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Cindy Troutman, Editor

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One Campus-One Community-One Book

The partners of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest have chosen the novel *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* for the 2006 One Campus-One Community-One Book project. Written by Kim Edwards, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* is a powerful combination of a tragic and poignant family story, as well as a riveting page-turner, primarily because it centers on a shocking act by one individual that affects everyone he cares about. *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* has spent months on the *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-seller lists. Over 1.8 million copies are now in print.

Kim Edwards is the author of a short story collection, *The Secrets of a Fire King*, which was an alternate for the 1998 PEN/Hemingway Award. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, she currently teaches writing at the University of Kentucky. The project kicks off on January 25. During the kick off events at WKU's Helm Library and the Bowling Green Public Library, free books will be given away. WKU's kick off will be on Thursday, January 25 at 2:00. Bowling Green Public Library kick off will be Thursday, January 25 at 6:00. Barnes &

Noble will host a kick off on Friday, January 26 at 7:00 with free coffee for participants.

Kim Edwards will be at WKU's Helm Library and Bowling Green Public Library on March 1 and at Barnes & Noble on March 2. For more information, please visit our web site at [www:bgOneBook.org](http://www.bgOneBook.org). All events are free and open to the public.

One
Book
ONE CAMPUS
ONE COMMUNITY

Jim Johnson Receives Distinguished Service Award at 2006 WKU Summit Awards

Long-time friend of WKU Libraries Jim Johnson shone bright as the Distinguished Service Medal winner at the 2006 WKU Summit Awards Dinner on October 26, 2006. Johnson has been a supporter of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest since its inception and also serves as a member of the WKU Library Advisory Council. He was also named 2006 volunteer of the year for the Southern Kentucky Book Fest and Library Advisory Council. WKU Libraries extends congratulations and many thanks to Jim for his accomplishments and support of our programs and outreach.



Pictured above, left to right: Dean of Libraries Mike Binder, President Gary Ransdell and award recipient Jim Johnson

Thank You For Volunteering!

The Kentucky Library & Museum hosts a variety of school tours, summer camps, workshops, and special events. Without our volunteers we could not offer these programs to local school children and the community.

On behalf of the Kentucky Library & Museum and the local community, we would like to say thank you to our volunteers!

If you are interested in upcoming events at the Kentucky Library & Museum please log on to our website at <http://www.wku.edu/library/kylm/events/coming.html>

Evening of Wine and Roses

Would you like to spend a relaxing evening out now that the holidays are behind you? Join us on January 11, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. at The Kentucky Library & Museum for *An Evening of Wine and Roses*. Desserts and dessert wines will be served. The evening also includes a Curator's Tour of the Nature's Bounty Exhibit. This is a members' only event, please call 270-745-4502 for more information.

Exclusively for Friends of Libraries & Museum

Western Kentucky University Librarian Named Academic Librarian of 2006 by Kentucky Library Association

Rosemary Meszaros, Government Information and Law Coordinator at Western Kentucky University, was recently named Academic Librarian of the Year by the Kentucky Library Association at its annual conference in Louisville. Meszaros was recognized for her outstanding research and service to the profession.

Mesaros arrived at Western Kentucky University as an experienced Federal Documents Specialist with prior experience at Louisiana State University, Boston University and University of California Santa Barbara. In 2003 she won the Margie Helm Award for Librarian of the Year at Western Kentucky University Libraries and the WKU College Award for Public Service. She has taught 314 classes to 4,450 students since 1998; is a member of the American Library Association Board of Reference and User Services, serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, the premier journal in library science, and is the author of the documents section in *Magazines for Libraries*, a biannual publication from Bowker Publishing. She helped secure funding at Western Kentucky University for MARCIVE, the addition of federal documents into our TOPCAT system, WKU's online catalog of publications. When complete, this multiyear project will provide access to more than half a million docs published between 1976 and 2001. In her spare time she volunteers to read textbooks for the blind.



Black History Month @ your library

The partners of the Southern Kentucky Book Fest present **Black History Month @ your library** featuring one of Kentucky's finest authors, Sheila Williams.

Sheila J. Williams was born in Columbus, Ohio. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, Ohio) and is a graduate of The University of Louisville. In 2001, Sheila received her first publishing contract with Ballantine for *Dancing on the Edge of the Roof*. Sheila's second novel, *The Shade of My Own Tree*, the story of a woman's triumph over domestic violence, was published by Ballantine in August 2003. *On the Right Side of a Dream*, the sequel to *Dancing on the Edge of the Roof*, was published by Ballantine in April 2005 and was nominated for the Kentucky Literary Award for fiction in 2005. Sheila's latest novel, *Girls Most Likely*, is the story of the friendship of four women, Vaughn, Reenie, Sue and Audrey, from 1963 through their 30th high school reunion.

Ms. Williams will speak on February 1, 2007, at Western Kentucky University's Glasgow Campus at 2:00 and at the Bowling Green Public Library at 6:00 p.m. On February 2, she will speak at Western Kentucky University's Helm Library, room 100, at 10:00 a.m.

These events are free and open to the public.

