

# GKCASL SPRING NEWSLETTER

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## *GKC Spring Awards Banquet by Cathy Betz*

The annual GKC spring banquet was held May 6<sup>th</sup> at Garozzo's in Lee's Summit. Many GKC Missouri wonders were celebrated. Thanks to all for a wonderful collegial event!

--Megan Arnett and Amy Taylor (Lee Summit West High) were recognized for the Outstanding High School Library Media Program.

--The two senior recipients of the \$500.00 GKCASL Education Scholarship are the following: Jamie Hill from Blue Springs High School and Jenna Disselhoff from Park Hill South High School.

--Janice Gumerman has had over 30+ published library management ideas in *LMC*.

--Kris Baughman, Raytown school librarian, and Rebecca Parker, Satchel Paige Elementary school librarian, have co-authored two chapters of *Library Management: Tips That Work*. This professional book is being published later this year and will be available on amazon.com and at the ALA website.

--Lacie Griffin won the Lynne Stype Empowerment Award at Spring MASL Conference. She will be attending the ALA summer conference in Washington D.C.

--Various professional recognitions were announced, as well as, librarians who are retiring this year who were honored for their service and membership in GKC.

Best wishes to the GKC region retirees who include: Sharon Early (Lee Summit), Susan Mayes (Blue Springs), and Toni Ebert (Kearney). Thanks for their contributions to school librarianship throughout their careers.

--Installation of officers concluded the banquet.

--Watch for banquet pictures to be posted in the future at [www.gkcasl.org](http://www.gkcasl.org) thanks to Karen McKarnin and Janice Gumerman.



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## *GKC Sweets*



I hope this makes you **Snicker** as you read it. I have had **Mounds** of interesting emails, experiences, and meetings being GKCASL President these past two years. Meeting school librarians in this region was like a **PayDay**. It has been a pleasure to work with all you **Smarties!** All the reps are the best in the **Milky Way**. Thanks to the membership for helping

out in a **Crunch** when GKC association needs arose. We know we can always count on GKC friends and colleagues to be **Lifesavers**. There are **Good and Plenty** times ahead for GKC with the newly installed slate of talented officers and committee chairs! You are worth more than a **100 Grand for your volunteer services**. Enjoy a

**Whooper** of a summer reading what you choose and doing what you choose. **Take 5** this summer and relax.

I shout out a **Symphony** of cheers and best wishes to you, Cathy Betz, Past President

*KCMO News by Jane Pettman*



Claudia Kimrey, librarian at J. A. Rogers Academy, took fifth graders to the movie theater to watch the theatrical presentation of *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Students had to read at least one of the books in the series and complete a project in order to qualify for the trip. Tickets to the show were purchased with part of the profit from the last library book fair. The field trip was a complete success! They plan on having more in the future.

Madonna Bock, librarian of Wheatley, shared about the school's first annual Cinco de Mayo Book Fair. Students from Olathe East High School's Honor Program collected books. They set up the gym then helped students select books. They also read to students. The church of the Resurrection also collected books. Youth Friends and BOE president Airick Leonard West were present. Students were served ice cream donated by Belfonte and cinnamon chips as they exited the book

fair. All students received one or more free books to add to their home libraries.

With the KCMO School District right-sizing plan to take effect next school year, half of our schools and their libraries will be closed. Changes are coming!

*Raytown News*

The following three Raytown school librarians were recently awarded Raytown Foundation grants for 2010-11:  
 Joyce Siler, Westridge Elementary School, Grant Title "Picture Perfect Projects"---\$960.00  
 Kim Nelson, Norfleet Elementary School, Grant Title "Norfleet Guys Read"---\$249.00  
 Lacie Griffin, Raytown Central

Middle School, Grant Title "Ravin' Readers Teen Book Club"---\$320.00  
 Terri Friebohle, Raytown High School, was recognized at the May School Board meeting for being nominated for the GKCASL Outstanding High School Library program. Ellen Wickham, Raytown South High School, will be 2011 MASL Spring Conference Co-

Chair. Raytown librarians are working with Human Resources personnel to update the district PBTE for library media specialists.

*"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them." -*

Lemony Snicket

*KC3 Update*

Kris Baughman presented the KC3 book award winners and shared a video showing Mary Amato's acceptance speech. Here is the web link to view her speech:

[www.maryamato.com/stinky-and-successful-kc-3-award-acceptance-speech](http://www.maryamato.com/stinky-and-successful-kc-3-award-acceptance-speech)

The third place KC3 book was *Remembering Mrs. Rossi* with 151 votes; the second place title was *Bethany Hamilton* with 360; and the winning GKC 3 book was *Stinky and Successful: The Riot Brothers* by Mary Amato getting 466 votes.

