

# 1973 Meeting in Kansas City

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## ABSTRACT

Kansas City will be the site of the 1973 MLA Annual Meeting, and the program will emphasize education for medical librarians. The two pre-convention tours, together with other activities available in Kansas City, are described. The convention hotel, the Muehlebach, is discussed, and other possible accommodations are listed. Several fine restaurants are also listed.

## FALL IN LOVE WITH BEAUTIFUL KANSAS CITY

This was the message we tried to impart to those who attended the 1972 Annual Meeting in San Diego. Kansas City *is* beautiful, and MLA members are invited to come to Kansas City in May of 1973 and discover this for themselves.

Say "Kansas City" and you call to mind a variety of popular concepts: the Chiefs, steak, the Plaza, Harry S Truman, the Royals, jazz, the Kansas City *Star*, and, lately, Raquel Welch as the Kansas City Bomber.

While all of these belong to Kansas City, it has other aspects perhaps not nearly so well known. There are actually two cities, Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, is the larger of the two. The joining cities are situated amid the gently rolling hills of western Missouri and eastern Kansas. Kansas City is proud of its wide tree-lined streets, its many parks, and the hundreds of fountains and statues throughout the city. By convention time in May, Kansas City will be in bloom.

Located on the Missouri River, Kansas City was the starting point for the wagon trains headed west on the Santa Fe, California, and Oregon Trails. The history of the area, however, dates further back to the 1700s when French explorers surveyed the Missouri River. Today Kansas City is a dynamic and growing metropolitan city with all of the attendant advantages and problems. The recently completed Harry S

Truman Sports Complex and the new Kansas City International Airport are only two examples of rapid development and expansion.

Kansas City supports an extensive system of higher education, including the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Metropolitan Junior College system, and many fine private colleges, such as Rockhurst College and William Jewell College. Among the health related institutions of metropolitan Kansas City are a new School of Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, a School of Dentistry, also at UMKC, the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, and twenty-eight hospitals.

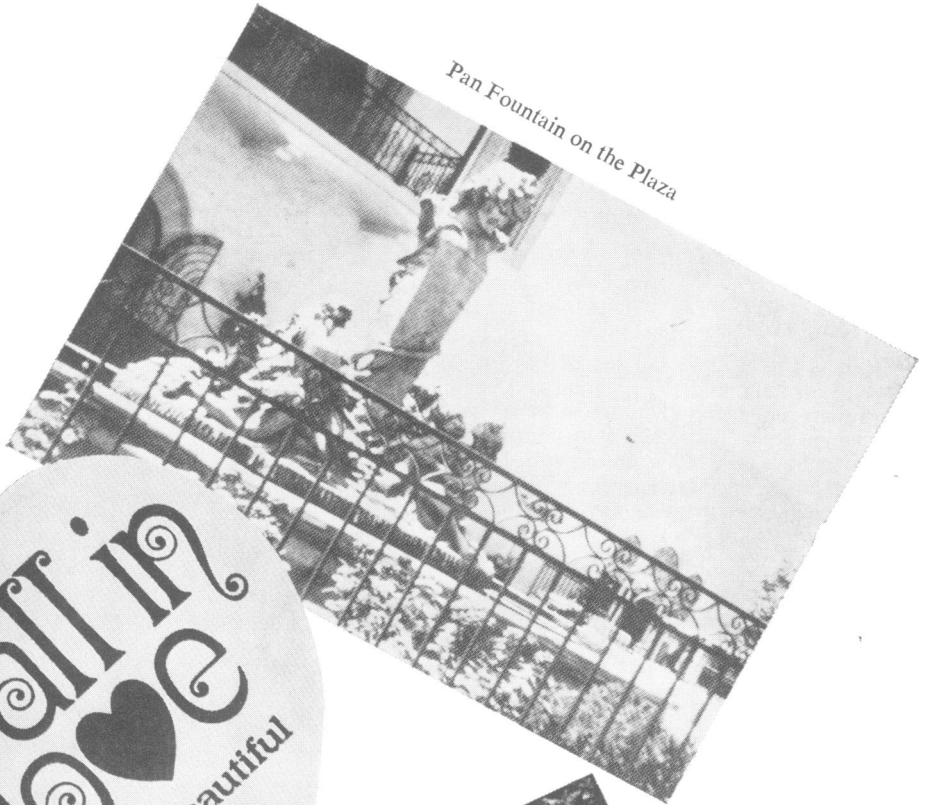
## PROGRAM

The Program Committee for the MLA Annual Meeting in 1973 has spent considerable time in developing an interesting and challenging program. The emphasis will be upon education for health sciences librarians. A preliminary program appeared in the November issue of *MLA News*, and a more complete program will appear in the February issue.

