KLA Legislative Day

Library advocacy has never been more important. The State Budget shortfalls mean that most public services are in jeopardy. We must help our legislators understand the importance of State Library support and funding. We started the conversation at our Advocacy workshop in December, and Representatives Hineman and Billinger served us well to speak with us about the process. Now, it’s time to apply what we’ve learned and continue our conversations.

On January 15th, 2015, we’re packing up the van and taking you with us to participate in Kansas Library Association’s 2015 Legislative Day. Registration information is at http://nwkl.org. We’re working on your “care packages” for your representatives and senators—thanks for helping, and keep that info coming.

Come join us at the Capitol! For more info, contact Meagan at nwklson@ruraltel.net.

ZINIO Contest!

Don’t forget about the NorthWest Kansas Library System ZINIO READERS’ CONTEST REDUX. As of November 30th, the following libraries are in the lead:

Jay Johnson Public Library 24
St. Francis Public Library 24
Oakley Public Library 21
Oberlin City Library 20
Sharon Springs Public Library 18

We will continue to track the number of magazines checked out through January 30th, 2015. Fabulous prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be announced and awarded in February. KEEP AT IT, FOLKS!!!
Director’s Corner
By George Seamon

Bots have arrived in NorthWest Kansas—What’s that all A-BOT?
NWKLS has recently purchased three MakerBot Replicator 5th Generation 3D Printers, which are located at Goodland Public Library, Norton Public Library, and Pioneer Memorial Library. Additionally, NWKLS purchased a MakerBot Replicator Mini that member libraries may borrow and make available for their patrons. NWKLS was able to purchase these printers through a Kansas LSTA Sub-grant.

So…you may be asking, what is a 3D Printer? A 3D Printer, in this case, is a device that makes three-dimensional objects through additive manufacturing. The head of the printer heats up, melts the plastic filament, and extrudes the filament in layers creating a three-dimensional object.

If you are interested in borrowing the Replicator Mini, NWKLS will help with setup, provide staff training, and supply materials. For more information or to schedule the Mini for your library, please contact Dave Fischer or George Seamon at the system office.

To see more about these printers, check out www.thingiverse.com or head over to our Pinterest page, linked on the website.

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By phone, 1-785-877-5148 or by email, nwklscon@ruraltel.net

Library Blotter
Reviews by Kama Mandl

Revival  By Stephen King
While not a traditional horror novel, Revival definitely ranks as one of the darkest, most unsettling books Stephen King has written in a long time. It’s a slow burn that touches on a lot of themes King Fans have come to expect from him.

Revival follows the life of Jamie Morton, a rhythm guitarist, whose life intersects with Charles Jacobs, a priest/mad scientist who thinks electricity is the key to most of life’s mysteries.
**YT! Kits Now Available!**

We now have at your disposal a set of youth services programming kits. Made possible through a grant from LSTA and the KSL, You Try-It! Kits for Youth and Teens are intended to help enhance your library’s image in the eyes of that challenging and wonderful age group, the teens and ‘tweens. *YT! Kits* can be used to host days and nights of fun with Legos, video games, laser tag, science, board games, art, movies and more! Kits are available to Kansas Libraries for a 30-day checkout with a renewal option, as long as the kit is not on hold. We are also in the process of creating a calendar to allow you to schedule these events further in advance.

Requests for *YT! Kits* can be made through our NorWest Passage catalog, just as you would any other ILL request. Along with the kits, we’ve prepared a website for you to augment your planned activities. There are additional resources including book lists, tournament guidelines, instructions for use, and supplementary activities at [http://ytkits.mykansaslibrary.org](http://ytkits.mykansaslibrary.org). Our Pinterest page has even MORE ideas! Keep us up to date on how you’ve used the *YT! Kits* on our Facebook page. (Both are linked on the *YT! Kits* website.)

“Giving people access in a public space is a great use of tax dollars. We’re not really expanding the role of libraries. It’s doing what we’ve always done; we’re just using different stuff. We are a place for the curious, for creativity, a place for learning, a place to experiment. It’s always been the mission of the library.

*We’re just using different tools.*”

——Corinne Hill, Director, Chattanooga Public Library

**Member Watch**

Above: Mary Leuhrs and Karen Gillihan receive the Meritorious Service Award at Full System and pose with George. Right: Cindy Harold shows off her Librarian of the Year Plaque to her school. Far right: West Elementary School in Goodland hosted a Dad Reads night; Representative Billinger shared his talents (bottom).
January 2015 brings many changes to the Friends Of Kansas Library board. Longtime members Sue Blechl, Tina Stropes, and Susan Richardson left the board this year. Sue served as President, and Tina as Treasurer for many years. Tina and Susan lived in Hutchinson, and the South Central Library System based in Hutchinson allowed FOKL to use SCLS as the address base. In January, the address for FOKL changes to NWKLS, 2 Washington Square, Norton, KS. Jeannie Lavers of Oberlin City Library will serve as Treasurer. I will continue to be Grant and Awards chairperson.

