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## Winter



NWKLS is proud to announce our partnership with the Kansas Humanities Council. The **TALK** book collection will now be housed and distributed through NWKLS. "TALK book discussions immerse readers in captivating stories and introduce them to different experiences through literature." The Kansas Humanities Council will continue to be accessible to assist locations in finding a facilitator for the discussions and the local sponsor will continue to provide the location, invite the community to participate, and host the discussions.

Beginning this Spring, NWKLS will distribute the books at no charge or booking fee and will utilize the library courier service to distribute the books to the local sponsors who wish to host a discussion group. NWKLS is pleased to answer any questions you may have, simply call (785) 877-5148 and ask for Pat Hammond, NWKLS's TALK book coordinator.

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# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

George Seamon-NWKLS DIRECTOR

## NWKLS welcomes Dave Fischer as NEW Technology Consultant

The Executive Committee of Northwest Kansas Library System voted to create a full-time Technology Consultant position to meet the ever changing technological needs of member libraries. We would like to welcome Dave Fischer to the staff of NWKLS as our new Technology Consultant. Dave comes to the system with a variety of experiences which includes 20 years of Technology experience of that 15 years were spent as a computer technician working independently and with ComputerPro. Dave has also been the contract computer technician for NWKLS the past 10 years through our contract with ComputerPro. Please help us in welcoming Dave to the system and we look forward to working with him for many years to come.



### Upcoming Schedule.

January 10th: Dave Rotation with Pat

Rexford	8:30 AM
Colby	9:15 AM
Davis	10:30 AM
Brewster	11:30 AM
NWKTC	1:00 PM (12:00 MT)
Goodland	1:30 PM (12:30 MT)

## Dream Big, Read! – Making *Your* Dreams Come True

### CSLP Workshop at NWKLS on March 28th

Marge Loch-Wouters, this year's CSLP Presenter will be at NWKLS on March 28, 2012. The workshop will start at 10:00 a.m. and you can register for the event on our website at <http://www.nwkls.org>.

Join Marge Loch-Wouters, storyteller, children's librarian and blogger as she takes you on an eye-opening journey into ways to re-examine your SLP and make the most of scarce time, scarce money and scarce staffing to create summer wonder and fun for kids – and you – at your library. You'll get ideas for the upcoming *Dream Big-Read* summer library planning as well as explore fun ways to enhance your program mojo year-round. Be ready to share a favorite program for kids or teens (in-house, outreach, or collaborative) that has been easy, fun and can be easily duplicated by colleagues!

Marge Loch-Wouters has been a children's librarian since 1976 and wouldn't trade this profession for all the world. She is currently Coordinator of Youth Services at La Crosse Public Library (her third stint there although in-between she's managed to work at the Menasha WI Public Library and Cook Memorial Library in Illinois). She has been active in the Wisconsin Library Association and the American Library Association throughout her career, serving on many committees and boards, including both the Caldecott and Newbery committees. According to Marge, the best thing that happened to her in library-land? Receiving the Wisconsin Library Association 2010 Librarian of the Year Award. Best things in the rest of her life: storytelling, gardening and the outdoors.



## The Spotlight is on: Norcatour Library



**Deb and the puzzle table.**

Puzzles, cookies and hot coffee greet the patrons of the Norcatour Public Library. Housed in the old school building along with the Norcatour city offices, museum, exercise room, newsheet and all -purpose room, the library is located in what was previously the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and principals office.

Deb Marshall, the Norcatour City Clerk and Librarian began her new position Sept. 13, 2010. Since then, the library has bloomed.

With patron usage dropping, the inter-library loans totally stopped, and no children's programs, the Norcatour Library was fast becoming just another book drop on the Northwest Kansas Library System rotation schedule. Now, the library has been given a boost. Norcatour residents are discovering a treasure.

With the help of Betsy Jakowski, who helps as Library Aide and supporter, the library has become an important part of Norcatour once more.

Betsy has been loading the items in the library on the Kansas Library Catalog, redoing spine labels and weeding the collection. The library now totals over 1,500 items available for check-out. With these items listed on the Kansas Library Catalog, and the courier service through Northwest Kansas Library System, the library now inter-library loans four (4) plus volumes a week.

The monthly Book Potpourri and home visits are outreaches Deb has begun. Once a month Deb opens the library on a Saturday morning for patrons to come and share their favorite book, author, or current reading. Deb and Betsy deliver books to homebound patrons in the Norcatour area.

New shelving, lighting, windows , art work from local artists displayed on the walls, have added a friendly ambience to the library.

### Future plans include.

Increasing the hours the library is open, homework tutoring evenings, turning the former principal's office into the children's room, and continuing the monthly Book Potpourri meetings.

**The next Book Potpourri is  
January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Come and join the fun!**



Pat Hammond  
NWKLS-ILL/Rotation  
and Talk Book Coordinator



## Pat's Member's

### Watch

Our deepest sympathies go out to Lynette Wolf, former school librarian at Grinnell Schools on the passing of her husband Leon Wolf on December 21st. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family as they grieve this tremendous loss.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rayna Kopriva as well as she undergoes surgery on January 4th.



Linda Keith  
NWKLS Collection Development  
and ILL Coordinator

## Linda's Great Books Corner

### This months picks...

#### Romance.

Nora Roberts' -**The Next Always.**  
Book One of the Inn Boonsboro Trilogy

Inspirational. **Nearing Home.** Life, Faith and Finishing Well By, Billy Graham

Political. **The Man in the Middle-** An Inside Account of Faith and Politics in the George W. Bush Era...



## 6 by 6 READY TO READ *Six skills by six years*



Almena Public Library with a little help from their friends at NWKLS have created a wonderful new **6 by 6 Children's area**. As stated in the last issue of the NWKLS Vertical Files, the 6 by 6 program, initially an off-shoot of the Every Child

Ready to Read Program became a pilot program of the Johnson County Public Library. Its principles are to prepare every child from birth to six with the six essential reading skills, **Noticing Print, Talk, Talk, Talk, Tell Stories about Everything, Look for Letters Everywhere, Take Time to Rhyme and Have Fun with Books!** Check out the 25 Recipe Cards and ideas on our website <http://www.nwcls.org> too and stay tuned for more 6 by 6 updates as they are available.

## MRS CLAUS?



Sharon Spring Public Library hosted an Open House on Wednesday, December 7th. A very special guest Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Library Board member- Trina Mays) spent time reading with 37 children who attended the special event. After enjoying many great stories, the children had punch and cookies and even created fun Candy Cane Craft. Fun was had by all, both young and old! Librarian, Cathy VanAllen stated, "This was the largest turn-out for such an event that has been attempted many times without the success of this year!"

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 3rd**– Children's Consultant-Mary Boller in Grainfield to help new librarian, Janice Manhart re-work the library's Children's area.

**February 16th:** State-wide 6 by 6 Ready to Read Program Launch

**March 28th.** CSLP Summer Workshop at NWKLS presenter Marge Loch-Wouters at 10:00 a.m. and a special afternoon sessions filled with great prizes and information.





## State Library Certification Programs Discontinuation Planned for January 1, 2012

The State Library has been taking a close look at its programs and the staffing required to support them. Recently the Library Development staff (myself and Shannon Roy) did a non-scientific cost-benefit type of analysis of the two State Library certification programs. Based on our evaluation of the programs, we proposed discontinuing both certification programs and Jo approved our proposal. As a result, the State Library will discontinue the Certification Program for Kansas Library Administrators and the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program effective January 1, 2012. Existing certifications will continue until their expiration date. No new certifications will be issued after December 31, 2011. Following is an explanation of our rationale. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this decision.

**Rationale:** Because both Shannon Roy and Cindi Hickey will be retiring in 2012, Library Development Division programs are being scrutinized to determine benefits versus costs. Both certification programs present a cost to the Library Development Division and the State Library, particularly in the area of staff time. Shannon Roy has been administering both programs since their inception and has provided information utilized in the following analyses.

### **Certification Program for Kansas Library Administrators.**

The heart of this program was supposed to lie in re-certification because initial certification reflects only formal education and/or amassed continuing education credits. Although core competencies for Kansas library directors were developed in conjunction with the certification program, they are not integrated into the requirements for either certification or re-certification.

300 Kansas librarians met the requirements and received certification, but less than 100 have requested re-certification which requires only 45 hours of continuing education credit over a three year period. With a potential target audience of librarians working for the 329 public libraries in Kansas does not these figures do not suggest wide adoption or credibility of the program despite limitless opportunities for continuing education.

Another factor in the credibility of the program is the apparent lack of benefit of certification for library staff.

It has not been shown to improve advancement opportunity or increase income potential. The bottom line is that the questionable benefits of this program do not justify the costs incurred in the required staff time needed to maintain the program.

### **Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program.**

We believe the Kansas program was the first of its kind in the U.S. It was developed in partnership with Kansas Library Trustee Association volunteers who also developed training modules for trustees to encourage their education. The program focuses on training library trustees in the areas delineated in five core skills that were developed to guide trustee education. Various training programs and offerings are available that match the content included in the five core skills.

Currently, 480 Kansas trustees are certified out of potential audience of 2,300. Many of the certified trustees are associated with libraries in the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS). SEKLS used the certification program as a tool for encouraging and providing trustee education for their libraries' boards and offers incentives to libraries to bolster its use.

Complicating factors for a trustee certification program supported by statewide training are: 1) the continuous flow of new library trustees who normally serve a four year term, 2) the difficulty in finding days and times for statewide trustee training that fit trustee schedules and needs, and 3) trustee unfamiliarity with online learning platforms.

The benefits of trustee certification are unclear although anecdotal evidence suggests trustee education is beneficial for both trustees and the libraries. A cost benefit analysis of the certification program indicates that library development resources would be better invested in coordinating and procuring continuing education resources for trustees that support the development of the five core skills and that could be offered on a statewide basis rather than in administering a certification program of questionable benefit.

Article from a letter by:

Cindi Hickey

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# *From the Cat's Corner*

## **NEW ROTATING VIDEO COLLECTION**

NWKLS now has a **VIDEO GAMES** rotating collection! These beauties are currently at the Norton Public Library...but will soon be making the rounds to each of our libraries for patrons to check out. Adding this collection has given me another cataloging challenge. This is what you should look for to find a good MARC record:

Video games should be cataloged as **ELECTRONIC RESOURCE**. In other words, the words **ELECTRONIC RESOURCE** should appear in parenthesis with the title. They may also have PS2, PS3, Xbox, etc. parenthesis along with **ELECTRONIC RESOURCE**.

They should have an 007 field in the MARC record. They should have the type of video game (PS2, PS3, etc) listed in the 250 edition field.