## TRAVEL TO KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, located centrally, can be reached easily from any part of the United States by any means of transportation. Those travelling by air will arrive at the new Kansas City International Airport. It is one of the world's first airports dedicated to decentralized passenger accommodation. This means it will be less than one hundred feet from your jet to a cab. The airport is located about twenty minutes north of the city, and transportation to the downtown area is readily available by bus, limousine, or cab. Cost will be about \$3-4 by bus, \$5-6 by limousine, or \$7-8 by cab. Those arriving together can save money by sharing cabs.

Those who wish to travel by train should find



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Amtrak schedules convenient. There are three trains from Chicago, one from New York, two from California, and one from Texas into Kansas City daily. It would probably take about thirty-six hours to come into Kansas City from either coast. Arriving by train into the Kansas City Union Station is an experience in itself. The station is an architectural wonder which those who don't come by train may want to make a special trip to see.

Coming to Kansas City by automobile is simple. The city is located at the intersection of Interstate Highways 35 and 70, and there are good connections with all other major highways in the country. Bus connections are also good, and Kansas City has a new downtown bus terminal which is about five minutes from the Muehlebach, the convention hotel.

### HOTELS

The Hotel Muehlebach, a landmark in Kansas City, is located at 12th and Wyandotte in the downtown area just west of the main shopping center. An elegant and distinguished hotel, it has been *the* place to stay in Kansas City for many years.

There are 750 suites and guest rooms, most of which will be available for the 1973 MLA meeting. A recent remodeling has made the hotel better suited than ever to handle the needs of a large convention. The Muehlebach maintains four restaurants:

- The Rendezvous. Steak and cocktails with entertainment.
- Le Bistro. A restaurant and bar with a French touch. Entertainment.
- Cafe Picardy. Open for all main meals. French and American food in an elegant setting. Dancing nightly.
- Coffee Shop. Open twenty-four hours daily for snacks and full meals.

Convention-minded, the hotel staff will do all that is necessary to make your stay in Kansas City comfortable and pleasant.

In the event you plan to arrive late or for some reason are not able to stay at the convention hotel, there are other first class facilities in the immediate area. These include:

Holiday Inn at the Auditorium. 1301 Wyandotte.

A new facility with 500 rooms, less than a block from the Muehlebach. Free parking

available. Four restaurants, among them La Tour en Rond, a revolving rooftop restaurant. Continental Hotel. 11th and Baltimore.

Two blocks from the convention hotel. The home of Le Chateau C Restaurant and of Kansas City's Playboy Club.

President Hotel. 14th and Baltimore.

About two blocks from the Muehlebach.

### TOURS

Sunday, May 27, 1973, 1:30-5:30 p.m. there will be two tours. One is a bus tour of the greater Kansas City area. The tour will begin at Clark's Point for a panoramic view of the Missouri River and the metropolitan area. Proceeding south through downtown Kansas City, Missouri, visitors will see the new Crown Center business-apartment complex and Hospital Hill, where are situated the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and School of Dentistry and Children's Mercy Hospital. Crossing State Line Road into Kansas, the bus will swing by the University of Kansas Medical Center and then return to the Missouri side to travel through Country Club Plaza. After a short drive south through one of the many attractive residential sections, the tour will continue east for a visit to the Linda Hall Library and the main University of Missouri-Kansas City campus. The tour will end at the Truman Library and Museum in Independence. En route there the bus will pass the Harry S Truman Sports Complex and the Truman home. Unfortunately, the library is closed on Sundays, but the museum houses a fascinating collection of historical items and memorabilia.

The other tour is to the new Worlds of Fun amusement park. It is located seven miles northeast of downtown Kansas City and features American, European, African, and Oriental attractions. These include the Cotton Blossom, a stern-wheel riverboat; a gigantic carousel; a flume ride; a three-masted man of war sailing ship; a living floral display, the newest type of roller coaster; a sky ride; a children's zoo; and a show of trained porpoises and other sea animals.

### OTHER RECREATION IN KANSAS CITY

The Country Club Plaza is an attractive shopping center located about thirty minutes by cab from the Muehlebach. The architecture is a

comfortable blend of Spanish, Mexican, and Southern Californian. Buildings are adorned with tiled roofs, imported wrought iron, colorful tile plaques, and interesting towers. The sidewalks are lined with trees, fountains, and statues to provide a delightful setting for 150 shops, restaurants, and theaters. You really haven't seen Kansas City until you have been to the Plaza, whether for an afternoon of shopping or for an evening of dining and entertainment.

