



President's Message

—Submitted By Alice Marksberry

Hello KY SLA'ers and WELCOME to a new year!

I hope the 2000-2001 year will be a great one for the Kentucky Chapter and that we can get a lot accomplished this year for and by the chapter. As you probably know by now, this is the Kentucky Chapter's 25th anniversary of existence! Very cool! The chapter, according to the archives, was officially established in 1975. So since this is our "silver anniversary" I hope we can celebrate with several BIG BANGS!

To that end, I have asked Lillian Mesner, Pat Wilson and Linda Minch to serve on a 25th anniversary planning committee. Already, one of their recommendations was a day at Keeneland Race Track in April 2001. Additionally, they are working with our Programming Chair, Wenda Webster Fischer, on this year's Fall Conference to be held October 27, 2000. The current SLA President-Elect, Hope Tillman, will be visiting the chapter and will speak at Fall Conference.

Since this is a special time in our chapter's life, I now send out a call to all Kentucky Chapter PAST PRESIDENTS. We invite you to share in our celebrations by attending this year's Fall Conference and giving us a brief description of what the Kentucky Chapter was accomplishing during your tenure. The committee is contacting all these individuals with updates and more details, but be sure to keep your calendars clear for this Fall event!

Things will be hopping with the many other programming activities that are being planned. We look

forward to planning professional development programs during the year. And the joint KLA/SLA Spring Conference will be held in April 2001 at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky.

And then there are MEMBERSHIP issues...I hope this year's membership and public relations committees will jointly write a new PR pamphlet for the chapter, to be used during our 25th celebrations as well as for direct recruitment of potential new members.

Looking at our 2000 membership directory, I counted 70 names. That is a bit of a dip from previous years' numbers. Of that 70 — 16 are listed as students; 1 is retired member; 2 are BRAND NEW members (yeah!); and 6 have home membership in a surrounding chapter as well as in the Kentucky chapter. That leaves the number of full-time current members at the grand total of 44; of which, approximately 25% have not recently held committee or officer appointments. The rest are either currently "employed" by the chapter or have been active during the past two to three years. So, I would love to hear from any of you who would be happy to serve on a committee. It's fun, it's a way to interact with other informational professionals and it is not too time costly...remember a lot of committee work can be done via email. So please VOLUNTEER and become INVOLVED!

Also watch your email for a message from yours truly. I would like all members to be signed up on the KY SLA listserv by October. For me, this is the best possible way of disseminating information to you, the members, in a fast and efficient

manner. And it is MUCH better than waiting for snail mail to deliver an announcement. You can view the instructions on how to subscribe on the front page of any newsletter.

While talking about electronic dissemination ... during the August board meeting, the board voted and approved that our Kentucky Chapter Newsletter will be disseminated electronically by January 2001. Of course a paper copy will be mailed to any member that does not have electronic access and requests it to be sent. The pros and cons of this issue have been debated for some time within the Chapter, but ultimately the issue becomes a financial decision. Looking back over several years of newsletter expenses has shown that the chapter spends about a fourth or more of its budget on photocopying and postage for the newsletter. Our income has not increased nor does it look to increase in the immediate or long-range future. And, as was stated at the meeting, I, too, would prefer to use the Chapter's budget to improve our professional development sessions by providing quality speakers/presenters versus tying up that money producing and mailing a paper newsletter. If you have any comments about this decision, feel free to email or call me.

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Listserv Information

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Remember that the bulletin and web committees would love to receive articles from you for publication and posting. Have you recently written an article that is of interest to our profession that you would like to share? What is it that you would like to see in either of these public dissemination tools?