In the 300 field (Physical description), video games are listed as **COMPUTER OPTICAL DISC** or **COMPUTER CHIP CARTRIDGE**.

There should be a 538 **NOTE FIELD** showing system requirements. For example: Nintendo DS, Nintendo Wii, Play Station 2, etc.

**500** should note number of players and other details needed to use the game.

**521** should list ratings: E for everyone, T for teens...

**710** for **GAME MANUFACTURER**...

**753** for **SYSTEM DETAILS**...

And remember...These also need a local number (on the spine) to show what type of games they are. The NWKLS video games will have X-Box, PS3, or other designation on the first line.

Be sure and let us know what you think of our new collection!

Aurelia Jackson- NWKLS  
Assistant Director/  
School Consultant and Cataloger



## **THE SCHOOL ZONE**

With the dramatic funding cuts to Kan-Ed the executive committee of NWKLS voted at the November, 2011 meeting to order the **GALE RESEARCH DATABASE COLLECTION**, an online E-reference resource. If your county is a member of NWKLS, your library may request this from us at no additional cost.

There are other services we provide that could help your school and community. Do you need someone to provide an in-service? We have people available. Do you need new books rotated into your collection? We are willing to add school libraries into our rotation. Plus, NWKLS is building our Junior and Young Adult rotating collections. Do you want to order items at a lower cost? NWKLS can order items for you, at a discount.

**LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU!**

Zoning in,  
Aurelia

email: [nwklsat@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwklsat@ruraltel.net)



# 2012 NWKLS CALENDAR

## January

- 2 NWKLS OFFICE CLOSED–Happy New Year**
- 10 ROTATION**
- |          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| Rexford  | 8:30 AM            |
| Colby    | 9:15 AM            |
| Davis    | 10:30 AM           |
| Brewster | 11:30 AM           |
| NWKTC    | 1:00 PM (12:00 MT) |
| Goodland | 1:30 PM (12:30 MT) |
- 11 NWKLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 17 ROTATION**
- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Oakley         | 9:30 AM             |
| Wallace        | 11:15 AM            |
| Weskan         | 11:45 AM (10:45 MT) |
| Sharon Springs | 12:15 PM (11:15 MT) |
| Colby          | 3:00 PM             |
- 24 ROTATION**
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|-------------|----------|
| Oberlin     | 8:45 AM  |
| Bird City   | 11:15 AM |
| St. Francis | 12:45 PM |
- 25 ROTATION**
- |        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Norton | 8:00 AM |
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## February

- 7 ROTATION**
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Lenora   | 8:30 AM  |
| Selden   | 10:00 AM |
| Jennings | 11:45 AM |
| Clayton  | 1:15 PM  |
| Norcatur | 2:00 PM  |
- 8 NWKLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 14 ROTATION**
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| WaKeeney | 9:15 AM  |
| Quinter  | 11:00 AM |
| Collyer  | 12:30 PM |
| Almena   | 2:45 PM  |
- 21 ROTATION**
- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Hoxie      | 8:00 AM  |
| Grainfield | 9:45 AM  |
| Gove       | 11:00 AM |

## March

- 6 ROTATION**
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|----------|--------------------|
| Rexford  | 8:30 AM            |
| Colby    | 9:15 AM            |
| Davis    | 10:30 AM           |
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| Norton | 8:00 AM |
|--------|---------|
- 28 CSLP WORKSHOP at NWKLS–10:00 a.m.**



*\*Rotation times may be subject to change due to weather conditions.*

**If You See News Happening or Have Great Ideas To Share...**

Holding an event in your library that you would like to share or do we need to give someone a pat on the back or do you have a great idea to share? Let us know and get it in the

NWKLS Vertical Files...

**Contact me at:**

**1-800-432-2858 or [tbook@ruraltel.net](mailto:tbook@ruraltel.net).**



# Winter



**Public Librarians.** The 2011 Public Library Survey is open and ready to go. There are only a few changes of note from last year's survey.

**1. Section 9, Resources. Number of Periodicals**

Remember this question? It was the one that asked for some convoluted calculus to add up the number of serial back issues your library had ( if you have this many single issues, count them as one volume, if not they are individual copies). Well, no more. Now the survey only asks for the number of bound book volumes in your library.

**2. Section 9, Resources . Number of Books**

This isn't really new, it's a question brought back out of retirement. It's the same question, we have just added back in the number of books you started the year with (should be the same as you ended 2010 with), the number you added to the collection and the number withdrawn.

**3. Section 6, Operating Income. Mill Levy and Employee Benefits**

This is actually a blast from the past as well. When we changed the survey form a few years ago, we dropped the levy rates for general fund and employee benefits fund, and only asked for the income. The levy rates have been added back into the form this year. You can find your survey at <http://collect.btol.com> . Your ID and password will be the same as last year, but let me know if you threw that post-it note away and you need a reminder.

**The deadline for the survey is Friday February 24, 2012.**



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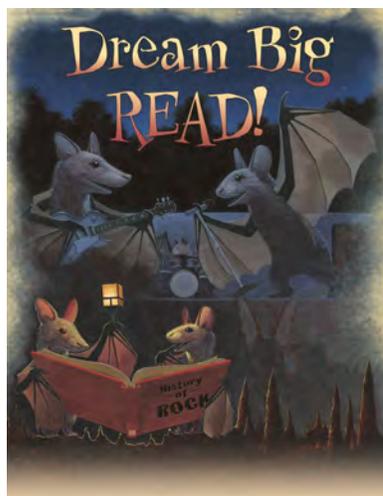
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NWKLS is the place, the date is **March 28th**, the time is 9:30a.m.–3:30p.m. for this year's **Children's Summer Reading Workshop**. Our special morning guest presenter will be Marge Loch-Wouters who will share some exciting ideas of how to implement this year's theme **Dream Big, READ and Own the Night** into your summer reading programs. Here are some sneak peeks of her presentation:

**Podcasting Fun**—download Audacity and let the kids podcast. They can create book reviews or other content that can be mounted on your webpage.

**Science Magic**—easy optical illusions/body tricks/science experiments that can be demonstrated and tried with kids. Make sure exploding rockets are part of the fun.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**—Ask kids to bring a favorite animal to spend an overnight at the library. Tell bedtime stories, tuck them in and the sleepover begins. Once kids are gone, take digital photos of their animals making mischief (and reading) around the library and print a few up to give each child the next day when they pick up their fuzzy friend. **Mardi Gras for Kids**—Laissez le bon temps roulez! A fun child's oriented version of the party in New Orleans. Make masks, decorate carts, have a parade around the library, eat King's cake and more.

The afternoon session will consist of our very own NWKLS member librarians sharing some **Dream Big, READ** themed children's literature as well as activities. Our

hope is the activities and plans will be a great beginning to another fun-filled and exciting **SUMMER READING PROGRAM!** We hope to see all our librarians and friends on **March 28th, 2012.**

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NWKLS  
DIRECTOR

### Around NWKLS...

NWKLS is offering the Gale Virtual Reference Library to member libraries at no cost. The Reference Library is a collection of 135 e-books that can be downloaded onto e-readers. If you are interested in having the MARC Records for these items added to your catalog or if you would like to have link added to your website, call Dave Fischer or Aurelia Jackson at the System.

Dave Fischer and I are traveling around the System providing workshops for library patrons and staff on Kansas EZ Library One Click Digital Download and 3M Cloud Library. We bring the NWKLS collection of e-readers for patrons to look at and share current happenings with Audio Books and E-Books. If you are interested in offering a workshop for your patrons, let us know and we will get you on the schedule.

I am proud to announce that the Decatur County Schools and Graham County Public Library have received LSTA grant funds to upgrade their automation software. Decatur Schools have joined the NWKLS consortium of Verso Libraries and Graham County Public Library upgraded to Verso Illuminar. Grant funds for automation projects will continue to be available, so if you are interested, please send me an email.

Last, but certainly not least, contact your local State Legislator and tell them to support the \$800,000 for library research services and databases recommended by the Governor. Let them know how important internet connectivity is to the library and your local communities, and urge them to maintain current levels of state aid. It is not too late to have your voice heard on these important issues.

## TECHNOLOGY TALK

Isn't the advancement of computers in the last 20 years amazing? In the early 1990's we had the beginning of the World Wide Web to the introduction of Window's 3.1 which effectively made Windows a viable desktop publishing platform for the first time. And now today we can access the internet with a hand held pocket sized device. We are at an age of digital advancement where everything we do is at our finger tips. If we want to do research all we have to do is go on line and search with instant results. In just a few short years we have gone from going to a library to get access to all of our reading material to a brief search on your computer or hand held device. Today we can read or listen to our books by going to a web site to download them. As technology seems to be pulling us away from libraries, I believe libraries are still one of the most important resources that we have available today.



Dave Fischer-  
Technology  
Consultant

As we venture into a new system to download and listen to books we have had some speed bumps and sometimes frustrations. The new **One Click Digital Manager** has been built to replace Overdrive so we can listen to audio books. The overall progress has been slow but is coming together. If you have an Apple device everything seems to work very well. At this point you can manually download your books and transfer them to your device of most types. Currently there are over 2200 books to choose from and more are being added and transferred.

The new **3M eReader** app can currently be used on Apple products and Android phones and tablets. By the end of the month of February we should be able to use 3M on our computers and Nook's. The Kindle is still in the works of being built and no date is set for release at this time.

A Kansas Library Card is necessary to use these services. These can be obtained at any public or school library. More registration options may be available soon. More info may be attained at <http://kslib.info/digital-books.html>

Currently we are offering Workshops through our libraries to help everyone understand the way these devices work and keep our patrons up to date.

Article by: Aurelia Jackson

This month's spotlight is on:

Wakeeney  
City Library

Pat Hammond-

NWKLS-ILL/Rotation and Talk Book Coordinator



## Pat's Member Watch

- ◆ Rayna Kopriva, Gove City Librarian reports that her doctors are encouraged by her latest test results and she wishes to thank all her prayer warriors out there for their love and support through this very difficult time.
- ◆ More exciting additions at Norcatour Public Library as they announce a new librarian-Betsy Jakowski. Congratulations and welcome Betsy!
- ◆ NWKLS would like to take this opportunity to thank Norton Public Library staff for the delicious breakfast they hosted for us on February 9th.

## Linda's Book Corner~Best Books and DVD's



**Ameritopia . The Unmaking of America-by. Mark Levin**

President Ronald Reagan warned, "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."



**Through My Eyes-By. Tim Tebow**

Tim Tebow is the former Heisman Trophy winning quarterback of the Denver Broncos. This is his story...



