

**Director's Meeting**  
**February 6, 2014**  
**Manhattan Online**

**Those in attendance:** Peter Vopata, Kathleen Caster, Tera Kindle, Lavone Owens, Marcia Sells, Nikki Plankinton, Crystal Applegarth, Kara Cromwell, Elizabeth Tschetter, Judith Cremer, Janet Marler, Wendy Moulton, Cathy Fish.

**NCKLS Staff:** Duane Mayer, Melendra Saunders, Carol Barta, LaDonna Clark, Richard Miller, Marcia Allen, Teri Belin, Linda Knupp.

**Introducing the New Directors**

Robin Clark is the new Director at Emporia. She will begin working March 15, 2015 (tentative plan). She is currently the library manager at Turner KCK, and has a lot of professional library experience.

Donna Juneman is the new Director in Hanover. She has been working for about 6 weeks and has started working on all kinds of changes including moving sections of the library around.

Marcia Sell-Hartford. Next week NCKLS staff will assist in weeding.

Peter, Marcia, Donna, and Robin will be attending the upcoming Apple class.

**Legislative session report**

Government affairs statement used to contact legislatures for funding is being cut. We are asking legislators to restore funding in library budgets so that the money for databases and money for KLC (ILL development program) will remain at the same level as it is this year so we won't lose either of those programs. There are concerns of not being able to maintain KLC because of increase costs.

There is a bill in the house to change the way the law libraries are funded. Law libraries are on top of it. The other Senate Bill 153, exempts libraries from allowing concealed carry. There is a hearing next Tuesday. We are looking for someone from our area to write testimony of how that affects their library. (Don't have to testify, just write.) We need written testimony in each system so there is an understanding that it is a statewide concern.

State aid will be cut again this coming year. Things will have to go so the budget will be met. If you haven't given your care package to your legislators yet, please do. You can have a conversation about these issues.

**Summer reading**

We have received all materials from state grants. We have been working on coming up with super hero caps, and local heroes, for Summer Reading craft workshops. March 12 at MPL is the Summer Reading Workshop. There are four craft workshops, Emporia Mar 25, Marysville April 1, Marion April 10, and Wamego April 16. Please plan to attend.

Kits have been cataloged and ready to go. Get dibs on kit if interested. You can keep each kits for two months. The kits can go and come back on the van if not on courier.

For summer reading: We have a giant slingshot for launching super heroes and super power sensors. We are preparing for another successful season. There will be a drawing for a super hero training kit this year.

**CE Update:** Upcoming Training available: WordPress Workshop, Examples of Spreadsheet Workshop and Windows 8 Workshop.

#### **Library reports:**

**Abilene-**We are switching to Verso 4. There are issues with verso 4, but they are addressing them. The rollout was Tuesday night. They are aware of bugs and are doing rapid updates. Don't suffer, if you see something that can be adjusted, talk with them about it.

**Linda-MPL/NCKL-** The annual book sale is in a couple weeks. We are closed Monday for staff development and are working with Sandra Nelson on planning processes.

**Pott-Wab-**The State Report is done. We are thinking about summer reading, the annual report and the budget is coming up.

**Hillsboro-**We are starting a friends group, does anyone have any advice?

**Abilene-** We are preparing for summer reading. United Way gave us funding to do prizes for Summer Reading, where Alco did it in the past. We are doing repairs on building issues-replaced floor in basement and other fixes.

**Pott-Wab –** We are mostly working on summer reading, and getting ready for e-rate.

**Clay Center-**We are having a Come and Go celebration on Saturday, where we will give out prizes. We got our sinks fixed.

**Marci, MPL/NCKL-** We had a question from libraries about buying DVDs. We did a study and the price for prized popular DVDs were cheaper on Amazon. \$169 Amazon, compared to \$217 with Baker and Taylor, and \$235 at Midwest. Sometimes you can find good deals on black Friday.

**Emporia-** We are trying to hold it together until Robin comes. We are taking this opportunity to freshen parts of building with new paint, like the director office, meeting rooms, etc. We are having same trouble with taxes and working on summer reading. Status quo.

**Lavon-** Everything is going well and I am staying busy.

**Council Grove-**We spent Jan moving everything so could put new carpet and paint walls. We were closed 2.5 weeks and we worked like busy beavers moving. We rented staff movers from Great Bend. WE expanded the Children's area and it is now twice the size. YA is bigger and we have 99% positive feedback from patrons. Circulation was good in Jan the 9 days were open. Still did ILL while were closed. It was smoother than we imagined. We had an Open House with the Chamber with 45 people attended.

We have different décor, and new furniture.

**Herrington**-The basement door is now ADA approved. We are working on summer reading, logo contest, and for our 100 yr. celebration.

**Teri NCKL/MPL**-I went to a payroll law workshop in Topeka. I saw an attorney on employment law on "How not to get Sued" The most important thing I learned was the importance of documentation and not relying on memory if things come up.

**Marysville**-We are offering a new program in January "1000 Books before Kindergarten". We have 30 participants. We reached the 300 book level, and at every 100 you get your picture taken and it is lots of fun. We are not successfully getting young adults in, so we are building tweens programming. We started a Lego Club which we received a grant from Union Pacific to purchase more Legos. We have Tween time every Monday after school with a variety of activities like crafts, games or whatever. We also have 'crafternoons' where all ages make and take a craft. In March will have "I did a read week" having activates for families. Every year we do our goals, this year Janice had personal goals every quarter. Reporting on goals makes her work harder—and one was to increase adult programming. A hypnotist will be coming to library, four speakers from Kansas humanities, athletic director presentation on high school sports then and now, gardening stuff, etc. We are trying to keep the public more informed of library and we started a newsletter to pick-up in print and website as .pdf.

**Wamego**-Chamber of Commerce Annual celebration recognized businesses in the community. We had a table decorated and was good. Hometown teams grant-funding from BCBS to get pedometers to get fit. Community reach a certain mile mark. We did a Sit and Stitch knitting club and a Children's Book Club. We reorganized children's by genre not by author. WE are working on summer reading and erate.

**Riley**- We have a Cookbook Club meeting. We are having arts in the library showing Wayne Vansycle's bird collection. Birds are everywhere. Next month Riley Co Museum presentation and will run a 6 weeks program, the first is on artifacts. We will offer a Rock program this spring. We are working on Summer Reading. We are having the Fort Riley Museum for heroes soldiers talk about their Iraq experiences to go with the hero theme.

**Allen**- We are working on summer reading, weeding, and we replaced all VHS with DVD format.

**Necessary Knowledge** will be November 5, 2015 at Rock Springs. Save the date. Sessions are not planned yet, but we will have MORE than last year including a keynote speaker.

The next DM is April 9 at Lawrence in meeting room C at 10:00 am. Please car pool. There is a parking garage south of lib that is free. Let us know if you want a ride.