

Kentucky Public Library Section
Report to the Board
Louisville, Kentucky
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The Kentucky Public Library Association held our most successful conference to date on April 11-13, 2011 in Lexington, Kentucky. Attendance reached 453. Congratulations to Martha White, Vice Chair of the section, who did a wonderful job chairing the committee and organizing the event. I also wish to thank all those who served on the committee. Representation from across the state was excellent, including 46 trustees. The committee recently met to begin planning for the 2012 conference.

KPLA received national attention with the unveiling of our compilation READ poster. Every constitutional Office holder on the state level (including the Governor) and every Senator and Representative had a READ poster made. It is believed Kentucky is the first state to accomplish this goal. The compilation poster was featured on the ALA website. A special thanks to Paige Sexton of KDLA who organized this great project.

A contract was signed with Lauren Burnett as the KPLA speaker for the 2011 KLA Conference in Louisville.

The KPLA Advocacy Committee will be conducting a postcard campaign this summer. Public libraries have received a bundle of 100 postcards (with the option to print more). Patrons will be encouraged to complete a postcard and send them to the local Fiscal Court by August 1 or to leave them at the library and the director deliver them at the August Fiscal Court meeting. In this way, we will be reminding our local officials how important library services are to the communities of Kentucky.

At the April General Meeting of the Kentucky Public Library Association, the membership approved a voluntary trustee certification program. The program will include 5 core competency sessions that are important for every trustee to understand and implement at their districts. Other continuing education opportunities will also continue to be offered.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair
Kentucky Public Library Association