

NCKLS Director's Meeting
Emporia Public Library
Friday, September 17, 2010
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Wendy Mitchell, Clay Center
Kim Clark, Wamego
Susan Huddleston, Wamego
Catherine Schmidt, Hartford
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How are the other libraries marketing the MP3 CD's?

Manhattan has not marketed them as they have only a few. The mp3 cd is designed for later model cars, and contains books. Recording Books Company offers them. If you have these and not sure what to do with them, they would make good prizes for give away. To get more information about their use, contact your local car dealerships. This item will be put back on the agenda.

Concealed Carry in Libraries?

You may want to clarify in your policy about concealed weapons and unconcealed weapons.

How do libraries handle checking out R rated movies?

Whoever has a library card and check them out in Emporia. They don't ask ages, but have not had any complaints. Adult videos are on the second floor completely removed from the children's section. Verso has a field where you can add date of birth, so that will keep track of age.

This is an issue in the Manhattan community and the Board has a policy of age 17 and under must have written permission to check out R rated movies, then they can check out any movie.

How do libraries handle Playaways?

What are playaways? Playaways are a small sized device, similar looking to an MP3 player which contains preloaded audio books, with such features as adjusting speed, and book marks your spot when you stop it. Wamego has not had a lot of interest, but wondered what others were doing? Patrons supply their own ear buds. St Marys takes batteries out and have extra battery supply. St Marys sell ear buds to patrons that do not have ear buds. St Marys' devices haven't been checkout very much, but patrons don't understand what they are either. It was suggested they playaways may work well for juvenile. State Library may create a traveling collection of playaways in the future.

How do libraries identify series and keep them together on the shelf?

Put book 1, book 2, on the spine of the book, or put something inside the book so you know which series it goes to when shelving. Ask yourself how can the patron find the book? Shelf so the patron can find it. Follow the cataloging rule, but put inside somewhere in the book 1 of 3, of such and such series, for example. In Verso have the same info so it can be link to that book, or series. Some libraries use color dots for different things. There is the database of 'what's next' that patrons can look up on each computer.

KLA Lobbyist

With the resignation of the Executive Director, and the conference not making the money it needed, has in impact on the library community. Systems have been asked to make a special donation to KLA for employing someone to lobby/be Executive Director. All systems will support this, even though NCKL hasn't voted yet, but Fred thinks the Board will be in support of \$3000.00. The new Executive Director would attend hearings, watch legislation as it develops and give advice to the library community. Some years there may be a lot going on for this position, and other years not so much.

Healthy Kids Challenge

Encouraging everyone to come! Grant funded from the United Methodist Ministries who will provide the materials. Kits are worth \$200.00 for active story-time for kids. Studies show there is a significant problem with obesity 2-4 year old.

ARSL Bus Trip.

There is still room to go to Denver for the conference.

NeCessary Knowledge Live – Nov 4. All technology this year.

Next meeting is Dec 10, 2010 at DBPL Junction City.

Peter Haxton of the State Library will talk about the Annual Report.