Digital rights and restrictions

By Linda Knupp, NCKLS Director

Every Kansas resident has access to eBooks, with a State Library Card, as well as additional choices at local libraries. Digital formats have been popular, we are seeing increased use that is beginning to match the demand for print resources.

However, meeting patron demand is a challenge. It’s simple to select and purchase an additional print copy to meet demand for an item, so that patrons may read their favorite author or new title within a reasonable time period after it becomes available. With eBooks, it gets more complicated.

Digital rights management and licensing are challenging with different publishers creating changing pricing models and metering use. Not all titles are available in a digital format. Most recently, MacMillan Publishing announced that it will restrict libraries to the purchase of a single copy of new Ebook titles for the first eight weeks after release, beginning November 1st.

Libraries already pay more for eBooks than consumers do, and the length of time the library has the title is limited. A matrix of costs, limits, formats, and restrictions is increasingly complex, but of most concern, increasingly restrictive for libraries and library users.

MacMillan is concerned about decreased sales. However, other organizations including the American Library Association have found that there is no data to support the claim that eBook use at libraries significantly affects publishers’ sales. In fact, libraries may serve to market authors and new titles to library users, an identified group of readers, who are likely to read more and purchase books as well as borrow from the library.

What is our response? Will we be unable to satisfy patron requests for new eBooks? Can we negotiate a better deal with publishers? Begin with informing yourself and your patrons. Patrick Losinski, with the Columbus Metropolitan Library published a summarizing editorial that may be found at https://www.dispatch.com/opinion/201910 ... ks-no-more. The American Library Association provides information at https://ebooksforall.org/ including a petition to appeal MacMillan’s decision.

Limiting access to new titles for libraries means limiting access for readers.
Grant Deadlines Approaching
Technology Grant and Service Improvement Grant: Nov 15
ESG deadline: Dec 6

YOUTH BOOK COMMITTEE

Top 5 reasons to join a book club

- Book clubs help you build excitement (book buzz)
- Book clubs boost creative powers
- Book clubs increase confidence
- Book clubs keep your brain sharp
- Book clubs connect you to other librarians

Do you like reading children’s literature?

NCKLS is organizing a youth book committee. Right now, the committee is small but we are looking for more readers. The group will discuss books with a publication date of 2019 and 2020. This committee is split into 2 groups, one for picture books and one for young adult books. The commitment time is short; we plan to disband after the NCKLS Book Fair in the spring. Our goal is to release a list at Book Fair of our favorite books. All meetings are on Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the youth book committee, contact Sandy Wilkerson at swilkerson@nckls.org.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE LIVE UPDATE

NeCessary KnowLedge Live is just around the corner.

This year our November 7th event will feature the Bed Bug Hounds!

John Kugler from the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library will bring his bed-bug sniffing dogs for a demonstration of how they find the bugs and then tell us what to do about the little pests.

As a follow-up to viewing “The Public” at our August Directors’ meeting, it seemed like training in handling patrons with mental illness might be useful. Dawn Behrend is both a university librarian and a practicing clinical psychologist. She will join us via Zoom for a presentation on “Serving Patrons with Mental Health Challenges.”

In the afternoon, Marcy will share some mid-year picks for your collection. (Christmas alert!) Duane and Kim will show several free or low-cost online catalog options for small libraries. Carol will demonstrate some best practices for using the Verso 6. Every Verso library must have someone in attendance at this session.

There are door prizes! Don’t forget that adding one policy to the NCKLS wiki buys your lunch at NCKL Live. Each additional policy gets you another ticket for the door prizes. We have some great ones this year.

HELPFUL LINKS

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers information is found here: https://kslib.info/1390/Activities-and-Promotions#liveEditTab_widgets

The 2019 title is I Like Myself, by Karen Beaumont. This picture book story will appeal to young readers, with a focus on the 2-5 years old age group. The majority of events will be conducted the week of November 10-16, 2019, but libraries may have events throughout the month

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Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) website has been updated for 2020.

Imagine Your Story
https://www.cslpreads.org/
CSLP is looking for programming ideas for 2021 and filling committees for 2020. If you are interested in summer programming, this is a good organization to volunteer for.

Questions? Ask Sandy, email: swilkerson@nckls.org
STATE LIBRARY NEWS

Website: https://kslib.info/

In addition to providing statewide databases, eBooks, and audiobooks, the state library also gives you the tools to teach your patrons to use these resources! Niche Academy is a collection of tutorials that’s available from any page on the state library’s website via the blue tutorials tab on right-hand side of the page. Niche Academy includes video and text introductions and instructions for using many of our database products and eBook and audiobook platforms. You can use these tutorials to brush up on these resources yourself or point patrons toward them when they need a little help delving into a resource that they haven’t used before. We regularly add new tutorials and would welcome feedback and requests for additional tutorials. We can also provide you with direct links to individual tutorials to put on your library’s website. Just ask!

In addition to those patron-focused tutorials, the state library has an entire academy dedicated to librarians. You can find it by clicking on the LIBRARIANS tab on our website, going to the Professional Resources section of that page and clicking Niche Academy Tutorials. These tutorials are much more geared toward issues facing librarians. As with the patron-facing academy, we welcome your feedback regarding what kind of content you’d like to see more of. As with the patron-facing tutorials, we can give you direct links to embed these tutorials in your own library’s website as well.

Need assistance? Pick a help desk:

- eBooks, Audiobooks, Databases, Kansas Library eCards: KSLC@ks.gov
- Research & Reference Questions: infodesk@ks.gov

MEMBER LIBRARIES

EMPORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS “CELLOWEEN” CONCERT

Emporia Public Library will host a musical Halloween event for all ages in their atrium on October 26, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. Irene Diaz and her cello students will perform hair-raising musical selections for your enjoyment.