**Home Front. Kristin Hannah**

All marriages have a breaking point. All families have wounds. All wars have a cost. . . .



**The Help. Based on the Novel by. Kathryn Stockett**

**DVD Review.** December 18, 2011. "This is a great adaption of the book. Yes, some details were left out of the movie, but the story was uncluttered and had amazing actors!"



Linda Keith NWKLS-

Collection Development/ILL Coordinator



# NWKLS

## 2012 Summer Reading Workshop

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

9:30AM – 3:30 PM

NWKLS/NPL Meeting Room

#2 Washington Square

Norton, Kansas

Phone: 785-877-5148 or 1-800-432-2858



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### AGENDA

- 9:30-10:00 Registration
- 10:00-11:30 Marge Loch-Wouters Presentation (Part I)
- 11:30-11:50 Mid Morning Break-Refreshments
- 11:50-1:00 Marge Loch-Wouters (Part II)
- 1:00-2:00 Lunch-Taco Salad/Bar (NWKLS Sponsored)
- 2:00-3:30 Special Presenters- Marcy Melia, Cindy Eller  
Judy Kleinsorge and Mary Boller will  
present *STORY IDEAS* and *ACTIVITIES*  
for the *DREAM BIG: READ*

## DREAM BIG: READ

### MARGE LOCH-WOUTERS

Join Marge Loch-Wouters, storyteller, children's librarian and blogger as she takes you on an eye-opening journey into ways to re-examine your SLP and make the most of scarce time, scarce money and scarce staffing to create summer wonder and fun for kids - and you - at your library.



### NWKLS Summer Reading Workshop 2012

Registration Deadline March 21, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

For any questions or to register contact Mary Boller @ 785-877-5148 or [tbook@ruraltel.net](mailto:tbook@ruraltel.net). Librarians can also register @ <http://www.nwcls.org> by clicking on Workshop Registration.

#### Children's Consultant-Upcoming Scheduled Events.

March 9th-Northern Valley Schools 6 by 6 Presentation

April 11th. Presenting 6 by 6 Recipe Cards - KLA

March 28th. CSLP Summer Workshop at NWKLS

April 18th. Northern Valley Schools Story Hour

March 31st. 6 by 6 Presentation- 5th Annual KASL District Meeting

April 22-27th. Family Place Library Training- NYC

May 4th. KLCY Meeting in Salina



## ~ LIBRARY News From Topeka ~

### New Program Series. "The Library as Community Center"

This Spring, the State Library of Kansas will work with several Kansas librarians to present a new online program series called , "The Library as Community Center." This series addresses several questions:

- ◆ How can a library become absolutely necessary to high quality of life in the community?
- ◆ How a can a library develop an active, interactive, mutually rewarding relationship with the community?
- ◆ How can a library be regarded as am essential agency by the community leadership?

*There are many topics that could address these concerns, but a long list was refined to four selected programs.*

### The Conversation Business.

Brenda Hough, Northeast System and Shannon Roy, State Library

Tuesday, March 13, 2:00-4:00

Brenda will be building on David Lankes ideas on "new librarianship." He develops the concept that knowledge is created through conversation. Libraries are in the knowledge business therefor libraries are in the conversation business. "New Librarians" approach all aspects of their work as facilitators of conversation. Librarians seek to enrich, capture, store and disseminate the conversations of their communities. Shannon will relate these ideas to the development of welcoming library environments.

### Going Social to Get Local: Engaging Your Community via Social Media.

Susan Brown and Rachel Smalter Hall, Lawrence Public Library

Wednesday, March 28th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00

The Lawrence librarians will build on the central idea that constant conversation and shared information needs to take place between the library and the community.

### Engaging the Library in Community Planning.

Eric Gustafson, Derby Public Library

Tuesday, May 8th, 10:00-12:00

Eric will draw on experiences in both Hiawatha and Derby on being at the table for community planning. It not only makes the library more visible, but wins respect for the library as an important agency, vitally involved with community issues.

### Collections and Community:

Marcia Allen, Manhattan Public Library and Diana Weaver, Basehor Community Library

Thursday, May 24th, 10:00-12:00

Marcia will talk about interacting with the community while collections are being developed. Diana will talk about helping community residents become comfortable with eBooks and familiar with what they have to offer.

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Check the State Website for more information: <http://www.kslib.info/>



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# From the Cat's Corner

## Catalogue Nightmares

Kindles, E-readers, and downloadable books are a cataloger's challenge. Sometimes an electronic (downloadable) copy of a book is included with the print version. Sometimes, on the *Title Page Verso*, the ISBN number for the electronic copy is included with the print ISBN numbers; consequently, these are also included on the MARC record for the item. When searching for an item, electronic copies show a *BOOK ICON* and the words *Electronic Resource* included in parenthesis with the title. This is a MARC record for the downloadable copy. It's listed with the *BOOK ICON* because it is an exact digital copy of the printed version, and is read on a Kindle or E-reader just as one would read the physical version. So, heads up! When copy cataloging, if you see *Electronic Resource* along with the title, use these records only when adding *Digital Books* to your collection.

*ZZ BRIEFS* are popping up all over the NorWest Passage data base as more libraries are using these for Interlibrary loan tracking and checkout. Just be sure to delete these records when the item is no longer a part of your collection.

Reading on,  
~Aurelia



Aurelia Jackson- NWKLS  
Assistant Director/  
School Consultant and Cataloger



## SCHOOL NEWS...

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> KASL District meeting at the Hoxie High School. NWKLS's own Mary Boller and George Seamon will be presenting the 6 by 6 State program, and showcasing technology. Mona Coupal, District President, has created an interesting program that should give all attendee's something they can take back to their schools. Aurelia and Mary are still building the rotating collections just for school libraries. These collections will feature Newbery Books, William Allen White, Caldecott and other notable books as well as new titles hot off of the presses! Northern Valley, Weskan, Grainfield and Brewster have already expressed interest in receiving these collections. If your school is interested, please contact NWKLS!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Full System Board meeting, and will showcase a special morning session just for School Librarians! June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first ever NWKLS School Library mini-conference. Professional Development Points will be given.

Zoning in,  
~Aurelia  
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# 2012 NWKLS CALENDAR

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- 28 CSLP WORKSHOP at NWKLS-9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

## April

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 Lenora 8:00 AM  
 Selden 10:00 AM  
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*\*Rotation times may be subject to change due to weather conditions.*

**If You See News Happening or Have Great Ideas To Share...**

Holding an event in your library, would you like to give someone a pat on the back or do you just have a great idea to share? Let us know so we can include it in the Files...



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## SUMMER READING KICK-OFF HUGE SUCCESS



This year's **DREAM BIG: READ**

**Summer Reading Workshop** was a fun-filled and engaging time. Our first presenter Marge Loch-Wouters kept us laughing all morning and gave lots of insightful tips on how to, "work smarter, not harder!" Sometimes we forget just what a difference we are making in our communities. Marge eagerly took every opportunity to remind all our librarians the impact they are making on not only the children, but on their communities as a whole.

### Staff

Director: *George Seamon*

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Collection Development/ILL: *Linda Keith*

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BPH /Children's Consultant: *Mary Boller*

Technology Consultant: *Dave Fischer*



Our three afternoon presenters, **Judy Kleinsorge-Pioneer Memorial Library**, **Cindy Eller-Sheridan County Library** and **Marcy Melia-Goodland Public Library** did a fantastic job of providing hands-on projects and lots of book ideas for this summer's theme **Dream Big: READ**. NWKLS would like to extend a very special thank you to all the presenters and to all who were able to attend!

### **NWKLS MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Northwest Kansas Library System is to provide service where it exists in the participating counties and to provide library service where it does not exist.

### **NWKLS VISION STATEMENT**

The Northwest Kansas Library System will lead the quest for information sharing through innovative services and technology for member libraries.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



George Seamon-NWKLS  
DIRECTOR

"The library is a dinosaur from a bygone era!" "Who needs a library when you have Google, ebooks, and the Internet!" These are just a few of the comments that I have heard in my travels across the region doing training and consulting or when I tell someone "I am a librarian". After such an encounter, I find myself questioning my career choice and asking myself weather these comments are true.

What I have discovered is, No! Libraries are not dinosaurs from a bygone era! And yes, everyone needs a library in their community. The problem is not the institution, but the antiquated thinking of those who don't know what a library is or what a librarian does in a single day.

According to R. David Lankes in his latest book The Atlas of New Librarianship, and who I might add spoke at the latest KLA Conference in Wichita, he says, "The mission of libraries is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities".

This is what a library is and should strive to be! Our communities need to be at the center of who we are and what we do. We have allowed our collections, policies, and buildings to dictate what and who we are, instead of the other way around. We are not in competition with Google, Amazon, Netflix, or the Internet; these are merely tools we use to help our communities. This is the message we need to share with our communities. This is the idea we need to take into our hearts and use to make our libraries the heart and soul of our communities by providing our communities what they need.

I saw a great example of this not long ago while I was enjoying a television show on the website Hulu. On Hulu, they show commercials much like on television, and a commercial ran for Google, which showed how information could be discovered by "Googling". Yet the discovery they highlighted led to a library website that had a digital archive of historic letters. Google helped a scholar find a letter, he had been searching for most of his career, which was housed, cataloged, and made accessible by a Library. That library is "improving society through facilitating knowledge creation" on a large scale; we can do it on a smaller scale and make northwest Kansas the best place to live.

Thank you, for all you do and I hope you continue to discover new ways to serve your community.



Dave Fischer-  
Technology  
Consultant

## *From the Technology Corner*

After going to the KLA Ereader workshop with Liann Flax, we have found that things have finally settled down and some great improvements have been made in the 3M App and the One Click Digital Manager. The Kindle app is still in the works, however a 3<sup>rd</sup> party app has been discovered that will work on the Kindle Fire for now. I have developed an instruction sheet on how to use and install it on the Kindle Fire and please, feel free to share it with your patrons.

During the Spring Full System Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> I will be speaking in the afternoon on the improvements and will be giving a brief demonstration on how things work with the 3M app and the One Click Digital Manager as well as the Kindle Fire 3<sup>rd</sup> party app and other devices. Hope to see you all there on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

~Dave

# The LIBRARY BLOTTER

Article by: Mary Boller



Left to right, Judy Fawcett, Candy Colby, Director–Mary Luehrs, Terry Hillman, Bette Townsend, and Rosalie McMullen, Not pictured: Eric Becker, Laura Brooks and Volunteer, Geraldine Packer

## This month's Library Spotlight is on: Norton Public Library

Norton Public Library proudly serves the communities of Norton, Phillipsburg, Prairie View, Beaver City, Lenora, Oberlin and Logan. "The mission of the Norton Public Library is to serve with a smile," said Director Mary Luehrs. Norton Public is pleased to offer its patrons and the community many new and exciting services this year.

