



## Volume #1

### ***KPLA – Networking Mecca for Potential “Sisters”***

#### **Several pairings in the works after Bowling Green conference**

The Kentucky Public Library Association annual conference in Bowling Green proved to be a great opportunity for those interested in joining the project or finding out more about it. Several library directors were able to talk face to face about the prospect of partnering.

Additionally, others took advantage of the chance to attend a panel presentation (see photo below) about the project. Hearing firsthand about the experiences of others was both helpful and inspiring.



### ***What’s Your News?***

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Do you have news to share regarding your sister library partnership? Other sister libraries may find inspiration from hearing about your collaborative efforts. Don’t forget to take pictures, too!

This is the first sister library newsletter – drop me an email and let me know if you find it informative. *Frequency of the newsletter will be dependent upon input -- so send me your sister library news and photos!* My email address is:

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The Kentucky Sister Library Project is an endeavor of the Kentucky Public Library Association



## Madison and Estill Counties

### Progress with Partnership

Madison and Estill libraries have laid plans to work on some endeavors for their sister library partnership.

The Moberly/Waco Library-on-the-Go recently became a joint service point for both libraries. "What this means is that customers of both libraries will be able to return materials to that location.

ECPL and MCPL staff will both check the drop box at least 3 days/week to collect materials from their respective libraries," comments Ruthie Maslin, Director of MCPL. With the counties bordering one another, this project is one that patrons will directly benefit from.

The two libraries held a Meet & Greet (pictured below) for staff members to get to know one another better.

They also have staff exchanges planned, which will allow employees to see how things work in their sister libraries.

Additionally, the partnership received a grant from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries to help offset some of expenses related to their sister library activities. The grants were established this year to help build and grow the Kentucky Sister Library Project.