Robin Newell, library director, hopes that Celloween will expose the stringed instrument to others in the community and provide a free opportunity to listen to local Emporia musicians.

For more information on “Celloween”, please contact Robin Newell at EPL – 620-340-6464.

Wamego Public Library collects aluminum cans toward an expansion project.

Display found at Clay Center Carnegie Library for Banned Books Week

Frankfort City Library
NEW RESOURCES FROM THE STATE LIBRARY
BY LADONNA CLARK

Did you know there are 13 folds when folding the American Flag in honoring ceremonies, and that each fold holds great significance?

Did you know we have access to This Day in History, This Day in Sports, and Quote of the Day? There is also a Year in Review, Year in Pictures, and World at a Glance?

Did you know there are resources available for teachers, such as lessons plans, interactive crossword puzzles, fully outlined science projects, maps and more?

Find all the answers and more in the new databases offered by the State Library of Kansas.

There are three World Almanac resources: The World Almanac, The World Almanac for Kids Elementary, and The World Almanac Kids. These and the other resources are updated every day by 8 am eastern time, so that we have the most up-to-date resources available each day.

In Fold3 are the names on the honor walls, historical documents such as the Gettysburg Address and the Constitution, and much more.

Register for the workshops to be held, in Herington and Marysville in January 2020!

For questions or to host a workshop, contact LaDonna. See details and register at: http://know.nckl.info/

NEW PROFESSIONAL TITLES AT NCKLS

Beyond Banned Books: Defending Intellectual Freedom Throughout Your Library by Kristin Pekoll

Escape Rooms and Other Immersive Experiences in the Library by Ellyssa Kroski

Incubating Creativity at your Library by Erinn Batykefer and Laura Damon-Moore

Libraries that Learn by: Keys to Managing Organizational Knowledge edited by Jennifer A. Bartlett and Spencer Acadia

Library Management 101 2nd Edition edited by Lisa K Hussey and Diane L. Velasquez

New Top Technology Every Librarian Needs to Know edited by Kenneth J. Varnum

The No-Nonsense Guide to Leadership, Management and Teamwork by Barbara Allan

Public Library Director’s Toolkit by Kate Hall and Kathy Parker

Seamless Youth Services for Every Age and Stage by Karis Loop

HOT TIP!!!
Recorded Books offers a template for social media posts. Libraries can subscribe to this service and a scheduled post will be sent to them that can be easily customized and uploaded to your library’s Facebook or Twitter feeds. Monthly or weekly options are available.
Interested?
Contact LaDonna
Reminder from Denise: Library Directors can change the rotating book delivery numbers at any time. You cannot exceed 350 total books, but the number of items per genre can be adjusted to meet your readers wants and likes. Please email or call me with any changes you would like to make. If you need a copy of you currently order, I’d be happy to email that information to you. Reach out to me at my email address dcoon@nckls.org

SPACE PLANNING

By Sandy Wilkerson

Flexibility and versatility are the big things I look for in a library space that serves youth. Does your space consider both of these things in the library layout? A library with flexibility is one that can quickly change to meet the needs of the current users. Moving chairs and tables to create a space is flexibility, adding furniture to increase the amount to seating is flexibility and easily moving shelves to create a space is flexibility. Variety or Versatility is how your users need the space to be organized. Your library should have space for independent learning and quiet study. It should include chairs and desks in nooks that are private and quiet. Next, there should be a place for large group interaction with an expert—a place to have a program or storytime, where everyone is facing the leader. The third type of space in your library should be a more social space, a place where your users can learn from each other, space for small group study and interaction. A library with 3 areas of versatility gives the users a choice of how they want to use the space. It provides a place for everyone with a variety of needs. As you start the new year and look around your library with new year’s resolutions, the consultants at NCKLS are always willing to come and visit your library with an eye to improving the look of your space and the way your space is used. Send an email today to schedule a consultant visit in early 2020.
Weeding 101:
The Importance of Regular Planning

By Marcy Allen

As we all know, weeding is often pushed to the back of our to-do lists. We've always got specific tasks that need to be taken care of immediately. We're so busy with budgets, patron issues, building problems, and staff concerns that we just don't get around to responsibilities that can be delayed, at least for a while. As a result, weeding may become the least of our priorities.

But we still can't ignore it. Too often, librarians are overwhelmed by shelves stuffed with hideous decorating books or biographies of long-gone celebrities that haven't gone out in years. The old “someone might need it,” or the “I can't throw away taxpayer money” justifications can only go so far. Somehow we have to make weeding a part of our regular schedules so that we don't end up hurrying through a dramatic denuding of the shelves that alarms our customers and creates dumpster nightmares.

I found a wonderful guide entitled The Weeding Handbook by Rebecca Vnuk that suggests the following schedule:

- Scrutinize computer titles, large print, mass market paperbacks and travel guides every year.
- Look over legal books, college guides, investment titles, and medical books every two years.
- Examine reference books, 000s, 100s, 500s, 600s and audio visual every three years.
- Work over fiction, 300s and 700s every five years.
- Check 200s, 400s, 800s, 900s, and biographies every six years.

If this schedule doesn't mesh with your planning, don't be alarmed. This is not a rigid timetable for weeding; instead, it is a suggested plan for ongoing collection maintenance that will eliminate a huge purging of your shelves. It will enable you to locate those items that really need to be eliminated, while at the same time free up space for those nice, new editions you know your customers want. We all want our libraries to be attractive and well-used by the communities we serve, so let's clean house!