Kansas Writing Assessment Instruction:
For school librarians and administrators:
Date: January 16, 2015
Middle School and High School: 8:30 to 11:30 AM
Elementary: Noon-3:00 PM
Location: Colby Community College, Student Union Meeting room. Please bring a computer if possible.
Sponsored by
Kansas State Department of Education, Career Standards and Assessment Team, and the Northwest Kansas Library System

“Schools with a full-time LMS tend to outperform no-LMS schools regardless of their poverty levels… across all grade spans and all subject areas.”
Mirah Dow, School Libraries Matter (p. 26)
Bird City Public Library Completes Phase I of Renovations Plans

With the assistance of NWKLS in the first week of December, Tish completed Phase I of her plan. Her hopes for Phase II are to create a Genealogy room, a teen area and a cozy, quiet sitting area for patrons in what was previously the community area. Our NWKLS librarians certainly know how flow and spatial layout can influence and increase their patron base. Keep the ideas coming, Tish!

2015 NWKLS CALENDAR

January

6 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
Rexford
Colby
Davis
Brewster
NWKTC
Goodland

9 Rotation
Wallace
Weskan
Sharon Springs

13 Executive Committee Meeting—Colby
Rotation
Oakley

15 Legislative Day—Topeka

20 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
Oberlin
Bird City
St. Francis

21 Rotation
Norton

February

3 Rotation—1st Stop, 8:30 AM
Norcatur
Jennings
Selden
Lenora

10 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
WaKeeney
Quinter
Almena

11 Executive Committee Meeting—Colby

17 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
Hoxie
Grainfield
Gove
Grinnell

March

3 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
Rexford
Colby
Davis
Brewster
NWKTC
Goodland

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Oakley
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Norton

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We’ve got heroes. Yes, we do!

After 31 years of phenomenal service to the NorthWest Kansas Library System, our hero Pat Hammond decided it was time to spend more time with her family. We’re going to miss her uncanny ability to make strangers into friends in minutes. Her bright presence throughout the region and in our office is irreplaceable—not to mention her hard work for so many years. At least 60 people came to see her off on her next adventure. We love you, Pat!

We also say good-bye this month to another hero: Norton Public Library’s Mary Leuhrs. After 28 years, six as director, Mary has decided that it is time to leave professional life. While Mary could never be replaced, the new director is Pat Hillebrand. We wish Mary happiness and joy and relaxation.

Pat Hammond, above, at her surprise retirement party, 3/31/2015.

Right, Mary Leuhrs’s daughter reads the story of what Mary will do in retirement. Her open house was on 4/3/2015 (photo courtesy of Norton Telegram/Shylo Paxton).
**KANSAS LIBRARIAN’S INNOVATIVE SERVICE RECOGNIZED WITH NATIONAL LIBRARY AWARD**

Raleigh, North Carolina – April 21, 2015 – Keystone Systems and the NorthWest Kansas Library System (NWKLS) are happy to announce Mary Boller as the 2015 Julie Klauber Award Honoree. As the Children’s, Youth, and Talking Book Consultant for NWKLS, Boller divides her time between serving children and serving patrons who are visually impaired and / or physically handicapped.

As this year’s award recipient, Boller receives a trip to the 2015 KLAS Users’ Conference provided by Keystone Systems. At the conference, Boller will have opportunities to network with other Talking Book and Braille librarians attend sessions about using KLAS to improve patron service, and share her enthusiasm for providing accessible library services. Kay Holloman, CEO, Keystone Systems, will recognize Boller and present her with a plaque during the conference’s opening general session.

George Seamon, NWKLS Director, says Boller is “always looking for innovative ways to serve every member of our community. She believes that everyone from one month to 120 years old should receive library services.” For example, she created a rotation collection and accessible activity kits as a pilot project for three area nursing homes and used the delivery of the collections as an opportunity for outreach.

NWKLS’s provides services to rural populations in 10 counties not served by a local library. Boller says, “The continued collaboration between the State Library Talking Books division and our system, has allowed patrons in the rural, outlying areas of Kansas, to receive the same attention and services that are afforded the larger regions of our state.

Receipt of the Julie Klauber Award, is a validation that our Taking Books services are reaching all of those who truly need us.”

About the Julie Klauber Award:
The annual Julie Klauber Award recognizes outstanding and dedicated library staff that work with KLAS in their daily job functions and provide exceptional service to their library and the community in the spirit of Julie Klauber. Klauber was a national expert and leader on disability issues. She served as the director of Talking Books Plus library in Suffolk County, NY, and authored several articles on library resources and services for people with disabilities.