I am looking forward to working with our Kentucky student group, especially after having met the leaders during the Philadelphia conference. They both have already volunteered to serve on committees and have brought forth several good ideas for implementation in the areas of membership, mentoring and career development. Additionally, our chapter is indeed proud this year to have a SLA scholarship winner, Susan Marshall. Congratulations to all the students that received scholarship, chapter, and/or division support for attendance to the Philly conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and a big round of thanks to all the new officers and chairpersons (and to those that will potentially serve on a committee!!). I appreciate your support and look forward to working with you during the coming year. I promise we will have a good time and perhaps "whistle while we work!!!" Well, enough said. I would like to end this piece with a colorful, witty sliver of advice, but the best I can come up with is ... "May the Force Be With Us!!!"



As Alice mentions in her President's Message, the SLA, Kentucky Chapter's quarterly bulletin will be distributed only in electronic form beginning with the January 2001 issue. Issues will be available from the Chapter's web site in Adobe Acrobat PDF and HTML format. If you are a Kentucky chapter member and without web access and would like to receive a paper copy, please contact one of the editors listed on page 2.

Fred's Head Database

—Submitted by Andrea Peak

Do you have a visual impairment, or perhaps have a patron, co-worker, or family member who is blind or visually impaired? Have you seen a blind person walking independently down the street or going to the movies, and wonder, "How do they do that?" If so, I invite you to take a look at the *Fred's Head Database*, created by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH). The database contains tips for daily living; sources for computer access technology; pointers for sighted people on interacting with the blind; and more.

Named after Fred Gissoni, an expert in the field of blindness and visual impairment who has been blind since birth, *Fred's Head* was developed in 1999 by the Resource Services Department of APH. Fred and others at APH field a wide variety of questions every day on topics that range from daily living skills to special education requirements. It seemed logical to gather some of the common and not-so-common questions/answers to create an "expert" database – with

an invitation to anyone to submit their ideas and knowledge so that the wheel didn't have to be re-invented with each question.

The full-text database can be browsed by topic or searched by keywords or subject headings. At 419 records, as of this writing, the database continues to grow as the APH staff gleans ideas from blindness-related listservs, interviews with rehabilitation counselors, and by talking to our own knowledgeable employees, both blind and sighted. In addition, there is an online form available for submitting suggestions for inclusion as well as questions that are not answered by the database.

APH's purpose in creating and maintaining *Fred's Head* is to help disseminate information that will help people in their daily lives – people who are blind as well as the sighted people who interact with them. We hope that you, as information specialists, will give us feedback and help spread the word about *Fred's Head*.

The database can be found online at: <http://www.aph.org/fred.htm>.



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Take a moment to congratulate (or pass along your condolences!) to the 2000/01 new/current officers and to the committee chairs of the SLA Kentucky Chapter.

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Special Libraries Association, Kentucky Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes Versailles, Kentucky, July 28, 2000

PRESENT:

Alice Marksberry, Linda Minch, Wenda Webster Fischer, Veronica Walker, Cindi Trainor, James Manasco, Mykie Howard, Laura Hall, Lillian Mesner, Gracie Hale, Andrea Peak

President Alice Marksberry called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of this report, as well as a tentative 2000/2001 Budget, is on file with the recording secretary.

Bylaws Report

Linda Minch reported that a signed copy of the newly revised bylaws was filed with Bylaws Committee Chair Dorothy McGarry of SLA headquarters.

Salary Survey

Alice Marksberry asked about the chapter's interest in purchasing SLA's Salary Survey. Linda Minch proposed that the UK library school purchase it for the benefit of their students and that we subsidize the purchase if so requested.

Boss Letter

Alice Marksberry distributed a form letter from SLA, which is intended to be sent to employers of SLA members as an acknowledgement of their contributions to the chapter. A copy is on file with the recording secretary.

Task Forces

SLA Task Force on Branding is considering adopting a new name for the association.

Endowment Fund Grant

Recent endowments generated money for distribution to chapters, divisions, and committees. Some suggestions for endowment fund proposals:

- Wenda Fischer suggested seeking funding to update and expand the Directory of Specialized Libraries in the Bluegrass. Some members think this may be updated electronically and will find out.
- Alice Marksberry suggested seeking funding to add an Affirmative Action section to the Web site. Veronica Walker suggested that this task could perhaps be done inexpensively as a student project.

