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Library Values

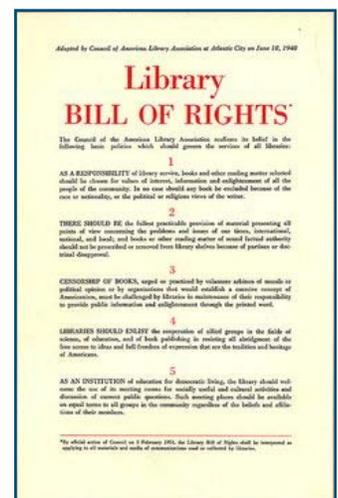
Once a year on Presidents' Day, the Manhattan Public Library is closed to the public for staff training. It is the one day that all staff can gather at one time to learn & share ideas. This year we will be discussing & reviewing core library values & ethics & exploring how our policies & actions are guided by these principals.

Libraries, like medical, legal & financial professions, have a set of professional values to define & inform our practice. The American Library Association (ALA) has endorsed several key documents affirming these values, including "Core Values of Librarianship," "Code of Ethics," & other supporting statements, such as the "Library Bill of Rights," & the "Freedom to Read" statement, all of which are available at www.ala.org. Underlying all of these positions are the common values of equitable service, privacy & confidentiality of library use, intellectual freedom, & stewardship of the public trust.

At a recent NCKLS directors' meeting, we briefly talked about the core value of confidentiality. The ALA Code of Ethics states that "librarians must protect each user's right to privacy with respect to information sought or received, & materials, consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted." We maintain the privacy & trust of patrons with regard to what items are checked out, what web sites are visited, & what questions are asked. A policy on confidentiality is an important tool to ensure that library staff, board members, & patrons understand library practice & user rights. Another practice to help ensure the privacy of your library patrons is to acquire the least amount of personal information necessary for the shortest length of time. Limit access to personal information as much as possible. There are exceptions to privacy. Situations with immediate danger or threats,

criminal activity or conditions of a law investigation with proper authority, such as a subpoena or court order, may pose a unique circumstance. Library values reflect treasured American values: respecting the rights of all users. I imagine we will have some lively discussion at Manhattan's annual meeting, & it will be a good chance to review & update current policies. At the next NCKLS directors' meeting on February 11th in Americus, we will be discussing confidentiality policies & practices. I hope you will attend to share your experiences & thoughts.

~ Linda Knupp



Getting to Know You: Samantha Asebedo at Elm Creek Township Library

When did you become director of the library?

I became the Library Director for the Elm Creek Township Library August 1st of 2015. But, I have been the back-up librarian for 8 ½ years.

What do you like/love about your library?

I love that our library is in a small community. We are by no means a quiet library.

When the town's kids get in here, the playing begins. The kids who come in know that when adults, other than me, are around they need to keep the noise down, & they are very good at that.

What would you change if you could?

The carpet!!! We need some new carpet & would love to have a good seating area for my patrons to sit & feel

comfortable. Currently we have one soft chair that has seen better days!!!

What projects are you working on?

Currently, I am working on doing a lot of reorganizing & getting our books labeled with the genre labels. It has been a slow process, but I am hopeful that by this spring I should have the adult section finished.

What programs do you offer?

We, of course, have our summer reading program, & with this being my first year, I am slightly nervous. I also have been doing activities around the holidays, & I am planning for some kind of activity for over spring break. Thankfully, I have a very involved husband & parents who have helped with crafts & so forth. Over Christmas break, we did a double movie day, & we had 20 plus kids, &



most of their parents stayed. The kids & parents all had so much fun, & the snacks were gone!!!

Name a book you've read recently that you'd recommend & describe something you liked about it.

I am almost finished with *The Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen. It is a book about a family being divided by the construction of the Berlin Wall. It is a fiction book recommended for 4th to 6th graders. I have found much enjoyment from the book.

~Samantha Asebedo



New Year: Plan for New Computers

The new calendar year is an excellent time to evaluate the state of your library's technology & make plans for computer replacements. For years, the US computing community, & especially computing device manufactures, have recommended a three-year replacement cycle. Major wireless phone vendors support frequent replacement by offering two-year contracts. If a three-year replacement cycle is too aggressive, then consider a goal of replacing computers every four to five

years as a way to better accommodate your library's budget.

An inventory & evaluation of current tech equipment will make planning when to replace equipment an easier task. With inventory information at hand, producing a technology plan with cost estimates for current & future years' purchases becomes a straightforward process. NCKLS staff is available to assist with technology planning. Templates for both an inventory & a technology

plan are available to download on the [NCKLS web site](#), or call us to have them emailed to you.

