

August 1, 2016

**Don't miss the
Annual
Meeting!**

**August 4th from
9:30 to 12:00**

Register at [http://
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Calendar

Annual Meeting	8/4
Directors' Meeting	8/11
Fall Youth Workshop: Wamego	8/18
Fall Youth Workshop: Herington	8/25
Fall Youth Workshop: Hanover	9/2
Fall Youth Workshop: Emporia	9/23
Executive Committee Meeting	8/29
Directors' Meeting	10/13
KLA Conference	10/19– 10/21

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Fifty Years of Regional Library System Services

NCKLS is celebrating its 50th year! In honor of this milestone, we'll be serving cake at the Annual Meeting on August 4th. In addition, Roger Carswell, Director of the Southeast Kansas Library System, will present a program on the history of regional library services. Roger has documented the development of regional library systems in his book *Booking Along Since 66*.

Regional systems were formed to draw public funding from areas of the state that did not have access to library services because they lacked moneys to support a public library. This funding plan has created a strong network of cooperative resource-sharing that all



Kansas citizens can enjoy.

People living outside of areas with a public library may use any library they choose without fees & barriers to service. Participating libraries receive support which allows them to provide these services free of charge.

How things have changed over 50 years! Yet, in some ways they have not. As early as 1966, the goals of sharing resources through interlibrary loan & rotating book collections were top priority. In a 2013 survey of NCKLS services, the rotating book collection was still rated as a top priority for system services. The second highest ranking priority was technology support, something no one dreamed of in 1966.

Early computers used for office functions on local area networks have been replaced with handheld devices & the Internet.

In the beginning, resource-sharing was encouraged with centralized cataloging & technical service support

to make sure every participating library's books were included in the Kansas Library Catalog for state-wide access. Some of us still remember the KLC on microfiche. Assistance with ordering books & supplies provided cost savings for libraries by boosting volume discounts. Now cataloging & technical services are facilitated by a regional online catalog, as well as support for online ordering & cataloging.

Continuing education, consulting, & grants have been important services offered by regional library systems since the inception of regional library systems, & these are still core services today. The need for continuing education & consulting has never been greater, as we work to keep up with changing technology, laws that impact operations, new material formats, program opportunities, & the changing role of libraries in each unique community.

~ Linda Knupp

Look What Libraries Did with Their Good Idea Grants!

Vermillion Public Library

The Vermillion Public Library Summer Program began on June 27 with 12 children attending a Quilt Barn painting class with nine in the morning class & three in the evening class. An adult assisted each child in choosing & painting his or her design. Seven children returned in the morning & seven in the evening on Monday, July 11, to work on their designs.

14 of the 17 youth attending the Vermillion Library Barn Quilt painting programs completed their designs & took their paintings home after the second class. The

last three completed their paintings Monday, July 18. It was a fun project, & the assistance of area ladies was really appreciated. Overall, it was a great program.

Cheryl Reinecke, Rita Broxterman, Toby Broxterman, Katheryn Fox, Carol Tritz, Carol Caffrey, Jean Boeckman, Jolene Ekstrum, Kate Wenzl, Kellie Massie, Marylyn & Audrey assisted the youth with their painting projects. It really helped to have the one-on-one assistance. Although we had very little time for story hour or checking out books, the kids had a really great

time & learned a lot about this craft. The event took place at the library, & in the end, there were books & DVDs checked out. This was really just a way of selling the library to our community & letting them know we are here & care about giving the youth something to do throughout the summer. The library is a place to go & grow, a place that offers not only reading materials & DVDs, but also a safe place to be with people who care.

~ Audrey



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Marysville Public Library

The Marysville Public Library used their grant funds to host a StoryWalk. Our StoryWalk was lots of fun! We ended up having about 60 people go through it according to the names signed in the guestbook at the end of the trail.

We had *Alphabet Rail Trail*

Adventures as the story. It was perfect because we posted it on our refurbished rail trail through our city park. We would eventually love to make the StoryWalk a permanent thing through the city park.

