

March 1, 2013

# NeCessary KnowLedge

## Summer Reading Workshop Rescheduled

### Dig into Reading!

NEW

#### Early Literacy Materials



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This summer even toddlers can participate!

The rescheduled date for our Summer Reading Program Workshop is March 8th at the Union Pacific Depot, 9am - 2pm.

If you were registered and can make the new date, you're all set.

If you were registered but can't make it on 3/8, please let me know at [dkrause@nckls.org](mailto:dkrause@nckls.org).

There is still time to add people who are able to come on March 8.



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## Technology Makeover

2013: a new year, a new opportunity to apply for the 2013 Technology Grant. For taxing libraries, this means that NCKLS will match up to a thousand dollars for new technology bought this year. Some libraries have already applied and received the monies from the grant, and the equipment is on its way to NCKLS to be set up. Those libraries are listed below, as well as the deals that were provided for them. If you have questions, comments

or would like to request a quote for your library, give us a call or send an e-mail, and we can work with you to see what great deals we can find for you!

Waterville Public Library has received two new Lenovo laptops with 4GB of memory, I5 processor, and a 500 GB hard drive for around \$1700. With use of the 2013 Technology Grant, the library only paid half of the bill; NCKLS covered the other half.

Chapman Public Library applied for a grant for two new Acer Veriton desktop computers with 4GB of memory, I5 processor and 500 GB hard drive for \$1200.

Florence Public Library applied for a grant for two new Acer Veriton desktop computers with 4GB of memory, I5 processor and 500 GB hard drive, a new HP LaserJet Printer, and three monitors for \$2000.

~Megan Gunther

### Calendar

Summer Reading Workshop	3/8
PLA Virtual Spring Symposium Watch Party	3/20
Dig into Crafts	4/2
Directors' Meeting in Emporia	4/4
Community Partnerships Watch Party	4/18
Book Fair	5/9

## Your Library Needs Community Partnerships: How to Get it Done A 90-minute workshop, Thursday, April 18, at 1:30pm .

Please register here: [http://  
know.nckl.info/](http://know.nckl.info/)



## Training for Librarians and Trustees

Since it is difficult for librarians and trustees to drive long distances to training, we are sponsoring an ALA webinar watch party in three locations.

### Marion, Marysville and Manhattan will each host.

Building partnerships with community businesses and organizations is a fantastic way for libraries to address the increased demand for library services that coincides with current funding cuts. These partnerships offer the opportunity to engage with influential members of the

community who can help raise funds for new services as well as showcase the library's value.

In this workshop, Paul Signorelli will show you how to build productive community partnerships that will help your library engage in meaningful projects while enhancing its standing in the community.

Topics include how to:

- Develop collaborations
- Identify potential partners within a community
- Identify economic, edu-

cational, and social needs that libraries and businesses both meet

- Complete a needs assessment in order to develop focused projects
- Bring stakeholders together
- Develop a flexible plan of action and provide ongoing evaluation
- Expand existing partnerships for long-term sustainability

A local discussion will follow the webinar presentation.

## Technology Spotlight

Ever wonder what to do when a patron brings in a wireless device and wants to print? We now have several choices on handling this request. With the 2013 Technology grant now available to the taxing libraries in the system, our options are no longer dreams but realities. The two options I'll be introducing you to are HP's Air-print and Brother's I-Print. These are features offered on select HP and Brother Printers.

HP's Air-print is available on most of HP's new models of

laser jet printers. This feature allows for Apple IOS devices to print via an app installed on the device. This would be very helpful for patrons who wish to print from an iPad, iPod or iPhone; however, this feature is only available for the Apple IOS devices. The app is free for patrons to download.

Brother's I-print is available for a range of different wireless devices, including Windows Mobile, Android IOS and Apple IOS. This means that most tablets, Smart phones and iPods will be

able to utilize this feature. The app is available through the Play Store, the App Store and through the Windows Store. It is free for the patrons to download and only takes a few steps to set up.

If either of these sound like something your library would like to have, please let Richard or me know, and we will be happy to get a quote for the printer that would work best for your library.

~Megan Gunther

## Dig Into Crafts!

On April 2nd, join us here at the NCKLS office to do some informal sharing and crafting for summer reading. The workshop will be from 10:00am - 1:00pm with some hearty snacks provided.

### Here's how it will work:

1. Select a craft from the 2013 manual or one that you choose that's related to the 2013 theme. Let Dawn

know which craft you're thinking of doing at [dkrause@nckls.org](mailto:dkrause@nckls.org).