About Keystone Systems:
Keystone Systems, Inc., a leading provider of accessible library software since 1983, provides software and service solutions to libraries with complex demands. Keystone developers have created a powerful, yet elegant library automation system, which has the flexibility to meet specific needs of special, academic, and public libraries. For more information about Keystone Systems or KLAS, visit www.klas.com.

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**Library Blotter**
Reviews by Kama Mandl

**Always Watching By Chevy Stevens**

This is Chevy Stevens third thriller and she doesn’t disappoint. Her previous two novels dealt with two young women who had to face their demons after harrowing life threatening, life changing experiences. This time it is the psychiatrist, Nadine Lavoie who is in the spotlight. When a distraught woman, Heather Simeon, is brought into the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit after a suicide attempt, Nadine gently coaxes her story out of her—and learns of some troubling parallels with her own life. Digging deeper, Nadine is forced to confront her traumatic childhood, and the damage that began when she and her brother were brought by their mother to a remote commune on Vancouver Island.

**Saint Odd by Dean Koontz**

A fitting end to a favorite series. In SAINT ODD, our hero again returns to his hometown, Pico Mundo. Unfortunately for that town, however, the satanic cult, overcome so recently, has also returned in force. This time, the satanists are ready to wreak havoc on the town’s inhabitants in an even more violent way.
We are so pleased that the StoryWalk® Project has had such a positive impact within our local community and the outlying communities of Northwest Kansas. The Collaboration between the State Park and NorthWest Kansas Library System is the first of its kind here in Kansas. Park Manager, Toby Kuhn said, “We have been waiting for a project that would encourage children and families to visit and enjoy the park year round. The kickoff for the Prairie Dog State Park’s StoryWalk® is April 25th, 2015. A new story will be posted each month. If you are in the area, visit Prairie Dog State Park and take a walk with your family and friends!

NWKLS still has several grant opportunities available to member libraries:

- Storyteller/Special Program Grant—$1000.00 set aside to fund programs until the money is gone. ([http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/nwkls-summer-reading-storytelling-grant/](http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/nwkls-summer-reading-storytelling-grant/))
- Technology/Collection Development Grant, which can be used to add books or technology to member libraries. We have $6500.00 set aside to fund this grant opportunity. ([http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/collection-development-technology-grant/](http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/collection-development-technology-grant/))
- Continuing education grant, which supports all CE events: webinar, face-to-face, or conferences. This grant is limited to $250 a year per library until the funds run out, so find a CE event, and get registering. ([http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/continuing-education-grant-form/](http://nwkls.mykansaslibrary.org/forms/grant-forms/continuing-education-grant-form/))

Thanks to every one of you for all that you do to make NWKLS and Northwest Kansas a great place to work and live. It is amazing what all of you are able to accomplish with what few resources you have at your disposal. Keep up the good work, and know that we are here to help.
From the Cat’s Corner

Everyone has their personal pet peeves, and the longer I’ve cataloged, the longer my list has grown! The most recent peeve that causes moans from my corner has been seeing numbers (say for the 3rd volume in a series) in the “h” subfield on the 245 title line in a MARC record. If you want to put the number of the series with the title, PLEASE use the “n” subfield. That was created just for the number of the volume. The ‘h’ subfield shows material type, like video recording, sound recording, kit, map and suchlike all enclosed in brackets. Computers are such literal critters that sometimes these kind of glitches can cause a hiccup. Especially when records are uploaded and downloaded into all types of computers. If you have a question about what to put in your title line, just call your friendly cataloger.

Cataloging on,
Aurelia Jackson
catalog@nwkls.org

FoKL News

April is the month that the Friends of Kansas Libraries meet to decide who will be given those fantastic awards and grants! Some of the projects FoKL has funded in the past are a salt water aquarium, outdoor patios and statues, collection development, and a batch of books for a community reading program! Libraries across Kansas are filled with upbeat, creative people who are making a difference in their communities. Be sure and like FoKL on Facebook where you’ll see more ideas for your library.

Public Libraries

Remember the posting requirement for Kansas Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Your library needs to post the Kansas CIPA Standards, Rules, and Regulations, which can be found at: http://kslib.info/427/Kansas-Childrens-Internet-Protection-Act. Additionally, your library is required to have a policy in place to implement and enforce Kansas CIPA. Let us know if you and your board need any help: director@nwkls.org

THE SCHOOL ZONE

Do you want to go to any of the conferences this summer for school librarians? Remember, the Northwest Kansas Library System offers a grant that will help with expenses. Go to www.nwkls.org and check it out!

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

SAVE THE DATES!

NWKLS will no longer be having two Full System meetings a year. Instead, we will have one Full System meeting on the second Wednesday in August. The format will change from an all-day to a half-day afternoon event, including a meal, awards, presentation, and meeting. This year’s presenter is children’s author Suzanne Bloom!