The Norton Public Library is in the process of creating a wonderful 6 by 6 children's area. The 6 by 6 Kansas state-wide initiative is working with parents, caregivers and their children birth to six, to incorporate into their play the six skills that help to develop strong readers and in turn life-long learners. Norton with a grant from NWKLS has begun to create this wonderful area for parents to interact with, play with and read with their young children. For more information visit the library.



Other exciting programs currently underway at the Norton Public Library are **Monday at the Movies**, Thursday morning **Children's Story time**, a new **Teen Area**, **Chess Club**, and **Ereader** training for the public. As always remember that the Community Room is available for community members or groups to use as well.

Upcoming events at the Norton Public Library include the **Summer Reading Program** which begins May 22nd and runs through August 9th. This year as well the library will host a **Scholastic Book Fair** from May 22nd–May 25th. Come in and enjoy the refreshingly friendly staff, the collections of books, movies, games and much, much more.

Remember the happening place is at the Norton Public Library!



Linda Keith NWKLS–  
Collection Development/ILL  
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### Linda's Book Corner

May–June picks...



David Baldacci's– *The Innocent*  
America has enemies–ruthless people that the police, the FBI, even the military can't stop. That's when the U.S. government calls Will Robie, a stone cold hitman who never questions orders and always nails his target. But Will Robie may have just made the first– and the last–mistake of his career...



### My Story, My Song

By: Lucimarian Roberts

*Good Morning America* viewers have come to know and love Lucimarian Roberts, the 88 mother of co–anchor Robin Roberts. On the day after hurricane Katrina blew through the Gulf Coast, they watched Robin standing amid the remnants of her hometown, recount the desperate search for her mother–and her return to safety. This memoir shares pivotal moments in Lucimarian Roberts' intriguing life, revealing how God sustained her with strength and hope.



### The Pioneer Woman Cooks

Ree Drummond

Once upon a time I fell in love with a cowboy. A strapping, rugged, chaps–wearing cowboy. Then I married him, moved to his ranch, had his babies and wound up loving it. *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food From My Frontier* is a mouthwatering collection of the simple–but–scrumptious recipes that rotate through my kitchen on a regular basis. I hope you enjoy, devour, and love this book. I sure did love making it for you.



# NWKLS

## 2012 Spring Full System Board Meeting/Workshop

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

9:30AM — 4:00 PM

### Agenda

- 9:30–10:00 Registration
- 10:00–12:00 Dale–Marie Bryan–Author, Educator and Curriculum Writer
- 12:00–1:00 LUNCH on your own/ BOOK GIVEAWAY
- 12:00–1:00 Executive Committee Meeting
- 1:00–2:00 Wayne Purinton–Author *“Journey Back from Vietnam”*
- 2:00–2:30 Dave Fischer– NWKLS Technology Consultant–eReaders Update
- 2:30 Full System Board Meeting

#### Wayne Purinton–Author

*When Wayne Purinton was nineteen, feeling it was his patriotic duty, he decided to volunteer for service to his country. Soon after, Wayne—a gentle, innocent farm boy from Kansas who had never shot at anything bigger than a pheasant—was flung into the jungles of Vietnam and told to track down and kill the enemies of his country.*

#### Dale–Marie Bryan Presentation “An Apple A Day”

*Dale–Marie uses her training in critical thinking to empower and encourage teachers and students by sharing experiences, tools and ideas they can put to use.*

2012 Full System Meeting/Workshop Registration Deadline May 7th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

For any questions or to register contact Aurelia Jackson -[nwklscat@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwklscat@ruraltel.net) or phone 785-877-5148



## ~ LIBRARY News From Topeka ~

As you all know, we entered into a Request for Proposal in October, you all evaluated over 100 databases from Dec. 15, 2011 through March 15, 2012 and the Decision-making Committee met on April 5th. The SLK, the Kansas Department of Administration and the Attorney General's Office worked through the contracts, licenses and "exceptions" -- and negotiated to everyone's satisfaction.

**Please remember that this subscription cannot be finalized until the Legislature has finalized the budget for next fiscal year.** There is, however, \$800,000 in the SLK budget for statewide research databases to be accessible to all Kansans.

This is the list of vendors with whom we will have contracts beginning August 1, 2012: Here is the list of all of the databases included in the packages we are pursuing for the statewide subscription:

### **EBSCO Premier Package (includes all of the products EBSCO proposed)**

Academic Search Premier  
Agricola  
Applied Science & Technology Abstracts  
Art Abstracts  
Art Full Text  
Education Abstract  
Fuente Academica  
GreenFILE  
Legal Collection  
Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection  
Religion and Philosophy Collection  
TOPICSearch  
ERIC  
Auto Repair Reference Center  
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Small Business Reference Library  
Regional Business News  
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LISTA  
MAS Ultra  
MasterFILE Premier  
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Alternative Health Watch  
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European Views of the Americas (1493-1750)  
History Reference Center  
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Book Collection Non-fiction (elementary school edition)  
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Book Collection Non-fiction (middle school edition)

### **Encyclopedia Britannica**

Britannica Online Academic Edition  
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Spanish Reference Center

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### **Mango Languages**

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# From the Cat's Corner



Aurelia Jackson- NWKLS  
Assistant Director/  
School Consultant and Cat-



It is May and time for the GIVE-A-WAY. Pat has been weeding from the Rotation Collection. Everything from 2007 (and older) has been pulled and is waiting for a new home. Please take time to stop by on May the 9<sup>th</sup> and choose some new-to-your-library items! You do NOT have to have them cataloged through the system, nor do I need any cards, etc. All you have to do is take the books. If you CANNOT come on the 9<sup>th</sup>, please stop by if you are in the Norton area, and browse the selection. I spied some Lilian Jackson Braun, J.A. Jance, and Charlene Harris waiting to be chosen!

Reading on,  
Aurelia



## SCHOOL NEWS...

School is almost out!!! And it's time for School Librarians to re-charge, preparing for another school year. Be sure and mark you calendar's for two special re-charge days: May the 9<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a special presentation by **Dale-Marie Bryan on teaching to the "core" with *An Apple A Day***. June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first-ever NWKLS School librarian workshop. Professional Development Points will be given.

Coming next school year will be the first-ever NWKLS School Rotation. Mary and I have been choosing books that will be rotated to your libraries during the school year. These include the Newberry Award Winners, William Allen White choices, and books from the ALA best books for Young Adults lists. Sign up if you are interested!

Mary and I had a fun time at the Northern Valley Elementary School Library on April 18<sup>th</sup> with John Vincent. If you would like our duo to do your library time, call and make a date. We enjoy getting into the school libraries and "brushing off" our skills! Thank you John.

Zoning in,

Aurelia (nwkscat@ruraltel.net)

Need help knowing what subjects to give some items? Try out **authorities.loc.gov** for the Library of Congress subject and MARC database.

Pat Hammond-

NWKLS-ILL/Rotation and  
Talk Book Coordinator



## Pat's Member Watch

~Wow, Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby is certainly getting a "face-lift" or should we say "library lift." From the new porcelain floors grooved like hardwood, to new carpet, fresh paint, new drapes, new curtains and wonderful new art work. Congratulations Pioneer for undertaking this great challenge. Your community and patrons will love the new look on your grand re-opening May 18<sup>th</sup>!

~ Congratulations to Bird City Public Library and to St. Francis Public Library, they were both recipients of a *2012 Kansas Book Festival Grants*. The grants are funded through corporate sponsors of the 2012 Kansas Book Festival.



## Two Northwest Kansas Libraries Selected to Receive *Family Place Library* Grants

Goodland Public Library and Pioneer Memorial Library have each been chosen to receive a Family Place Library Grant from the Northwest Kansas Smart Start Program in conjunction with their goal to improve early literacy services in Northwest Kansas. Through the grant **Marcy Melia**—Children's Librarian at Goodland Public and **Judy Kleinsorge**—Children's Librarian at Pioneer Memorial were sent to a week of training at the main branch of Family Place Library in Centereach, NY to kick off this wonderful initiative. Maureen Ostmeyer, Smart Start Project Director and Mary Boller, Children's Consultant at Northwest Kansas Library System were also invited to attend the week long training in New York to learn how this initiative may be used as a model in other libraries across Kansas.

### The History of Family Place.

*The first Family Place Training Institute, based upon a new interdisciplinary training curriculum, was offered in 1999. Since then 435 librarians from 25 states have attended the Training Institute and joined the national network of Family Place Libraries. Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development. Family Place Libraries redesign the library environment to be welcoming and appropriate for children beginning at birth; connect parents with the resources, programs and services offered at the library and other family service agencies; and reach out to non-traditional library users. This creates the network families need to nurture their children's development during the critical first years of life and helps ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn.*



### The Core Components of a Family Place Library.

**Collections** of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, parents and service providers

**A Specially Designed, Welcoming Space** within the children's area for families with young children

A five week program that involves toddlers and their parents and caregivers; features local professionals who serve as resources for parents; emphasizes the role of parents as the first teachers of their children; facilitates early intervention; and teaches strategies for healthy child development and early literacy

**Coalition—Building with Community Agencies** that serve families and young children to connect parents to community resources and develop programs and services tailored to meet local needs

**Outreach to New and Non-Traditional Library Users**, especially parents and very young children (beginning at birth)

**Developmentally Appropriate Programming** for very young children and their parents

**Library Staff Trained in Family Support**, child development, parent education and best practices

To learn more, visit— <http://www.familyplacelibraries.org>

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 Lenora 8:00 AM  
 Selden 10:00 AM  
 Jennings 11:45 AM  
 Clayton 1:15 PM  
 Norcatur 2:00 PM
- 12 ROTATION**  
 WaKeeney 8:30 AM  
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 Hoxie 8:00 AM  
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## Sensational Guest Speakers Visit NWKLS

The largest crowd in NWKLS history spent a fun-filled day on May the 9<sup>th</sup> for the Full System Board meeting in Norton. Librarians and guests were treated to two wonderful speakers, author, Wayne Purinton and motivational school curriculum speaker, Dale-Marie Bryan.



NWKLS guests and librarians were honored to welcome to Norton the author of *Journey Back from Vietnam - One Soldier's Long Road Home from War*, Wayne Purinton. Wayne shared with guests his experiences as a young soldier during the Vietnam war and how the letters he wrote home later found in his parent's closet, helped spark his desire to write about his experiences and about his very long journey home! Wayne has traveled back to Vietnam since the war, and shared many pieces of memorabilia he has collected. Thank you

Wayne for not only your service to your country, but the opportunity to help us understand your difficult and emotional journey.