- Linda Minch suggested funding Affirmative Action chairperson to travel to career fairs, etc.
- Wenda Fischer suggested seeking funding to sponsor a Technology Days program to attract new members to the chapter. Linda Minch mentioned that a market study would be necessary to determine the type of program that would attract people. Alice requested that ideas be emailed

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Kentucky Virtual Library News

—Submitted by Susan Brown

A New Name: In the Spring of 2000, the Virtual University hired PowerCreative, a public relations consulting firm out of Louisville. The firm conducted interviews with focus groups to gather information on the perception of the three Virtual Sisters: the virtual university, virtual library and virtual high school. They recommended that we drop the Commonwealth from our name since it was redundant and sometimes confusing for the public. The Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library is now called the Kentucky VirtualLibrary.

A New URL: With the name change, the old URL (www.kcvl.org) no longer made sense and the search for a new address began. Unfortunately, the simplest domains (www.kvl.org and www.kvu.org) were already registered, so www.kyvu.org and www.kyvl.org were registered and have become our new home address. In order to emphasize the address, the library now goes by KYVL for short. Both the old and the new addresses lead to the same

main page. KYVL asks that you change any links or bookmarks on pages that you have control over. New logos can be grabbed at: <http://www.kyvl.org/kcvl/html/about/imagelinks.shtml>

A New Look: KYVU and KYVL basically liked the bold, red and blue, block letter logo that was designed in 1999 by librarians. The firm was asked to update the look and a new logo was born. With the design of the new logo, the library was given an opportunity to update the look of the web page. The new page uses mouseovers to give the end user more information about what they might find under each link. To aid a smooth transition to the new page, the links down the right side of the logo are the same as the old page, even maintaining the same colors. The new links down the left side of the page are intended to help specific communities. Work in the areas to the left of the logo continues. There are also plans to make the site more accessible to those with disabilities. A text option currently exists for the main page.

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to her throughout the year. Deadline for this year is past, and next year's deadline will be on or around July 1, 2001.

August Board Meeting

Next board meeting will be Friday, August 11 at Louisville Zoo. Fees will be \$25 for members and \$15 for students; this will include lunch, parking, and zoo admission. 10:00-11:30am, meetings for committees 12:00-1:30/2:00 Lunch and Board meeting.

Kentucky Laws Project

It was suggested that perhaps Dee Wood would take over project upon Ebba Jo Sexton's retirement. Lillian Mesner suggested sending a mailing to the public libraries regarding Kentucky Laws availability.

Archives

Alice Marksberry is organizing and indexing the archives. The project may be up-to-date in September.

Listserv

All members should be on Listserv by end of 2000.

Officer Responsibilities

Responsibilities were outlined as follows:

Past President

*Strategic planning *Government relations chair *25th anniversary committee *Nominating committee

Past-Past President:

*Awards committee

Treasurer

*Budget for 2000/2001 *Two annual reports to SLA Headquarters *Keep checkbook/records as needed

Secretary/Archivist

*Keep notes at meetings *Recruit materials for archives 2000/2001

Bulletin

Several members brought up the fact that disseminating the Bulletin

electronically, rather than in print, would save approximately \$650 a year, a substantial portion of the chapter's budget. Wenda Fischer suggested that we announce in the next print newsletter that the Bulletin will thereafter only be distributed electronically, except for those members who request a hard copy. James Manasco proposed waiting until January 1. No specific date for format change was determined. Alice will send out notification of this decision to the chapter members via the listserv and direct email. The cost/savings factor will be incorporated in the notice.

Web Site

Alice Marksberry would like to have meeting minutes posted to the Web site. Rob Aken and Susan Brown will be asked to serve on the committee along with Beth Kraemer, with Joe Miller and Cindi Trainor acting as advisors.

