

June 1, 2017

# NeCessary KnowLedge

## The Kansas State Archives—Our Connection to the Past

Recently I make a trip to Topeka to do some research about the history of the North Central Kansas Libraries System. The State Archives are a division of the Kansas Historical Society (KHS) and are located adjacent to the museum, just north of I70.

The archives are a special library that preserves and provides public access to state records of Kansas government, history, maps, land survey records, newspapers, genealogy, photographs, and many other documents. The mission of the KHS is “actively safeguarding and sharing the state’s history to facilitate government accountability, economic development, and the education of Kansans.” Helpful and knowledgeable staff, a wealth of historical resources, and a lovely facility create a place that Kansans can be proud of. Entry to the archives requires signing in and providing identification in order to access the unique collections. Lockers are provided for storage of personal items during the visit, and pencils are provided since

ink is not allowed. Most of the collection is stored, and staff retrieve items that users may take to nearby tables to review. I was able to use my smart phone to scan some documents, but it is worth the price of a small fee to ask staff to photocopy or scan information for later use.

In addition to a wonderful physical place full of information, the KHS provides a digital space with a wide array of online collections that include many publications, digital newspapers, access to Ancestry.com (for Kansans), and a collection of photos and documents called “Kansas Memory.”

Information about the archives, including the online catalog may be found at [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org). Drill down for the details on how to prepare for a visit to the archives and links to available resources.

While you can visit online, there’s a wealth of information in the archives and at the Kansas History Museum that must be seen

in person. Even if you don’t have a research project for yourself or one of your patrons, I highly recommend making the KHS museum and archives a destination for a vacation or a weekend adventure for an enriching experience.

~ Linda Knupp

### Calendar

Directors’ Meeting	6/8
Games & Learning Workshop	6/16
NCKLS Annual Meeting	8/3
Directors’ Meeting	8/10

There’s still time to sign up for the **School Librarian Workshop: Using Tabletop Games for Teaching & Learning!**



Register at [know.nckl.info](http://know.nckl.info)



## Good Idea Grant Recipients

Congratulations to our summer Good Idea Grant winners:

- ◇ Blue Rapids Public Library
- ◇ Burns Public Library
- ◇ Council Grove Public Library
- ◇ Elm Creek Township Library
- ◇ Hillsboro Public Library

- ◇ Leonardville City Library
  - ◇ Marion City Library
  - ◇ Marysville Public Library
  - ◇ Riley City Library
  - ◇ Solomon Public Library
- Each of these libraries received a small grant to help them fund an event or project this summer. We'll tell you more about grant

recipients' events in a later newsletter.

The Good Idea Grants are new, non-matching grants that NCKLS created last summer. Be on the lookout for future opportunities to receive this grant!

~ Melendra Sutliff Sanders

## NCKLS Annual Meeting

Every year NCKLS holds a meeting of the full system board. Representatives from the 67 public, academic, and school libraries convene to approve the system goals and budget for the following year. The 2017 annual meeting will take place on August 3 in the Manhattan Public Library auditorium. The day begins at 9:30 am with a short executive

committee meeting to approve grants, the financial report, and pay the bills. At 10:00, time is allotted for a public hearing on the 2018 budget. Then, the full board discusses the plan for 2018 and votes.

Following the business portion of the day, this year, Marci Penner, of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, will be speaking on the important

role of libraries in our Kansas communities.

While many libraries choose to mail in their proxies, this meeting is the perfect opportunity to have some input into the services and spending of NCKLS. We really appreciate the folks who come and comment.

Refreshments will be served.

~ Carol Barta



## Word Press Plugin “Ninja Forms”

Would you like to receive information online from your patrons?

One way to access such information is to create an

online form that patrons can fill out to provide

feedback directly to you. Such an online form can be set up by you, and accessed by your patrons, on your website. Maybe you could collect registrants for your summer reading program. Maybe you can take signups for other events in your library.

Ninja Forms is a software tool used in WordPress to create an online form.

If another library already has a cool Ninja Form created,

we can copy the form from their website to your website, so you won't have to reinvent the form. That is just one of the cool features of this tool.

Learn more at [ninjaforms.com/ninja-forms-3-1](http://ninjaforms.com/ninja-forms-3-1), and ask for a workshop to be held at your location.

~ LaDonna Clark



## Rotating Book Van News

I recently decided to move some of the seasonal books in with the regular rotating collection. There were just not enough books in the following categories to share with each library. St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day,



## Changes in NCKLS Tech Staff

It is hard to imagine NCKLS without our friend Richard answering your calls. With his retirement, he took a wealth of knowledge not only about technology issues but about so many aspects of your libraries. The relationships and trust Richard has built with so many of you cannot be replaced. We will work hard to continue the standard of service he created. On June 1st, we welcome Kim Scaler to our NCKLS family. She will be filling the role of our Assistant Technology Consultant. Kim comes to us from Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction City where she has been their leader in technology. Please do not hesitate to contact us about any of your

Fourth of July and Grandparent's Day books are now treated like the regular collection. Also, I have begun the process of weeding the cookbooks. This collection has not been weeded for several years, so it was time for me to tackle this project.