The Nelson Art Gallery is located five minutes from the Plaza by cab. Its collections present the arts of all countries and periods. There are extensive exhibits of European and early American furnishings and decorations. The gallery is especially well known for its Oriental and Middle Eastern collections. There is a gift shop on the first floor and a small luncheon cafeteria on the second. Admission is free on Saturdays and Sundays, \$0.25 per person at other times.

Somewhat closer to the downtown area is the River Quay, the site of Kansas City's birthplace on the banks of the Missouri River. This area, rich in historical interest and nostalgic charm, has recently been developed in a fashion similar to Chicago's Old Town or Atlanta's Underground. It is a community of small businesses and specialty shops, art galleries and craft centers, restaurants and lounges, and (on weekends) open air fruit and produce stands. The River Quay is located about five minutes by cab from the Muehlebach. Riverboat excursions on the Missouri River are available from the River Quay area.

#### RESTAURANTS

According to a recent *Playboy* article by Calvin Trillin, the best restaurants in the world are in Kansas City. While this may be a mild exaggeration, it is true that there are a great many very fine places to eat in Kansas City.

In addition to the restaurants in the hotel, the following are in the downtown area or within five minutes by cab.

Nantucket Cove. Thirteenth and Baltimore. Specializes in fresh fish and seafood in a New England atmosphere.

Italian Gardens. 1110 Baltimore. Serves good Italian food.

Top of the Towers. 911 Main Street. Thirtieth floor of the Commerce Tower Building. Offers

a fine view of Kansas City. Three separate specialty restaurants:

Paddy's Pub—Irish food

Tour d'Argent—French cuisine

Salzburg Haus—Austrian-German specialties

Savoy Grill. Ninth and Central. One of the oldest restaurants in Kansas City. Serves the best of seafood and steak in old-fashioned dining elegance.

Hereford House. 2 East Twentieth Street. An excellent steak house for luncheon or supper.

Golden Ox. 1600 Genesee. Located at the Kansas City Stockyard, it has made the city nationally known for steak.

Gaetano's. 600 East Eighth Street. Italian food in a pleasant setting.

Bretton's. 1215 Baltimore. The main dining room is done in an attractive French décor. Specializes in French cuisine.

La Tour en Rond. 1301 Wyandotte. Kansas City's only revolving rooftop restaurant. Offers classic cuisine. Located at Holiday Inn at the Auditorium.

Restaurants on the Plaza include:

Putsch's 210. 210 West Forty-seventh Street. One of the most elegant of Kansas City restaurants. Specializes in French cuisine and seafood.

Plaza III. 4749 Pennsylvania. A dining room in Spanish-American style. Serves American type food and seafood.

Buttonwood Tree. 4800 Main. Board of Trade Building. Has an old English décor and serves American and European food.

Plaza Inn. Forty-fifth and Main.

Offers two fine restaurants:

Kona Kai—Polynesian food and décor.

Seville Room—Continental food. Spanish décor.

100 West. 100 Ward Parkway. Specializes in drinks. Offers a few fancy sandwiches.

Other restaurants farther from downtown:

Le Chateaubriand. 6318 Brookside Plaza.

French cuisine served in a continental manner.

Jasper's Italian Restaurant. 405 West Seventy-fifth Street.

Elegant and formal dining in an Italian baroque atmosphere.

Black Angus. Sixtieth and Troost. A good steak house.

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Stephenson's Apple Farm. East 40 Highway and Lee's Summit Road. Sophisticated dining in a quaint rural Missouri atmosphere.

Jess & Jim's. 135 and Locust. According to *Playboy*, the finest steak restaurant in the world.

The restaurants listed above are primarily just for eating. The following are for eating and entertainment:

Leather Bottle. 6301 Troost. Specializing in "Steak and Spirits," there is usually entertainment in the lounge.

Landmark. Main and Pershing Road. Located in the Union Station, it provides excellent food and the best of nationally known jazz artists.

Playboy Club. Eleventh and Baltimore. Con-

tinental Hotel. Generally offers name entertainment for those with the proper key.

Tiffany's Attic. 5028 Main. A dinner-playhouse. For one price you get a buffet supper and a play, usually a popular Broadway musical or comedy.

Armour East. 19 East Armour. Offers good food and entertainment.

### A CORDIAL INVITATION

In 1970, the health sciences libraries in the Kansas City area formed an organization for their mutual benefit. This group, known as the Health Sciences Library Group of Greater Kansas City, is hosting the 1973 Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association. There will be an interesting program in a beautiful and exciting city. Plan now to attend!