Student Activities

Student president Laura Hall reported on upcoming student chapter events, including tours and a program on resume writing. Annual pizza party on September 7 will be together with other student groups, KLA, MAP, etc. Mykie Howard reported that the group is in the process of organizing a fair to promote professional affiliations. The group is seeking mentor/protégé opportunities. She will send announcements inviting the Kentucky chapter to the group's programs.

PR/Affirmative Action Committee

Lillian Mesner suggested that the chapter volunteer time for KET or public radio fundraisers, to increase visibility of the chapter.



Professional Development

The committee will provide one to two programs per year.

25th Anniversary

SLA president-elect Hope Tillman will be invited to speak at a special program commemorating the chapter's 25th anniversary. Possible activities include a luncheon program featuring Ms. Tillman and past presidents, an evening cocktail reception, and theater outing. She will be invited for Friday, October 27, 2000. This will coincide with the annual SLA fall conference.

25th Anniversary April Outing

An outing is tentatively scheduled for April 2001 at Keeneland. We will be celebrating the Chapter's 25th anniversary; all current members will be invited to attend. Payment will be required by December 15, with Lillian Mesner making the reservations. More details will be available at August board meeting.

Spring Conference

SLA/KLA joint conference will be held at Butler Park.

Fundraising

Ideas were presented to raise funds and save money for the chapter. Linda Minch suggested holding a silent auction at the Spring Conference. Alice suggested getting sponsorship for dinner at Fall or Spring conference. Wenda Fischer will attempt to obtain vendor sponsorship for conferences or programs.

Officer Acknowledgement Forms

were discussed and completed.

On motion of Linda Minch, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00. ✕



Special Libraries Association, Kentucky Chapter Open Board Meeting Minutes Louisville Zoo Louisville, Kentucky, August 11, 2000

PRESENT:

Lillian Mesner, Gracie Hale, Valerie Perry, Alice Marksberry, Gary Austin, Sue Marshall, Veronica Walker, Beth Kraemer, Rebecca Maddox, Sarah Jent, Cindi Trainor, Jo Staggs-Neel, Mykie Howard, Laura Hall, Glenda Neely, James Manasco, Linda Minch, Wenda Webster Fischer, Bonnie Cox, Andrea Peak.

President Alice Marksberry called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes

On motion of Lillian Mesner, seconded by Linda Minch, the minutes of the August 28, 2000 Executive Board meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report [*ed. note: please see page for this report*]

Old Business

Bylaws

A signed copy of the newly revised bylaws was filed with Bylaws Committee Chair Dorothy McGarry of SLA headquarters.

Kentucky Laws Project

This is a book consisting of Kentucky laws regarding libraries. SLA headquarters loaned the chapter the money to fund the project, this loan was paid back some time ago. The Kentucky Chapter has several copies left. Alice has contacted Dee Wood to see if she will oversee them and send them out to anyone who orders a copy. Lillian Mesner suggested that public libraries might have a special interest in the books. Linda Minch proposed selling them at the SLA/KLA Joint Spring Conference since many KLA members might have an interest. Alice will ask Dee to contact KLA and, with

their approval, organize this effort.

Archives & History

Alice Marksberry and Valerie Perry are in the process of going through the archives. They will start indexing them soon. They will be attempting to fill in some of the gaps and may call on members to assist in that effort. The permanent home of the archives will be in Special Collections at the University of Kentucky.

New Business

Program Planning

Chapter's 25th Anniversary

Wenda Webster Fischer, Lillian Mesner, Pat Wilson, and Linda Minch have formed an ad-hoc committee to plan a special program commemorating the Chapter's 25th anniversary.

Fall Conference

The Kentucky SLA Fall Conference will be Friday, October 27, 2000. The day will start with a board meeting, followed by an anniversary luncheon with special guest speaker Hope Tillman, SLA president-elect, and also featuring past Chapter presidents. The afternoon will feature an informational/educational program. Wenda would like suggestions from members regarding program content.

