

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board  
KPLA  
Louisville, Kentucky  
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**Report from KPLA President, Martha White** - Two letters were sent to State Auditor, Adam Edelen, the first to support his efforts to provide transparency in how money is collected and spent in special taxing districts and the second to ask him to acknowledge that libraries are doing a great job. Plans are well under way for the Fall Meet and Greetings held by the Friends of Kentucky Public Libraries and local Friends groups as well as public libraries. Lance Ferris will be reporting on this and all the Friends' activities at the KPLA business meeting. Huge kudos to Linda Kompanik for getting the library license plate project completed. Those plates are now available. This turned into a mega project that Linda worked through despite numerous obstacles. Her tenacity is very appreciated. The Sister Library project continues to grow with the newest pairing between Warren County and Hopkins County.

**Report from Conference Chair, Ashley Fowlkes** - Plans for the spring 2013 KPLA conference are in full swing. The conference is scheduled for April 8, 9 and 10 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) at Lexington's Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa. The theme is "Kentucky Public Libraries: On Target." The conference's luncheon speaker will be New York Times best-selling author Michael Palmer. The PLA president has been invited to be a keynote speaker. One of the pre-conference offerings will be trustee certification. Discounted rates will be available for trustees from the same county. Program proposals are currently being solicited, and an online proposal form is available at <http://goo.gl/PZBLT>. The deadline for program proposals is Friday, Nov. 31.

**Report from the Advocacy Chair, JC Morgan** - The license plate is done, of course, and available at your local county clerk's office.

We're watching for legislation which may change the appointment process for library boards, special taxing districts, and changes to the formula under HB44.

There was 100% participation from public libraries in State Auditor Edelen's survey. We have not heard any results. KPLA President Martha White has asked him to speak out favorably about the participation and performance of public libraries.

Several libraries have experienced local opposition to any changes in tax rates by libraries. A couple of libraries have abandoned projects or budget plans in the face of that.

Library Legislative Day is scheduled for 20 Feb (Wed). There will be training on the day before for attendees.

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**Report from the Intellectual Freedom Committee Chairs, Dr. Ron Critchfield and Mark Adler** - The IFC met on 8/23/12 at the Paris-Bourbon County Public Library.

Items attended to:

Website : <http://kpla.org/committees/intellectual-freedom-committee/>

The IFC website was discussed in great detail and corrections and changes will be made by Jessica Powell.

Terry pointed out that new policies were available on the KDLA website with language reviewed by the Attorney General. He volunteered to contact the Attorney General to see exactly what language they would like us to use when indicating the AGO reviewed the policies.

Ron agreed to send links to sources to beef up the awareness page.

Mention was made of adding training videos and beefing up the home page with imagery in the future. We will contact the UK SLIS program to see if students are interested in submitting video items and Terry added that there is a state office that has a video production facility we could use for free if we decide to do it ourselves.

Training - A new presentation will be developed that targets trustees. Possibly followed by volunteers?

Terry agreed to use Intellectual Freedom as a Trustee Tip in the fall.

Since voluntary reporting in the materials challenge database has been low, we will hand out paper report forms for folks to fill out during Mark and Ron's upcoming KLA presentation. We will then go back and add them to the database.

Mark, Ron, and Jennifer agreed to send out gentle reminders to the Directors listserv every few weeks to remind them of our existence and our services.

Thank you to Director Charlotte Keeney from Pulaski County who agreed to be our newest member! Emails and phone calls were made to other prospective candidates so that we could achieve our goal of having someone from each region.

The IFC has a small budget that has been unused except for a few mileage reimbursements. Mark brought up the idea that we should think about resources or materials that we could purchase for each region to aid in training. Books, workbooks, etc. All committee members should come up with a few suggestions.

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**Report from the Continuing Education Chair, Earlene Arnett** - The KPLA Continuing Education charge was to provide educational opportunities to public library support staff.

The KPLA Continuing Education Committee continues to function totally through email. Priscilla McCowan will present a "Staff Day Out" workshop at three locations throughout the state. The topics for the workshop are: "Coping with Change" and "Having Fun at Work". Locations and dates are: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Warren County Public Library; October 30<sup>th</sup>, Rowan County Public Library; and October 31<sup>st</sup>, Boyle County Public Library. This 4<sup>th</sup> annual workshop is for support staff and registration will be done through KDLA Continuing Education Calendar.

Cost for the workshops will be mileage at state rate for Ms. McCowan from her home in Danville estimated at \$250 and lunch cost for speaker and attendees. Estimated cost for lunch and break refreshments is \$1200 based on 100 attendees @\$12.00 per attendee. Last year's attendance was 94. Budget amount was not given to the committee but these costs fall within budget from previous years.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our support staff. These are front line staff that need at "staff day out". Thank you for your continued support.

**Report from the Membership Chair, Rene Hutcheson** - There are currently 702 members of KPLA which represents 45% of total KLA membership.

**Report from the Standards Chair, Kristi Tucker** - Kristi will be sending out the link for the online Standards survey very shortly and they will be due on Nov. 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha White