

April 4, 2014
Directors Meeting
Riley City Library

Those in attendance: Marci Allen, Melendra Sanders, Teri Belin, Crystal Applegarth, Wendy Molten, Kara Cromwell, Carol Barta, Kat Caster, Duane Mayer, Denise Coon, Anna Foote, Janice Lyhane, Rodger Charles, Tera Kindle, Shannon Reid, Richard Miller, Lavon Owen, LaDonna Clark.

Anna Foote, State Library, Early Literacy/Lifelong Learning Coordinator, spoke about the 6x6 program. This program is six skills by six years of age. This position has been in existence for two years in June and is funded by a grant-organization that handles the tobacco settlement funding. The position will be in existence beyond the life of the grant.

6X6 materials are now in Spanish also, not only English. These materials can go to doctor offices, health clinics, and other places in your community where the Spanish speakers are located. The materials are general, not library specific, so serves the entire state of Kansas. Contact Anna or Melendra.

Two types of **Early Literacy kits** available now, Circle story time kit as a story time resource, includes 6 books on different themes is for younger and older ages, includes a notebook with songs, rhymes, and finger plays, puppets, and parent handouts. Kits can be checked out via ILL, and also by individual patrons, families, parents as teachers, libraries, etc.

Early literacy activity kits are larger and have 8-10 activities that relate to a particular book. The activities are very adaptable. 77 total on 11 different titles. These kits are also available via ILL from the state or Melendra. (NCKLS kits are not on ILL, contact Melendra for those). NCKLS also has an auxiliary kit with additional books along the same lines. NCKL website list all kits available.

Kits are good for passive programming. Included are directions for the parents explaining how these items to connect to learning to read later.

Part of the grant was to have two agencies do research. Evaluation shows 88 children from 10 different child care programs found: tested two ways to reach out to child care providers: 1 Training for child care providers and 2. Half of the people in the study, that is all they did, come to meetings and then work with the children. The second half had on going visits with child care providers where library would go out and model a story time and demonstration how to work with the children and how it relates to the skills. Findings: The meeting was just as effective as going out 4-5 times and is less staff intensive. In addition, the training was overwhelming positive and participants could explain the six skills, etc. for not only what 6x6 is, but how to implement it. They were using the library more after six months after the training, and having continued use of the library, findings also revealed. On April 15th there is 9:30-10:30 webinar to discuss the finding of the report. Get more details from the state library calendar.

Another program is the Checkup and Checkout Program. It was started 1 year ago with a pilot program. State library provides a grant to purchase books to give away to families. The books are at the doctor

offices, and the doctor gives patient a book at the clinic. There is a card also given out, including 6x6 info and if they go to the library, they can get another free book. State Library is looking for more funding, and currently has 10 participating communities.

Money: There are small grants coming available to libraries. These grants are non-competitive; which means they will require a small monetary matches from your library.

A. Price Books for Summer Reading-scholastic books.

B. Collective development grant for libraries that are working with Mutt-i-grees program. North shore Animal read will send you a packet if you are interested which includes a dog puppet and notebook with different plans for programs adaptable for young children to adults. This is a free resource and Anna can get you the details. Programs are all about animals and help children develop emotional health— learning compassion for animals, etc.

C. Small grant for teen programming. There will be more info coming out in mid-august.

Please use your ESG money for matching for these grants.

Spanish speakers come from a country where you pay to use the library. They may not understand that it is a free resource. The State Library has lots and lots of materials for Spanish speakers available. Rotating collection has lots of books for children and adults in Spanish also.

Melendra: Teen and tween programming kits including robots and circuits are available. Alternate energy and solar kits with solar ovens to test ovens against each other, book repurposing for making decorations out of books, and a builder kit that will have Legos and other different building kits that you could not make if you had Legos at home will be created. May also make a computer kit with laptops that you can take apart an old laptop and try to put back together again using some old real laptops. The idea is you have people come, have experience to playing with them, and all materials come back to us. About the experience of making versus what they get to take home unless you want to make something that they can take home. The opportunity to play with something you would be able to otherwise, with all the directions. These can be checked out for 30 days like other kits.

Target has a grant program, check our website for other corporations participating in grants. Some Corporations have deadlines and some don't.

Melendra did a Folder Story workshop for Northwest, and will do a Folder Workshop one for our system. These folder stories can be useful in the kits. There will be some science related folder stories to be used for summer reading. An idea in the making is to make a flannel board with a cookie sheet, cork, and then flannel board with magnetic on the other side for flannel board story boards. You could come to the workshop, make the flannel board to take home with you, then also make a flannel story to go with it.

There are two children's watch parties coming up. "Benefits of Play in Learning to Read" April 9th, the second one is "ALA Maker spaces" on April 23th.

