

February 1, 2015

**Calendar**

<b>Windows 8.1 Workshop</b>	<b>2/4</b>
<b>Directors' Meeting</b>	<b>2/12</b>
<b>NCKLS Closed for All Staff Training</b>	<b>2/16</b>
<b>Pinterest for Librarians</b>	<b>2/25</b>
<b>WordPress Workshop</b>	<b>3/4</b>
<b>Summer Reading Workshop</b>	<b>3/12</b>
<b>SR Craft Workshop: Emporia</b>	<b>3/25</b>
<b>SR Craft Workshop: Marysville</b>	<b>4/1</b>
<b>Directors' Meeting</b>	<b>4/9</b>
<b>SR Craft Workshop: Marion</b>	<b>4/10</b>
<b>SR Craft Workshop: Wamego</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>NCKLS Book Fair</b>	<b>5/7</b>

# NeCessary KnowLedge

## New Classics in the Format of Your Choice

During the cold, short days of winter, what could be better than sitting down to read a favorite author or series? How about binge-watching a TV show based on that favorite? According to the *Huffington Post*, more than half the adults in the USA admit to watching back-to-back episodes of a favorite TV series two or three times a week. Like reading chapter after chapter to race to the end, we enjoy watching one TV episode after another to see what will happen next. DVD's, Roku Boxes, HBO, Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, & other devices & services provide endless viewing options & entertainment. I've done my share of binge watching & discovered several excellent books & series that have made it to the TV screen. The A&E channel broadcasted three seasons of *Longmire* based on the books by Craig Johnson. The future of the series was in doubt when A&E decided to cancel the fourth season. Fortunately Netflix has picked it up, because readers who enjoy contemporary westerns & mysteries will enjoy Johnson's

books & the series. Public Broadcasting (PBS) provides some of the best viewing available with *Masterpiece Classics & Mystery! DCI Banks* is a British crime series based on Peter Robinson's novels featuring detective Alan Banks. This is another fine drama with complex characters & intrigue that keeps viewers watching like readers turning pages. The show has been renewed for a fourth season. PBS's stellar Sunday night line-up now includes *Grantchester* based on the novel *Sidney Chambers & the Shadow of Death* by James Runcie. We can only hope that future seasons will be filmed based on the rest of Runcie's *Grantchester* mysteries. Starz entertainment has announced that the eighth episode of *Outlanders* based on Diana Gabaldon's popular series will air in April. Thank goodness! Although readers know the story, episode seven left viewers wondering about the deepening relationship

between Claire & Jamie. *Outlanders* is part historical fiction & part love story. Author Gabladon noted that while most of the series' readers are women, half of the series' viewers are men. There are several other book-to-screen adaptations I'm particularly looking forward to seeing, including HBO's *Olive Kitteridge*, based on the prize winning book by Elizabeth Strout, the BBC's upcoming series based on Robert Gailbraith's (J.K. Rowling) *The Cuckoo's Calling*, & the BBC's adaptation of the first two books in Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall* series. Great books & great TV based on those books help get us through winter & provide more options than ever for readers & viewers to select what they personally enjoy in a variety of formats.

~ Linda Knupp



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## Library Legislative Day: It's all in the Bag!

KLA held its annual Legislative Day on January 15. About 40 librarians & trustees met with their senators & representatives during the day. We brought "care packages" filled with goodies for the long session ahead of them. John Barker, the representative receiving a bag from the Hope Community Library, was very excited. "That Aleve will come in handy," he responded. His office assistant joked that he was supposed to screen these packages first to see what he might want. Manhattan's

Senator, Tom Hawk, was also pleased to get bags from MPL & the Clay Center Carnegie library. Our little gesture of good will was well received, & we hope to have positive outcomes as the legislative session proceeds. If you haven't filled & delivered the "goodie bags" to your legislators yet, there is still time. You can take them to the local office, make arrangements to deliver them to their homes, or meet with them at a coffee or "eggs & issues" meeting when they are

back in your area. Among the items Hope packed in their "goodie bags" were cashews, Roloids, Visine, chapstick, crackers, & Teddy Grahams. Manhattan added Kind bars to their bags. Both libraries included inserts about things going on in the library with an open invitation to visit. We hope that all the NCKLS libraries will establish good working relationships with their legislators & that bringing them cookies can only sweeten the deal.

~ Carol Barta

## NCKLS Easy Reader Kits Now

Want to start a R.E.A.D. with a Dog program only to realize:

- You don't have a service dog,
- Clean up is a hassle,
- Dog allergies?

NCKLS' Easy Reader Kits are the answer! Designed to be used with children learning to read, the Easy Reader kits contain 7 theme related easy readers and a stuffed animal. Because children who are learning to read need a non-judgmental reading experience, the animals provide a safe & comforting audience. The 8

kit themes are *Elephant & Piggie, Monkeys, Frogs, Dinosaurs, Mice, Cats, Dogs, & Bears.*

~ Melendra Sutliff Sanders



## 'Appy Hour

Coming in 2015, NCKLS will present brief app sessions focusing on different apps for Androids and Apple devices.

If you have an app you use, and it works well for you and your library, please let me know. Some examples of apps we may train on are scanner apps, productivity apps, task management apps, and much more! All apps will be either free or available at minimal cost. Watch your email or our website for more information.

