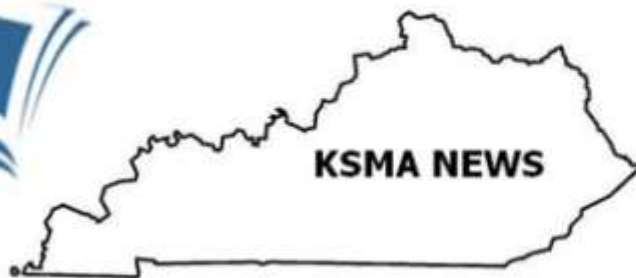




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Colleagues,

KSMA exists to promote the role of librarians in the school environment. Librarians provide sound leadership in the school community. We must lead the way by administering the sound resources classroom teachers and other school personnel must have to provide a quality education for all students. We play a vital role in giving the children the lifelong learning skills they will need to succeed in this ever-changing world.

KSMA will be offering several opportunities in the coming months for high quality professional development geared toward you and your role as Library Media Specialist. The first will be on July 21 at our annual Summer Refresher. This year's summer refresher will be in Georgetown at Royal Spring Middle School. Plans are well under way for a wealth of knowledge and sharing. The second will be the annual KLA/ KSMA fall conference in Louisville September 30 – October 3 at the Galt House. Check out the KLA web site (www.kylibasn.org) for registration and other details. Another excellent resource is the KYLMS Listserv. This is a list for librarians helping librarians.

I would like to encourage you to become an active member in your professional organization. Volunteer to serve on any of the numerous committees for either KLA or KSMA. Volunteer to present at one of the conferences. Attend your district meeting. If your district is not active, organize a group and start meeting. If you need assistance getting started, just let me know.

If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fred Tilsley LMS
Sand Gap Elementary

A photograph of a stage with red curtains. A spotlight is shining on the floor in the foreground, creating a bright greenish-yellow glow. The text is centered on the image.

**2008 KSMA Outstanding School
Media Librarian
Alecia Marcum
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**Terri Kirk Running for AASL President
Cast your ballot online in the 2009 ALA elec-
tions and help elect a fellow
Kentuckian and trusted colleague**

Announcing

2009 KSMA Summer Refresher



Tuesday July 21, 2009

*Royal Spring Middle School
Georgetown, KY*

District News

First District

First District is preparing for its spring meeting. The spring meeting will be held at the Pasta House in Paducah on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our theme for the evening is "Spring Forward." We'll be springing forward for our summer vacations and the 2009-2010 school year through booktalks and a book swap. Attendees will bring their favorite book from their school library to booktalk and share with other media specialists in their grade level so we can all get a jumpstart on ordering books for a new school year! Attendees will also bring a used book to trade in our book swap. Everyone who participates in the book swap will have a book for their summer vacation!

We will also be discussing KSMA business, such as the survey results and encouraging members to apply for the Eleanor Simmons Scholarship and other awards. Donna Trivillian will be our guest for the evening.

Jennifer Wetzel, President

Third District

Presently, the officers are planning the Third District spring meeting which will be held Friday April 24 at Moss Middle School in Bowling Green. Kathy Davis with KET will present next school year's programming line-up.

Paula V. Clark, Presiden



Jefferson County

Jefferson County had its Holiday Tea at St. Matthews Elementary on Monday, December 8 from 4:30-6:00. The tea was hosted by Carrie Mateja, Heidi Keairns and Carol Kraemer. The event was well attended by members and guests. One hundred and nineteen books were collected for the Presbyterian Community Center's Ella Roberts Reading Program. These books were presented to Marilyn Marshall, who works at the center and is a third grade teacher at St. Matthews Elementary. Some of the books were placed at the center to be used by the children and some were given out to the children during their holiday party hosted by the Community Center.



Preparations are under way for our Spring Dinner Meeting. The Colonnade Restaurant and author Bob Hill are booked for April 14, 2009. All are welcome to attend, and

further details can be found on our website.

We invite everyone to check out our website that continues to grow and improve. The web address is: <http://www.jcsma.org>

Marilyn Massey, President

Central District

The annual spring meeting of the Central Kentucky School Media Association will be held at West Jessamine High School in Nicholasville, Kentucky. We will meet at 12:00 on Saturday, April 21st beginning with lunch. Fred Tilsley will present a Summer Refresher update and we will discuss our basket for the fall conference as well as various committee reports. New officers will be elected and a book repair presentation will be made.