There was some discussion about this date following the KLA fall conference weekend in Louisville. This could make attendance difficult for some members. Alice will check on other possible dates with Hope Tillman, but October 27 is probably final.

Alice would like to honor long-term members with a pin or certificate. It was suggested that we spend no

more than \$5 per item. Alice will investigate cost and offer the matter for a vote at the next board meeting.

Butler State Park

The Joint Spring Conference will be April 4-6, 2001 at Butler State Park. Wenda is requesting suggestions for desired program format and speakers.

Keeneland Outing in April

Lillian Mesner is coordinating a spring party at Keeneland during the April run. All Kentucky SLA members will be invited, and they are welcomed to invite guests. Lillian will need payment and names by December 15, 2000. No student discounts will be available. Lillian will send one print mailing in the fall with specific dates and prices. After that, she will send reminders via the listserv.

Task Forces

Five strategic task forces were created at the Chapter Cabinet Meeting in Philadelphia at this year's annual conference.

- Task Force on Branding – could result in adoption of a new name for the association.
- Task Force on Conference Planning Structure – applies to national annual and mid-winter conferences.
- Task Force on Partnerships – outlines rationale and suggested action items for creating strategic partnerships.
- Task Force on Membership—redefines membership to include a virtual member category.
- Task Force on Simplification of Association and Unit Structure— to simplify SLA structure and eliminate unnecessary administrative tasks of the 3 Units.

Information about these Task Forces will be included in the next Bulletin. Alice can provide an email address for the contact person at headquarters if members would like more information.

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Endowment Funds

Recent endowments to SLA generated money for distribution to chapters, divisions, and committees. Alice reviewed proposal suggestions made at the last Executive Board meeting. A Chapter committee will be formed to address this issue. Members are urged to email Alice with suggestions for grant proposals. Next year's deadline will be on or around July 1, 2001.

KYSLA Listserv

All members with email accounts should be on the listserv by end of 2000. Currently, approximately 30 members out of 74 are enrolled. At the end of the year, a notice will be sent out stating that all members will automatically be submitted to the listserv. It is hoped that this move will enhance communication about meetings, newsletters, and other Chapter business, while reducing mailing costs.

Bulletin/Newsletter

A substantial portion of each year's budget goes toward printing and mailing the quarterly Chapter newsletter. In an effort to reduce these expenses, it was proposed that the Chapter move to a totally electronic newsletter, as other Chapters have done. Print versions will still be available to those members who request them. It was stressed that the electronic format should be one which members can print on their own if they wish. It was pointed out that an advantage to this delivery method would be that the newsletter would be available much sooner than if it went through the print process.

On motion of Linda Minch, it was decided that by the end of this year, the bulletin/newsletter would be disseminated electronically. James

Manasco seconded the motion. The motion was granted.

Further discussion, regarding electronic vs. print dissemination of other Chapter announcements/business, was tabled.

Committee Reports

Professional Development – Gary Austin: The committee will have one to two programs this year; one is scheduled for May 2001, with another tentatively scheduled for November 2000. Gary is seeking ideas for programs and speakers.

Some suggestions were offered: Alice Marksberry—invite Toastmasters to give program on public speaking.

Linda Minch—someone suggested last year that the Chapter offer a program on personal appearance in the workplace, inviting a personal shopper from a department store to address trends in buying and dressing for a business setting. This may appeal to a smaller group of the Chapter rather than the whole.

Web Committee – Beth Kraemer: Now that the bulletin will be housed on the web site, there will be a greater focus on the Chapter Web site. The committee is planning to expand the content of the site.

Student Activities—Laura Hall, president; Mykie Howard, secretary-treasurer: A tentative agenda for the fall semester's activities was distributed. It includes special library tours and program dates.

The annual September pizza party to recruit new student chapter members will be held in conjunction with other student organizations: KLA, ASIS, and ALA. The student groups are inviting a small number of members of each of the professional groups to talk about their libraries and their

organization. The executive board from our Chapter has been invited to attend. Linda Minch commended the group's idea of having a small invitation list so that professional members do not outnumber and overwhelm the students.

