

**Director's Meeting
Marion
September 4, 2014**

Melendra. 20 libraries have turned in their summer reading stats. There is a gain in numbers for the most part. Wamego has largest gain. Maker kits are popular this summer. I am finishing up some now. Story time kits did well this summer and are back in and all are available. Story time kits from the state are passive programming where you can let them sit out. We added additional books with each of the state kits. All kits have folder kits added as well. Please use the story time kits. Summer Reading orders are available in September and you have until end of October to place orders. Manuals have been ordered, based on what was ordered the previous year. Catalogs come to NCKL and Denise distributes on the Book Van. This year's theme is Super Heroes. The art is by the creator of the Lunch Lady graphic novels-platypus character.

Questions on shared ILL system. No questions. The company did an update and now we can do cataloging again. The new updates will help clear up problems. Share-It is Verso 4 without the patron database, there may be a setting to allow, but still trying to figure it out.

VERSO cost and changes. Auto graphics says for CILL there is no additional charge. The state sent their notification that said we would have to pay more for CILL, which was not true. The problem is the federated search is allowing one search to search the databases. The state pulled out of paying for their databased to be connected to the program. The databases are on the state library web page, but if we were to do it, the 22 libraries part of \$3350.00 and annual subscription price on top of that. The state did not purchase that piece. It breaks to \$660.00 per library. Those in standalone systems, may be a one -time fee of \$3350.00 plus annual amount. NORCAT libraries will have to make that discussion together. The alternative is to put a link on the library web page to the state library web pages. Is it used enough in your library to justify the cost? The state library is moving to EVERGREEN for the database, and there is TALK that they would like to do a state wide ILS. Instead of having a lot of stand alone systems there would be one catalog for the state. EVERGREEN is open source so you need to program it to fit your library. This is very preliminary at this time. This year they will move and ask for enhancement to the budget for 2016 and 2017 for around the state. It would be difficult to move large libraries like Manhattan and Wichita with their branches, because of the complexity of it. With VERSO we did not have to hire staff, KOHA the other systems went with it, but they had to hire staff to work on it.

Demo on VERSO. The widget stuff went away and was replaced with html 5. Please go in and setup your preferences. VERSO is recommending you use Chrome or Firefox.

Nothing works in IE anymore. End of October is the transition date. There are training videos available. If the MORE tab goes away, we will try to find out why. Play around with it before you make the transition. There is more clicking to get to where you need to go, is one of the big differences. Search is on the same page all of the time now.

Zinio usage. Total checkouts for the whole system are displayed from Oct 15, 2013 until August 4, 2014, with 4237 checkouts. There were six magazines checked out less than a dozen times. We will be renewing the subscription in October. What do we want to add, take away, etc.? Add second subscription to National Geographic and NG Traveler. There is a limit per month-25. If you are past the limit-26, you can read it but you can't download it. Last year we added Owl, and Chick-a-Dee. Please add Western Horseman, The In Fisherman, and Thomas the Train, Disney, American Girl, Sports Illustrated, American History, Architectural Digest, Dog Fancy. You cannot get Consumer Reports from this selection. If you think of others, send Carol the information. Please continue to let your patrons know of this service.

KLA is October 29, 30, 31 in Wichita. There are CE Grants available to help with the cost. Your board can go less expensive on Wednesday Trustee Day.

CE Update. Check the website for listings. Anna Foote will present in JC during Kansas Reads to Preschools Week. She will be at Fort Riley, KSU, and Salina also. She will be making flannel boards in the workshop. There will also be a session on making folder stories. Lunch will be served by Cox Brothers that day during the workshop. Book bundles will be given away as door prizes. You will take home the folder stores, flannel boards, and the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers book. Everything will be provided for you in this session. Please register to attend. We can do die cuts for your library. See the selection on the website.

Other CE Credits. Word Press Analytics in Marysville is being offered. Word 2013 new Features is being offered. Windows 8 being offered in September in Manhattan. October 1, 2014 Necessary Knowledge at Rocks Springs, with a 'Gaming' speaker from KSU will present. We will present our 3D printer at the event so you can print your own game pieces. Robin Hastings, NEKLS, will talk about the Kansas Project for putting community pictures on the website. Hiring and Training Staff workshop will be offered as well. These sessions will be about employment laws and how to legally do interviews on September 12, 2014. Also creating job descriptions and overall training suggestions. There are several slots available to register.

Library Reports

Clay Center. Summer reading went well, although several kids did not complete. We are getting new ventilation on the main floor. There are basement issues so the main floor restroom is inaccessible and are not sure to the extent of the damage.

Florence. We are getting work done on the windows. In addition, we will be having a bake sale before Labor Day.

Marion. Looking forward to using the new room with programming.

Burns. We have been ordering books and doing training. We are also looking for volunteers and need ideas on how to recruit people. We are looking at patron cards and making progress. Summer reading was very successful and lots of fun.

Duane. People are having trouble with sharing bandwidth use. This may limit some of your wireless customers while you are trying to work. There are 8-9 libraries complete so far. It prioritizes, so staff has the highest priority. The program limits the outside people walking in or the people sitting outside, so they can't come and steal all the bandwidth.

Wamego. Five full time and four part time, in last 60 days turned over