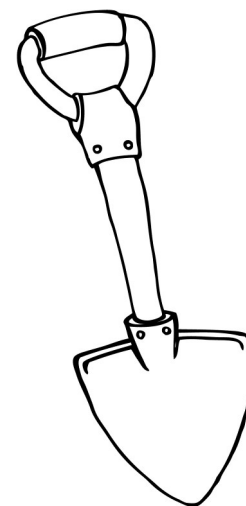
2. Complete a craft and bring it with you.

3. You don't have to demonstrate the craft to the group, and we promise it will not be intimidating at all. If you don't want to talk about it, just bring any patterns to be copied and a list of materials needed to share with others.

4. If you have copies of other ideas you're planning, activities, games or coloring sheets, please bring those along to share.

We'll have a couple new die cuts to share (dinosaur and pirate), our newest story time kits out and our Cricut machine fired up.

Please register here: <http://know.nckl.info/>



## March 20 10 am - 5 pm

Hosted by Manhattan Public Library and the North Central Kansas Library System  
Moderated by [Stephanie Gerding](#), librarian, author, and trainer, the PLA Virtual Spring Symposium will be a full day of rich education.

Take advantage of four education tracks with two programs in each!

**Morning Sessions:**  
[Care & Feeding of the REAL Boss: Working Effectively with City and County Officials](#)

[A Novel Approach to Giv-](#)

[ing Bad News Hands On! Innovative YA Programming](#)

[Practical Readers' Advisory for Children and Teens](#)

**Lunchtime Learnings**  
[DigitalLearning.org](#)

[Edge Public Access Technology Benchmarks](#)

[E-Book Communications Template Kit from the ALA Digital Content & Libraries Working Group](#)

**Afternoon Sessions:**  
[Marketing Trends and Innovations for Libraries](#)  
[Customer Service Chal-](#)



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[Building & Running the Digital Branch](#)

[Developing Web Content Strategy for Libraries](#)

**Closing Session:**  
[Designing a 21st Century Roadmap for the Future of Public Libraries](#)

Lunch will be \$5. Please register here: <http://know.nckl.info/>

### Morning

Track 1: Administration/Leadership

Track 2: Youth Services

### Afternoon

Track 3: Marketing/Customer Service

Track 4: Technology

### Locations

NCKLS Offices

McCormick Room



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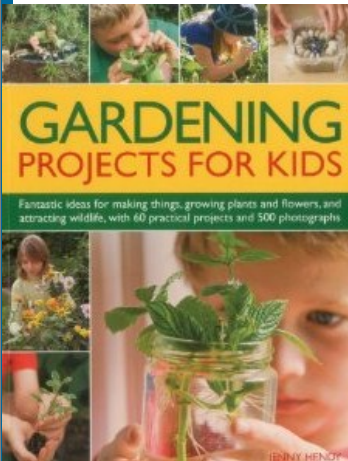
## ApPLE: Training for New Directors

Seven of our newest NCKL directors have been invited to attend the first ApPLE (Applied Public Library Education) course. Created by six of the library systems, ApPLE has been designed to fill the void left by the demise of K-Place. Librarians will meet in a face-to-face retreat in April and then have monthly online webinars, assignments and discussions throughout the year. They will have the opportunity to meet again at the Kansas Library Conference in October.

The curriculum includes budgeting, working with library trustees, library law, customer service and much more.

NCKL librarians attending include Alice Johnson, Frankfort; Rodger Charles, Peabody; Christine Osterman, Enterprise; Lavonne Owen, Chapman; Leah Kulikowski, Wamego; Janice Lyhane, Marysville and Tera Kinde, Waterville.

## Time to Garden!



Here's a delightful book, perfectly suited for children looking for something to do. Jenny Hendy's *Gardening Projects for Kids* is a wonderful compilation of outdoor projects that are fairly easy to complete and very pleasing to the eye. Need an example? In a chapter entitled "Flower Power," Hendy teaches kids how to arrange a garden of dwarf flowering plants that spells out their first names. Another project in the same chapter demonstrates how to arrange succulents in a traditional strawberry planter for a dash of color. Each project lists materials needed, provides a suggested plant list, and gives step-by-

step directions and accompanying photographs.

And not all projects are meant for beauty's sake alone. In a chapter entitled "Fork to Fork," Hendy demonstrates how to build an herb pyramid from a list of suggested plants and stacked flower pots of different sizes. A very simple project in that same chapter easily demonstrates how kids can make their own "windowsill salads."

For kids with an interest in garden wildlife, a chapter called "Garden Safari" also has some really nice projects. Homemade bird treats, hung from nearby

trees, invite a variety of bird species to feed. A clustering of clay pots filled with plants especially appealing to butterflies is bound to attract colorful species all season long.

This book is so attractive, that it has appeal for any garden enthusiast. An elegant arrangement of plants with nearly black blooms or leaves, beside others with white flowers or silvery leaves would be a nice touch for a deck or patio. The possibilities are unlimited!

~ Marcia Allen