

## **KLA Executive Board Report A-12**

### **Kentucky Dept. for Libraries and Archives**

**November 2010**

#### Budget

We probably won't know if KDLA will take another budget reduction until after the legislative session in 2011. The Governor has made a proposal to fill the medicaid deficit and state revenues are slightly higher so we are cautiously optimistic. Construction grants are being fully funded this year and 75% of state aid to public libraries has been distributed. The remaining state aid will be distributed in the spring following any budget reductions.

#### Broadband Stimulus Grant

Charlene Davis is working with public libraries around the state to implement the expansion of public computing centers funded with BTOP stimulus funding. This will be a 2 year project for about \$1.3 million.

The Workforce Development grant project with 10 libraries will conclude in June.

#### Leadership Institute for Public Library Staff

The fourth and final session of the first Leadership Institute will be held in early December. We will be looking closely at the evaluations completed by the institute's participants to plan next years' Institute.

#### Public Library Development

The Hardin Branch of the Marshall County Public Library opened in November. Groundbreaking will be held on December 10 for the new Lewis County Public Library. The new Mercer County Public Library will hold its grand opening in early December.

Chris Bischoff has been analyzing the space needs of public libraries. At this time, 63 counties are in some stage of planning for additional or renovated space while 12 counties have projects underway.

The McLean County Fiscal Court has entered into an agreement with KDLA to create the McLean County Public Library. The court will soon appoint the first Library Board to hire a library director. The Livermore Community Library will become the county's first public library. Establishing service in McLean County means that every county in Kentucky has public library service for the first time.

The Carter County Public Library is receiving a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to replace children's books lost in the flood last spring.

#### Friends of Kentucky Libraries Meet and Greets with Legislators

Nelda Moore, President of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, reports that 786 people attended the 16 Meet & Greet sessions held by the Friends across Kentucky during October. The sessions were designed to allow Friends of the Library to meet with legislators, local officials, and candidates in their libraries. This was the first time for

these events, and reports were very positive. The Friends learned from their experience and plan to continue these events in the future.

#### Annual Reports & Audits

For the first time this year, KDLA required copies of the library's audit to be submitted before distributing state aid checks. This is an effort to increase transparency and to monitor compliance with auditing laws. KDLA is also reviewing reports on how many board meetings were held and how many of these meetings were attended by the library's trustees. State law requires that trustees who miss 4 meetings in a year resign from the board.

#### Trustee Certification

A committee has been appointed to consider the possibility of a Trustee Certification program similar to the Public Library Certification program. The committee will be presenting a report at KPLA in the spring.

#### Bridging the Gap scholarship program

About 65 public library staff members are taking undergraduate classes at NKU and BCTC this fall working toward Bachelor's and Associate's degrees.

#### State Librarians to Meet in Lexington in 2012

The organization of State Librarians (COSLA) has selected Lexington as the location of its annual meeting in October 2012. This is the first time this group has met in Kentucky since 1975.

#### New website

KDLA's staff has been developing a new website for KDLA over the past year. Testing will begin soon with a rollout planned for early next year.

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