**NWKLS Honors Librarian of the Year**

Janice Manhart, librarian at Grainfield City Library was honored as this year’s Librarian of the Year at the NWKLS Full System meeting on October 16th. Janice has dedicated herself to not only the public library, but to her community at large.

In the last year alone Janice implemented the creation of a Children’s 6 by 6 area, received a $1,000 grant from the Kansas Book Festival and raised money for an AWE children’s computer for the library.

Janice while being a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and Sociology major at Fort Hays State, still finds time to serve as librarian in Grainfield. She continuously improves and enhances library programming and services for her patrons and community.

It was with great pleasure that NWKLS recognized her tireless efforts. On behalf of all of us in Northwest Kansas, we applaud your dedication to the library profession.

By: Mary Boller

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**Debbie Tittel Remembered**

Debbie Tittel, former Assistant Director of Pioneer Memorial Library was remembered by her friends and colleagues at the NWKLS Full System meeting on October 16th.

“Debbie’s gentle, giving spirit touched all those she knew and loved,” said Director George Seamon.

Two plaques for Meritorious Service were presented in Debbie’s honor, one to her husband Doug and one to Pioneer Memorial Library, where it will hang in her remembrance.

By: Mary Boller

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“Libraries are community treasure chests, loaded with a wealth of information available to everyone equally, and the key to that treasure chest is the library card. I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.”

~First Lady Laura Bush

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Cha…Cha…Cha…Changes to NWKLS Grants!

The Executive Committee has developed a new grant and changed/discontinued some of the old grants beginning in 2014. The Children and Youth Year Round Programming Grant, Cataloging Reimbursement Grant, Adult Programming Grant, and the Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Grant have all been discontinued. The NWKLS Continuing Education and Summer Reading Grants have been modified, and the NWKLS Technology/Collection Development Grant has been added.

• The NWKLS Continuing Education Grant amount has been increased to a $250 maximum from $100. The Executive Committee set aside $2000 from the grant budget line to cover this grant.

• The NWKLS Summer Reading Grant is now the NWKLS Special Programming Grant. Again the grant amount has increased to a $250 maximum from a $50 maximum. The Executive Committee set aside $1000 from the grant budget line for this grant.

• The NWKLS Technology/Collection Development Grant is a competitive grant. Funds will be awarded based on the grant criteria and quality of the application. The Executive Committee has set aside $6500 from the grant budget line to support this grant and funds will be awarded at a $2000 maximum.

All three of the grants above are available to any member libraries or librarians.

Don’t worry, we have not modified the System Service Grant to Member Public Libraries, and the NWKLS Courier Grant.

So, please take a look at the grant applications on the NWKLS website and get your applications in early.

http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/

“The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who’ll get me a book I [haven’t] read.”
— Abraham Lincoln

Library Blotter
Article by. Kama Mandl

Takedown Twenty
By Janet Evanovich

Stephanie Plum returns in an all-new adventure from #1 bestselling author Janet Evanovich. When powerful mobster Salvatore “Uncle Sunny” Sunucchi goes on the lam in Trenton, it’s up to Stephanie to find him. Uncle Sunny is charged with murder for running over a guy (twice), and nobody wants to turn him in. Before Stephanie knows it, she’s working side by side with Ranger and Grandma at the senior center, trying to catch a killer on the loose.

Doctor Sleep
By Stephen King

Stephen King returns to the character and territory of one of his most popular novels ever, The Shining, in this riveting novel about the now middle-aged Dan Torrance and the very special twelve-year-old girl he must save from a tribe of murderous paranormals.

Killing Jesus
By Bill O’Reilly

The anchor of The O’Reilly Factor details the events leading up to the murder of the most influential man in history: Jesus of Nazareth. Nearly two thousand years after this beloved and controversial young revolutionary was brutally killed by Roman soldiers.
Welcome
Alexah Kopriva...

Rayna Kopriva is the Librarian at Gove City Library and she and her husband Daryl joyfully adopted a beautiful Baby Girl this year, Alexah!

I asked Rayna to tell me about her beautiful girl and she said, “She is a blessing and a little treasure. Alexah was born on July 30th in Beloit, Kansas and we were there in the hospital room 3 hours after she was born. We took her home the next day. We started her on reading and books right away. In fact we have a picture of Daryl reading to her when she was a day old (See Insert to Left). Her favorite books...actually I think they are Daryl’s favorites hee hee...are Goodnight, Moon and Runaway Bunny. She loves music too, especially big band...Glenn Miller, The Andrew Sisters and Shirley Temple.

In 2011 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer we thought our opportunity for a family was gone, but that wasn’t the Plan. On December 27th we will be married 16 years and now with the arrival of our sweetheart we are complete and have a little family. She is the best Christmas present we could ever have.”

A Christmas Miracle Indeed!

Member Watch
Article by: Pat Hammond and Mary Boller

Alexah Kopriva...

