

December 15, 2013

Watch Party

12:00–1:00 Wednesday,
April 9th



**Get up and move!
Why movement is part
of early literacy skills
development**

Dr. Allison Kaplan discusses the important role play has in helping children develop early literacy skills and how to incorporate those into storytime programming.

Calendar

- Executive Committee Meeting** **12/5**
- Directors' Meeting** **12/12**
- Executive Committee Meeting** **1/30**
- Closed for Staff Development** **2/17**
- Summer Reading Workshop** **2/25**
- Fizz, Boom, Read! Craft Days** **March**

NeCessary KnowLedge

Welcome to Zinio

NCKL has purchased access to Zinio, a resource that allows patrons of any NCKL library to access magazines electronically. NCKL subscribes to 69 magazines with selections for adults, teens, and children. To see a complete listing of the magazines available for checkout, go to the Zinio tab on the NCKL website. There

you'll also find directions for setting up a NCKL Zinio account as well as directions for establishing accounts on the patrons' eReader devices from Kindles to iPads. Once patrons have created accounts and installed the app on their device, they can start checking out magazines. Each magazines can be kept on a device for as

long as patrons desire. In addition, magazines can be checked out simultaneously by multiple patrons, so no waiting lists. Patrons can also access their magazines from multiple devices, including a computer. If you have any questions about Zinio, please contact LaDonna at lclark@nckls.org.

NCKLS Extended Service Grant Committee Recommendations for 2014 and 2015

In 2014, all NCKLS libraries in taxing counties are eligible to receive additional grant funds. Regional library systems exist by state statute "to provide adequate library services to all citizens in the state of Kansas by the joint use of planning and financing to improve existing services." Extended Service Grants (ESG) are one way of improving service. ESG funds are distributed to legally established public libraries in taxing counties to encourage resource sharing, to provide greater access to a variety of library resources, and to

eliminate taxing boundaries to service. Legally established public libraries in taxing counties are also eligible for Service Improvement Grants, Technology Grants, and Interlibrary Loan Grants. An ESG committee was formed to review the distribution of ESG funds and make recommendations to the NCKLS Executive Board for approval. The ESG committee included representation from all taxing counties and all sizes of libraries. The group met

twice this fall to review state standards, examine current grant funding and distribution, and devise the recommendations. The recommendations were approved by the Executive Board in December. We appreciate the work of: Charlotte Shawver, Janet Marler, Pat Bloomfield, Audrey Broxterman, Michael Lang, Shelly Wirtz, Alice Jones, Lavonne Owen, and Susan Davis. ~ Linda Knupp For further details see the NCKLS website.



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



Summer Reading Workshop

Are you ready for Summer Reading? The annual NCKLS Summer Reading workshop is coming soon. The workshop will be held February 25th at the Manhattan Public Library.

Kathy Barco will be this year's guest presenter.

Kathy recently retired from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library where she was the Children's Literacy Coordinator. From 2000 through 2011, Kathy conducted Summer Reading Program workshops for librarians across New

Mexico and Colorado.

Our afternoon program will focus on teen volunteers in the library, with presenters from Abilene Public Library, Clay Center Carnegie Library, Manhattan Public Library, and Wamego Public Library.

Technology Spotlight

Fond Farewell
Megan Gunther, the NCKLS Assistant Technology Consultant, has accepted a position with the AIB International IT department. Megan's skills, knowledge, and experience allowed NCKLS to expand and enhance its IT support to member libraries. Her positive and enthusiastic attitude will be missed by her friends here at NCKLS. We wish Megan the very best and know she will do well at AIB. NCKLS is currently accepting applications to fill the vacant position.

New Routers
We have begun to install new wireless routers in system libraries. The MikroTik Router BOARD

routers, purchased with state LSTA grant funds, will update older existing equipment in most NCKLS member libraries. The MikroTik routers enhance Inter connections, allow better remote tech support, and provide faster wireless "N" connectivity for patron mobile devices. When possible, we'll combine the new router installations with other tech support visits or schedule as needed over the next several weeks.