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

We will also have a Spring Gleaning in place of our previously regular Full System meeting.

We CLEAN; You GLEAN.

We’ll be hosting an author, an artist, and offering a couple of informative sessions for you and your library along with our absolutely fabulously popular BOOK GIVEAWAY.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
April was the beginning of an amazing learning opportunity for this year’s crop of new directors. Pat Hillebrand and DesiRae Churchwell traveled to Rock Springs 4-H camp to network with Kansas library directors and begin their exciting journey through ApPLE, which will help them in the world of managing programming, people, and collections. These two will spend the next year daring to learn and grow in their new positions. ApPLE is a cooperative project by the Kansas Regional Library Systems committed to training Kansas library directors in their new positions. We hope to have Mary Christie (Hoxie), Heather Zerr (Grainfield), & Dian Burns (Bird City) in the 2016 class.

A new StoryWalk® will be on display at Colby Aquatic Park & Walking Trail through April 26th. Pioneer Memorial Library brings you The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. To read the story with your family, start at the Trailhead and walk counter-clockwise around the playground.

HAVE A FIN-TASTIC TIME!

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Hoxie
Grainfield
Gove
Grinnell

May

5 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 am
Rexford
Colby
Davis
Brewster
NWKTC
Goodland

12 Rotation—1st Stop, 9:30 am
Oakley
Wallace
Weskan
Sharon Springs

13 Spring Gleaning Meeting & Workshop—Norton

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Oberlin
Bird City
St. Francis

20 Rotation
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Authors Visiting NWKLS

We are so pleased to announce our next author visit to the NW Kansas area. NWKLS is bringing you renowned author Suzanne Bloom for a visit before our Full System meeting on August 12th in Colby! She will then tour several of our libraries on August 13th before she returns home.

Library Media Collection calls her books “just plain fun...sure to be a hit with the young ones.” Her collections include stories of Bear and Goose and Fox, Friendsies, and Piggy Friends. Ms. Bloom has also illustrated for other favorite authors like Eve Bunting!

Find more information on her website: http://www.suzannebloom.com/

We will also be hosting local author Bette James from Hoxie. She is a former English teacher and has written several books of poetry and history. Bette comes to discuss her new work.

New Faces at NWKLS

By George Seamon

I want to take the opportunity to introduce two new faces at the system: First up is Harrison Woodyard, who is our Nex-Generation Intern. (Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth is an independent non-profit organization started by Nex-Tech. This is their first year offering internships outside of the Nex-Tech office, and NWKLS was blessed enough to be selected as a host site for an Intern.) Harrison Woodyard is currently a junior at Norton Community High School. One of his hobbies is creating stop motion films. Harrison is also an incredible artist and loves Star Wars. Ask Harrison to show you some of his art when you see him.

Our other new face is Josh Acheson, who is our new student worker. Josh is also a junior at Norton Community High School. He loves music and has a great collection of t-shirts. Josh is also an avid skateboarder. Ask him to show you a trick when you see him!

Josh and Harrison supervise (and snack near) the 3D printer at NWKLS Tech Day 2015.
LIBRARY BLOTTER
Reviews by Kama Mandl

I, Ripper by Stephen Hunter
A new thriller from New York Times bestseller Stephen Hunter takes you deep inside the mind of the most notorious serial killer of all time: Jack the Ripper. Although I am a fan of Stephen Hunter I just didn’t care for this book. I am intrigued with true crime and find Jack the Ripper very interesting but this book was too boring for me to finish. It was slow moving and a very gruesome story detailing how he killed his victims. I do like a gruesome tale, but this was overkill.

Keep Quiet by Lisa Scottoline
New York Times bestselling and Edgar Award winning author Lisa Scottoline delivers once again with Keep Quiet, an emotionally gripping and complex story about one man's split-second decision to protect his son - and the devastating consequences that follow. Powerful and dramatic, Keep Quiet will have readers and book clubs debating what it means to be a parent and how far you can, and should, go to protect those you love. Overall a twisty read with fleshed out characters who made me care. I wasn’t exactly blindsided by the ending and thought it was pretty unbelievable, but up to that point I was really into it.

REVIEWS FOR YOU

HARRISON ON THE FLY
I have found the game “Shadows Over Camelot” to be a fun-filled experience. Most games involving cards are just luck of the draw, but in this game there are many ways you can choose to play these cards. Say I draw a card that is useful for the Holy Grail Quest but I am on the Quest for Excalibur, I can use this card to help me in the Quest for Excalibur OR move to the Holy Grail Quest to use it. So yes, it is partly luck of the draw, but you can choose how you use these cards. There are 2 different kinds of cards, white cards and black cards. White cards are good and help the knights progress; black cards are evil and can be very counterproductive.

