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Legislative Priorities in 2013 by Linda Knupp



The Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) of the Kansas Library Association is defining legislative priorities for the coming legislative session, which begins on January 14. There will be many new members in the House and Senate. It's important for library trustees, library supporters and librarians to be acquainted with local representatives and to talk to them about

the value of library services for their communities. The GAC has identified the talking points (see page 2) that impact local services for all Kansas libraries and citizens. These will be compiled, formatted and distributed soon. In addition, the GAC is developing a set of worksheets that libraries can complete to show the value of shared electronic resources and the need for

affordable high-speed Internet access. NCKLS staff can help you complete the worksheets when they become available. The information will help illustrate the value of library services. Kansas legislative information, including the current elected officials can be found at the State's web site at <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>.

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Family Spaces by Candice Olson

Reviewed by Marcia Allen

While many of us vow to make changes in our lives as a new year rolls around, few of us have the determination to make them real. Think of the diets that didn't materialize, the workout regimens that lasted but a few days, and the closet-cleaning plans that never quite happened. Maybe we just need to make changes from a different angle. I found Candice Olson's new decorating book a delight. Her focus on family rooms and basements is particularly attractive, and her insistence that spaces serve multiple uses is so obviously practical that readers can't resist. If you've a cluttered, messy

basement, this book is for you. Not convinced? Her before-and-after photos should do the trick. She displays one particular family room, for example, that begs for demolition. An outdated sliding glass door, dark brick fireplace, and even darker wood paneling make the room almost cave-like. Fresh paint, new lighting, and neutral tones of fireplace paint make all the difference in the world. An unfinished basement with exposed beams and concrete flooring seems equally unappealing. But finished photos reveal a new multi-purpose room that boasts sunny yel-

low paint, a finished ceiling and carpeting that can accommodate a large family gathering. While many decorating books demand a sizeable investment and considerable talent for design, *Family Spaces* offers simple, attractive touches that can update any home. Here's a New Year's resolution for the rest of us!



Calendar

Directors' Meeting	2/7
Summer Reading Workshop	2/26
Summer Reading Craft Day	4/2
Book Fair	5/9
System Board Meeting	8/1

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Preserve funding for shared electronic resources (statewide databases)

Statewide electronic resources benefit all Kansans. These shared databases provide information on a variety of topics and are used by citizens from their homes, schools, and universities. Statewide purchase of these resources provides an economy of scale wherein libraries of all sizes can provide access to far more resources than they could hope to purchase individually. These resources include encyclopedias, magazines, professional journals, health resources, business resources, automotive repair manuals, vocational and educational test preparation resources, genealogy, and history information. For most Kansas communities, no statewide databases would mean no access at all.

Meet national standards for high-speed Internet access in all libraries

Kansas librarians help library users apply for jobs online, find medical information, file taxes, search and request legal documents and certificates, and so much more. All of these services contribute to the well-being of Kansas residents. These services depend on libraries having affordable, sustainable high-speed Internet access.

Support local libraries by supporting the State Library

The State Library of Kansas facilitates resource sharing among Kansas libraries to provide cost effective services for the good of the people of Kansas. Examples of statewide resource sharing include:

State aid to local libraries

Interlibrary loan of materials, including the Kansas Library Catalog and the courier system

Talking Books

The Kansas EZ Library collection of downloadable audio and eBooks.

Summer Reading Program

6 x 6 Ready to Read

**NCKL offers
\$50 grants to
libraries
hosting
legislative
meet-and-greet
programs**

Librarians Connect!

More and more we are connected. We stay in touch with family, friends and other professionals via a myriad of ways. We check voice mail, send emails, tweet, update status, blog, pin, call and occasionally write letters, all in an effort to keep in touch and conduct business.

As library professionals, it is imperative we keep informed about what is going on in the Kansas library sphere. To that end, I encourage each of you to take advantage of the mail list KANLIB-L. KANLIB-L is one of several mail lists (<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/lists/>) tailored for Kansas librarians, and if you choose

to subscribe to only one mailing list, then KANLIB-L is a good choice.

Here is how to subscribe (join) **KANLIB-L** so list emails will appear in your email inbox.

Point your browser of choice to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/lists/> and click on the

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MailServ for ListProcessor mailing lists

Your e-mail address: CC: yourself

List name:

List request address:

Send commands: immediately, or after multiple commands

Your full name:

Dig into Reading

Are you ready to dig into summer reading yet? Ready or not - here we come with the summer reading club workshop here in Manhattan on February 26, 2012. Erin Downey and Kim Patton will be co-presenting our workshop starting at 9:30am. Registration will be up a little later in January and the workshop will be held at the very charming Manhattan Union Pacific Depot.

Then later on in spring, we also hope you'll join us for a great day of crafting of the various ideas in the summer reading programming manual. This will take place on April 2nd from 10am-2pm here at the Manhattan Public Library. We hope this event will inspire some sharing so we can maximize the exchange of information about SRC crafts. More info on that coming after our 2/26/13 workshop.

which will display the sign-up page.

Type your email address and full name in the appropriate text boxes and click on the "Go" button just to the left of "Subscribe." You will then receive a confirming email message from KANLIB-L. After you "reply" to that message, you will then begin receiving KanLIB-L posts in your email in box.





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Kansas Public Library Survey

The beginning of a new year brings report time. The State Library Survey is live. Visit <http://collect.btol.com> to log in to your library's survey. The username and password are the same as in the past for your library. If you can't find your user name or password, call Carol at the NCKL office.

You will notice that there are more locked answer fields this year, especially in the address section. If your library has moved, please contact peter.haxton@library.ks.gov with the appropriate information.

Remember, this is the survey that is tied to State Aid eligibility. All surveys must be submitted no later than close of business Friday, February 1, 2013.

If you need help filling out the survey, call Carol at the NCKL office.

April is Money Smart Month Across Kansas



Money Smart Kansas 2013 is an annual community outreach initiative designed to promote and encourage financial awareness for all ages through classes, workshops and the delivery of various resources. Financial education providers throughout Kansas coordinate this campaign as an opportunity for the public to receive financial education information and resources that can assist them in making positive decisions with their finances. It is also a chance for financial education providers to showcase their work and services through a coopera-

tive, concentrated approach.

The main goal of the campaign is to provide workshops, seminars, programs and events to help individuals, families, students, homeowners, businesspersons, employees and other community members expand their opportunities through improved financial literacy.

You can plan financial literacy programs, activities and events under the Money Smart Kansas Month 2013 awareness and media campaign. By becom-

ing a partner, you're lending your active support to promoting the importance of financially literate citizens and providing greater access to a variety of tools and resources. Visit the Partners section at www.moneysmartkansas.org to get started.