The morning was filled with Dale-Marie sharing her creative ideas with school and public librarians. She brought out the apples and took us all to the "core" of expanding our outreach to our communities. She also shared how to add flair to both lessons plans at school as well as to reading programs being given in our public libraries. She demonstrated how each experience can become an enhanced learning moment, and how important it is for our children to see us learning and exploring right along with them. Working with the apples was a creative example of how to expand our learning experiences and share those lessons with our children.



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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We have a lot of exciting projects in the works at Northwest Kansas Library System.

**George Seamon-**  
**NWKLS Director**

- ◆ We are in the process of finishing the system's automation project, which some of you might have noticed in the most recent rotation stops. We began an evaluation of the collection in June that involved weeding and a drawdown of collection sizes, so that we can wrap up this project. For the remainder of 2012, the rotation collection size will be limited, however we intended on bringing levels back up in 2013. We will be unveiling a new rotation procedure at the October Full System Meeting and the distribution of a rotation survey in August to get an idea of the collection size that your library needs/wants delivered on future rotations. This is an exciting step for the system and for our member libraries, so please be patient as we move forward.
- ◆ The E-Reader/E-Book/Kansas EZ Library Workshops continue to be successful for staff, patrons, and boards, so if you are interested in hosting one of these workshops in your library, please send us an email or call us to get on the schedule.
- ◆ We will also be unveiling the process for purchasing E-Books/Digital Audio Books through the system at the October Full System Meeting, so if you are interested in purchasing E-Content through the system or on your own, or have questions, please join us in the fall.
- ◆ The process for purchasing physical materials through the system is evolving. We are streamlining the process, so that turnaround time is shorter, and the selection process is easier. We now provide a username and password so that librarians can go directly into Ingram and create a selection list. The librarian will be able to add items to the list, check availability of items, check the total cost, and edit the list as needed. Once you have selected the titles you want, email or call the system and the order will be processed. When the materials arrive, we check to make sure the items have all arrived and ship them on to the library through Courier or other means. If you are interested, please call Linda or George at the system and we will get you set up and trained.

- ◆ The New Public Library Standards for the State of Kansas have debuted for comments. It is important that you take a look at these standards and voice concerns or favor for the standards so that they will be usable and understandable. After this period of comment, changes and adaptations will be made to meet the concerns voiced by Public Librarians. If you have any comments, please send them to George Seamon so that he can pass them on to the Standards Committee. The Standards can be found at: <http://systems.mykansaslbrary.org/>.

Thank you for all that you do to make Northwest Kansas great and let us know what we can do to help.

## *A Very Special Welcome*



NWKLS is pleased to welcome Alice Evans as our new Business Manager. Alice is married to Scott Evans of Norton and is the proud mother of two

grown sons. Alice comes to us with 31 years experience with the school district here in Norton. She has served as a treasurer and clerk for the Board of Education and most recently as the Business Secretary at Norton High School. With a very impressive resume, her quick smile, and an easy, helpful manner, Alice has quickly won the hearts of our staff and the librarians we serve. Join us in welcoming Alice!

The next time you call NWKLS, Alice's friendly voice is the one you are most likely to hear!



# The LIBRARY BLOTTER

Article by: Aurelia Jackson

## This month's Library Spotlight is on: Northwest Kansas Heritage Center

The Northwest Kansas Heritage Center is located in Brewster, Kansas, just a hop, skip, and jump off of I-70. In March, 1975, Brewster began a bi-centennial project which included a library and museum. What began in one room in a former bank has now grown to two rooms, annexing the old American Legion Building which was established in Brewster August, 1888.

Betty Wolfe has served as Librarian/Curator since 1997. In addition to her Library duties, she arranges displays. This includes dressing the mannequins. She personally styles their hair and creates their period outfits.

One special feature of the library is the original bank vault. This is currently used to store the Genealogy and History of Brewster collections.

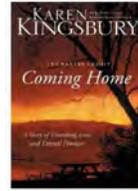
The library is open Monday through Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday's 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. To view the museum, call Betty Wolfe. She will arrange to have it open.

So, if you are on 1-70 and want to take a refreshing stop, hop into Brewster and visit the Northwest Kansas Heritage Center.



## Linda's Book Corner

July-August picks..



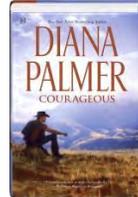
### Coming Home

By: Karen Kingsbury

Coming Home is a novel about tremendous victory and unprecedented loss, a story of faith and a forever kind of love, love that will stay with you long after the last page. This stand-alone novel will serve as either a grand introduction or a beautiful conclusion in the saga of the Baxter Family. The Baxters make plans to come together for a summer lakeside reunion, a celebration like they haven't had in years.

Linda Keith- NWKLS

Collection  
Development/ILL



### Courageous

By: Diana Palmer

The life of a paid mercenary makes sense to Special Forces Officer Winslow Grange. The jungles of South America may make his former job as a ranch manager for his friend Jay Pendleton look like a cakewalk, but it's nothing that the former Green Beret can't handle. A woman's heart, however—that's dangerous territory. Back in Texas, Grange's biggest problem was avoiding Peg Larson and all the complications being attracted to the daughter of his foreman would entail.



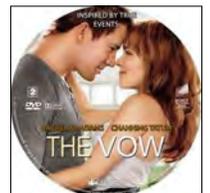
### The Amateur

By: Edward Klein

Isn't it about time you knew the truth about Barack Obama? You won't — not until you've read *The Amateur* by Edward Klein. In *The Amateur*, Edward Klein exposes the ultimate amateur, President Barack Obama. And in this shocking exposé, author Edward Klein also unveils one of the most clandestine White Houses in history.

### DVD Pick: The Vow

A husband endeavors to win back his new bride's heart after she loses her memory in a tragic car accident in this romantic drama starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum.





## ~ LIBRARY News From Topeka ~

### *June 19th News Release:*

This week the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project will release a new report on public libraries and e-book borrowing that is a companion to The Rise of E-Reading report released in April. The basic headlines of the report are that a modest number of patrons have started to borrow e-books and that many patrons are still not even aware that this service is offered by their library. The report also quotes extensively from librarians about their interactions with patrons and with publishers related to e-books.

This work is part of a three-year effort funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to study the role of libraries in users' lives and in their communities. The release time for the newest report will be 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 22 – leading right into the ALA Annual Conference, where Project Director Lee Rainie will discuss the research on Sunday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m. We anticipate there will be coverage in Friday morning newspapers, radio programs, news websites and perhaps TV. As one member of the project's Library Advisory Group, ALA wanted to get the word out that this report is coming so you may prepare your own stats and stories (especially about e-book borrowing) to share with local media when the story breaks.

Pew also has offered to provide an early (embargoed) copy of the report to media in your community if they request one. The people to whom you can refer reporters seeking to cover this report are Lee Rainie at [lrainie@pewinternet.org](mailto:lrainie@pewinternet.org) and 202-419-4510 and Kathryn Zickuhr at [kzickuhr@pewinternet.org](mailto:kzickuhr@pewinternet.org) and 202-419-4518.

### *Children's Library News:*

This summer, the AAP is hosting an art contest for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The theme is "A Healthy Start to Your Day", and the winner receives a \$500 prize and a trip to New Orleans. As the school year is now over for most schools, we are looking for ways to publicize the contest in order to receive as many entries as possible.

The link to the contest is: <http://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/Pages/Enter-for-a-Chance-to-Win-in-the-AAP-Art-Contest.aspx?nfstatus=401&nftoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a+No+local+token&nfstatus=401&nftoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a+No+local+token>

Thanks for your Help,  
~Nicole Schneider

# From the Cat's Corner



Aurelia Jackson- NWKLS  
Assistant Director/  
School Consultant and Cataloger



One of the frequent questions I'm asked is how to tell the reading level of items I catalog. How do you know if they belong in the Easy section of the library or if they are Juvenile Fiction? Here are some of the "rules of thumb" that staff at NWKLS use to determine item location.

- The number of words on each page.
- The size of the letters of the words.
- The size of the illustrations.
- The topic of the item.
- The age level given by the publisher (this is sometimes included with the cataloging data).

When categorizing an Easy book, Mary suggests looking for no more than 2 or 3 sentences per page, with large pictures. If you are creating a MARC (or searching MARC records), look for an [E] in the 082 field. A Juvenile Fiction will have a [JF]. A book for young adults will have a [YA]. In more complete MARC records a 521 field shows the age/grade level of the item.

Do you have your own "rule of thumb"? Let us know!

Reading on,  
Aurelia



Pat Hammond-  
NWKLS-ILL/Rotation and  
Talk Book Coordinator

## Pat's Member Watch

### Rotation Book Weeding

NWKLS is presently in the process of removing from our rotating collection all books with a stamped date prior to 2009. We are diligently working to automate our entire rotation collection and hope to have the process completed by January 1st of 2013.

Unfortunately, this will mean that fewer books will be left during our normal rotations for the next couple of months. It may be a slight inconvenience now, but be assured a much more efficient rotating system in 2013. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding in this transition and look forward to bigger, better things in 2013!

## SCHOOL NEWS...

It's been noted that there is a gap between the skills and abilities students have when they graduate from high school and those they need to enter and succeed in college. In an effort to close the gap, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has chosen a three-prong plan that they are urging schools to implement. These three prongs are: Quantitative measures (the Lexile or AR standards), Qualitative measures (looking for levels of meaning, purpose, structure and organization in texts.) and the Reader (the personality, needs, and abilities of the student.) They are asking the Library Media Specialists to lead the schools in analyzing the texts used in each district using a rubric developed by the Text Team at KSDE and the Common Core Standards adopted by Kansas. If I am understanding the information I received correctly, students will not only be tested on a computerized blanket test in English this coming school year, but will be asked to write with supporting data about what they have read. This is an effort to have teachers pull away from teaching to the test, and encouraging teachers to "teach to the core." If you are interested in seeing these Common Core Standards, go to [www.ksde.org/kscommoncore](http://www.ksde.org/kscommoncore) and click on RESOURCES. If you want to receive a copy of the Qualitative rubric, please call/write/email me and I will send you one.