Alice purchased small pins to give students at the SLA table at the pizza party. She commended the group for the active role they are taking.

Laura reported that a Student group/SLA Chapter holiday party is tentatively being planned.

Public Relations /Affirmative Action: Volunteering as a group to answer telephones for public television or radio fundraisers was discussed at the last Executive Board meeting as a way of getting publicity while giving community service. The discussion continued, and several radio stations were suggested as possibilities. Alice will send out a notice on the listserv to determine if there is interest.

Membership – Gracie Hale: The committee will start working on a brochure soon, as well as introductory letters for possible new members. Linda Minch said there is a possibility that the committee could get a discount for printing copy-ready brochures at the print shop at the Lexington Herald-Leader.

As of August, our Chapter numbers 74 members. These include 18 student members.

Gracie asked for suggestions for sources for recruiting new members.

- KDLA directory of libraries.
- Alumni of UK Library School.
- Web developers in Lexington/Louisville area.

Gracie requested that members email her with ideas for recruitment.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Cindi Trainor, seconded by Linda Minch. ✕



Frightening, Fantastic, and Frightening

—Submitted by Mykie Howard

A student's perspective of Annual Conference 2000

It is almost hard to believe that it has been nearly two months since my great adventure in Philadelphia! While I can remember many specific incidents vividly, it seems like they happened a lifetime ago. The conference was a huge learning experience for me. As you can tell from the title of my article, not every experience during my seven-day tenure to, in, and from Philly stirred up pleasant emotions.

Besides making a schedule before the conference, my whole experience of attending a national conference began quite lackadaisically. I did not quite know what to expect, so I did not expect anything at all. Even though a lot of people tried to prepare me with little bits and pieces of advice, the truth is that there is really no way to truly prepare for such an adventure as a conference of such a grand scale. Therefore, I decided I was not going to worry or think about anything until it came upon me.

The learning quickly began in the Detroit airport and did not stop until I was safely back in Lexington. Besides obviously learning things from all of the sessions and workshops that I attended, I learned things that I never thought I would. I learned how to cope with plane delays. I learned how not to panic in a cab alone with a cab driver who did not speak English and who had a penchant for driving 90 m.p.h. I learned how fun it could be staying in a hotel room with two people I had not met before the conference. I learned how to find my way back to my hotel after being "lost." I learned to wear comfortable shoes at a conference as big as this. I learned that wher-



ever librarians are, it is always cold; therefore, it is always a good idea to carry a sweater around. I learned that a Philly steak sandwich eaten in Philadelphia really does not taste all that different from the ones made in Lexington or Cincinnati. I learned the excitement of meeting and connecting with many new people, especially the leadership of the association at the national level. I learned how to cope with being sick when I was hours away from home and loved ones. I learned what to do when every airline in the Philly airport cancels every flight. I learned that not all cab drivers are as bad as the one who drove me into Philly at the beginning of my conference experience.

On a more professional note, I was able to learn and witness SLA beyond the scope of my membership in the Cincinnati and Kentucky Chapters, which was one of the main reasons behind my attending this year's annual conference. I also accomplished a goal set forth in the scholarship letter/essay that I submitted to the executive board of the Cincinnati Chapter explaining why I wanted to attend the conference. In this letter/essay I said, "I would like to go to this year's SLA conference because I am fired up about SLA and I want to meet others in the field who are equally, if not more, enthusiastic about SLA." Indeed, I did meet and learn from people who shared the same feelings about SLA as myself! It is great to know that such a network exists!

