

Spring Newsletter

G R E A T E R K A N S A S C I T Y A S S O C I A T I O N O F S C H O O L
L I B R A R I A N S

FROM THE PRESIDENT BY SUSAN SCHANK

This will be my last letter as GKCASL President, as I am turning the reins over to Cathy Betz. I have enjoyed my time serving such a great organization! I wish to thank our Vice-Presidents Dana Kepler and Jessica Vandenbose, Secretary Susan Martin, Treasurer Lacie Griffin, and the many wonderful committee members who keep this organization rolling! This job could not be done without their tireless efforts. I look forward to a new an exciting year. I know that Cathy will be a fabulous leader and will take this organization to new levels. Also, I wish to welcome Karen McKarnin (VP), Andrea Sumy (Secretary), and Kathy Clark (Treasurer).

Thank you for your confidence and trust. I won't forget it! Have a wonderful summer-stay safe!

Susan Schank

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K C 3 A W A R D S

BY LACIE GRIFFIN, K C 3 C H A I R

There were 60 schools that participated and 3167 votes! Thanks to everyone who helped this be one of the biggest votes ever!

3rd place: Precious and the Boo Hag by McKissack (with 421 votes)

2nd place: The Real Slam Dunk by Richardson (with 562 votes)

1st place: Houdini by Krull (with 697 votes)

RAYTOWN NEWS
BY LACIE GRIFFIN

Betty Sproul, LMS of Raytown South Middle School, was married on March 15th. She will also be retiring after 22 years of service in the Raytown C-2 School District.

Raytown Central Middle School will be opening this fall. The Central Ravens will be Raytown C-2 School District's 3rd middle school and will house 500 6th-8th graders.

Lacie Griffin, LMS of Raytown Central Middle School will be expecting her first child on November 6th.



KCMO NEWS
BY JANE PETTMAN

*"I have always
imagined that
Paradise will be
a kind of
library."*

*Jorge Luis
Borges*

Second grade students at Hartman Elementary School put their vision for the school's library on paper this morning as part of an extreme makeover planned in the fall of 2008 by Target, the Heart of America Foundation and community volunteers. The sketches will be used to help designers create a library that will transform a good library into a great one by adding more books, technology and artistic touches.

Hartman Elementary was selected by Target and Heart of America Foundation officials from a group of three Kansas City, Missouri School District (KCMSD) schools – Swinney Elementary and Banneker Elementary were the other finalists – to take part in the program following a review Tuesday. Possible improvements include an amphitheater and an expansion of the total floor space of the library. Construction is expected to begin in late August or early September.

Several district libraries also submitted successful applications for "Picturing America, an initiative by the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA). These libraries include: Faxon Montessori School, Scarritt Elementary, Paseo Academy, Southeast High, Swinney Elementary, and Wendell Phillips Pre K-8 School.

BELTON NEWS

BY CAROL HAMBRECHT

Scott Elementary combined their spring book fair with the district Art Scramble and building talent how with huge success! It was a fine arts night!

Members of the Critics' Cafe Club have entered their book reviews into Follett's Destiny for other students in the district to read. They celebrated the end of the school year by having their last meeting at an area coffee shop.

The high school concluded their book clubs for the year by sharing dessert and discussing all the books they had read. All together there were a total of 24 book club members and we read approximately 15 books. Our goal for next year is to increase our membership and to continue reading and discussing great books.

Gladden LMC participated in the District Art Scramble by hosting the fourth grade Living

Museum of Famous Missourians after assisting students in researching their famous person earlier in May. The Gladden Birthday Book Club with 10 students on May 28th enjoyed ice cream and cake as a culminating activity to their participation in purchasing a book for the library in celebration of their birthdays throughout the year.



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"A library should be like a pair of open arms."

Roger Rosenblatt