~ Denise Coon

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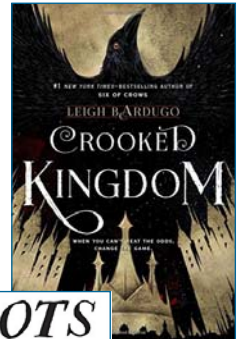
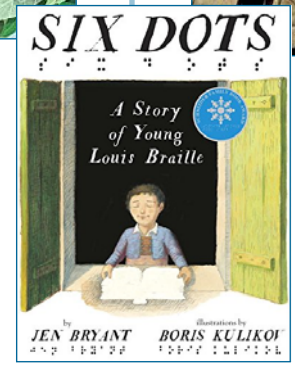
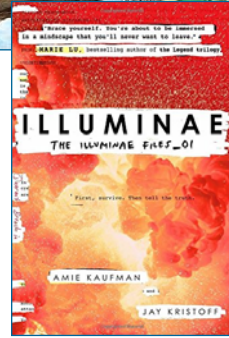
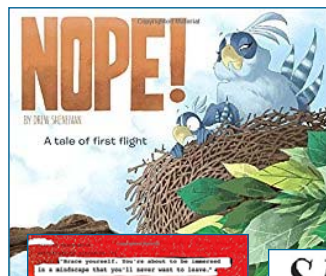
~ Duane Mayer

## Book Fair: Children and Teen Books

If you couldn't make it to Book Fair this year, you might want to check out the youth books you missed, including the Tw/een book panel's recommendations for tweens and teens ([Best Tw/een Books](#)) and the Children's books panel's recommendations for younger readers ([Best Picture](#)

[Books & Easy Readers](#)). If you'd like to know why the youth panels selected the books we recommended, you can also watch videos of the presentations: [Best Picture Books & Easy Readers 2017](#) and [Best Tw/een Books 2017](#).

~ Melendra Sutliff Sanders



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## Service of the Month: Movie Licensing

One of the services provided by NCKLS is a group subscription to licenses that allow libraries that subscribe to show many movies legally. According to the Federal Copyright Act, copyrighted materials like movies can only be used for public performance if they are licensed. Owning the movie does not carry the right of showing it outside a home. It can be quite expensive to license movies individually for even one public viewing. NCKLS works with a company that provides a blanket license to show certain movies for a year.

Movie Licensing, U.S.A. is

the company which provides the license to NCKLS. It is the branch of Swank Motion Pictures that works with public libraries. Swank charges \$240 per library, regardless of size. NCKLS covers half of the cost for such a license, and the library is responsible for the other half. The license is only good for showing movies in your library building and is not transferable to other sites. The Movie Licensing U.S.A. website is <https://www.swank.com/public-libraries>. The website includes a search feature that allows you to check if a certain film is covered under our license. It also contains a

detailed explanation about why libraries need to have a movie license.

And why do our libraries need a license? The best reason is that if a movie company thinks a library is showing movies without the appropriate license, the company will take your library to court. A library could be fined up to \$150,000 per viewing and be required to pay the court costs. It makes \$120 seem a bargain.

Our license renews on July 1, so let Carol know by June 15 if you want to renew or begin a movie license this year.

~ Carol Barta

## Fall Youth Workshops

We've decided to try something a little different with our fall youth workshop this year. Instead of one fall workshop focused on youth services, this year, we're planning two! We hope that the two different workshops will cover a broader range of needs.

One workshop will focus on using iPads in library programs for children and

teens. The first six libraries\* to register for this workshop will receive a free iPad! Every other library\* to register for the workshop will receive grant funds toward the purchase of an iPad.

The second youth workshop will focus exclusively on storytime. This workshop will be a traveling workshop, so I'm looking for libraries willing to host. The storytime workshop will focus on every

aspect of storytime, including selecting books, using props, interacting with caregivers, maintaining discipline, and other best practice advice.

The storytime workshop will be especially suited to staff and volunteers who are newer to storytime. Keep an eye on [know.nckl.info](http://know.nckl.info), for more information.

~ Melendra Sutliff Sanders  
*\*Libraries in taxing counties that do not already own an iPad.*





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### Book Fair 2017: Build a Better Collection

This year's NCKLS Book Fair, which was held on Thursday, May 11th, offered several helpful sessions for librarians. Keynote speaker, Chris Rippel, shared great tips on cost-cutting and on library usage, and the handout that he supplied is loaded with statistics and promotional ideas. Mary Gorman, from Christian Books and Gifts, supplied a comprehensive list of inspirational titles and offered new titles for purchase. Brad Simpson, from Random House, brought galley's of upcoming titles, as well as some sturdy canvas bags. And separate panels of librarians spoke about the best books for young readers and the best books for teens and tweens. As you can tell, there were lots of opportunities for the very enthusiastic librarians in our system! I reviewed some of my favorite adult titles from the last year and truly enjoyed the experience. For those of you who were unable to attend, here's a listing of my very favorites, titles I would urge you

to add to your collection: *Rise* by Cara Brookins is a nonfiction account of one woman's determination to build a home for her four children after a nasty divorce. Inspirational? You bet! She and the kids actually built themselves a house despite all their obstacles. *Dodge City* by Tom Clavin is a riveting history of Dodge in the 1870s. Now-famous lawmen Bat Masterton and Wyatt Earp maintained order in a town full of trail-hardened cowboys, rough buffalo hunters, and colorful criminals. Unbelievable tales of the Wild West. *The Dry* by Jane Harper is an excellent mystery. Federal Agent Aaron Falk returns to his boyhood village in Australia when his best buddy kills his wife, his son, and then commits suicide. Falk is asked to stay on and help with the investigation and learns all is not what it seems. Colorful characters and a crime you won't see

coming make this one outstanding. *Her Secret* by Shelley Shepard Gray is a standout among inspirational tales. Young Hannah Hilty and her family re-locate when a stalker will not leave her alone. Afraid to trust others, Hannah has a difficult time making new friends until she meets Isaac. And then there's more stalking that takes place. *Perfect Strangers* by Roseann Sdoia is the story and the outcomes of the bombing of the Boston Marathon in 2013. Roseann was critically injured in the blast, but three strangers intervened and saved her life. This, then, is the story of the four new friends who bonded at a terrible event. May you each enjoy some delightful summer reading of your own!

~ Marcy Allen