~ Richard Miller



Mutt-i-grees

Looking for new ways to engage children and families? Mutt-i-grees in the Library can help! Mutt-i-grees in the Library provides librarians with plans, strategies, and materials to actively engage children and teens by using activities, crafts, and books about shelter pets to teach social and emotional skills. Librarians implementing Mutt-i-grees programming may select from a range of different activities and ideas that are easily integrated into existing library programming. To request a complimentary Mutt-i-grees in the Library kit, please visit <http://education.muttigrees.org/request-library-kit>.

Human Resources Assistant for NCKLS Libraries

Teri Belin has been the Human Resource Specialist for the Manhattan Public Library and North Central Kansas Library System for the past three years. In 2014 she will be available to assist System members with questions related to managing our largest resource-people! Teri is a member of the national

Society of Human Resource Management and the local chapter of the Human Resources Management group. She recently completed a certificate in Human Resource Management from the Center for Management Development at Wichita State University. Teri has access to many resources

and can assist librarians and boards with information about best practices for hiring, evaluation, and communication with staff and volunteers. Contact Teri at tbelin@mhklibrary.org or 785-776-4741 extension 122.

New Library in Riley

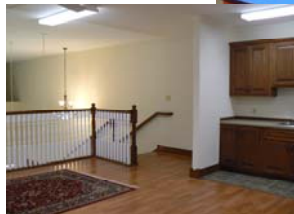
Riley Public Library opened the doors on its new building November 17th. The facility was built with the assistance

of a KAN STEP grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The library shares their beautiful

new location with the town's local food pantry.



The new building



Community Room



Children's Area



Ribbon Cutting



The Giving Tree recognizes library donors.



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Summer Reading Craft Workshops



In order to cut back on librarian travel time, I am offering traveling craft workshops for in March. If you are interested in hosting a workshop in your area, please let me know, so I can come to you!

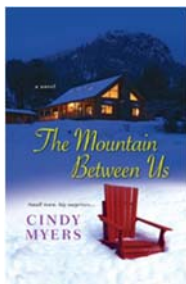
We'll need room for 5–7 people. I'll bring sample activities and crafts that tie-in to this year's summer reading themes: Fizz, Boom, Read! and Spark a Reaction. There are so many great STEM ideas I want to share.

NCKLS will provide all the craft and activity materials. There will also be door prizes!

Holiday Treats Just for You!

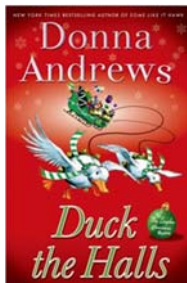
Yes, the holidays can be stressful, but there are some outstanding ways to take a break. Among the enticing new seasonal novels are the following:

The Mountain between Us by Cindy Myers



Myers gives us a small Colorado community with shaky finances. There are other more personal problems, too, like those of young, single mother-to-be Maggie. If that's not enough local trouble, a terrible winter storm ravages the community just in time for Christmas. Can this struggling community deal with multiple hardships?

Looking for lighthearted humor? Duck the Halls (no misspelling there) by Donna Andrews is another in a sought-after series that has made the



“New York Times” bestseller list. The intrepid Meg is perplexed by a prank that has left a cage full of agitated skunks in her church's choir loft just before the annual concert. And that's not the only victimized church. Meg and friends will have to sort this out before the Christmas programs become fiascos.

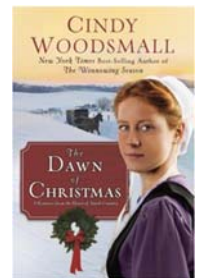
How about a period historical for your holiday reading? Author William W. Johnstone has created a tale of courage in his latest novel, A Big Sky Christmas. The story takes place in the waning years of the 19th century when a group of pioneers joins together in Kansas City, headed for the Montana Territory. But it's late in the year, and hostile forces await them. When all seems hopeless,



two hardened frontiersmen intervene.

Cindy Woodsmall's The Dawn of Christmas is an

uplifting tale for the many who fancy inspirational fiction. Sadie's wedding hopes were dashed by the inappropriate behavior of her would-be groom. Meanwhile, embittered Levi has avoided women because of his own hurtful experience. Could Christmas season be the start of a new life for the two? These are but a very few of the wonderful new holiday books. Put your feet up, grab an appealing novel, and restore your holiday spirits.



~Marcia Allen