The game “Shadows Over Camelot” consists of many quests, each quest has a different challenge, a different prize, and a different way to complete it. Completing a quest will bring loyal knights closer to winning the game, whereas every failed quest brings them to defeat. There are many ways to lose: getting 7 black swords placed on the table; all knights dying, or if 12 siege engines are placed. The different quests are: The Quest for Excalibur, the Holy Grail Quest, the Quest for Lancelot, the Dragon Quest, the Black Knight Quest, and the Saxon and Pict War Quests.

—Harrison Woodyard
Sensory Storytime in the Library

Sensory programming for children with special needs is becoming important in libraries. With this programming, more noise and activity is anticipated from the children. Children can get up and move “without parents worrying that they are bothering others.” A variety of senses are engaged and stimulated throughout the activity, in order to encourage sensory integration.

What is a Sensory Storytime? It is a program incorporating components of traditional storytime (books, flannels, music)—yet also engaging participants in one or more of the following: movement, art, messy play, balance, body awareness and any other activities which engage the senses. Providing a relaxed Sensory Storytime, includes the whole family, gives special needs children a safe place to enjoy activities and interact with other families with similar needs.

Once comfortable at the library, these families are then encouraged to engage in the full range of resources available through your library. Sensory Storytime allows children to gain not only reading skills, but also gain emotional independence, practice important communication skills, meet future friends and provide their families with an important network that will help them navigate the public education system in the future.

If you are interested in providing sensory programming or enriching your current level of programs, Carol Kranowitz’s books, including The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun, Revised Edition. Activities for Kids with Sensory Processing Disorder is an excellent resource.

Typical Sensory Enhanced Storytime Plan:

**Room setup.**
Use a contained program room with either an open space layout with floor mats or a few defined zones or circles. Examples of zones include a storytime area, an activity area set up with the tables and supplies used for sensory activities, and a free area that is calm and plain, so children can escape if the other areas prove overstimulating at any point.

1. **Introduction** (first meeting only)
2. **Hello Activities** (Do one or both of these, but be consistent)
3. **Welcome with ball**
4. **Rhyme Time**
5. **Stretch Songs With Thera Bands**
6. **Bean Bag Activity**
7. **Book and Related Sensory Activity**
8. **Wrap in a Mat**
9. **Goodbye Song** (Do one or both of these, but be consistent)
10. **Hand Stamps**

Repetition, routine and predictability are very important with these children. The more familiar they are with the songs and fingerplays, the more successfully they can interact with them. Remember, repetition creates familiarity. As with all library programming, you are the key to its success. Simply share your love of learning and the library with these children and their families, and their world will be opened to a whole new realm of possibilities.

**Kansas Disability Resources**
(Created by the Kansas Youth Consultants)
The Selden Public Library held a Hero Training Academy for the conclusion of their summer reading program. A large group of readers received awards and t-shirts on the final day of the four-week Summer Reading Program at the Selden Public Library on June 22. Participants received a t-shirt with the "Every Hero Has a Story" theme.

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**Selden Public Library: Tiny Town, BIG Heroes!**

**Submitted by Judy Rogers**

Every Hero needs to have certain skills to earn their Superhero ID Card. At the Selden Public Library, a hero needs to:

- Be Physically Fit  
  (Army National Guard Fitness Challenge)
- Practice Fire Safety  
  (Selden Fire Department Smoke Crawl)
- Be Prepared for Any Emergency  
  (Sheridan County EMS)
- Capture Criminals  
  (Sheridan County Sheriff Department)

Additional Skills a Hero needs to possess include:

- Walking Across Fire
- Solving Puzzles
- Learning to Fly
- Become a Hero
- Eat a Healthy Snack

**Congratulations!!!**

See Marsha Rogers for your **Superhero ID Card!**
Smoky Hills Public Television presented their Share a Story program to participants at the Selden Public Library on June 22 following their Hero Training Academy and picnic lunch. 

Below: Cris Wilson reads the story "Clifford the Firehouse Dog" by Norman Bridwell during the "Share a Story" program in Selden on Jun 22. Each participant was given a copy of the book to read at home.

Above: Sheriff Brian Fenner explains to Austin Patmon, Will Bruggeman, and Joshua Yanez how they use spikes to stop a vehicle when needed. He also demonstrated to the Hero Training Academy participants how and when they use tasers and showed them the sheriff’s vehicle and other tools used to keep law enforcement and citizen's safe while doing their jobs.

Right: Don Koerperich, Sheridan County Emergency Preparedness Director and EMT, assists Sidney Taylor in learning chest compressions during the Hero Training Academy at the Selden Public Library.

Above right: Mia Rogers tries out the mask she colored during the "Share a Story" program sponsored by Smoky Hills Public Television held in Selden.

Above left: Annika Archuleta dons her mask and cape at the "Becoming a Hero" table during the Hero Training Academy at the Selden Summer Reading.