Some of my favorite comments were:

- "I loved it! Great review of my letters."
- "That was a great walk."
- "Thank you for the StoryWalk! We loved it!"
- "I loved that the alphabet also included sign language letters!"

~Mandy



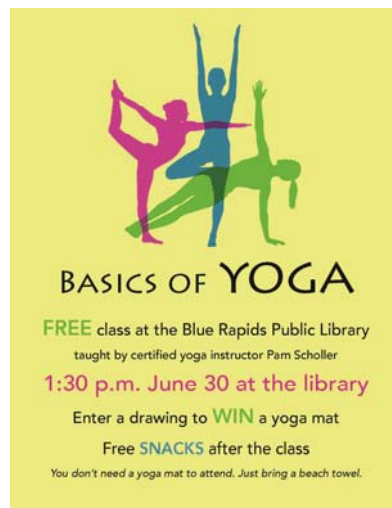
Blue Rapids Public Library

The Blue Rapids Public Library hosted a yoga event at their library. We had nine people for the yoga program—4 kids & 5 adults (not counting a baby!)—and everyone seemed to really enjoy it. As part of the yoga

program, we served healthy snacks, & the instructor, Pam Scholler from Marysville, talked about the importance of eating healthy foods. Lynne created a display of all the library's yoga books, & most of

them have been checked out. It's spurred a lot of interest in yoga, & our summer story hour incorporated a little.

~Sally



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Leonardville City Library

Leonardville Library's good idea involved inviting Jordy Nelson, a football player for the Green Bay Packers, originally from Leonardville & home on vacation, to come to the library during summer reading & read a book to us. He accepted our invitation, & we selected a book about the Green Bay

Packers for him to read. The library also purchased activity books for the kids about the Packers. However, the best laid plans do not always work out as expected, & Jordy was called back to Wisconsin earlier than planned & was not able to come. Before he left, however, he did sign the

books for the kids & also provided cups with his name & picture & the Packers logo on them. His mother distributed them for him, so all was not lost. These pictures show some of the summer reading kids showing off their signed books.

~ Barbara



Marion City Library

Marion City Library used their grant to help fund a performance of "Mad Science." The program was a great hit. "Mad Science" set up a Rube Goldberg display. First, they demonstrated scientific effects, using

everyday items, like a hair dryer under a parachute to make it rise to the ceiling, a hair dryer used to keep a ball in air, & different objects falling to demonstrate gravity. Then they did the Rube Goldberg machine

with the kids watching the ball drop & the effects that it had. We had 130 children attend. Everyone, young & older, loved the demonstrations.

~ Janet



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Clay Center Carnegie Library

Clay Center used the \$50 Good Idea Grant towards performers for our summer reading kick off event. For the first time ever in Clay Center, we brought the “Sock Rockerz” to town! The “Sock Rockerz” are a dynamic, high-energy dancing & singing group catering to preschool through elementary age

children. After about five minutes, I knew I had made the right decision. The kids were up on their feet for the full 50 minute program. Kids & parents were happy & all smiles on the way home. One parent told me she thought it was the best kick off program she had been to. We had approximately 109 kids & 59 adults attend this

event. We were really happy with the “Sock Rockerz” & would highly recommend them to everyone! We booked them in mid-January, so be thinking early if you want them. Check them out at their website

www.sockrockerz.com

~ Pixie



Internet Filtering Changes. . . .

Recently NCKLS added BitTorrent sites to the NCKLS DNS content filtering servers. BitTorrent sites & sites like Clip Converter & YouTube-mp3 can be used to copy, transfer, or convert copyrighted material, such as music or video. Copying copyrighted material is an illegal act, & ISPs (Internet Service

Providers) are being contacted by copyright holders to stop such activity. The ISP's only way to stop this illegal activity is to cut off the Internet service at the location where people are using such sites. Because of this, NCKLS

decided to filter access to BitTorrent type sites for all NCKLS' member libraries that utilize our filtering service.

