

"Ad Astra per Aspera: Aspiring to Excellence in Challenging Times"

Kansas Library Association – College and University Libraries Section

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Happy Trails!
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Folks, it's great to have you academic librarians here tonight.
We hope this annual fall conference will treat you just right.

Your theme is "Ad Astra Per Aspera: Aspiring to Excellence in Challenging Times,"
Which refers to your organization's aspirational climbs.

You are part of the Kansas Library Association,
And you provide academic depth and support for higher education.

Tonight we're glad you chose to come our direction,
As the KLA – College and University Libraries Section.

You offer reference sources, literature, access, and diversity,
For our vitally important colleges and universities.

We're glad to show you of our place on our family tree's branch,
By welcoming you here to the Lazy T Ranch.

And for KLA-CULS, I'm glad to share these rhymes,
As you work on "Ad Astra Per Aspera: Aspiring to Excellence in Challenging Times."

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