Zoning in,  
Aurelia ([nwklscat@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwklscat@ruraltel.net))

# Children's News

Children's and Talking  
Books  
Consultant



## DREAM BIG: READ



Children "Dream Big" at Selden Library

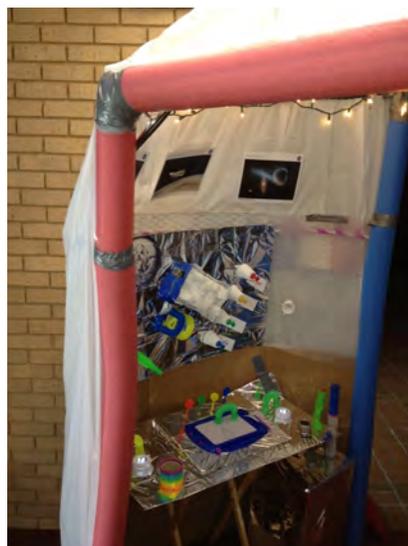
By Judy Rogers



The Selden Public Library concluded their children's summer reading program "Dream Big-Read" on Monday, June 25. Over 35 children filled the library for the four Mondays in June for this annual program. This was the largest group of children to attend summer reading in Selden in the over twenty years they have hosted the program.

This summer's theme took the children through the night as they read about slumber parties and sleeping bags, night owls, stars, and dreams. The children checked out a read well over 300 books during June. Although the sessions have concluded, children are encouraged to continue to visit the library during regular hours and continue to enjoy reading throughout the summer. The teen reading program "Own the Night" encourages older readers to read throughout the summer. They will conclude with an evening program later in July. The library is open on Monday mornings from 9-11 am, Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm, and on Saturday morning from 9-11 am.

**Sheridan County Public Library in Hoxie Blasted off this Summer with the Dream Big: READ theme too...what a wonderful space adventure!!**



# 2012 NWKLS CALENDAR—Rotation times subject to change due to weather

## July

|                                             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>3 ROTATION</b>                           |                     |
| Rexford                                     | 8:00 AM             |
| Colby                                       | 9:15 AM             |
| Davis                                       | 10:30 AM            |
| Brewster                                    | 11:00 AM            |
| Goodland                                    | 1:30 PM (12:30 MT)  |
| <b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY—SYSTEM CLOSED</b>     |                     |
| <b>10 ROTATION</b>                          |                     |
| Oakley                                      | 9:00 AM             |
| Wallace                                     | 11:15 AM            |
| Weskan                                      | 11:45 AM (10:45 MT) |
| Sharon Springs                              | 12:15 PM (11:15 MT) |
| <b>11 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING—Colby</b> |                     |
| <b>17 ROTATION</b>                          |                     |
| Oberlin                                     | 8:15 AM             |
| Bird City                                   | 11:15 AM            |
| St. Francis                                 | 12:45 PM            |
| <b>18 ROTATION</b>                          |                     |
| Norton                                      | 8:00 AM             |

## August

|                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>6 ROTATION—(Due to Election on Tuesday the 7th)</b> |            |
| Lenora                                                 | 8:00 AM    |
| Selden                                                 | 10:00 AM   |
| Jennings                                               | 11:45 AM   |
| Clayton                                                | 1:15 PM    |
| Norcatour                                              | 2:00 PM    |
| <b>8 NWKLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Colby</b>               |            |
| <b>14 ROTATION</b>                                     |            |
| WaKeeney                                               | 8:30 AM    |
| Quinter                                                | 10:30 AM   |
| Collyer                                                | 11:45 PM   |
| Almena                                                 | 2:30 PM    |
| <b>21 ROTATION</b>                                     |            |
| Hoxie                                                  | 8:00 AM    |
| Grainfield                                             | 9:45 AM    |
| Gove                                                   | 11:00 AM   |
| Grinnell                                               | 12:00 Noon |

## September

|                                             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>3 LABOR DAY—SYSTEM CLOSED</b>            |                     |
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## Norton Public Library and Northwest Kansas Library System Celebrate 20 years at 1 Washington Square



Contributed by: *Mary Luehers-Director of Norton Public Library*



**On July 19th, 1992**

the dream of many people was realized when the Norton Public Library and Northwest Kansas Library System at 1 Washington Square were dedicated. Through the hard work of many community members, the Norton Public Library Foundation, the Norton Public Library Board and staff, the Kansas State Library and the Northwest Kansas Library System Board and staff, funding was gathered, plans were made and the new library was on its way to becoming a reality. Today, twenty years later it is still a sense of pride for our community and its residents.

**On July 19th, 2012**

the Norton Public Library and NWKLS had a special celebration to thank the people



of the area for their wonderful support and patronage. Some of the highlights of the event were a Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure program for children and adults and a special evening presentation by Lemuel Sheppard from Pittsburg, Kansas. Over 80 community members were humored, enlightened and entertained by Lem's storytelling abilities. Local authors Mai Carlson, Ward Foley, Randa Vollertsen, Shelley Harshbarger and Jack Woodyard were also on hand to present their books and talk to guests one on one. We can only hope to proudly serve our community for another 20 years!

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George Seamon  
NWKLS DIRECTOR

### *Up to the Minute Library News*

#### **E-Rate Training Seminars Average Savings from Kansas Libraries applying for E-Rate is 71.2%**

Each of the full-day sessions will be from 9 am to 4 pm. To register, call Don Brown at (785) 296-0519 or the Hotline number (866) 372-8302. Online registration is available at: [www.kan-ed.org/index.php?option=com\\_forme&fid=1](http://www.kan-ed.org/index.php?option=com_forme&fid=1)

**Monday, October 22** (785) 628-5305

Fort Hays State University Hays, KS Stouffer Lounge, Room 222

**Tuesday, October 23** (877) 619-9090

The Dodge House Hotel & Convention Center 2408 West Wyatt Earp

**Wednesday, October 24** (316) 686-7131

Holiday Inn Select Wichita 549 S. Rock Road

**Thursday, October 25** (785) 272-8040

Holiday Inn Holidome 605 SW Fairlawn Road Topeka, KS

#### **Kansas Book Festival, Sept. 15th**

Come by and visit our booth at the 2012 Kansas Book Festival! The State Library and Kansas Center for the Book, will recognize the 2012 Kansas Notable Books Award winners at a ceremony from noon to 1pm.

#### **Kansas Book Festival Grants**

Check back for grant applications for public and school libraries. Visit the Kansas Book Festival online for more details.

#### **SnapShot Day Results**

Thanks to all who participated in our SnapShot Day survey. It has been decided that SnapShot Day will continue to be held the week of November 11-17.

#### **The State Library Advisory Board Meeting Rescheduled**

**When:** October 12, 2012

**Where:** Topeka Shawnee County Public Library in Menniger 206

**When:** 9:30 am

#### **Statewide Literary Events**

##### *Deaf Awareness Week, Meet the Author series*

The Deaf Cultural Center in Olathe has announced a series of guest speakers centered on deaf culture in literature. Admission is Free. September 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:30pm JCCC, 12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS.

##### *National Book Festival*

Kansas Center for the Book will be represented at the 2012 National Book Festival, hosted by the Library of Congress, Sept. 22-23, on the National Mall. Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool, a 2011 Kansas Notable Book winner, will be featured in this year's Great Reads about Great Places booklist.



Dave Fischer-  
Technology  
Consultant

### *From the Technology Corner*

Join me on Wednesday, October 3rd at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby, Kansas for **BOOKED FOR LUNCH**. This month I will share with avid readers, *The Tombs*, by author Clive Cussler. This book is the last in his series of four books from *The Fargo Adventures*. For those of you unfamiliar with this Cussler series, it follows Sam and Remi Fargo, a husband and wife treasure-hunting team who travel to exotic locales around the globe; unraveling ancient mysteries, unearthing long-lost treasures and continuously finding themselves in sticky situations at every turn...

Don't miss the fun, food and friendship at this unique Book Club Event! Hope to see you all on October 3rd!

~Dave

## Friends of Kansas Libraries –FoKL



**EXECUTIVE BOARD.** Pictured from left to right: Tina Stropes, Aurelia Jackson, Sonia Smith, Cheryl Sylvester, Carol Geary, Carolyn Little, Judy Burgess, Cathy Newland, Susan Richardson, Nancy Keith, Marion Renner, and Sue Blechl  
Not pictured: Andrea Sobba, Wendy Morlan, and Caleb May

**All Libraries need FRIENDS.** Those people that volunteer to help with the many tasks around the library. Friends groups also plan community fund raisers to help libraries earn money for library necessities. Whenever these groups of friends organize and share resources, you have a stronger resource to fill library needs. The FoKL library board disperses those resources across the state with grants and scholarships to help fund projects that libraries would not be able to afford on their own. FoKL also adds a community voice for libraries with the state government, and recognizes those individuals who serve libraries in Kansas. This year, FoKL celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Like FoKL on Facebook and win prizes during the month of October. Hats off to FoKL and all they contribute to our libraries!!

Linda Keith –NWKLS

Collection Development/ILL



### Linda's Book Corner

September–October picks...



#### Midnight Promises (Sweet Magnolias#8)

By: Sherryl Woods

When Elliott Cruz first courted struggling single mom Karen Ames, it was a romance worthy of any Sweet Magnolia fantasy. The sexy personal trainer made it his mission to restore Karen's strength—physical and emotional—and to charm her children. Now, a few years into the marriage, colliding dreams threaten to tear them apart.



#### Fifty Shades Trilogy. Fifty Shades of Grey, Fifty Shades Darker, Fifty Shades Freed

By: E L James

E L James's *New York Times* #1 bestselling trilogy has been hailed by *Entertainment Weekly* as being "in a class by itself." Beginning with the Good Reads Choice Award Romance Finalist *Fifty Shades of Grey*, the Fifty Shades Trilogy will obsess you, possess you, and stay with you forever.



#### The Passage of Power. The Years of Lyndon Johnson, Volume 4

By: Robert A. Caro

*The Passage of Power* follows Lyndon Johnson through both the most frustrating and the most triumphant periods of his career—1958 to 1964. It is a time that would see him trade the extraordinary power he had created for himself as Senate Majority Leader for what became the wretched powerlessness of a Vice President in an administration that disdained and distrusted him. Yet it was, as well, the time in which the presidency, the goal he had always pursued, would be thrust upon him in the moment it took an assassin's bullet to reach its mark.



## ~ LIBRARY News From Topeka ~

### The State Library of Kansas to Recognize Kansas Notable Books

*Meet the Writers behind Kansas Highlighted Books*

**Topeka, KS** — The State Library of Kansas and the Kansas Center for the Book (KCFB) will recognize this year's Kansas Notable Book Award winners at the 2012 Kansas Book Festival, an event showcasing current authors and books, while promoting literacy. "It's an honor to be selected and to be connected to other Kansas authors through this program," said author Marci Penner of Inman, KS. Festival-goers can also visit the State Library and KCFB booths to learn about popular downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, online research tools, early childhood literacy initiatives, and the other statewide programs and services available at no charge to Kansas residents. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and help Kansans connect to their interests through local libraries.