Black History Month @ your library is a partnership project of WKU Libraries, Bowling Green Public Library, Barnes & Noble, and the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

For more information, call 270-745-5016 or email: Jayne.Pelaski@wku.edu



Kentucky Live! Presents State Forensic Anthropologist Emily Craig

Emily A. Craig, Ph.D., is one of the world's foremost forensic anthropologists. Craig holds a master's degree in medical illustration from the Medical College of Georgia and a Ph.D. in Forensic Physical Anthropology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. While at UT Knoxville she became one of the few forensic scientists in the world to undertake extensive research at the infamous "Body Farm," a secluded facility dedicated to the study and documentation of the human decay process.

Craig now works for the medical examiner system in the Commonwealth of Kentucky which makes her one of only a handful of forensic anthropologists who is totally immersed in the world of forensic medicine. In addition to her work in Kentucky, she regularly consults with prosecutors, attorneys, police departments, and other law enforcement agencies from around the world to help solve some of their most challenging cases. She has been profiled on such shows as Fox's *America's Most Wanted*, A&E's *Cold Case Files*, the Discovery Channel's *The New Detectives*, Lifetime's *Unsolved Mysteries*, CBS's *48 Hours*, NBC's *Extra*, and the History Channel.

Dr. Craig will be on campus March 8 at 2:00 p.m. to speak with students about careers in forensic anthropology. At 7:00 p.m. that evening she will be at Barnes & Noble discussing her recently published book *Teasing Secrets from the Dead*. To learn more about Craig please visit her website at www.emilycraig.com.

This is only a small part of what's happening at University Libraries! See what UL faculty have been doing, learn more about programs, events, current exhibits, read our e-newsletter and visit our Blog at www.wku.edu/Library or call 270-745-4502 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE April 20 & 21, 2007

The 9th annual Southern Kentucky Book Fest will be held April 20 & 21, 2007 at the Sloan Convention Center. Headlining authors include: Scott Turow, Rick Bragg, Janette Oke, Ann B. Ross, Tedd Arnold and Floyd Cooper. Over 150 authors have confirmed. For a complete list of authors and more information, please visit our web site at www.sokybookfest.org

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JANUARY

January 19 - Very Special Arts exhibit opens at The Kentucky Building

January 25 & 26 - One Campus-One Community-One Book Kick-off

www.bgOneBook.org

January 25 - Helm Library, room 100 at 2:00 p.m., Bowling Green Public Library, 6:00 p.m.

January 26 - Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

February 1 - Art exhibit opening reception, *Works by Thelma Green*, Barnes & Noble, 7:30 p.m.

February 1 & 2 - Black History Month @ your library www.sokybookfest.org

February 1 - Author Shelia Williams speaks at Glasgow Campus at 2:00 p.m. and Bowling Green Public Library at 6:00 p.m.

February 2 - Author Shelia Williams speaks at Helm Library, room 100

February 8 - Kentucky Live! presents James Archambeault, photographer, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

February 9-11 - Macy's Used Book Sale, Depot Branch, BG Public Library. Please visit www.sokybookfest.org for times.

February 15 - Far Away Places presents WKU Professor, Dr. Michael Trapasso on *Antarctica*, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH

March 1 & 2 - Meet One Book author Kim Edwards www.bgOneBook.org

March 1 - Helm Library, room 100 at 2:00 p.m. and Bowling Green Public Library at 6:00 p.m.

March 2 - Barnes & Noble at 10:00 a.m.

March 3 - US Bank Community Art Show, The Kentucky Museum

March 8 - Kentucky Live! presents Dr. Emily Craig, Forensic Anthropologist, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

April 5 - Kristin Johannsen, author of *Ginseng Dreams*, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

April 12 - *Israel* presented by Dr. Shannon Schaffer, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.

April 17 - Student Art Exhibit opens at The Kentucky Building

April 20 - Kentucky Writers Conference, South Campus, 8:00 p.m.

April 20 & 21 - Southern Kentucky Book Fest, Sloan Convention Center www.sokybookfest.org



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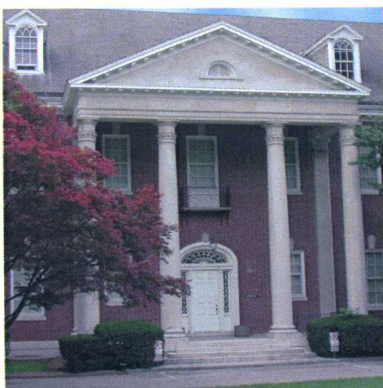
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Kentucky Museum Wish List

The Kentucky Museum is in need of the following items for an upcoming exhibit. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Timothy Mullin at 270-745-2592 or timothy.mullin@wku.edu.

- 1950s era men's clothing:
 - dress shoes
 - dress pants (black) 42-48 waist
 - sports jacket, tweed or solid color, 50-52
 - white shirt 18" neck
- kitchen sink, 1950s vintage
- wire shopping cart, 1950s vintage
- small glass fronted refrigerated case, not in working order, 1950's
- grocery store shelving, 1950s
- white wire glass topped patio table, 1950s, not more than 48" diameter



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- Educator's Membership \$25
- Basic Membership \$50
- Bronze Membership \$100
- Silver Membership \$250
- Gold Membership \$500
- President's Circle Library Society Member \$1,000

For information on the benefits of each level, please visit our website at www.wku.edu/library or call 270-745-4502.

Mission

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