



NeCessary KnowLedge

Library Card Sign-Up Month

By Linda Knupp

It has been many years since I was a student, but fall still evokes the excitement of the season with new things to learn and time to read as the days grow shorter and the weather turns cool.

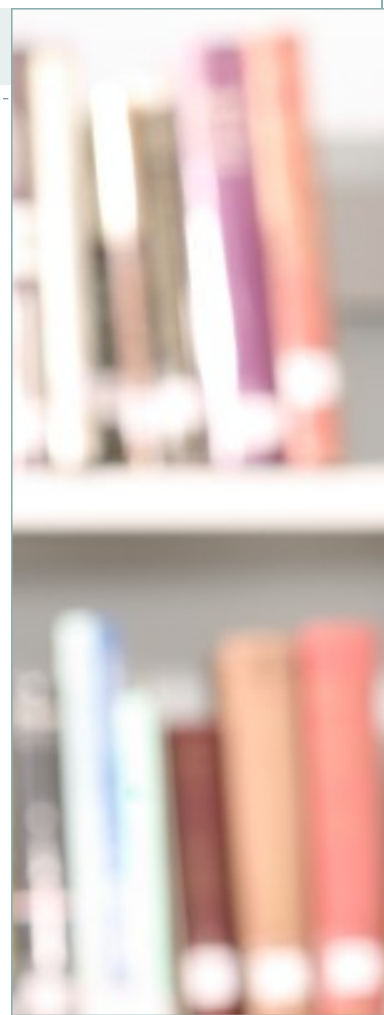
The library provides a place for all ages to learn, explore and connect to new ideas and possibilities, whether returning to the classroom or not. Life-long learners of all ages find that a library card allows access to physical materials such as books and DVDs, as well as access to online resources. A library card is the key to helping people in your community satisfy their curiosity, learn new skills and hobbies, and enjoy rewarding leisure time.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time to remind everyone of the tremendous value of a library card. In addition to encouraging people in your community to get a card so they may use the materials available at your library, remember that the Kansas Library “card” is an important eCard that provides a way for Kansas residents to login to an impressive range of databases and online resources that extend beyond the holdings of each local library.

With a Kansas Library card, an Internet connection, computer, or a device such as a smart phone or tablet, students and learners of all ages can:

- Complete homework assignments using Britannica online, in English or Spanish
- Find tips for car maintenance to prepare for winter using the online Auto Repair Reference Center
- Find tips for self-care with information on medications, specific medical conditions, wellness information and more from leading magazines in the consumer health database collections
- Get prepared for that dream vacation to a new continent by brushing up on a high school language class or learning a new language by using Mango
- Read or listen to titles from a wide collection of eBooks and audiobooks available for download, including bestsellers in digital and audio formats. I have been planning on reading *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Gran, and I’m happy to see I can read it or listen to it on my iPhone.

Library card month promotion comes once a year, but isn’t every month the time to encourage everyone to understand the value of a library card?



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Director’s Meeting is **10/4**
- NeCessary KnowLedge **11/8**
- Executive Committee **11/29**



COVER STORY CONTINUED

What resources and services encourage people in your community to become members of the library with a local card and a Kansas Library card and connect to these online treasures?

“I have found the most important card in my wallet is my library card.” Laura Bush

For more information on the Kansas Library Card, visit <https://kslib.info/137/About-Library-Cards>.

For more information on National Library Card, month visit: <http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card>.

BIG CHANGES COMING TO WORDPRESS

By LaDonna Clark

The way in which you interact with WordPress is about to change. Over the years, we have seen small, incremental changes to WordPress with each new update. However, all the buzz indicates big changes are coming with the release of 5.0. In addition to the release of version 5.0, WordPress is introducing a new editor referred to as Gutenberg. Gutenberg is promising to shake up the editing process.

WordPress developers historically name releases after jazz musicians because they share a common interest in jazz music. Breaking with tradition, this release is named after Johannes Gutenberg, a German inventor, who changed the book printing process with movable type, allowing the mass production of printed books. The nod to the man who revolutionized the way books are printed is well-considered. After all, the changes to the way we will edit in WordPress are going to be quite significant.

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Gutenberg will allow the user to edit using blocks within the editor. Matt Mullenweg, WordPress developer said, “The editor will create a new page- and post-building experience that makes writing rich posts effortless, and has “blocks” to make it easy what today might take shortcodes, custom HTML, or “mystery meat” embed discovery.” Initially, users will have the ability to choose between the classic editor or the new Gutenberg editor. In the future, however, Gutenberg will be the default editor.

There are many exciting features that will be available with the release of 5.0 and Gutenberg. Stay tuned for more exciting information about the update. So far, there is no exact release date, but the update is expected sometime this year.



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BOOK VAN NEWS

By Denise Coon

I am almost half-way through the delivery of Halloween books. Since I weeded the seasonal books heavily, there are not enough Thanksgiving books to share with each location this year. I will have plenty of Christmas books for you all. That delivery is scheduled to begin on October 2nd.