The Kansas Notable Book list was established in the year 2006 by KCFB. The KCFB is a state affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and headquartered at the State Library of Kansas. "It is a great privilege to have one's work recognized beside these luminaries. The prairies of Kansas have inspired deep riches in literature, history, art, poetry, and all the cultural expressions that define the human experience. This award recognizes not only the writers who capture that experience but the landscape which provides the stage," said author Jim Leiker of Eudora, KS. KCFB will also be represented at the 2012 National Book Festival, hosted by the Library of Congress, Sept. 22–23, on the National Mall. *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool, a 2011 Kansas Notable Book winner, will be featured in this year's Great Reads about Great Places booklist.

The Kansas Book Festival will take place at the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka on Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Kansas Notable Book Award Ceremony will be at noon in the Museum Classroom. 13 authors are expected to attend the ceremony recognizing their books. Admission to the festival is free and open to the public.

#### 2012 Kansas Notable Book Authors and Hometowns

*8 Wonders of Kansas! Guidebook*  
by Marci Penner (Inman, KS)

*My Ruby Slippers: The Road Back to Kansas*  
by Tracy Seeley (Wichita, KS)

*The Afterlives of Trees*  
by Wyatt Townley (Leawood, KS)

*The Northern Cheyenne Exodus in History and Memory*  
by James N. Leiker (Eudora, KS) and Ramon Powers (Topeka, KS)

*Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart*  
by Candace Fleming (Oak Park, IL)

*Osa and Martin: For the Love of Adventure*  
by Kelly Enright (Vail, CO)

*Bent Road: A Novel*  
by Lori Roy (Manhattan, KS)

*Prairie Fire: A Great Plains History*  
by Julie Courtwright (Ames, IA)

*Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President*  
by Candice Millard (Leawood, KS)

*Rode*  
by Thomas Fox Averill (Topeka, KS)

*Doc: A Novel*  
by Mary Doria Russell (Cleveland, OH)

*Send Me Work: Stories*  
by Katherine Karlin (Manhattan, KS)

*The Door in the Forest*  
by Roderick Townley (Leawood, KS)

*Tapped Out: Rear Naked Chokes, the Octagon, and the Last Emperor: An Odyssey in Mixed Martial Arts*  
by Matthew Polly (New Haven, CT)

*Liar's Moon*  
by Elizabeth C. Bunce (Lenexa, KS)



# NWKLS

## 2012 Fall Full System Meeting/Workshop

Wednesday, October 10th, 2012

9:30AM — 4:00 PM

Pioneer Memorial Library–Downstairs Meeting Area

375 West 4th Street

Colby, Kansas 67701

(785) 460-4470

### Agenda

- 9:30–10:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00–12:00 a.m. Maureen Ostmeyer–NW Kansas SMART START–Family Place Libraries
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH on your own
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. NWKLS– New Rotation Kick–Off and Other Related System Services
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Full System Board Meeting



### Maureen Ostmeyer:

Maureen has been the Project Director for Smart Start NW Kansas in Colby, since 2003. Smart Start is grant funded and administrated through the Kansas Children's Cabinet. In 2011 Maureen was asked to incorporate pre-literacy evidence based programs in collaboration with our area libraries, she came across a program called *Family Place Libraries*. It is an evidence based program using libraries to build strong communities through Early Childhood Development, Parent Education and Family Support. She successfully wrote and received the grant for two of our area libraries, *Pioneer Memorial* and *Goodland Public Library*. Maureen will share with us what *Family Place Libraries* are and how they tie in with the Kansas State initiated 6 by 6 program.

Your library too may wish to become a *Family Place Library*....

2012 Full System Meeting/Workshop Registration Deadline–Monday, October 8th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

For any questions or to register contact Mary Boller @ [tbook@ruraltel.net](mailto:tbook@ruraltel.net) or phone 785-877-5148

# From the Cat's Corner



Aurelia Jackson-  
NWKLS  
School Consultant/  
Cataloger



Weeding those books? NWKLS staff have been busy in our nine county area helping librarians pull and pitch. Pat has been doing the same with our system collection, getting items ready for the Rotation Give-A-Way. At the system, we pull everything that is 5 years old or older. With library collections one has to be more circumspect, thinking of item use, purpose, appearance, subject covered and date of purchase. At Hoxie, Mona kept materials she knew the teachers in her district would be using in their classes. Libraries serve varied communities, so community needs have to be considered. This has been fun for NWKLS staff, as we get a picture of the communities we serve. If you need help with weeding, just call. We always enjoy the opportunity to come to visit your library and your communities.

Reading on,  
~Aurelia



## SCHOOL NEWS...



I am SO excited. Author and speaker Ben Mikaelson is going to be in western Kansas October 25th and 26th. NWKLS is sponsoring him in various schools in our consortium. Be looking for an email from me filling you in with dates and times. Perhaps he will be appearing in a school near you. He has written the books *Rescue Josh McGuire*, *Sparrow Hawk Red*, *Stranded*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, *Petey*, *Countdown*, *Red Midnight*, *Tree Girl* and *Ghost of Spirit Bear*. *Born in Bolivia*, English is his second language. Because of a learning disability he did not learn to read until the fourth grade. Visit his website ([www.benmikaelsen.com](http://www.benmikaelsen.com)) and learn more about this amazing man.

Zoning in,  
~Aurelia

Find reading levels? Try out [www.lexile.com/findabook/analyzer](http://www.lexile.com/findabook/analyzer)

Pat Hammond  
NWKLS-Rotation/Talk Book



## Pat's Member Watch

It was such a wonderful sight each week this summer during rotation to see all the wonderful activities and enthusiasm that summer reading produces across our Northwest Kansas communities. Below Selden Library shared their culminating Summer Reading activity.

### Teen Reading Enjoys Movie in the Park By Judy Rogers

The Teen Reading Program "Own the Night" concluded on July 20 with a celebration at the Selden Public Library and a city-wide movie in the park. Teen and pre-teen patrons of the library kept track of the books they read throughout the summer. On Friday, July 20, they gathered at the library to celebrate with games and activities and were awarded prizes including t-shirts and backpacks for their efforts. As the evening darkened, around 30 community members joined them in the city park for the movie *Bedtime Stories*. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the outdoor movie along with popcorn and kool-aid provided by the library and Karl's Cash Store.



# 2012 NWKLS CALENDAR

## September

- 3 LABOR DAY-SYSTEM CLOSED**
- 4 ROTATION**
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| Rexford  | 8:00 AM            |
| Colby    | 9:15 AM            |
| Davis    | 10:30 AM           |
| Brewster | 11:00 AM           |
| NWKTC    | 1:00 PM (12:00 MT) |
| Goodland | 1:30 PM (12:30 MT) |
- 11 ROTATION**
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| Wallace        | 11:15 AM            |
| Weskan         | 11:45 AM (10:45 MT) |
| Sharon Springs | 12:15 PM (11:15 MT) |
- 12 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**
- 18 ROTATION**
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|-------------|----------|
| Oberlin     | 8:15 AM  |
| Bird City   | 11:00 AM |
| St. Francis | 12:45 PM |
- 19 ROTATION**
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| Norton | 8:00 AM |
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## October

- 2 ROTATION**
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|----------|----------|
| Lenora   | 8:00 AM  |
| Selden   | 10:00 AM |
| Jennings | 11:45 AM |
| Clayton  | 1:15 PM  |
| Norcatur | 2:00 PM  |
- 9 ROTATION**
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| WaKeeney | 8:30 AM  |
| Quinter  | 10:30 AM |
| Collyer  | 11:45 PM |
| Almena   | 2:30 PM  |
- 10 FULL SYSTEM WORKSHOP and MEETING at NWKLS**
- 16 ROTATION**
- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Hoxie      | 8:00 AM    |
| Grainfield | 9:45 AM    |
| Gove       | 11:00 AM   |
| Grinnell   | 12:00 Noon |

## November

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## NWKLS Honors Two Special Librarians



Two special librarians were honored this year at the 2012 Northwest Kansas Library System's annual Fall Full System Meeting. For the first time ever, Director, George Seamon thought it only fitting that we recognize the dedication, leadership and true love of libraries that our member librarians show each and every day. Our first recipient for the annual **Librarian of the Year**



**Award** was Betsy Jakowski, librarian at the Norcatour Public Library. Over the past year, Betsy took a very small community library with little to no patronage and has created a warm, inviting and thriving community asset. She also turned a non-existent children's area into a cozy room for both children and their parents to read in, to learn in, to explore in and most of all to enjoy together. Congratulations Betsy for a job well done!

The second award given out this year was presented to Sharon DuBois and was appropriately titled **The Distinguished Service Award**. Sharon has tirelessly served Kansas State libraries for over 25 years. She is the former Director of the Phillipsburg Public Library in Phillipsburg, KS and has most recently given her time and talents to the Jay Johnson Public Library in Quinter, KS. She



has also served on the Northwest Kansas Library System Executive Board for the last 4 years. George Seamon said it was not only an honor and a privilege to have worked with Sharon, but that she had truly become a very special friend to himself and to all the staff at NWKLS! We will miss Sharon's smiling face at Jay Johnson, but we know she has many wonderful adventures planned for her retirement...



## NWKLS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northwest Kansas Library System is to provide service where it exists in the participating counties and to provide library service where it does not exist.

## NWKLS VISION STATEMENT

The Northwest Kansas Library System will lead the quest for information sharing through innovative services and technology for member libraries.

# THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



## The Library Trustee: Part 1

**George Seamon**  
NWKLS DIRECTOR

Library Trustees can be our greatest asset and most difficult opponent. What can we do to support trustees and help them become our greatest assets? What can we do to prevent apathy in the library board and promote involvement? Training...yes that worn out word that makes everyone...sigh.

In the next few newsletters, I will be writing about trustees and their role as the governing body of the public library. With these articles, I will be encouraging libraries to contact the system and setup a date for trustee training with a member of the system staff. As part of the NWKLS System Services Grant, all public libraries are required to provide one trustee training session a year for their board at a regularly scheduled meeting. One option is to have a member of the system staff attend and offer that training.

Q: What is a library trustee?