As the numerous skyscrapers of Philadelphia faded in the distance, I knew I was leaving with much more than I had come with. I was excited about becoming more involved with the Cincinnati and Kentucky Chapters. I was also excited about my work as the Secretary/Treasurer for the UK SLIS SLA Student Group in the upcoming school year. I believe I

now have the necessary tools to reach out to others, as SLA has reached out to me. Attending the conference has given me fresh and exciting ideas to carry back and relate to my colleagues in order to get them more excited about and aware of SLA. Flying back into Lexington, I had to laugh when two or three "skyscrapers" entered my view. If I could survive SLA in Philadelphia, I knew I could surely survive SLA in the "small town" of Lexington.

Although my conference experience was frightening in the beginning (because of the cab ride) and ending (because of airport trouble), most of my experience was utterly fantastic! I would like to sincerely thank the Cincinnati Chapter of SLA for extending a generous hand in helping to fund my attendance. The scholarship you provided served as the catalyst to an experience that would not have been possible otherwise. Although I work full-time as a technician in the Serials Department of William T. Young Library at the University of Kentucky, as a student I would not have been able to cover all of the costs of such a major trip on my own. I would like to thank the University of Kentucky SLIS for providing some additional funds. I would also like to thank those of the Kentucky Chapter who looked out for me and invited me to spend time with them during the conference. In addition, I would like to thank my supervisor, Mary McLaren, for allowing me to attend this conference on company time and for being so supportive of my library school education. Finally, I would like to thank Anne Abate for taking me "under her wing" during the conference and for introducing me to so many great people. Helping me to achieve my goal of attending this conference, all of the previously mentioned parties have taken part in my library school education and will always remain dear to my heart. ✕

Sights and Sounds of Philly 2000

—Submitted by Alice Marksberry

Wow ... Philadelphia ... the city where our government took its first steps. A place where the words LIFE, LIBERTY and PURSUIT of HAPPINESS was written on a piece of paper and leapt into history. The Liberty Bell ... Independence Hall ... Benjamin Franklin ... George Washington ... Betsy Ross ... they all trod the cobblestone streets over 200 years ago. A city steeped in tradition and a sense of its importance in our country's history. I was "psyched" to visit the historical district and I wasn't disappointed.

The Saturday tour toiled us around the city in open trolley cars, down many streets that I could have reached out and touched the street signs had I been brave enough to do so. We drove past many, many statues and monuments, too numerous for me to remember. We drove past the Philadelphia Art Museum, viewing those stairs made famous in the Rocky movies. Alas, the powers-that-be had decided the statue of Rocky did not fit in with the Museum's mission and thus the statue has been removed to another location within the city.

Much of our tour consisted of driving through the Philadelphia Park that bordered the river. It is one of the largest parks in the world to border a river. I must say it was very well kept, and maintained many picnic areas, statues and resting areas for the public. The river is used a great deal for "crewing" and we saw a few in action near "boat house row."

Of course we got to see the Liberty Bell, housed in its own building. It is now too fragile to be left hanging in the tower of Independence

Hall, as it originally hung in 1753. This bell has greater significance than any other. Not only was it used during Revolutionary times but it also was first used as a symbol of freedom by abolitionists prior to the Civil War. Today, the Liberty Bell's universal appeal is demonstrated by the more than one million people from all over the world who visit it annually.

Stretching down the grassy lane, the State House of the Province of Pennsylvania was constructed between 1732 and 1756. It is known as Independence Hall since that is where the United States government was formed. In the Assembly Room of the Hall, the Second Continental Congress appointed Washington as commander-in-chief of the Continental army in 1775, the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776 and the Constitution was written in 1787.

The SLA tour also stopped to tour the "Powel House" located in the center of Philadelphia's Society Hill; a home that was in the center of Revolutionary America's social world. Samuel Powel was mayor when independence was declared a few blocks from his home. Many famous patriots dined and were entertained there...Jefferson, Rush, Franklin, John Adams to name a few. George and Martha Washington danced there on their wedding anniversary and political ideas were debated over tea and Madeira wine in the parlor and library.