From the Cat’s Corner
Article by Aurelia Jackson

Beginning a new year means updating the calendar if you are an Agent-Verso library. To update your library calendar go to Staff Menu (Tool icon in Illuminar). Click on Circ Admin, and then click on Circulation Parameters. Scan down the list until you see Calendar.

Setup. Click on that tab and a calendar will appear with instructions for setting the 2014 schedule for your library.

As you weed those shelves this year, be sure to delete your holdings from the Kansas Library Catalog and OCLC as well as from your computer database.

School Zone: Grant Opportunity

The Northwest Kansas Library System Executive Board voted Wednesday, December 11, to give two (2) grants to two (2) schools for eight (8) students and two (2) adults to attend the William Allen White award ceremony in Emporia in 2014. Schools who have participated in the School Rotation from NWKLS are eligible. Just fill out the online form at www.nwkls.org.

It’s time to sign up for next school year (2014-2015) school rotation. Please let me know if you are interested!

Call me at NWKLS for further details.
785-877-5148

FOKL Grant Applications
Article by: Aurelia Jackson

It’s that Time again to Think about applying for a FOKL grant. A FOKL grant can help your library with any updates, projects or new materials you would like for your community!

One of the requirements is having a Friends of the Library group in your library. If you don’t have a Friends group, contact us for ways of creating one in your community.

We also have cash awards for individuals and libraries. You can send in the nomination of a library or individual and receive monies for your local library.

All award nominations and grant applications are due by the end of March, 2014. APPLY NOW!! See www.fokl.net for a grant application form.
The 6 by 6 Ready to Read program is continuing to positively impact young children across the state of Kansas.

- In 2011 NWKLs distributed to all member libraries 6 by 6 Ready to Read card sets and posters to promote and encourage this new state-wide initiative.
- In 2012 NWKLs was also commissioned by the State Library to create Large 6 by 6 Kits.
- In 2013 NWKLs began work on the Medium Sized Kits and 6 by 6 backpacks that go with the Medium Kits.

Now that we have completed our large kits we have created something just a bit smaller which we call our Medium Kits.

The difference between the Large Kits and the Medium Kits is not only there size, but what the kits include. The large kits were based on a single book and have activities that coincide with that book for each kit.

We took a different route with the Medium Kits, now don’t worry, there are still books involved. Our Medium Kits are based on themes such as DON’T FEAR MONSTERS, THE FIVE SENSES and so many more. We have completed eight themes and there are 3 kits for each theme. Kits includes 6-7 books and either a toy, puzzle, finger puppets, musical instruments or some sort of tactile activity.

We have also designed our 6 by 6 back packs to accompany the Medium Kits. We are having so much fun creating and putting these kits together. It has even allowed us to take our show on the road with our Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons Kit. We were invited by our local elementary school to share our kit and do some fun activities with the Kindergartners. We were able to share the kits and see if the children enjoyed them.

Families are also encouraged to check out these fun kits and enjoy them with the whole family. Our greatest hope is that they will make learning and reading as a family a favorite past time.

### 2014 NWKLs Calendar

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### Articles

- **My Five Senses**
- **Groovy Buttons**
Zinio How-to Webinar

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
10:00 AM-11:00 AM
&
Thursday, January 23, 2014
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

*Location: A computer in your library

- What is Zinio?

Zinio is a digital collection of e and interactive magazines that are readable on most devices. Zinio magazines are simultaneous use, so no need to get on a hold list to read your favorite magazine. You don't need to be in the library to read the current editions of magazines, and magazines that you checkout remain on your device until you delete them. Want to know more...

Join Dave Fischer and George Seaman, from the comfort of your library, and see what an einteractive magazine looks like, and learn “How-to” use Zinio for yourself and your library patrons.

To Join a session, click on the link below under the date you wish to attend at least 5 minutes before the start time. You may be asked to “Get The Required Software”, if so, install the software and move to Step 2 “Beginning Your Session”. You will be prompted to give your name and then you will be able to enter the meeting room. You will need speakers and a microphone or a headset. If you have questions, please:

For the January 15 session, click:
https://sas.elluminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2011591&password=M.56212594DA19952C2F5F3CBE0F72A

For the January 23 session, click:
https://sas.elluminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2011591&password=M.F5315DFCC3954D2DA788EADA3E4E05

*If you plan on attending one or both of the sessions, please register at www.nwkls.org.
NWKLS Hosts Summer Reading Workshop

By: Mary Boller

On March 5th, NWKLS hosted the annual Summer Reading Workshop at the beautiful Almena City Community Center.

The 2014 theme of Fizz, Boom READ, was the backdrop for an entertaining and informational day thanks to presenters- Kathy Barco, Anna Foote (The State Library) and Melendra Sanders (CSKLS.) Our presenters offered some great ideas including some great science book and project ideas from Kathy, a wonderful demonstration on File Folder stories from Melendra, and a mock children’s storytime presented by Anna.