Donna Johns, President

More News

Northern District

The Northern District is preparing for its spring meeting. The spring meeting will be held at Highlands High School in Ft. Thomas, KY on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Missi Baker will be our guest and she will be providing us with KET training.

We will also be discussing KSMA business, encouraging members to apply for the Eleanor Simmons Scholarship and other awards.

Lisa Marshall, President

Mentors Needed

Angie Hawkins, KSMA mentoring chairperson, reports she has not heard from LMS's across the state who are mentoring new librarians. There are countless new LMS's who post requests and problems on the KYLMS listserv and it would be an advantage to our profession for experienced librarians to answer those requests and help new people with problems they encounter. So, please do as Angie has done and share policies, lesson plans, PR activities and sage advice to those who request it. And, if you are mentoring, please take a few minutes and send that information to Angie.

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Parent Listserv

Emmalee Hoover was able to get our parent listserv started with our friends at UK that manage the KERA Professional Listservs. Our audience is parents of school libraries. KSMA committee members, Emmalee Hoover, Fred Tilsley, Melissa Gardner, Mary Alice Hunt, Crystal Smallwood, Terri Kirk, Lisa Hughes, Tom Underwood, and Donna Morris decided on KYPALS (KY Parent Advocates of Libraries-School) for the name of this new listserv. Everyone is encouraged to get this information out to your parents who like to discuss books, make suggestions to libraries about programming, volunteering, etc. Parents, as well as, librarians may go to <http://www.uky.edu/Education/kylists.html> to sign-up. We should get as many involved in this list as we have involved with the KYLMS listserv.

Donna Morris, Technology and Parent Listserv Chair



A Message From Your KLA President

Emmalee Hoover and I represented Kentucky at Chapter Relations meetings at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

The SKILLS ACT needs sponsors. The bills numbers are: H.R.2864 and S.1699. These bills require a school library media specialist in every school. Please contact your representatives and ask them to co-sponsor the bills. More information can be found on the ALA website or at <http://capwiz.com/ala/issues/>

On February 6, I faxed a letter, composed by Library Awareness Chair Linda Kompanik, to Kentucky Senators McConnell and Bunning regarding support for Libraries in the Economic Stimulus Bill.

On February 11, I emailed Senators McConnell and Bunning and Representative Yarmuth about protecting library funding in the Economic Stimulus bills as they were merged.

Committee appointments have been made for KLA committees. I want to thank KSMA members for their participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbe Oberhausen
KLA President



Outstanding School Media Librarian

The 2008 KSMA Outstanding School Media Librarian, Alecia Marcum, Natchter Elementary, Bowling Green, is a great example for all of excellence in our profession. She has served as a mentor to countless other library media specialists during her 24 years on the job. The programs she creates keeps literature exciting for her students. Her book fairs are huge events and they create the necessary revenue for the author visits she has each year.

Alecia also volunteers in her community. Whether it is her book club, Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, Church events, Relay for Life, or the Southern Kentucky Bookfest, she gives it her all. At the Bookfest, she has become known for her exceptional knowledge of authors. Her knowledge of and respect for authors has made her one of their favorite hostesses. She keeps in constant touch with publishers and authors, recruiting for the festival. She often travels to Nashville to pick an author up for the fests and ends up hosting him/her all weekend! R.L. Stine, author of the Goosebumps series came to the bookfest many years ago. While Stine does not usually do school visits, he was so charmed by Alecia that he not only visited her school, he hosted her family at his apartment when they visited New York!...and named characters in one of his books after her family members!! Kentucky author, Paul Brett Johnson, a frequent visitor at her school was inspired at one visit and used Natchter students in his book, *Farmer's Market*. Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones have recently dedicated a book in her honor.

These are just a few of the many reasons Alecia Marcum is our 2008 Outstanding Library Media Specialist!



Mark Your Calendar

Dates to Remember

Southern Kentucky Bookfest—Bowling Green, April 18, 2009

ALA Annual Conference—Chicago, July 9-15, 2009

LMS Summer Refresher—Georgetown, July 21, 2009

*FLA/KSMA Annual Conference—Louisville, Sept. 30-Oct. 3,
2009*

AASL Biennial Conference—Charlotte, Nov. 5-8, 2009