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Library Science Education

This issue of our newsletter focuses on library science education and its importance to the profession of library and information science. It seems like a natural topic for us to address since Ohio is home to one of the country's best library science education programs – the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science (KSU-SLIS). *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the school as one of the nation's Top 20 programs in the field and the school's youth librarianship program is ranked 13th.



Additionally, we are fortunate at the State Library of Ohio to have the Columbus program of the KSU-SLIS located in our facility. The partnership between the State Library and the KSU-SLIS has resulted in enhanced collaborative opportunities for library education and projects in support of library services throughout the state. Dr. Don A. Wicks, Assoc. Professor & Interim Director of Library & Information Science Kent State University recently said, "There is a logical connection between Ohio's only accredited school for the training of librarians with the State Library, which provides a coordinating and leadership role for libraries and information agencies in the State. We are in this together - providing essential information services to the citizens."

Library education has changed as libraries have changed from places to obtain books and other print materials to places to access cutting-edge technology and information resources. Today, librarians combine traditional duties with those that embrace rapidly changing technology and library education provides librarians with the solid foundation they need to prepare for a career in a quickly evolving environment.

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