I think all the participants felt motivated and better prepared to provide a memorable summer reading program for the children and youths of Northwest Kansas. If you were not able to attend I have uploaded all the materials as a PDF file on our web page under Children’s Services- Fizz, Boom, Read! http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Volume-II_Data-SR-Barco.pdf

NWKLS Storytelling Grant Brings Author Stephanie Grace Whitson to Norton Public Library

When I was young, we couldn’t afford much. But, my library card was my key to the world.

~Actor John Goodman

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Q: What is Kansas CIPA?

A: Kansas CIPA stands for Kansas Children’s Internet Protection Act. This act, much like its federal counterpart, requires technology protection measures to prevent minors from accessing “visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene.” Furthermore, the protection measures should “ensure that no person has access to visual depictions that are child pornography or obscene.” Kansas CIPA also requires that library staff be able to disable the technology protection measures for patrons who are (1) not minors and (2) for “legitimate research or other lawful purposes.” Library patrons must meet both criteria in order to have the technology protection measures disabled. Unlike the federal version, Kansas CIPA requires all Kansas public libraries that have public access computers to comply with this act.

Q: How does this act affect my library?

A: All member public libraries in NorthWest Kansas Library System have access to technology protection measures or filtering through Open DNS. NWKLS covers the cost of deploying Open DNS to all member libraries that participate. At this point 18 of the 19 member public libraries participate.

The portion of the act not covered by NWKLS is the policy and posting portion of the act. The governing body of each public library needs to adopt a policy that will implement and enforce the provisions of Kansas CIPA and the rules and regulations developed by the State Library of Kansas. Furthermore, the library will also post the rules and regulations in a conspicuous place and have copies available for library patrons.

Libraries will need to comply with Kansas CIPA by July 1, 2014.

NWKLS will be offering a Kansas CIPA Workshop at the May Full System Meeting.

For more information on Kansas CIPA go to: http://www.kslib.info/librarians/services/kansas-cipa.html

Director’s Corner

A library book...is not, then, an article of mere consumption, but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, is their only capital.

~Thomas Jefferson

Library Blotter

Blossom Street Brides

by: Debbie Macomber

Debbie Macomber is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and one of today’s most popular writers. In her novels, Macomber brings to life compelling relationships that embrace family and enduring friendships, uplifting her readers with stories of connection and hope. Now in her tenth installment of Blossom Street comes Blossom Street Brides. Now wedding bells are ringing in the tight-knit community that gathers around A Good Yarn, a store in a pretty Seattle neighborhood. Knitters come to the store to buy yarn and patterns but somehow they leave richer in friendship and love.

Still Life with Bread Crumbs

by: Anna Quindlen

Still Life with Bread Crumbs is a deeply moving and often very funny story of unexpected love, and a stunningly crafted journey into the life of a woman, her heart, her mind, her days, as she discovers that life is a story with many levels, a story that is longer and more exciting than she ever imagined.

This is an electrifying new Joe Pickett novel from the "New York Times"-bestselling author. Joe Pickett, still officially a game warden but now mostly a troubleshooter for the governor, is assigned to find out the truth about the mysterious man living in the remote Black Hills of Wyoming, but he discovers a lot more than he’d bargained for. There are two other men living up at that ranch. One is a stone-cold killer who takes an instant dislike to Joe. The other is new—but Joe knows him all too well. The first man doesn’t frighten Joe. The second is another story entirely.

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Congratulations to Norton Public Library and Atwood Elementary Library!
First Lady Brownback Announces Winners of 2014 Kansas Book Festival Grants
Topeka – Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback announced the winners of the 2014 Kansas Book Festival Grants during a news conference Monday, March 31st at the Statehouse.
“The Kansas Book Festival works year round to promote literacy and encourage a life-long love of reading,” First Lady Brownback said. “These grants will help libraries to purchase new technology and a wide range of reading materials for many reading levels.” Kansas Book Festival Fund is a 501c3 organization through the Topeka Community Foundation. The grants themselves are funded through corporate sponsors and monies raised at the annual book festival.

2014 Technology Grants
- Lebanon Community Library $1,300
- Rawlins County Elementary Library $2,040
- Irving Elementary Library $1,300
- Marion City Library $1,300

2014 Book Grants
- Norton Public Library $800
- Norwich School Library $1,000
- Mound City Library $1,000
- Eisenhower High School Library $700
- Indian Woods Middle School Library $750
- Columbus Unified High School $500
- Central Plains Elementary Library $750
- Alta Brown Elementary School Library $500

From the Cat’s Corner
Article by: Aurelia Jackson

OK. What is the best cataloging process for those fantastic books that use other author’s characters but are actually written by a different author? Books like Robert Ludlum’s The Bourne Dominion by: Eric Van Lustbader; Ralph Compton’s The Omaha Trail by: Jory Sherman; Dick Francis’s Refusal by Felix Francis are but a few on the growing list of titles. In each case the author should be the one who gets the credit in the author line. In other words, the title might read Ralph Compton, but Jory Sherman should get the credit for the book. Jory Sherman’s name should be in the 100 field in the MARC record, with Ralph Compton listed in the 700 field. This means that the spine label would be F Sherman....and the book would not be shelved with the other titles written by Ralph Compton. This is best practice. When searching via computer for the Ralph Compton books, the list will show this title because of the 700 field. If you want everything shelved under Ralph Compton, you can put his name on the spine. But that is not best practice. It’s your call.