Later in the week, I thought my own self-exploration yielded some very good results. Strolling through the historic district, a young man, apparently over 200 years old by his costume stopped me to inquire about the time. I tried my best to answer him in an olden style and then failed miserably. However, he ignored my

pitiful attempts and heartily invited me to witness a corner-side play down the street. The play, "I'm an American", used five players all dressed in Revolutionary clothing to present some of the inside "going-ons" that apparently were brewing around the time of the First Continental Congress. I thought them quite cute and witty but the passel of Catholic school children nary batted an eye nor barred a tooth in smile. Alas, the players completed their foray and I wandered aimlessly away.

I wandered for about two minutes until I spied another young man dressed the part and strumming on a guitar. My friend and I approached and pushed her young son up front in an effort to have the young one ask the questions we wanted to know. We had come upon the site of Benjamin Franklin's residence. Although the original home is no longer standing, several archaeological digs had unearthed various portions of the original home. We sauntered through the museum and sat in the coolness of the theater that showed the life and times of Mr. Franklin. He was indeed quite a character and his influence can still be felt in our society to this day.

There was much more to see and do but, alas, our stomachs growled and the sessions called. I regretfully ended my walking foray; I would have liked to have further explored the historical area. Maybe someday I'll take my niece to see it as an excuse to further explore our nation's history.





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Independently of other changes, a group of librarians was convened last spring to examine and make recommendations to redesign the WebZ interface (what you see when you click on the "Catalogs and Databases" button). The interface that was used from November of 1999 to August of 2000 was a basic interface that came with OCLC's SiteSearch software. The major changes have been released and minor changes that will make the interface easier to use continue to be implemented. The work of the WebZ design workgroup can be seen at: <http://www.kyvl.org/kcvl/html/about/committees/webz.shtml>.

A New Committee: As KYVL grew and worked through the year, the need for the Steering Committee to be more representative of the constituent libraries also grew. A subcommittee of the Steering Committee was formed to make recommendations on how the Steering committee might reconstruct itself. The results of the work can be seen in the Bylaws at: <http://www.kyvl.org/kcvl/html/about/committees/steering/bylaws.shtml>. Major changes include a name change to Virtual Library Advisory Committee (VLAC) and membership changes. Special Libraries representative is Janet Stith of the Medical Center Library at UK. The Special Library Section of KLA selected her.

A New Location: KYVU and KYVL are growing fast. To make room for new KYVU staff members, the KYVL has moved downstairs in their current building. The new suite number is 210. The new location has it's own outside door and will allow for sunbathing and grilling. Meetings continue to be held in the CPE suite where they have always been held. ✕

SLA, Kentucky Chapter Treasurer's Report 8/18/00

—Submitted by Veronica Walker

GRAND TOTAL (available for expenditures) \$3,248.12

Operating Budget	\$2,013.00
Savings Account Balance	\$1,003.16
Student Sub-account Balance	\$ 132.00
Checking Account Balance (8/18/00)	\$1,881.00

Deposits and Expenses made since last Treasurer's Report

Deposits

Income from August Board Meeting 8/11/00	\$ 460.00
Total Deposits	\$ 460.00

Expenses

James Manasco	\$ 218.20
(Reimbursement from Louisville Zoo Deposit)	
Total Expenses	\$ 250.00

KYSLA Celebrates 25th Anniversary

—Submitted by Wenda Webster Fischer

Join us as we celebrate our Chapter's silver anniversary at our fall program in Louisville, KY. We have a great day of excellent programs and celebrations planned for Friday, October 27th.

Hope Tillman, SLA President-Elect and Director of Libraries at Babson College, Babson Park, MD, will be the luncheon speaker. During lunch, we will be honoring Past Presidents and Special members of the Kentucky Chapter.

The featured speaker for the afternoon program is Karthik Ihyer, Sr. Director, Corporate Strategy, Intelliseek. He will be discussing next generation internet technologies and tools.

Here's the itinerary:

10 AM	Open Board Meeting
11:30 AM	Registration
Noon	Luncheon
2:30 PM	Afternoon Program

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