Left: Addy Wessel walks across "fire" during the Hero Training Academy at the Selden Public Library. She is assisted by volunteers Kaylie Schaben and Maggi Nieman.
I’ve been challenged! How would you answer the question: “Why do you need all of this stuff on the MARC record. We only use the author and the title!” Here’s one of the answers to this question:

Yes. Most of your patrons probably search by author or title. However, MARC’s are not just about how your patrons find what you have in your library. A complete MARC will be a word picture/description of your item. A good MARC show’s number of pages, correct publisher, correct edition, etc…because this is the LEGAL record of ownership for your library. If a disaster happens in your library, your MARCs are the source of recall for the number of items and the titles of items found or lost.

Of course, having a good MARC means that anyone wanting to inter-library loan the item will be able to choose the correct item. How many of you have asked for a regular print copy and receive a large print in return? Ahhh...the importance of a good MARC…

Aurelia Jackson, cataloger@nwkls.org

The School Zone

Congratulations to John Vincent of Northern Valley Schools and Cindy Harold of Weskan Schools! Their students are headed for the William Allen White award celebrations in Emporia October 2nd and 3rd! Take lots of pictures to share with us please!!!

The winners of the WAW award this year were Malcolm at Midnight by W. H. Beck and Buddy by M.H. Herlong. In our own Northwest Kansas Poll the winners were: Malcolm at Midnight and One for the Murphy’s by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

The William Allen White books for the 2015-2016 school year will be in your schools soon! Each school library signed up for school rotation will receive the collection for you libraries, donated by the Northwest Kansas Library System!

Zoning in,
Aurelia

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

FOKL News

Submitted by Aurelia Jackson

The Northwest Kansas Library System is hosting the FoKL Executive Committee on July 17th. We will be meeting in the Norton Community Room at the Norton Public Library. We will be putting the finishing touches on plans for the Kansas Library Association conference in October.

Stop by and say hello!

A Media Specialist’s Guide to the Internet

Have you been looking for a consistent source of cool library information? Here’s Julie Greller, a Library Media Specialist.

http://mediaspecialistsguide.blogspot.com/

Ms. Greller has collected multitudes of curricula assistance, comics, and resources for teacher-librarians and for teachers! Go check her out!
The mission of the NorthWest Kansas Library System is to provide service to member libraries and those areas not served by a local library. We have a vision for leading the quest for information sharing through innovative services and technologies to member libraries.

You, Librarian, are the reason we work. We provide services to you in order to help you do your jobs better and so that you can be even prouder of the work that you are doing. We are so pleased to participate in making your libraries ever stronger—places for people and literacy and community spirit to grow.

We require your feedback in order to serve you better. Please let us know how we can continue to help you, and let us know as soon as you are able if something does not work for you, particularly a date. We are interested in making your lives and work easier and better. Contact Meagan with suggestions and conflicts. consultant@nwkls.org

Please do note the changes in the rotation schedule. Reducing the number of routes (but NOT the number of stops) will allow us to be more flexible and plan around other events in the region. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

### 2015 NWKLS CALENDAR

#### July

- **7** Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
  - Rexford
  - Colby
  - Davis
  - Brewster
  - Goodland

- **8** Executive Committee Meeting—Colby

- **14** Rotation
  - Jennings
  - Selden
  - Oakley
  - Wallace
  - Weskan
  - Sharon Springs

- **21** Rotation—1st Stop, 8:40 AM
  - Norcatur
  - Oberlin
  - Bird City
  - St. Francis

- **22** Rotation
  - Norton

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#### August

- **4** Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
  - WaKeeney
  - Quinter
  - Lenora
  - Almena

- **12** Full System & Author Tour—Colby

- **13** Author Tour—
  - Sharon Springs/Weskan
  - Goodland
  - Oberlin

- **18** Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
  - Hoxie
  - Grainfield
  - Gove
  - Grinnell

#### September

- **1** Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
  - Rexford
  - Colby
  - Davis
  - Brewster
  - Goodland

- **8** Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM
  - Jennings
  - Selden
  - Oakley
  - Wallace
  - Weskan
  - Sharon Springs

- **9** Executive Committee Meeting—Colby

- **15** Rotation—1st Stop, 8:40 AM
  - Norcatur
  - Oberlin
  - Bird City
  - St. Francis

- **16** Rotation
  - Norton
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News from Goodland!
Karen Gillihan at Goodland Public Library is pleased to announce that Dusti Chadwick will be carrying the torch for children’s services! Marcy Melia will be wonderfully missed, and we wish her good things in her future. We look forward to seeing Dusti in action!

Goodland Public Library is partnering with Goodland Junior/Senior High School during Library Card Sign-up month. They will be setting up outside the cafeteria each Tuesday during the month to encourage students to get a public library card as well as to show what services the library has to offer! We are very excited to see how this outreach program goes.