School Zone: Grant Opportunity
Exciting News for Schools from the Northwest Kansas Library System!
The Northwest Kansas Library System Executive Board voted Wednesday, December 11, to give two grants to two schools for eight to ten students and two adults to attend the William Allen White award ceremony in Emporia in 2014. Schools who have participated in the School Rotation from NWKLS are eligible. Just fill out the online form at www.nwkls.org. Forms are due by April 30th.
The week of April 7th through the 11th is our next rotation scheduled. Please let me know if you want to receive items. Last year some schools did not want to receive the last rotation because of the end of the school year.
Thanks to all who signed up for school rotation next year. I’m having fun ordering the new titles!

FOKL NEWS
Article by: Aurelia Jackson

The FOKL executive board will meet April 18th in Wichita to select grant and award winners. Thanks to all who applied. Winners will be notified by board members, and articles published in the FOKL Point, FOKL’s official newsletter. Please send your email address to nwklscat@ruraltel.net so that you can receive the online version of the newsletter.
Ready to Read—Circle Storytime Kits

- Available For Checkout Through ILL
- Search the Kansas Library Catalog for: “6 by 6 circle storytime kit”
- Be sure you have a check in front of Norwest Passage when searching.

Each kit includes:

- 6 or more high quality picture books on a theme
- Texts of related songs, rhymes and fingerplays
- Accompanying activities, like puppets you can use to retell a story
- Suggested online resources for planning storytime
- Parent handouts related to the theme

5 Senses  All About Me  Little Monsters: Don’t Fear Monster
Groovy Buttons  On the Farm  Can You Dance?
Babies, Babies, Babies  Bedtime  My New Shoes
Once Upon a Time  Mutt-i-grees  Healthy Me, Healthy You

More to come! Keep up with them on the 6 by 6 website: http://6by6.mykansaslibrary.org/

Created by: The NorthWest Kansas Library System
Need help finding them?
Contact NWKLS ILL staff at 800-432-2858

Comedy in the Library
2014 NWKLS CALENDAR

April
1  ROTATION
   Norcatur  8:00 AM
   Jennings  9:30 AM
   Selden    10:30 PM
   Lenora    11:30 PM
8  ROTATION
   Wakeeney  8:15 AM
   Quinter   10:00 AM
   Almena    2:00 PM
10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-By Phone
14-18......NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.....................
15 ROTATION
   Hoxie     8:00 AM
   Grainfield 9:45 AM
   Gove      11:00 AM
   Grinnell  12:00 Noon
24 NWKLS LIBRARY TOUR
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6 ROTATION
   Rexford  8:00 AM
   Colby    9:15 AM
   Davis    10:30 AM
   Brewster 11:00 AM
   NWKTC   1:00 PM (12:00 MT)
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13 ROTATION
   Oakley  9:00 AM
   Wallace 11:15 AM
   Weskan  11:45 AM (10:45 MT)
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14 FULL SYSTEM/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-Norton
20 ROTATION
   Oberlin  8:15 AM
   Bird City 11:00 AM
   St. Francis 12:45 PM
21 ROTATION
   Norton  8:00 AM
26 MEMORIAL DAY-NWKLS CLOSED

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19 NWKLS TECHNOLOGY DAY WORKSHOP-Oakley

*Rotation times are 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 Vertical Files...

By phone: 1-785-877-5148
or
by email: tbook@ruraltel.net
NWKLS Library Tour

Thursday, April 24, 2014
9:00 AM-4:30 PM
&
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Meet at Pioneer Memorial Library
375 West 4th Street
Colby, KS 67701

Ever want to go to other libraries and see how they do things? Would you like to do some networking or idea sharing? Here is your chance! Join staff members from NWKLS and ride on the rotation van, we'll put the seats in, and checkout some of the libraries in the southern tier of the system.

Pick a date, register online, and get ready to tour!

*Registration Deadline: Monday, April 21, 2014

Itinerary:
- 9:00 AM—Tour of Pioneer Memorial Library
- 10:20 AM—Tour of Oakley Public Library
- 11:45 PM—Tour of Jay Johnson Public Library
- 12:15 PM—Lunch
- 1:30 PM—Tour WaKeeney Public Library
- 3:00 PM—Tour Gove City Library
- 4:30 PM—Return to Pioneer Memorial

*Registration Deadline: Monday, April 21, 2014
Welcome, Meagan!

