

NCKLS Directors' Meeting
June 1, 2011
Abilene Public Library

Judy Burgess, served as hostess and Carol Barta chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.

Present:

Judy Burgess – Abilene	June DeWeese – Enterprise
Kara Cromwell – Abilene	Wendy Mitchell – Clay Center
Trinda Chase – Waterville	
Shelly Wirtz – Herington	Carol Barta - NCKLS
Lee Dobratz – Council Grove	Richard Miller – NCKLS
Beth Hendrix – Chapman	Marcy Allen – NCKLS
Patti Peterson - PWRL	Ann Pearce - NCKLS
Sarah Hornung – Council Grove	
Denise Hull – Hope	

Introduction of Linda Knupp as NCKLS Director

Linda was not able to attend the meeting due to another commitment. Carol explained that at one time, Linda was a Technology Consultant for South Central. She has a system background. Director Knupp will be a good fit for NCKLS. We do need to change the dates of our next two meetings so Linda can attend.

Highlights of NCKLS Executive Board Meeting

We have conceptual approval of the 2012 budget. We also have the conceptual approval of the goals for next year. The top goal for next year will be a strategic plan. Board member, Eric Benson, mentioned that his company creates strategic plans so we have expertise on the board.

Kan-Ed

The 2012 budget for Kan-Ed was reduced to \$6 million from \$10 million. Kan-Ed is funded by the Kansas Universal Service Fund. This will not affect the state budget nor will the fee be reduced. Presumably, the \$4 million will be allocated to the telecommunication companies. Farm Bureau opposed the reduction. The advisory committee for Kan-Ed will meet June 24. The committee has been sent three possible scenarios for how the budget cuts will be implemented. One of the scenarios is not funding the databases. Another is to fund the databases at \$200,000, and the last is to fund the databases at \$450,000. None of the scenarios funds the databases in full. Peter Haxon has put together a schedule of usage. Tutor.com has been zeroed out in all three scenarios. They are protecting Learning Desktop which is used by school districts for testing. It also looks like the T1 lines are being protected. Please let Carol

know what databases are important to your community. Learning Express will probably be let go due to the lack of use. I will lobby strongest for Heritage Quest due to high demand. KUSF raises \$64 million a year. Most of the money goes to the telecommunications companies. KUSF monies are supposed to offset the cost of rural services. Cox Communications is the company that brought this proposal forward. The cable companies do not receive any KUSF money.

Overdrive Update

Jo Budler has conducted a couple of sessions. The original contracts that were mailed out requested more money for the service. Jo said that the contracts were not doable. The existing Overdrive contract runs out in December. Overdrive wants individual contracts with libraries by the end of September. At this time, she is looking for another platform. She has been advised that all the publishers have to be contacted and agree to have their content moved from one platform to another. There were approximately 50 different publishers that were contacted. There has not been a good response rate, as yet. There are a few companies that are interested in providing a platform; however there is no one at this time ready with a platform. There will probably be a gap in service.

ARSL Conference

The dates are September 8, 9, 10, and 11. The bus will leave either in Topeka or Salina on the 8th and will return on Sunday. The cost for the bus is \$125. There is no preconference this year. Scholarships are available for the registration cost. People will have to pay for travel, lodging, and meals. After July 1, Oklahoma librarians will be invited to take the bus. Register for membership in ARSL.

Website Update

The new and improved NCKLS website can be found at <http://nckls.mykansalibrary.org>. The van schedule is there along with the directory of libraries. If there is something you can't find, please let us know.

E-readers

Carol and Ann are available for presentations concerning E-readers. The system has access to a Kobo Reader, Sony E- reader Pocket Edition, Color Nook, Nook, and iPad 2.

BookProspector

BookProspector is another company that purchases used books from libraries, just like Better World Books. The URL for the company is www.bookprospector.com. One difference is that when you scan the ISBN number, you receive an instant price quote. However, the company will not take books without an ISBN.

Important Documents

Delaware Township Library in Valley Falls, has run into a problem. The new city clerk is not happy with the library. The clerk decided she would not fund the library's budget. When pressured to do so, she demanded that the library prove that they are a legally established library. At this time, the library has been unable to locate the necessary documentation. System consultants had a discussion about this issue. It was decided that every library needs to create a

folder for important documents such as bylaws, election results, and/or charter ordinance. If your library is a Carnegie library, there should be a Carnegie contract on file. You should be able to go to the County Clerk and ask for election results. If you are interested in document retention, Chris Rippel created a list at:

<http://systems.mykansaslibrary.org/record-retention-schedule>.

Next Meeting

Next Director's Meeting will be in Marion at 10:00 a.m. on September 14.