Suggestions for the 2011-12 KC3 nominee list can be submitted through [www.gkcasl.org](http://www.gkcasl.org) and the deadline is August 20<sup>th</sup>. The first committee meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup> at the KC Public Library Plaza Branch. More info to come.



### *Blue Springs News by Abby Cole*

The Blue Springs School District passed a bond last spring (2009) that resulted in school improvements across the district. Among those improvements was a brand new media center that “opened” in mid September and has become the street side presence for Blue Springs South High School. The media center features 25 computers, an additional computer lab with 50

machines that can be separated into 2 class spaces, a large education space with tables and a drop down screen with LCD projector, enormous custom circulation desk, and the student’s favorite new space, soft seating with a large corner view outdoors through 25 foot tall windows. Auxiliary space includes a large student and teacher workroom, AV storage room, periodical storage room,

a bathroom, and LMS Office with a nice sized storage closet. The students and teachers love the new space and I feel so fortunate to be able to go to work in such a wonderful new media center.



### *Independence News by Janice Gumerman*

As the year winds to a close, we bid farewell to two Library Media Specialists in Independence. Jim Neal from Truman High School and Mary Minton from Proctor Elementary are retiring after years and years of service.

Six librarians from Independence presented at MASL spring conference. Janice Gumerman and Tonna McGee donated baskets to Dollars for Scholars and Kay Kliethermes won a basket. Janice also won the third place prize drawing for

completing an online conference evaluation. She will receive free registration to the Fall Seminar. Julie Ohrenberg and Janice Gumerman have been asked to submit an article to Library Media Connection based on their MASL conference workshop presentation entitled “Tips, Tricks and Timesavers for Library Management”.

Korene Ekstrand from the Truman Committee helped to produce a portion of the Readers’ Award DVD this year.

She will serve as chair next school year.

Another change in the coming year is that K-12 LMS will be meeting together as one group and everyone will be a Building Technology Coordinator. Positive things to look forward to for the upcoming school year -- we still have jobs and for now we still have clerks. A well deserved restful summer to everyone!!



GKC officers for 2010-2012 at the installation at the GKC Spring Banquet

L to R: Leslie Roe (secretary); Kathy Clark (treasurer); Rene Burress and Linda Cox (co Vice-Presidents); Janet Weston (President)

### *Lee's Summit News by Kim Bell*

Karen McKarnin, LMS at Underwood Elementary, received a PEAK Grant for \$2,450 to fund the purchase of 50 Play-away audio books. The grant was submitted to support the enhancement of literacy skills. PEAK Grants are awarded through the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation.

Underwood Elementary is kicking off its 6th annual 1,000 Page Reading Challenge on May 28. Students who read at least 1,000 pages over the summer will receive vouchers for free books from the fall book fair. This year students and teachers are challenged to reach a school-wide goal of 600,000 pages to see principal Brian Sloan participate in yet another crazy episode in our quest to become great readers! Our first year goal of 100,000 pages was far exceeded, and subsequent goals have been increased and exceeded each year as more and more families realize the value of summer reading.

Summit Pointe Elementary Library hosted its third Family Literacy Night of the 2009-2010 school year. The evening

included an overview of summer library programs available to families in Lee's Summit and a performance of The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales by the Paul Mesner Puppet Company. Summit Pointe Family Literacy Nights were collaboratively planned and hosted by the library media specialist, Kimberly Bell, and the building reading teachers, Jessi Cox and AnnaBeth Bonnesen. The evenings were funded by a literacy grant from Target Corporation.

The Lee's Summit West High School Library Media Center recently received the Outstanding High School Library Media Program Award on May 6 at the Greater Kansas City Association of School Librarians spring banquet. The LSWHS library program was nominated earlier this year by 2 fellow teachers from LSW. All nominated schools were asked to submit a program narrative and three metro-area school library media centers were named finalists. The awards committee visited each site this spring; interviewing a teacher, the librarians and watching the

library program in action. LSW was announced the winner in April. At the banquet the LSWHS library was praised for its well-rounded program focused on student learning and achievement. Library Media Specialists at the school are Megan Arnett and Amy Taylor.

As the school year draws to a close, the Lee's Summit library department will say a bittersweet goodbye to Jane Nelson, LMS at Woodland Elementary and Greenwood Elementary, who is retiring this year. Jane has been an LMS in Lee's Summit for 10 years. Prior to Lee's Summit, she also taught in Iowa, Nebraska, California, Georgia and Florida. According to Jane, the highlight of her career has been teaching in Lee's Summit, during which she opened Woodland Elementary in 2001. In addition to her work at school, Jane also teaches Social Studies methods classes through Ottawa University which she intends to continue next year. We wish her all the best as she begins this exciting new chapter of her life.