We are happy to announce a new addition to our staff here at NWKLS! Meagan Zampieri has begun work as the Continuing Education and Library Services Consultant. She is a recent graduate from Emporia State University’s School of Library and Information Science. She joined our team on June 2, directly from Emporia Public Library where she worked as a reference librarian and technology instructor. Meagan is of course an avid reader, devouring all well-written things, fiction and nonfiction. Her son Brian is seven and will be in second grade this fall. They both enjoy dressing up as superheroes and getting regular exercise—which sometimes happens at the same time!

Meagan is thrilled to begin work in Norton to help continue to build this collaborative library system. She believes in the importance of libraries as a center of the community and in the power that strong communities have to change citizens’ lives for the better. You can contact her at nwklscon@ruraltel.net.

Announcing the NWKLS Zinio Contest!

NorthWest Kansas Library System is holding a Zinio usage contest for member libraries. It’s simple! Get the word out about Zinio to your patrons, staff, and students! The top three libraries with the most check-outs will receive prizes. Prizes will include audio books from recorded books and some special, surprise prizes from NWKLS and Recorded Books. The contest started on July 1st and runs through August 1, 2014.
Mr. Mercedes is Stephen King’s first “hard-boiled detective tale.” A madman driving a Mercedes plows into a crowd of job seekers, killing eight and injuring many more. A year later, the retired detective formerly in charge of the case gets a letter from the killer, taunting him. Can retired Detective Hodges bring in the killer before he kills again? Mr. Mercedes is a page turner, a cat and mouse thriller pitting a retired detective against the one that got away.

The Fault in Our Stars, John Green. At 16, Hazel Grace Lancaster, a three-year, stage IV cancer survivor, is clinically depressed. To help her deal with this, her doctor sends her to a weekly support group where she meets Augustus Waters, a fellow cancer survivor, and the two fall in love. Both kids are preternaturally intelligent, and Hazel is fascinated with a novel about cancer called An Imperial Affliction. Most particularly, she longs to know what happened to its characters after an ambiguous ending. To find out, Augustus makes it possible for them to travel to Amsterdam, where Imperial’s author, an American, lives. Beautifully conceived and executed, this story artfully examines the largest possible considerations—life, love, and death—with sensitivity, intelligence, honesty, and integrity.

A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them.

~Lemony Snicket
**Children’s NEWS**  
by Mary Boller

**The StoryWalk® Project**

**What is the StoryWalk® Project?**

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. The goal of the StoryWalk® is to help build children’s interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both adults and children. StoryWalks® have been installed in 45 states as well as in the countries of Germany, Canada, England, and Bermuda. StoryWalk® aligns perfectly with the No Child Left Inside philosophy that stresses the vital importance of reconnecting children and the natural world. A StoryWalk® is a fun, educational activity that places a children’s story (literally a book taken apart) along a popular walking route in your community.

Pioneer Memorial Public Library in Colby, Kansas shared this wonderful idea with NWKLS. In April, Norton Public and NWKLS teamed up to bring the StoryWalk® Project to the children and parents of Norton, Kansas. The first StoryWalk® in Norton was such a huge success that a second one, featuring *I Took My Frog to the Library*, is planned for the whole month of July. Mary Luehrs, Director of Norton Public Library, is willing to share the previous StoryWalk® books with any library wishing to bring this fun-filled and educational project to their own community.

For further details contact Mary Boller @ the Northwest Kansas Library System, 785-877-5148, or tbook@ruraltel.net

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**SUMMER KIDS’ CHOICE**  
**2014-2015**

**Athlete vs. Mathlete** by Winnie Mack  
**Eight Keys** by Suzanne M. LaFleur  
**The Fast and the Fiercest** by Andy Behrens  
**The Ghost of Graylock** by Dan Poblocki  
**Hiss-s-s-s!** by Eric A. Kimmel  
**Hold Fast** by Blue Balliett  
**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai  
**Liar & Spy** by Rebecca Stead  
**Little Dog, Lost** by Marion Dane Bauer  
**Ninth Ward** by Jewell Parke Rhodes  
**The PS Brothers** by Maribeth Boelts  
**Pie** by Sarah Weeks  
**Saving Zasha** by Randi Barrow  
**Summer of the Gypsy Moths** by Sara Pennypacker  
**The Underdogs** by Mike Lupica  
**Waiting for the Magic** by Patricia MacLachlan  
**The Year of the Book** by Andrea Cheng

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**SUMMER READING**  
**2014-2015**

The Northwest Kansas Library System’s **Kid’s Choice Award Books**, signage, and poster have been distributed to all our public member libraries for use this summer with their 2nd-6th grade readers. Our hope is that children will have an additional fun and interactive reading program in which to participate much like the William Allen White awards during the school year. Children love to share with each other, and what a great way for them to read great chapter books this summer and share those titles with their friends. Let your children vote on their favorites, and tell us your winning title. We will publish the winners along with pictures of your top readers in the October Vertical Files. These books are gifted to our member libraries. NWKLS simply asks that each library prominently display the books for their young readers along with the signage and poster provided along with the Kids’ Choice books.