COMING IN OCTOBER

By Nikkie Sierra

There is something about a Kate DiCamillo novel that brings you right back to your childhood, even if the character's childhood is nothing like your own. This is true of *Louisiana's Way Home*, DiCamillo's newest middle-grade novel.

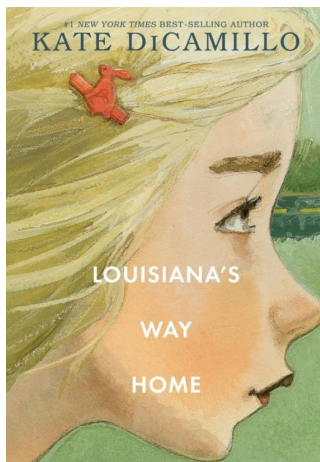
Louisiana Elephante has an unusual upbringing that involves family curses, a con-artist grandmother, and deceased, trapeze artist parents.

Louisiana is a clever, funny character whom readers first discovered in *Raymie Nightingale*. Louisiana's plight is a strange and difficult one. Life isn't always easy, even for children. DiCamillo does a beautiful job of showing this through a child's eyes. All of Louisiana's struggles and interactions with uncaring adults are beautifully counter-balanced with the good in the world, to bring hope.

The writing is strong and the characters are even stronger. The humor in Louisiana's first-person narrative adds a bit of joy in tough situations. Secondary characters are multi-dimensional as well. For example, the mother of a friend, Mrs. Allen is an award-winning baker and a strong female role model for Louisiana. I finished this book a month ago, and I still want to taste one of Mrs. Allen's cakes and stay over at her house!

This is a wonderful middle-grade novel. Readers will enjoy Louisiana's whimsy. It is just what you would expect of DiCamillo.

Highly Recommended.



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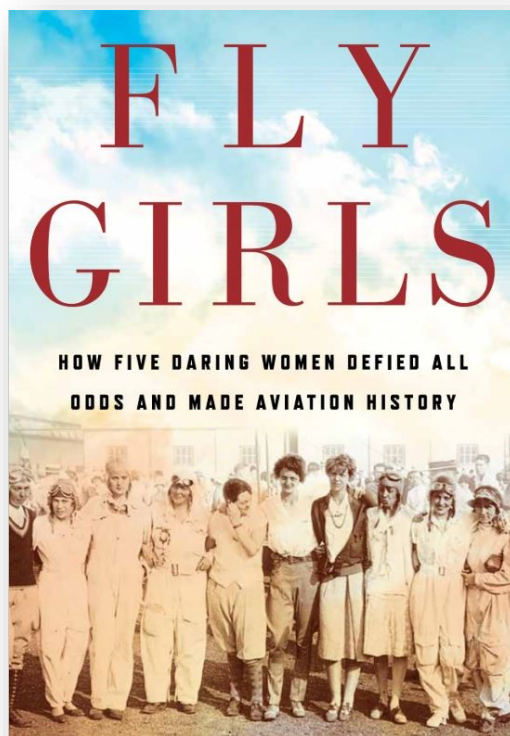
By Marcia Allen

Keith O'Brien's new book, entitled *Fly Girls*, is a thrilling account of the women who pioneered flying during the 1920s and 1930s. O'Brien recounts the stories of those first women flyers, but he also presents the details in such a way that this nonfiction book reads like a novel. The book manages to have moments of comedy, as well as elements of tragedy, so you'll relish this tale of adventures and courage.

In the early part of the 20th century, men had been the primary flyers. Some, like former airmail pilot, Charles Lindbergh, managed spectacular deeds like his 33-hour flight to Le Bourget airfield. Still others, like Charles Nungesser, attempted a transatlantic flight but were lost at sea. Few believed that women could handle the rigors of long flights, and even fewer were willing to finance those women pilots.

Amelia Earhart, however, was not cowed by criticism. You already know about her mysterious disappearance, but O'Brien also tells us about her many attempts at other career paths before returning to flights and to competition. Her determination made her one of the leaders of women flyers. Flamboyant Ruth Elder made a name for herself with her charm and confidence. And Louise Thaden, who originally sold coal in Wichita, Kansas, took the world by storm with her struggle to finish the Cleveland Air Derby.

What's to admire here? Obviously, the courage of those women stands out. When you factor in the primitive planes that could fail freakishly, the unknown weather patterns that could cause havoc, and even sabotage on planes by those hoping to thwart those women flyers, we realize any one of those obstacles could bring about instant death. This book is a fine testament to those heroic women of the air.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN AT ARSL

Three of the NCKLS staff had the privilege of meeting President Abraham Lincoln while in Springfield, IL attending the ARSL conference. Kevin Wood, who portrays Lincoln, is a professional first-person historical presenter based in Chicago, IL. Mr. Wood has been portraying Mr. Lincoln since 2000 and since 2015 on a professional basis. He has an extensive knowledge of Lincoln's life and times, in addition to bearing a very strong resemblance to the original Mr. Lincoln.



Mr. Wood's motto for his Lincoln programs and appearances is "Bringing history - and his story - to life!"

LaDonna and I took the opportunity to have a picture taken with him!

By Denise Coon