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Kansas Library Express (KLE), the new statewide interlibrary courier service, began providing library users with rapid and direct access to library resources on July 6th. Kansas Library Express connects more than 200 libraries throughout Kansas with convenient and cost effective delivery service and expands the ability of libraries to readily share their collections for the benefit of library users. Kansas Library Express is funded by fees to participating libraries, contributions from the seven regional library systems, and assistance from a federal grant from the State Library of Kansas. Day-to-day management of this service is provided by the Northeast Kansas Library System, which is contracting the actual delivery service to Henry Industries Courier Networks, a professional courier delivery company with an extensive statewide network.

The Kansas Library Association Council meets July 24, 2009, in Wichita. KLA has recently reorganized its Sections and Roundtables. Upcoming statewide conferences dates are April 7- 9, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency/Century II Convention Center in Wichita, and April 6 - 8, 2011, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel/Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

As of July 1, the Kansas Library Catalog (KLC) was transformed into its new, improved hybrid version. While continuing to represent the holdings of over 900 libraries in the state, the KLC now includes direct querying of many local catalogs for searching and requesting items. While the KLC itself remains an actual database of MARC records from Kansas libraries, "Z target" libraries are now searched in real time.

The State Library successfully completed the first round of a Statewide Trustee Training Program in the Spring of 2009. The program covered all five of the core skills in the Trustee Certification Program. Sixteen Kansas trustees completed the requirements for certification in the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program in the Spring 2009 season, bringing the total number of Certified Trustees to 127. Over 600 trustees are participating in the Kansas program.

State Librarian Christie P. Brandau retired on June 1, 2009. Deputy Director Marc Galbraith will serve as head of the agency during the interim. Applications for State Librarian are being accepted through July 31, 2009.