

Special Library Section
Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board
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Special Library Section Business Meeting

The Special Library Section held its Spring Business Meeting on April 14, 2011 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Carrollton, KY, during the 2010 Joint Spring Conference. There were 13 members present, including officers.

The Fall Business Meeting will take place during the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference at the Galt House in Louisville. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 at 8:00 AM.

Joint Spring Conference

The Joint Spring Conference was a success. The evaluations were very positive and the keynote speakers Ruth Kneale and Leslie Reynolds were extremely well-received.

National Library Legislative Day

Virginia McClure, along with other members of the Library Awareness Committee, attended the ALA Legislative Days. The delegation met with the offices of both senators as well as each of the district representatives. Issues discussed at the meetings included maintaining current levels of funding for libraries, keeping school libraries and school librarians included in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the LEARN Act, streamlining the E-Rate funding process and amending the US Patriot Act – particularly Section 215 (also known as the “library records provision”). While most of the members of congress were not able to be present at the meetings, Senator Rand Paul was able to attend the meeting with the librarians and was very interested in the ALA’s recommendations for amending the US Patriot Act.

Committees

Chair-Elect Lesley Jackson is representing SLS on the Fall Conference Planning Committee and has secured a speaker for the conference. Amy Disch, library director for the *Columbus Dispatch* daily newspaper in Columbus, OH. Amy will be presenting a session entitled “The Power of Perception.”

SLA Chair-Elect Lesley Jackson will chair the 2012 Joint Spring Conference Planning Committee. The Joint Spring Conference will be held at Lake Cumberland, April 11-13, 2012. Room and cabin reservations are being accepted now.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia McClure, Chair
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