News from Colby!
Pioneer Hires for New Youth Services Programming!  Pioneer Memorial Library recently hired two new staff to work with youth each day after school. They are excited to have Sarah Wolf (pictured left) come on board as our Youth Services Librarian. She comes to us with a degree in social work and time serving in non-profits. Sarah will work part-time planning and implementing all our activities for youth between the ages of 8 years old and 16 years old. Emily Gilley (pictured right) was also added to our staff as a Youth Services Aide. She will work part-time and assist Sarah in planning and implementing events.

Their first youth activity was held Wednesday, September 16th from 1-5 pm. The kids made some crafts, played golf and hula-hoop, and then they broke up into teams for some fun relays. They really liked shaving the green balloons! The kids then made their own refreshments: easy to make apples covered with caramel topping and sprinkles.

Along with this addition of staff, Pioneer will also be revamping the basement area to make it more fun and inviting to the youth. Best part? The KIDS are gonna do the work! Congrats, Pioneer!
Library Blotter

Reviews by Kama Mandl

Dangerous Deception by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl
A spin off from the original Beautiful Creatures and Caster Chronicles stories that combined witches, curses, and drama. In this story, following on the heels of Dangerous Creatures, the three main characters, Link, Nox, and Ridley all tell their version of the story, the same story in three perspectives. Dangerous Creatures, book one, was fast-paced and highly entertaining, though quite a bit different than the first series. Unfortunately, Dangerous Deception fell flat for me. I was really enjoying it until I hit the end, not even realizing it was the end until I turned a few pages and fell straight into samples from each of their solo books. It just felt unfinished... like a filler story.

Never Knowing by Chevy Stevens
This is the second novel I have read by Chevy Stevens, and it grabbed me right from the beginning just as her other book "Still Missing" did. All her life Sara Gallagher has wondered about her birth parents. Being given up for adoption has always haunted her, but little did she know that seeking out her birth mother she is to unravel some devastating truths that will change her life and affect all those around her. After finding out the circumstances of her conception, Sara's story unfolds and plays out as a woman who deals with a situation she wished she never embarked upon.

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, consultant@nwkls.org

News from Gove!

The Gove City Library had our final Summer Reading program day on July 2 at 3 pm in the library. It was Party/Game day and prizes were given out to the top readers. Amelia Briggs was the overall top reader. The theme this year was about heroes, and we even had special guests come and share their knowledge with us. They were the Gove County Sheriff’s Dept and the Gove Community Fire Dept. We thank them for their time and service. We want to thank all of the parents for sharing their little kiddos with us, all of the people who donated treats and drinks, and a special thank you to Naomi Hockersmith for all of her time, supplies and goodies. Hard to believe that the program is over for this year but we hope to see all of you back next year!

—Rayna Kopriva, Gove City Library

If You See News Happening or Have Great Ideas To Share...
The William Allen White Children’s Book Awards were established in 1952 at ESU. Each year, we honor the memory of one of the state’s most distinguished citizens by encouraging the boys and girls of Kansas to read and enjoy good books. WAW Awards are supported in part by the Trusler Foundation. NWKLS provides grants to two schools each year for their participating students to attend.

“\[quote\]
I wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed having the NWKLS kids and sponsors at the WAW Awards on Friday and Saturday. They were so cute in their purple tutus and t-shirts! We wish other library systems across the state would start a grant so we’d get even more kids coming for the celebration. NWKLS should pat themselves on the back!\[/quote\] —Beverley Olson Buller, Newton, KS

Libraries Without Borders! Most of the staff of NWKLS as well as four of the region’s directors were able to attend the combined conference of KLA and MLA in Kansas City last week. The conference held three days of sessions, speakers, and special networking events. Meagan Zampieri and Mary Boller both presented with consultants from SWKLS and NCKLS. We are excited to incorporate the new ideas we heard and learned about. If you would like to attend a conference, remember that NWKLS has up to $250 available in scholarship funds for each person who applies for our Continuing Education Grant each year!

Pat Hart & DesiRae Churchwell listen to the Advocacy panel at the ApPLE pre-conference event at KLA in Kansas City. Eric Norris (Hays Dir.), Pat Pettey (KS Senate), and Patrick Vogelsberg (KLA Lobbyist) answered questions and discussed best practices.

Scott Bonner, Director of Ferguson Public Library, receives his commendation from ALA at the Award Ceremony at the combined conference. He said that he didn’t do anything you wouldn’t do... “What librarians do every day is kick a lot of butt.”
From the Cat’s Corner

RDA is the buzzword in cataloging circles. Resource Description and Access (RDA) continues to be a point of discussion: do we or don’t we? Since RDA uses the Anglo American Cataloging Rules (AACR II) as its backbone, there are small differences between RDA MARCs and the regular MARC records. Comparing the two, those cataloged using RDA will have more 300 fields (item physical description); use 264 instead of (or maybe along with) the 260 field for publisher information. Most of these fields will not show for patrons. Adjustments can be made to your automation program to allow patrons to view this information.