For libraries in taxing counties, the new year resets availability of NCKLS technology grants. A tech grant can provide funds for three-fourths of the cost (up to \$1000) of computer purchases. Libraries qualify for one technology grant each year. The application is available on the NCKLS web site.

~ Richard Miller



Register today for the 2016 Summer Reading Workshop!



March 10th from 9:30—3:30 at MPL
Sign up @ know.nckl.info/.



Ninja Forms in WordPress

Are you wanting to take registration for Summer Reading online? Do you offer programs that you wish you could receive registration information about online? If your answer was YES to either question, or both questions, think about taking a "Ninja Forms in Word Press Workshop." Ninja Forms is a plug in to Word Press. You can create a form using Ninja Forms in Word Press for patrons to

submit their registration information for anything you offer, whether it be summer reading, winter reading, or another program you wish to collect information about. Once you collect patron information, you can work with that information however you wish. If you are only collecting number of people planning to attend, you can. If you want to export the information from Word Press into Excel to

create charts or other spreadsheet information, you can. A form can be created using Ninja Forms in a short amount of time.

For more information, attend an upcoming workshop. One is already set for February 18th in Allen, or you can host a workshop at your library before the rush of summer reading begins.

~ LaDonna Clark



Hour of Code @ Marysville Public Library

Writing code, reading code, thinking like a computer... what a daunting task. If you feel this way, you're not alone—I felt this way, too. When I first heard about the "Hour of Code," I was sure I wouldn't be able to implement a program like this at our library. With the great resources on code.org,

& our very own Melendra, my mind was changed, & I will definitely put it on my calendar for next year! For our "Hour of Code," I started working with the kids as a group. When I explained to them how many things use computers, some of their minds were blown! Then we pared it down to the way

computers all think; when they realized computers speak one step at a time, it was easy for the kids to relate. After we worked on simple coding patterns together, I set the kids free & let them go to code.org to work on their programs. We had a great time!

~ Mandy Cook



Rotating Book News

As some of you may already know, the book van was involved in an accident in the Manhattan Public Library parking lot on December 27, 2015. Someone smashed into the back end of it while it was parked. I've been using U-Haul vehicles to do the rotating book deliveries this

month. That has been a new experience. "Yellow boy" has been brought out of retirement as well, & I'm going "old school" & doing the deliveries like I did when I first started this job. Let me tell you – it's a lot of work! I'm thankful every day for the enhancements we've made with the lift & the

carts. We should get the book van back on January 13th. Then it goes to Topeka to have the lift inspected to make sure it's functional. Hopefully, things will be back to normal the week of January 18th.

~ Denise Coon

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3D Printer Grant Opportunity

In order to increase Kansas residents' access to new technologies, the State Library of Kansas will provide funding for the purchase of seven 3D printers & staff training in 3D printing. Each 3D printer will be located within a Kansas public library or any Kansas library that allows public access to its collection & services. Only 1 library within each of the seven Kansas regional library systems will be eligible to participate in this project. ESSDACK will provide training at a face-to-face event to be held in Hutchinson, KS. The Kansas State Library will provide the funding for the training, but travel costs will be at the expense of the individual library. This training will be open to a maximum of 20 participants which will include librarians from each library participating in the grant, state library staff, & regional library system staff. This project is made possible by the state library through a federal grant received from the Institute of Museum & Library Services. NCKLS libraries that are interested in this grant should email Linda Knupp at lknupp@MHKlibrary.com by February 29, 2016.

The Verdict

The Verdict by Nick Stone is one of those rare mystery/courtroom dramas that is immediately engrossing. Legal clerk Terry Flynt made a mess of his Cambridge education & hasn't particularly succeeded in his law firm. In fact, most of his co-workers seem to despise him, & one even steals from his lunch on a regular basis. Suddenly, however, he faces the dilemma of a lifetime: How do you work to defend someone who is your own worst enemy in a case that promises to be the trial of the century? Wealthy investor & Terry's boyhood buddy, Vernon James, has just been charged with the murder of a woman whose body is found in his hotel room. Terry is tasked with doing investigative work, but

can he put aside a long ago grudge? Worse yet, will the partners in his law firm discover things from his own past that make Terry a less than desirable employee? Terry decides to keep these matters to himself, but he knows he has kept too much hidden from his own family. He also knows that he will have to interview Vernon about the crime. This is the story of a complicated though decent fellow, who wants to do the right thing, but struggles to overcome his own failings. Readers who enjoy complex details from fictional murder investigations will love this one. The twists, the details from Terry's childhood, & the discoveries about Vernon make this one to remember.

Give this British novel a try: critics are comparing it favorably with the best of John Grisham!

~ Marcy Allen