**Enjoy, and HAPPY READING!**
Left to right: Cyndie Aumiller, Hoxie Schools; Jana Gfeller, Wallace County School; Cindy Harold, Weskan Schools.

These ladies represent the 1st ever William Allen White Grant winners. The grant is provided by the Northwest Kansas Library System for the winning schools to attend the William Allen White October awards in Emporia, KS. Their students will meet the authors of the winning books and take part in the celebratory activities.

A little learning is not a dangerous thing to one who does not mistake it for a great deal.
—William Allen White

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

Are you 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 Vertical Files...

By phone, 1-785-877-5148
or by email, nwklscn@ruraltel.net
As we make plans for the rest of the year, we at NWKLS need to know what about our system is working, what isn’t working, what you need help doing, and what problems you might have so that we can help you come up with solutions. Please complete the library survey on our website, linked here: Library Survey

**Library Survey**
By Meagan Zampieri

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**2014 NWKLS CALENDAR**

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- Colby: 9:15 am
- Davis: 10:30 am
- Brewster: 11:00 am
- Goodland: 1:30 pm (12:30 MT)

**15 Rotation**
- Oakley: 9:00 am
- Wallace: 11:15 am
- Weskan: 11:45 am (10:45 MT)
- Sharon Springs: 12:15 pm (11:15 MT)

**9 Executive Committee Meeting—WaKeeney**

**22 Rotation**
- Oberlin: 8:15 am
- Bird City: 11:00 am
- St. Francis: 12:45 pm

**23 Rotation**
- Norton: 8:00 AM

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**August**

**4 Rotation**
- Norcatur: 8:00 am
- Jennings: 9:30 am
- Selden: 10:30 am
- Lenora: 11:30 am

**8 Cataloging Workshop**

**September**

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- Brewster: 11:00 am
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- Grinnell: 12:00 pm

**24 Customer Service Workshop**

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NWKLS Technology Day

By Meagan Zampieri

On Thursday, June 18, 2014, a group of 18 librarians from around our region gathered for the 1st (hopefully, at least) Annual NWKLS Tech Day, at Oakley’s Buffalo Bill Cultural Center. The result was a fun, informative day that built networks and knowledge for our libraries. In addition to hearing from George about the importance of library technology policy and in the use of Collaborate, Mary Boller presented a workshop on movie making, and Lianne Flax from the State Library kept us abreast of changes and additions to the State’s website, resources, and services.

Response to the day was overwhelmingly positive. The most frequently submitted critique was that a person could not attend all the sessions! Lunch was catered by Qdoba (out of Colby), which not only comes at quite a value but was also delicious. We look forward to our next Tech Day, when we will use what we learned this time to make it even better. Thank you for coming and helping to make it an amazing day!

Library Tour

By George Seamon

Librarians make such weird tourists...we don’t want to see the usual sites in a town; we want to see the library. At least, that’s how I am, which is why I loved the library tour. It was great seeing all of the unique services that our libraries provide for their communities, and the way that they shape their spaces to meet the needs of patrons. You can see a common thread that runs through each library, yet that thread changed color or was decorated by the librarian in a unique fashion to fit their community.

I discovered, again, that there is more to the library than space, books, and computers; there is the person who is the heart and soul of our great institution, the librarian. Now, I know I am biased, but I believe we have some of the greatest librarians in the state—librarians who make their communities better, who focus more on people than rules and materials, and who make a difference in everyone’s lives. I am proud to call these librarians my colleagues and friends.

Member Watch

Submitted by Cindy Harold

From his early years growing up on a cattle ranch in our small Kansas town, Nate Harold knew he would one day make music his life. He studied piano and saxophone and at age 13 bought his first P-bass guitar. He graduated from KU in 2003 where he played with several bands. Nate moved to New York City to pursue his dream in 2008. Through mutual friends, he met the young men who would become the band FUN. This group of talented musicians all saw their lofty childhood ambitions manifested with the hit, "We are Young" from the album Some Nights. They toured the world for two years. FUN. has appeared on "The David Letterman Show" and "Saturday Night Live."

Nate is the son of Weskan School librarian, Cindy Harold and her husband Ed. They have enjoyed travelling to different shows and seeing their son's dreams come true, especially at the Letterman Show and at Radio City Music Hall in New York. Watching Nate on the Grammys and seeing him on the front page of the LA Times the next day was such a thrill for this Weskan family. Nate is an example to young people throughout the area, working hard and achieving his dreams!
Vertical Files

October/November/December 2014

Summer Reading across the Region

The libraries in our NorthWest Kansas Library System have been working very hard to make reading fun for kids all summer long. FIZZ, BOOM, READ! was an absolute success! Kids were excited about science AND reading—What could be better?