How do we get the Newsletter to the Board Members not having an email addresses? The board members that do have email addresses can print them off and take them to the meeting for board members that do not have email addresses.

Book Fair, May 8, 2014. Book stores in attendance will be: Claflin Books and Copies, Christian Books and Gifts, Town Crier. Authors in attendance will be: Roy Bird, Rita Kraushaar, and Cody Moulton. The ladies from Seven Dolores will be making and bringing lunch.

NCKLS is requesting a 3D Printer with an LSTA grant. The idea behind having a 3D printer is so we can remake things from the kits, if something gets broken or lost. We can print replacement pieces for the items. Plastic spools are used to print. Not sure what costs are yet, so it will be an experiment for us.

Zinio stats: March - 450 checkouts. We are getting a clear picture of popular and unpopular magazines.

New Verso update. Carol requested NCKLS to go first before libraries, but have not heard back. Verso has stopped making updates to Classic and Illuminar. One issue is the 260 and 264 fields are conflicting. The fix will display in the new system, not the old system. Secondly, we asked everyone to not put pertinent info in the MARC record, and some people continue to add it. We are asking Auto Graphics to suppress that info so it doesn't display to the patron.

Roger: Nothing going on in Peabody. This is 140th anniversary of being first free public library in KS. April 12, will be an open house in the library from 9-noon, and a nook color will be given away. Summer reading signup begins, the board wants a sub and Rodger can spend the day demonstration the newspaper database, a member from historical society giving history of library. Peabody Library will be offering beginning computer classes, e-Reader training, and social media training after receiving grant money to fund it in May, and June, and July 4. Certified teachers will be doing the summer reading program using state aid money to buy books. USDA Grant is completed. In January started collecting funds for 100 bucks for 100 years to buy children's books for the library. Word of mouth and newspaper compliments the money received. Policy manual is complete. School district is purchasing chrome books for kids to use in the classroom, so the library is getting two chrome books, and the library would like to get a Smart Board.

Clay Center: Replaced LED lighting, painted walls, removed an old drop down ceiling, removed old paneling, and are restoring old windows.

Riley: Adding programs for preschool which is a big hit, Grandma Reads to preschools and sings with them. The meeting room is being used often with genealogy events. The new meeting room has a new screen and projector. POW Camp, music and amateur art shows, water safety program for adults from the Army Corp of Engineers

Marysville: 40% into renovation project. Slashed programming due to no space. A temporary wall is built and books are confined to half the library. Carpet and paint color have been selected, restrooms will be turned into family or all unisex bathrooms.

Council Grove: Shannon has been working in Council Grove Library for just one month, so she is learning all she can from Lee before she leaves. Need to hire a new Children's Librarian, and is doing a Book Talk on the 22nd. "Food for Fines" working well.

Abilene: Starting to weed. Old book sale for .10 a book with only one complaint for getting rid of old books. Applied for a United Way grant for prizes for next year's summer reading prizes which Alco used to donate but they are gone now. Replacing 4 old XP laptops with Windows 8 touch screen laptops and these will have Mind Craft on them. We will have two new Board members this year. Asking the board to replace Square and an iPad to take credit card and debit cards and stop using cash registers. We will be purchasing a new Raspberry Pie for summer reading.

Duane and Richard: Working on technology plans, getting routers in the libraries, not using cross loop anymore will be using LogMeIn- In instead, swapping out XP computers in libraries. Duane comes to us from Inman which is in Chase County with an education background, and has been a joy to work with.

LaDonna: Time Management Workshop offered in Junction City, e-Readers in Peabody, and check out the new information on our website.

There was some discussion on the new version of Verso coming later in the year. There will be some type of training, and will know more at a later date.

Discussion on keeping DVD's safe from theft.

Abilene: A new art display in the library and it is a board member, and we will continue to have a rotating selection of art in that room. Have volunteer lunch next week to celebrate what volunteers do. A guitarist attracted 66 people to the library. Library and the Arts Council is a very good partnership.

Carol: Kansas Children Internet Protection Act is in full affect. It is necessary that the library have an internet policy added to the tech plan so when you fill out your tech plan please review the internet use policy. Everyone who does filtering through us should be okay. You can't ask your patrons any questions, but you can ask your patrons, "You aren't going to do anything illegal are you?"

If you see a gun on someone in your library, then it is not concealed. If you see it, call the police. It needs to be concealed; we don't have open carry laws. There was some discussion on the law.

Teri: Is learning how libraries are structured and getting to know everyone.

Tera: Working on inventory. In the weeding process all non-fiction is together, and fiction shelf space is filling back up again.

Denise: Let me know what you need.

Lavon: Children's section is done weeding, and I am learning the payroll system. A high school student is painting chairs since the library was first open, tiger/giraffe/tucan/zebra on the wall, and the words "Once upon a time..."