~ LaDonna Clark

There's still time to



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## Getting to Know You: Janice Lyhane at Marysville PL

Janice has been with the Marysville Public Library since May 8, 1995; she became the director on August 29, 2012.

*What do you like/love about your library?* We just did an internal renovation of the library, so right now I love everything, but the part I love the best is our staff. We have a diverse staff of 5 employees, & we all have different strengths & interests. Everyone has the same goal which is the library's success, so we make a great team! The saying "Find a job you love, & you'll never work a day in your life" isn't true every day—the state survey & annual budget come to mind—but it is darn close.

*What would you change if you could?* If I had a magic wand & could change anything, I would put more windows in the library. We have several in the front, & I love natural light & the openness windows bring.

*What projects are you working on?* This year, one of our goals is increasing programming for adults. We worked hard to keep our children's programming

going during the renovation, but the adults were neglected. We're starting a monthly program series in February with a hypnotist & will continue through 2015 with a variety of entertaining & educational events.

*What programs do you offer?*

We are very pleased with our children's programming. We have storytimes Tuesdays & Thursdays. Twice a month we have Crafternoons, during which children stop in & do a craft at their leisure. We also have Lego Club, open to any age, twice a month. Attendees can take the creative challenge or do their own thing. Our young adults' attendance has dropped recently, so we adjusted our main focus to the tweens in order to boost our young adults in the future. Every Monday, we have Tween Time with activities & crafts for that in-between age. We also do "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten," outreach storytimes for children & adults, & take books to our local law enforcement center.

*What have you been reading*

*that you'd recommend?* I have very eclectic taste in books, and keep a collection of pieces of scratch paper under my keyboard with titles that have been suggested by patrons or friends. One of my recent favorites is *Sacrifice* by S.J. Bolton. It's an excellent murder mystery set in the Shetland Islands.

~ Janice Lyhane



Magazine Area



Teen Area



Children's Area



### Rotating Book Van Schedule Online

The full rotating book van schedule for 2015 is now available on the NCKLS website (<http://goo.gl/Qvgqs1>). Please note that your delivery day and/or time may have changed from previous years. I will only be delivering books on Tuesdays & Thursdays & only to three libraries per day. There are a few days that I will only deliver to two libraries per day. Please take a look at the schedule, & let me know if you have any questions. I've had a lot of positive feedback on the changes so far.

~ Denise Coon





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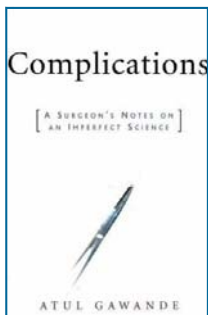
## Summer Reading Supplies Are Here!



All the CSLP Summer Reading supplies have arrived. Visit NCKLS for a sneak-peek before the summer reading workshop!

## Lessons from the Field of Medicine

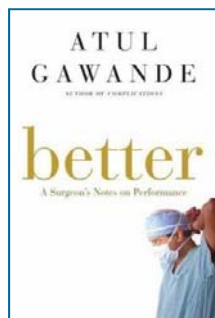
Atul Gawande serves as both a surgeon at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston & a professor at Harvard Medical School. He also works as director of Ariadne Labs, which is a center for health systems innovation. In addition, he is a nationally recognized author whose book *Complications* was a finalist for the National Book Award.



*Complications*, published in 2002 when the author was a surgical resident, is an honest look at what modern medical care can & cannot do. He notes

symptoms for which there is no known explanation, & he discusses the miraculous cures that medical intervention can deliver. Throughout this wonderful book, he recalls stories of patients, both successfully & unsuccessfully treated, who attest to what the medical practice can deliver.

A second book followed in 2007. *Better* is

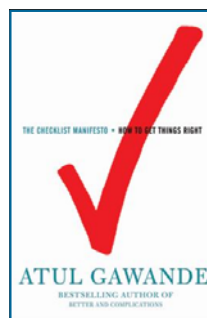


a testament to the practice of medicine in vastly different circumstances. He speaks of surgeons who are unwilling to give up on patients who seem to be

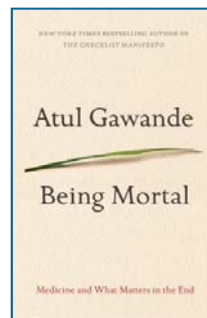
terminally ill, but who rally without explanation. He addresses malpractice suits & the exploding costs of medical treatments. He touches on the unexpected outcomes of surgery that all patients face.

In 2009, the author published yet another riveting book. *The Checklist Manifesto* demonstrates, through the recounting of many

true stories, how very important checklists are. He speaks of repetition & how it can cause us to forego crucial steps in a process. Among other



examples, he tells of staff at the Johns Hopkins ICU. They developed a surgery checklist which dramatically lowered rates of infection & other delayed complications.



Gawande's latest book, *Being Mortal*, came out in 2014. This is must-reading for all of us. This book tackles both the aging process

itself & the discovery of what makes a valued life. He cites what makes nursing homes viable, & he discusses how medical treatment can fail the elderly. Like his other exceptional books, this one interweaves the philosophical issues of life & death with real experiences of elderly patients he has known. This is highly recommended reading for all.

~ Marcy Allen