Zinio Contest!

NorthWest Kansas Library System is pleased to announce the ZINIO READERS’ CONTEST REDUX. Our previous Zinio contest elicited positively abysmal response that we’ve decided to give you another chance at it—because we all deserve a second chance. Encourage your patrons to check out (and read) magazines with Zinio. We will track the number of magazines checked out between November 1st and January 30th. Fabulous prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be announced and awarded in February.
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We are absolutely inspired by all of the libraries and librarians in our region. The transformations this summer have been just phenomenal. We are happy to help you in your next transition, to offer advice, hard labor, or emotional support.

Look at some of the results!

Oberlin City Library,
Jeannie Lavers, Director

Big, open spaces foster creativity and maximize comfort in modern libraries. Whether you have time and money to renovate completely or just move around what you have, the results can be incredibly warm & inviting. Changes can help to increase patron traffic and community support, whether they’re looking for coffee, video games, or a quiet place to sit and read. Thanks to all!

West Grade School Library,
Goodland
Maria Elias, Library Tech

Oakley Public Library,
Victoria Halbleib, Director

Grainfield City Library,
Janice Manhart, Director
Goodland Public Library and Pioneer Memorial Library Become Official Family Place Library Sites

In 2012, Goodland Public Library and Pioneer Memorial Library were 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 this grant Marcy Melia—Children’s Librarian at Goodland Public and Judy Kleinsorge—Children’s Librarian at Pioneer Memorial were sent to a training at the main branch of Family Place Library, in Centereach, NY. 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.

Now, two years later, Goodland Public Library and Pioneer Memorial Library have officially been named national Family Place Library sites. Sandra Feinberg, founder of the Family Place Library initiative and Director of the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach, NY, presented both libraries with their official Family Place Library banners.

Sandra shared with the audience how the Family Place Library initiative was established to encourage child-centered libraries, providing for the needs of both young children and their families. She praised Marcy and Judy for their countless hours of hard work and overwhelming dedication on behalf of the young families of Northwest Kansas.

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 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.
**Director's Corner**

By George Seamon

What I learned at the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference…

- What is the first impression we give our library patrons? Do we send a negative message or one of welcome? Look at the library doors. Do you have multiple signs telling patrons what not to do at the library? Is the front cluttered and shabby? If so, it might be time to take down some signs and refurbish your entryway.

- Do we continue to enforce outdated policy? Does your library have a policy against cell phones or food & drink in the library? It may be time to reevaluate some of your library policies and determine why those policies are still in place. Smart phones have become a major part of our lives. Patrons will connect them to library WIFI to download files or browse the web. Furthermore, patrons might not be able to afford a computer or internet, and need to access an account online with a customer service technician on the phone. Yes, there are times that patrons get too loud on the phone, so have a policy about disruptive behavior, and ask the patron to take the conversation outside or to a more private location. One size does not fit all when it comes to policy.

- Turn negative statements into positive statements. Instead of no cell phones, the policy can read—please respect others and take loud phone conversations outside.

- What do our communities hire the library to do?
- Do our communities know what we can offer or what we currently offer?
- Do we engage our communities? Are we active in our communities?
- Do we continue to learn new technology?
- Are we offering patrons an opportunity to learn technology?
- Do we provide our patrons with a great experience when they visit the library? We need to focus on the experience a patron has at the library as much as the “product”.
- Let us help our patrons be a little more self-sufficient, so that we can provide personalized service or expanded services.

Do not let these questions and comments overwhelm you—share them with your board and patrons. See if there is an area, you may need to focus on, and work on it in 2015. Remember, NWKLS is here to help, so please do not hesitate to give us a call.

*The Association of Rural and Small Libraries is an organization for libraries whose mission is “to provide a network of people and materials to support rural and small library staff, volunteers, and trustees to integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves.” For more information see [http://arsl.info/](http://arsl.info/)*

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**Library Blotter**

Reviews by Kama Mandl

**The Walking Dead: The Fall of the Governor: Part Two** By Robert Kirkman, Jay Bonansinga

This book stands alone and is a compelling read for fans of the series or just fans of zombies. In *The Fall of the Governor Part Two*, the Governor’s dark journey reaches its shocking conclusion. In a roller coaster finale, war breaks out, all of the plot lines from the previous three novels converge, tensions boil over into unthinkable mayhem, and the dark destinies of those few left standing are sealed in a series of stunning twists.