A: Trustees serve on the governing board of the public library, and are "entrusted" with the appropriate expenditure of public funds and use of public property for the benefit of the local community, through the institution of the library. Trustees are expected to do more than attend a 30 minute meeting once a month. Trustees are expected to be involved in the funding/budget, promotion/advocacy, planning, and policy creation of the library. Furthermore, they should select a librarian/library director capable of running the day-to-day operations of the library and manage library staff.

Q: What skills do library trustees need to have?

A: A library board should be diverse. Trustees should have skills in: accounting, public speaking, business, fund raising, marketing, public relations, and advocacy.

Q. What knowledge should library trustees gain to be affective?

A: Library trustees should be receiving training and information, for study, on: laws that affect the library, library funding, tax regulations, library policy, library budget, planning, library operations, library board organization, relationship to librarian/library director, library bylaws, statistics, etc.

If you have a trustee question you want answered, please submit it to George Seamon at [nwklsdir@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwklsdir@ruraltel.net) and look for it in the next newsletter.



**Dave Fischer-**  
**Technology**  
**Consultant**

## From the Technology Corner

I cannot believe a year has passed since I started full time with NWKLS. Looking back over this wonderful time, full of changes in all our libraries, it is a great feeling to know how much I was able to be a part of this positive growth.

Through this last year I have implemented, updated, upgraded or changed software and hardware on 135 computers in 17 of the 18 libraries across our system. Through the help of the system board and community grants, we have been able to get all of these libraries up and running efficiently. Windows 7 Pro and Office 2010 Pro are now on all computers in these libraries. We have also been able to bring our Web Filter software and antivirus software up to a paid version that is very user friendly and integrates well with the present software for better protection to our libraries and patrons.

Thanks you one and all in the Northwest Kansas Library System for a great first year! I am looking forward to many more. We have had a lot of fun and laughs at our meetings and have become a very close family of libraries.

Thank You for a Great Year,  
~Dave

# The LIBRARY BLOTTER



Linda Keith -NWKLS  
Collection Development/ILL

## Linda's Book Corner

November-December picks...

A Cowboy For Christmas  
By: Lori Wilde



"Lori Wilde has created a rich and wonderful story about the charm of small town life combined with the power and passion of first love. Delicious!" -Robyn Carr

My Kind of Christmas  
By: Robyn Carr



Strong conflict, humor and well-written characters are Carr's calling cards, and they're all present here.... You won't want to put this one down." -RT Book Reviews on Angel's Peak

The Bridge  
By: Karen Kingsbury

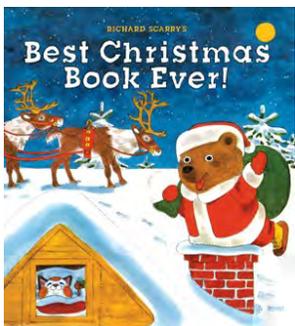


"Karen Kingsbury once again uses her beautiful talent to illustrate God's awesome love and grace for us! Each new story speaks to so many hearts across the world. Karen's gift is certainly a loving legacy that I share with others!" -Cyndi A.

## Children's Corner

Best Christmas Book Ever  
By: Richard Scarry

Christmas is coming-and where better to celebrate than in Busytown? Firefighters are stringing lights, stores are crowded, and everyone is in a merry mood. Richard Scarry captures holiday cheer in a series of delightful and brightly illustrated stories featuring his most popular characters, including Huckle Cat and Lovable Lowly Worm...



Pat Hammond  
NWKLS-Rotation/Talk Book



## Pat's Member Watch



## On the Run and Dangerous

**Physical Description:** The culprits may be disguised as mild mannered librarians, do not be fooled, they are armed with BOO...ks and are not afraid to use them!

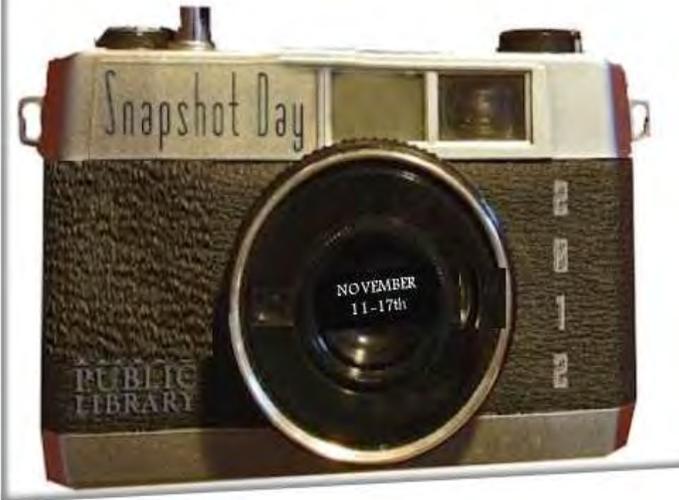
**Personality Traits:** Both may appear to have smiles upon their lips, but beneath those false smiles lies the hearts of two digital desperados, prone to wielding barcode scanners unmercifully...

**Where You Might Find Them:** The two felonious females were last seen in and around the Goodland Public Library. If spotted, please approach carefully, and contact the officials at NWKLS to assist in their apprehension!

# SnapshotDay2012

A Day in the Life of Kansas Libraries

## SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 11-17, 2012



What would Kansas be like if there were no libraries? What valuable services do we provide on a daily basis that simply go unrecognized and unappreciated? The State Library of Kansas needs your help. We're taking a snapshot of a typical day in the life of Kansas libraries. We need **YOUR** participation to gather the numbers needed to make this a success. The larger the numbers, the greater the impact. Here's how to participate: Pick a day. Email [candace.leduc@library.ks.gov](mailto:candace.leduc@library.ks.gov) which day your library will be participating in Snapshot Day and we'll get you

added to the 2012 Statewide Snapshot Day Calendar. <http://www.kslib.info/librarians/snapshot-day.html>

## DOWNLOAD YOUR TOOLKIT

Toolkit contains a five step checklist to get started, comment cards for your patrons, photo consent forms, tally sheets for gaining data, and a flyer displaying the impact we could show with your help! Spanish versions coming soon! <http://www.kslib.info/Documents/snapshot-Day-toolkit2.pdf> Send us the data and we'll do the rest. Many of you already track library usage, just send us the data on the particular day and we'll add it to our statewide numbers. If you need help tracking data, please use our toolkit listed above. The toolkit also contains instructions on submitting data.

## MAKE SNAPSHOT DAY WORK FOR YOUR LIBRARY

- Use the quotes and comments that you collected in your annual report.
- Feature your participation and your customers in your next newsletter.
- Share your results with your Library Board.
- Make bold signs with your customer comments and display them throughout the library.
- Welcome new library card holders with your custom handout.
- Send an email blast to your customer list or community contacts featuring customer quotes.
- Let your Friends group know about your participation in Snapshot Day 2012.



# Children's News

Mary Boller  
NWKLS Children's & Talking Book  
Consultant



On October 10th at NWKLS' Fall Full System meeting, our presenter, Maureen Ostmeyer, Smart Start Project Director shared with librarians and guests *The Family Library Place* concept of integrating child/parent play and learning areas within the public libraries. What Maureen had to share on brain research and the core components of becoming a *Family Place Library* were very insightful. We began to understand that as a community we must come together and provide a nurturing environment for parents and their very young children even in our libraries. We used to think that children could have learning experiences in preschools or even schools once they reached four or five years of age. Research now shows that 90% of a child's brain becomes fully developed by the age of 5 and that 75% of a child's capacity to learn is formed by the age of 3. Children and parents need a community area that will allow these early experiences rather than simply waiting to reach school age.



Libraries already serve the needs of our community in so many regards and can further our role as a true community hub by meeting and providing pre-literacy skills for both parents and their young children. The size of the area is not the important factor, the welcoming, inviting, and nurturing attitude of the library staff is the largest factor in the success of a *Family Place Library* environment.

Libraries can be a further resource by bringing parents and childhood specialists together, by providing books and other materials for parents of young children, by providing a small cozy space for children and parents to learn and explore in and lastly by knowing that they indeed can make a difference in the life and learning of our young children!



## What Makes a Family Place Library?

### *The Core Components of a Family Place Library*

- ◆ Collections of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, parents and service providers.
- ◆ A specially designed, welcoming space within the children's area for families with young children.
- ◆ **The Parent/Child Workshop**  
A five week program that involves toddlers and their parents and caregivers; features local professionals who serve as resources for parents; emphasizes the role of parents as the first teachers of their children; facilitates early intervention; and teaches strategies for healthy child development and early literacy.
- ◆ Coalition-building with community agencies that serve families and young children to connect parents to community resources and develop programs and services tailored to meet local needs.
- ◆ Outreach to new and non-traditional library users, especially parents and very young children (beginning at birth.)
- ◆ Developmentally appropriate programming for very young children and their parents.
- ◆ Library staff trained in family support, child development, parent education and best

# From the Cat's Corner



## FOKL UPDATE

Aurelia Jackson- NWKLS  
School Consultant/Cataloger



The FOKL board met on October 12 at the Great Bend Public Library. M.E. Grosdidier, the new chair of KLA's Trustee Section presented the revitalization of the Trustee

Board. A member from the northwest Kansas area is needed. If you are interested in serving Kansas libraries, please contact Aurelia Jackson at 800-432-2858, or email: [nwklscat@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwklscat@ruraltel.net).

## CATALOGING UPDATE

Resource Description and Access (RDA) has become a reality. Beginning in 2013, MARC records on WorldCat (OCLC) will have the "new" format. One noticeable change will be added fields in the 300's (item description). Punctuation rules stay the same. The purpose of RDA is to focus on how an item is used, not just the physical description.

Questions? Call the CAT!

## INGRAM NEWS...

Good news! In response to customer requests, Ingram is offering two major enhancements to our previous Author (Youth) Standing Order Program. We are splitting the Author (Youth) program into two—Author/Illustrator (Children) and Author (Teen). Check out the Standing Order Program page to see the division between Children's and Teen authors. Some authors, such as Jerry Spinelli, Meg Cabot, and Gary Paulsen are on both programs. Existing customers have been migrated over, so there is no need to re-enroll unless you want to modify your existing enrollments. Customers who were enrolled in crossover authors are now enrolled in that author in both programs.

Starting immediately with titles publishing in February 2013, enrollees will now receive picture books that are illustrated by the artist, but not authored by him/her in our new Author/Illustrator (Children) program. We have added 25 new Illustrator offerings to the program to kick-start this change; we will continue to develop this program with quality author and illustrator offerings as always. Please check your selection lists for any title duplication due to both Author and Illustrator enrollment.



## SCHOOL NEWS...

### Ben Mikaelson Visit, a HUGE Success...



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- 24-26 NWKLS CLOSED**
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS**



## January

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