~ Richard Miller



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Burns Public Library

The 2016 Burns Public Library Summer Reading Program craft time was funded in part by the NCKLS Good Idea Grant. With this grant, we were able to purchase paints, paint brushes, magnets, mod podge, glue, several different colors & patterns of duct tape, zip-type storage bags, stickers, pebbles, & spray paint. We made painted jars & pots that kids then planted herb seeds in,

durable tic tac toe and/or checker boards for patios, painted rocks, travel & magnetic games, fans, & outdoor games. Our intent was to have crafts that would interest patrons of all ages & would be nice enough to keep & use often. With the Good Idea Grant, we were able to get supplies that allowed us to purchase more durable items & fulfill our goal. We had seven craft times with as many as 25

participants. It was a wonderfully busy time, & we have received many comments from our patrons that they have enjoyed (and continue to enjoy) the crafts they made & that they had a lot of fun. Our thanks to NCKLS for the Good Idea Grant that helped to make this year's summer reading program a success.

~ Sandy



Rotating Book Van News

Just a reminder: Beginning with the August rotating book delivery, I will be reviewing with each librarian the content I am currently bringing to your library. You will still be able to receive up to 350 books with each rotation, but some of the libraries might

want to decrease that number if the books are not being utilized. For those libraries who receive the summer collection, we will discuss what months you wish to receive your books & when you wish to begin.

~ Denise Coon





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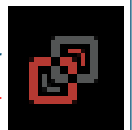
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Hello to ScreenConnect



NCKLS staff have used LogMeIn remote access software to assist system librarians with many computer tasks. By sharing computer screens, system staff & librarians see exactly the same thing, the better for staff to help and librarians to share. Unfortunately, LogMeIn has increased in cost. Because of this, ScreenConnect, a more affordable alternative to LogMeIn, is being installed on system libraries' computers & will be the remote access method going forward. Once installed, this ScreenConnect icon will appear in the computer's taskbar.

~ Richard Miller



Adventures with a Smoker

With the heat of summer fully upon us, home cooked meals don't appeal as much as they did a few short weeks ago, but there are some nice options for summer cooking. The latest from Steven Raichlen (renowned member of the Barbecue Hall of Fame) offers some tempting & truly unusual options for those with an interest in smoked foods. Raichlen's *Project Smoke*, which promises "smoked food nirvana," opens with detailed advice on selecting a smoker, as well as adding appropriate tools to do the job well. He even lists the ten commandments of smoking which pretty much guarantee smoking success. Let's take a closer look at some of his mouth-watering recipes.

•Big Bad Beef Ribs. With short ribs, about 8 hours of smoking time over an oak or hickory wood, some water or beer, & hot red pepper flakes, we have a feast fit for very hungry people. A little salt & pepper at the end should finish

off the ribs to a nice juicy texture. Perfect for outdoor dining.

•Pork Shoulder. Garlic & onions, cayenne pepper & homemade vinegar sauce promise a moist treat. This is ideal for serving on buns & would be nicely finished with some slaw or potato salad. Raichlen says this recipe is foolproof & will wow any guests.

•Smoked Chicken with Horseradish Dip. Halved chickens smoked for only about 2-3 hours & brushed with butter are begging for a zesty sauce. A little mayonnaise, some cider vinegar, horseradish, & hot sauce highlight the perfectly finished birds.

•Smoked slaw. This is not a joke! Raichlen suggests smoking the cabbage, onion, carrots, & celery for about 15 minutes. Then he mixes in cider vinegar, mayonnaise, sugar, salt, & horseradish for the seasoning. Nice & tangy.

•Smoked Bacon-Bourbon Apple Crisp.

It does sound crazy, but the accompanying photo is magnificent. It's kind of a typical apple crisp (with bacon) that has a couple tablespoons of bourbon added. Cooking time? Only about an hour, & you can even add smoked ice cream as a topping! When it's too hot to heat up the kitchen, the smart cook heads to the outdoors. An adventurous spirit can lead to a whole new world of delicious main courses!

~ Marcy Allen