**Big Little Lies** By Liane Moriarty

Liane Moriarty's latest work of fiction, *Big Little Lies*, focuses on the conflicts, secrets, and betrayals that poison relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, and friends and neighbors. The novel is set in Australia and centers around a tragedy that occurred during a trivia night in the local elementary school. The suspense arises from the fact that, at first, we do not know exactly what happened. Via flashbacks, witness statements, and inflammatory bits of gossip, a picture emerges of a town divided into haves and have-nots. Moriarty entertains us with sparkling dialogue, sharp humor, and a gripping mystery. *Big Little Lies* is a page-turner that will undoubtedly attract a large and appreciative audience.
From the Cat’s Corner

Dave has found a neat trick for those Agent-Verso transfers that won’t check out. Go to Staff Menu, then Circulation (where you should already be if you are checking out a book to a patron). Scroll down to Item Status. Click on this handy button, then enter your item’s barcode. If the item’s information pop’s up, with an In Transit status, this means you need to scroll down to Branch Transfer Checkin and check it in. Then you can go back up and check out the item to your patron. If you get a list of book titles, all in blue….that means that the item has issues and needs system help. Just call (or email) the barcode number, title, or author to Aurelia, Dave, Pat, or Kama. Any of us can help turn the trick into a treat for your patrons!

Reading on,
Aurelia
nwkscat@ruraltel.net

THE SCHOOL ZONE

School is back in full swing and so is school rotation! We have exciting collections making the rounds to fifteen schools in northwest Kansas. Each collection has 15-20 new titles to put in your school library for a three-month period, which means three rotations per year. Your students will have new books by favorite authors to read as well as classics and nonfiction for class research projects! PLUS, each library on our rotation receives a full set of the William Allen White collection for the school year. School libraries are qualified to apply for the William Allen White grant and a chance for your students to be a part of the William Allen White weekend. We are the only system in the state to offer this service to our schools. I urge all of you to sign up to be a part of the fun!

Zoning in,
Aurelia

Finding reading levels?
Try out www.lexile.com/findabook/analyzer.

FOKL News
Submitted by Aurelia Jackson

Your Friends Of Kansas Libraries welcome Jeannie Lavers of Oberlin City Library to the FOKL board!!! Look for her, and all of your FOKL friends at the KLA/KSLA conference in Wichita October 29th. Come join the fun!!!

Aurelia Jackson, School Library Consultant & Cataloger
Grant Opportunities!

If you subscribe to KANLIB-L, the listserv for Kansas Librarians, you may have seen lots of opportunities out there to receive money for your library We want to help you in any way we can. Be sure to get your AWE grant applications in before October 17th! In addition to State opportunities, NWKLS offers several grants for you. Our list of grants includes the Continuing Education grant (to help you get to conferences) and the Technology grant. We can’t give you the money if you don’t ask for it! Look for your opportunity on our website: http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. You won’t want to miss the opportunities to network with one another and share your stories as we present our continuing education opportunities!

October 8, 2014—Full System Meeting & Workshop — Join us while our guest Melendra Sanders of NCKLS shares a new storytime technique and our own Aurelia covers some Dewey basics!

November 7, 2014—Cataloging Workshop — Aurelia will be presenting this learning opportunity online. We hope you can attend, but if not, we will make an archived version available to you.

December 10, 2014—Advocacy Workshop — This workshop will cover basics of working with your local government and advocating for libraries in your communities. We look forward to using what we learn here at the event in January!

January 15, 2015—KLA Legislative Day — We’re packing up the van and taking librarians with us to meet the Legislature. Registration information available soon!

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E-Rate Changes are Coming

By George Seamon

On July 11, 2014, the FCC adopted the E-rate Modernization Order, which takes “major steps to modernize and streamline the schools and libraries universal service support program (more commonly known as the E-rate program) and focuses on expanding funding for Wi-Fi networks in elementary and secondary schools and libraries across America” (Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 2014).

With this modernization, the FCC determined that it would phase down or end support for “Legacy Services.” The “Legacy Services” being eliminated in 2015 include discounts for directory assistance charges, text messaging, custom calling services, direct inward dialing, 900/976 call blocking, inside telephone wire maintenance plans, email, web hosting, and voicemail. This may affect some of our members that E-rate email accounts, web hosting for library web sites, and voicemail. Additionally, the FCC is also phasing down the telephone discount, which will begin in 2015, with a 20% reduction in discounts. This 20% reduction will continue each year until the phase down is complete. Therefore, member libraries and NWKLS will need to find a new funding source to support their phone bill.

The good news is that the FCC will fund Category Two Services at a higher level, they will not require a tech plan (still good to have one), and the application process for E-rate service is going to be simplified. If you have any questions, go to http://www.fcc.gov/page/summary-e-rate-modernization-order or call/email the system office.

Member Watch

By George Seamon & Meagan Zampieri

Whenever a McDonald’s store opens a new facility, it is traditional that the business donates funds to a local organization as a recommitment to the community. This year, in opening their new location connected with the 24/7 Travel Store in WaKeeney, Gail and Rick Kuehl chose the WaKeeney City Library as the recipient of the $5000 donation.

Louella Kaiser accepted the generous gift on behalf of the library on September 16, 2014. They haven’t decided yet what to do with these funds, but Louella is leaning toward revamping the children’s space with new shelving.

Congratulations, Louella and WaKeeney City Library!