Other differences with RDA records include the following: there will be no abbreviation of words; no brackets that show an inference of knowledge of the item being cataloged, rather than hands-on fact; and system requirements of computer games & some audio books, etc. will each have a field instead of a line listing all in the 538 System Requirement field. My personal goal is to create one new record using the RDA guidelines before January of 2016. I wonder who will be the first to notice my first attempt?

Aurelia Jackson,
NWKLS Cataloger & School Consultant
NWKLS FoKL representative

THE SCHOOL ZONE

In September 2015 the NWKLS crew began helping Jana Gfeller with the process of getting the libraries at Tri-Plains School in Winona ready for automation. We weeded, barcoded, dusted, and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Jana in this awesome school! We will continue the process in October. When the automation is complete, this will be a first for Agent-Verso in Kansas: three schools will share a database!

Way to go Weskan, Wallace County, and Tri-Plains!

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

FOKL News

FoKL enjoyed a FRIEND-ly fire at the booth at the KLA/MLA conference September 30th through October 1st. It was wonderful catching up with old friends and making new friends throughout the conference.

October 19th through the 23rd is National Friends of the Library Week. Your FoKL executive committee will be celebrating with a meeting in Salina on the 16th and a Friends information workshop in Quinter in the afternoon of the 21st. Come join us in Quinter, and see the exciting things Friends can do!
### October

**6 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM**  
WaKeeney  
Quinter  
Lenora  
Almena  

**13 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM**  
Hoxie  
Grainfield  
Gove  
Grinnell  

**14 Executive Committee Meeting**  
—Colby  

**21 Personnel Policy & Friends**  
—Jay Johnson PL  
(QUINTER)  

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### November

**3 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM**  
Rexford  
Colby  
Davis  
Brewster  
Goodland & NWKTC  

**10 Rotation—1st Stop, 8:30 AM**  
Jennings  
Selden  
Oakley  
Wallace  
Weskan  
Sharon Springs  

**11 Executive Committee Meeting**  
—Colby  

**17 Rotation—1st Stop, 8:30 AM**  
Norcatur  
Oberlin  
Bird City  
St. Francis  

**19 Teens in the Library!!**  
—Goodland PL  

**20 Rotation**  
Norton  

### December

**1 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM**  
WaKeeney  
Quinter  
Lenora  
Almena  

**10 Rotation—1st Stop, 9 AM**  
Hoxie  
Grainfield  
Gove  
Grinnell  

**11 Executive Committee Meeting**  
—Colby  

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**Upcoming Workshops!!**

**Personnel Policy and Friends!** October 21, 2015, Jay Johnson Public Library, Quinter, KS  
Managing different personalities in your workplace can be very difficult—as difficult as making your whole community happy! But just like we encourage you to have policy in place for collection development and technology use, Personnel Policy can help your library run more effectively. Proper policy helps everyone on the staff to know what is expected and how they can best fulfill their responsibilities. You won’t want to miss Laura DeBaun guide you through the process of amending or developing your Personnel Policy manuals.  
In the afternoon, Carolyn Little, President of Friends of Kansas Libraries, and Sharon DuBois, President of Friends of Jay Johnson Public Library, will help you through the process of establishing and maintaining good relationships with your Friends Group. Aurelia Jackson will guide the discussion following a tour of FoJJ’s Thrift Store!  
Lunch will be provided by Friends of Jay Johnson, which will likely outshine anything else on the day. Join us from 10 am—3 pm in Quinter!

**TEENS in the Library...** November 19, 2015, Goodland Public Library, Goodland, KS  
In November, Goodland Public Library will host an exciting day of fun for young people! We will show off their teen room, and we will have special guests to help us cater to the young population of our communities. Amy Brucker, Youth Services Librarian for Syracuse Public Library in Syracuse, Kansas, will be on site to share strategies about developing relationships with the teens in your community. Her very active youth programs bring dozens of teens into her library weekly!  
In the afternoon, we will have Kelly Chaney, a representative from the KSDE, who will explain the ins and outs of becoming Summer Food Service Program Sponsors. What better way to practically guarantee attendance at a program than to provide FOOD. Learn more: [http://svvappcnw.ksde.org/CNWPortal_Web/SFSP/SFSP_Menus/SFSP_Admin_Program_Initiation.htm](http://svvappcnw.ksde.org/CNWPortal_Web/SFSP/SFSP_Menus/SFSP_Admin_Program_Initiation.htm) The workshop will be held from 10 am—3 pm Central Time (9-2 MT).
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