

KDLA Welcomes You as a New Public Library Staff Member

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) is the state government agency whose mission is to support and promote access to library services and to ensure that documentation of government activities is created, preserved, and made available for public use. Below is information about some of our services for library staff persons. You can also find additional information by visiting the Librarians section of our website at:

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/plssd/Pages/Regional-Consultants.aspx>.

Regional Consultants

The most visible aspect of KDLA for public libraries is the Regional Consultant. There are four regions in KDLA's regional system. Each region is comprised of 30 libraries and is served by KDLA consultants and staff. Your Regional Consultant is a librarian who will serve your need to know and will provide guidance and support. Your Regional Consultant and your library's Region can be found at: <https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/plssd/Pages/Regional%20Consultants.pdf>.

Statewide Consultants

KDLA has Statewide Consultants with specific areas of expertise to provide consultation, programming, and training to public library staff.

- Children's and Youth Services Consultant – Krista King-Oaks – 502-564-8377 – krista.king-oaks@ky.gov
- Continuing Education Consultants
 - Valerie Edgeworth – 502-564-1719 – valerie.edgeworth@ky.gov
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 - Charly Taylor – 502-564-8371 – charly.taylor@ky.gov
- State Data Coordinator – Jay Bank – 606-706-0480 – jay.bank@ky.gov
- Technology Consultant – Lauren Abner – 502-564-1728 – lauren.abner@ky.gov

Certification

All full-time library employees who provide library information services to the public and all part-time and full-time Library Directors, Assistant Directors, Branch Heads, Department Heads, and Bookmobile (Outreach Services) Librarians are required to be certified per KRS [171.230-300](#).

Talk to your Regional Consultant or your supervisor about your certification needs or visit the certification page on our website

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/certification.aspx>.

Continuing Education Opportunities

KDLA offers a variety of training opportunities (many online and free) for library staff to increase their knowledge and obtain contact hours towards recertification. Check with your Regional Consultant about possible continuing education events in your region. A list of training sessions is available on the Continuing Education Events Calendar at

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/ContinuingEducationCalendar.aspx>.

Kentucky Virtual Library

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) provides access to a number of specialty databases that cross disciplinary lines, user interests, and research needs. It also supports Inter-Library Loan services by providing courier service to participating libraries. Further information is available at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/administrators/Pages/KYVL.aspx>.

LISTSERV® Mailing Lists

KDLA maintains five email discussion lists of interest to library staff: children's and youth services, technology, bookmobile and outreach, adult programming and public relations. The Kentucky Public Library Association also maintains discussion lists for directors and trustees. These lists are great for keeping up with KDLA news and getting advice and expertise from your colleagues. For a complete list and subscription instructions go to <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/listservs.aspx>.

Publications

- The *Kentucky Public Library News Digest* is a compilation of links to articles and editorials relating to public libraries in Kentucky and beyond. The *Digest* can be viewed at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/plssd/Pages/KentuckyPublicLibraryNewsDigest.aspx>. The *Digest* is also emailed out three times a week. To receive it, send an email to nikole.wolfe@ky.gov.
- The *Annual Statistical Report of Kentucky Public Libraries* summarizes information taken from the Annual Report of Public Libraries. Current and historical reports can be found at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/plssd/Pages/LibraryStatistics.aspx>.

"Ask a Librarian" Reference Service

Use "Ask a Librarian" for assistance with research and reference questions. You can call us at 502-564-8306 or email us using the form at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/default.aspx>.

Lending Collections

KDLA provides a variety of lending collections for use by public library staff including book discussion kits (large print, regular print, children's and teen, adult) and thematic programming kits for all ages. Book discussion kits check out for eight weeks, thematic kits for six weeks and will be delivered to your library via the KYVL Courier Service. For more information, visit State Library Lending Collections at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/LendingCollections.aspx>.

Library Science Resources

KDLA maintains a library science resource list to help you keep up-to-date on professional trends and have access to how-to-do-it manuals at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/LibraryScienceResources.aspx>. Search the KDLA Catalog at <http://kdla.ky.gov/common/Pages/WorldCatDiscovery.aspx> for topics of interest to you.

Kentucky Resource Sharing Program

KDLA supports all types of libraries in their missions of providing information to their customers. This is accomplished by supporting basic resource sharing programs and partnering and working closely with the Kentucky Virtual Library. Component services include the OCLC WorldShare Resource Sharing, Kentucky OCLC Database and the Kentucky Union List of Serials. For more information see <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/KYResourceSharing.aspx>.

