

November 1, 2012

NeCessary KnowLedge

NeCessary KnowLedge Live!

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Calendar

Directors' Meeting	12/21
Summer Reading Workshop	2/26 2013
Book Fair	5/9 2013
System Board Meeting	8/1 2013

Dawn Krause Named Children's Consultant

Dawn Krause moved to Manhattan in April from Texas where she lived for nearly 12 years. She's originally from Upstate New York and has an art history/studio art degree from a women's college that is no longer in existence called Marymount College. Since her childhood, the library has always been an important place for Dawn, but she started her career as a paraprofessional circulation and reference assistant in academic libraries. She decided to get her MLIS degree at UT Austin and graduated in 1999. After graduation, she worked in a Motorola technical library

until she found consulting work at the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. Dawn served as the Continuing Education Consultant, the Library Management Consultant and finally, her most recent position was as the Manager of Continuing Education & Consulting. Dawn managed the Small Library Management Training Program, the Texas Reading Club, Texas Teens Read, and taught workshops on many topics such as early literacy and weeding with the CREW Method. Youth topics and the summer reading club were among her favorite topics in her



Dawn Krause is the new Children's Consultant for NCKL.

past work, so she can't wait to start helping libraries throughout the System serve youth and families. In her spare time, Dawn enjoys horses, ceramics, cooking, reading, travel and spending time with her husband and two dogs.

New Timothy Egan Book

Remember Timothy Egan's *The Worst Hard Time*? That 2006 National Book Award Winner followed the personal experiences of several families during the Dust Bowl, revealing their losses of family members, as well as their hardships at the hands of the drought.

I'm happy to announce that author Egan has just pub-

lished a brand new historical work entitled *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher*. Displaying his usual attention to detail and his flair for captivating retelling, Egan recounts the life of photographer Edward Curtis who spent some thirty years documenting the lives of Native Americans via breathtaking photographs and audio recordings of

their lives. For those who love good biographies and for those fascinated by tales of the American West, this is not to be missed.

—Marcy Allen

NeCessary KnowLedge Live Friday, November 9, 2012

Trustees Welcome

9:00 Registration and Rolls--Auditorium

9:30 - 11:00 Social Media Pros and Cons—Auditorium

	NCKL Office	Auditorium	CTC	Groesbeck Room
11:00 - 11:50	Cricut Basics	Mango Languages and Learning Express	DNS, WTH?	Google Apps vs. MS Office Smackdown

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch -- Auditorium

12:30- 1:30 Verso Users Group -- Groesbeck Room —

Inventory and Patron ILL basics

READ poster software--Auditorium

	NCKL Office	Auditorium	CTC	Groesbeck Room
1:30 - 2:20	Advanced Cricut	Pinterest	Buying the Best Technology with Less Spendology	E-reader Petting Zoo

2:30 - 3:00 Wrap-up & Door Prizes --Auditorium

Mango Languages and Learning Express

Two resources free to your patrons with a Kansas Library Card. *Mango Languages* allows patrons to learn a language online. *Learning Express* gives patrons free access to test-

taking review materials such as GRE, SAT, and professional practice tests such as nursing and more. Elementary, middle, high school and higher education students can find

practice tests in many school subjects. Part of *Learning Express* is the Job Accelerator which helps with job searches, resume writing and much more!

Cricut Basics: What's a Cricut? & Advanced

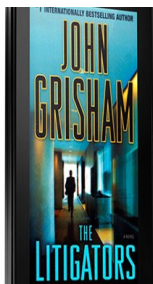
Is it one of those little black beetles that keep you awake at night in the summer? Well, no, it's not an insect, but it can keep you awake at night, either from excitement in knowing what a Cricut is and what it can do, or in fear ~ what do I do with this? Cricut is just one brand of electronic die cutting machine which can

make many tasks easier and more can be done than you realize. Here, you will learn the basics of your machine! Here are some quick tips on how to read your manual, install and swap cartridges, how to use the various dials and buttons, adjust and replace your blade and become familiar with your Cricut's layout. We will also

begin to cut out shapes and begin paper-piecing and layering as time permits. Don't miss out!



There are great door prizes! One lucky person will walk away with a...



Kindle Fire!

Social Media Pros and Cons

Is Twitter an annoying fad or a useful tool for promoting library programs? Can LinkedIn actually help your library users (and you!) with job-hunting? How are libraries and library associations using Facebook to

share resources and connect with colleagues around the world? And is Librarything more than a cheap copy cataloging platform for small libraries? And what about privacy, information overload, and embarrassing yourself and your workplace in front of millions? Learn the pros and cons of social media in general and find how to protect yourself and your library users while getting the best value out of these amazing, free communication tools.



Social Media Pros and Cons with Pat Wagner

E-Reader Petting Zoo

See several different devices and learn how to use them. Some of our 'animals' in the zoo are: Kobo, Sony, Nook, Kindle, iPad, and an Android

tablet. In addition, the State Library of Kansas provides 3M and OneClickdigital for eBooks and audiobook checkout. All you need is your Kansas Library Card and these books are free to download even when your library is closed if you have internet access and a computer.

DNS? What's That?

An overview of the new filter, how it works, and how it will affect day-to-day activities of the library. We will review the CIPA, as well as E-rate guidelines. In addition, you will learn how to handle non-filter requests. Please bring a flash drive if you have one.

Buying the Best Technology with Less Spendology

The art of having champagne tastes on a beer budget. How to get the most out of every penny, from online shopping to haggling.

Google Apps vs. MS Office Smackdown

Richard and LaDonna compare Microsoft Office to the free Google Docs suite.



Pinterest

Have you heard people talking about "pinning" the night away, but are not sure what they're are talking about? Find out what all the rage is about and explore the ways that libraries are using this

tool. Pinterest.com is a social site that allows users to "pin" images from around the internet or upload them from their own personal collections to create visual bulletin boards. Find out how the

tool works and how your users may be using it, and then decide if it's right for your library. Of course, we'll cover some of the controversy around copyright as well.



Caution: Addictive



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New State Library Standards

The State Library of Kansas Advisory Commission has approved the revised standards for Kansas Libraries. Those of you attending the session at KLA in April had a look at them. The consultants from the regional systems completed work on them in September. The standards will be posted to the State Library website soon with links from the NCKL website.

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You Lead the Change by Linda Knupp

On October 23rd, several NCKLS librarians joined with others across the state to attend "Lead the Change," sponsored by *Library Journal* in partnership with the B.A. David Company. David Bendekovic led the day-long session which challenged attendees to recognize their personal leadership capabilities and responsibilities. Participants received an action planner to summarize the discussion.

The morning session focused on defining leadership. Leadership is influence. You don't have to have a title or degree to be a leader. Everyone has areas of strength. Leadership is ultimately about creat-

ing a way for people to contribute to making something extraordinary happen. Management guru Peter Drucker was quoted as saying "Librarians are human change agents. Their product is a child who learns, a young person grown into a self-respecting adult; a changed human life altogether." Leadership is a choice we make, not the position we hold. Look for possibilities and avoid excuses.

In the afternoon session, participants began work on a plan for action for their libraries, starting with defining the library's mission, values and goals. Knowing your customers is critical.

Circulation information, local demographics and Kansas Snapshot Day are just a few of the ways we collect data to find out how our libraries are used and to determine if we are meeting outcomes or goals. Outcomes are critical in measuring success, communicating the library's value and planning for the future. These steps help position the library in the community, but it is equally important to develop meaningful partnerships and work together with other organizations in town. Libraries are more than collections: Libraries offer connections and services and are more important than ever.

Bendekovic's list of favorite books on leadership can be found on the NCKLS website.