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2021 GRANT REVIEW

NCKLS staff are reviewing the current number of grant opportunities for libraries to prepare for the 2022 budget and plan of service. We want to ensure that every librarian and board member is aware of current grants that are available to help each library provide optimal service and to meet Kansas Public Library Standards. Available NCKLS grants in 2021 include:

- Extended Service Grants – for collections
- Technology Grants
- Service Improvement Grants
- Program Grants
- Continuing Education Grants
- Courier Grant/Postage Grants

To be eligible to receive grant funds, libraries must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a legally established public library under K.S.A. 12-1220
2. Agree to the provision for free service, and to permit any resident in the NCKLS territory to borrow materials or receive services without charge and subject to reasonable library rules. (KAR 54-1-18)
3. Complete the annual Kansas Public Library Survey and the annual NCKLS report by the required deadlines each year
4. Meet the local maintenance of effort required to receive state aid

Last year the System Board approved additional funds to be distributed to libraries in taxing counties based on a per-capita formula. Based on the four requirements above, your library will receive a check by the end of April. In 2021, $245,000 is budgeted for grants. Many libraries have made full use of available funds over the past years to build excellent collections, maintain up-to-date technology for public and staff use, improve their facilities, and provide a little something extra for summer programs. While grants cannot replace local support and commitment to your library, they can enhance local efforts and regional cooperation.

NCKLS staff are available to help you plan and maximize your grant opportunities. Please contact us with any questions or for a consultation. Additional requirements and information for each grant may be found at http://lib.nckls.org/grants/.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- April 8—Homeless Library Academy webinar, 1pm
- April 13—APPLE class launch
- April 29—Budgeting webinar—Zoom, 1:30pm
- June 10—After lunch course with Pat Wagner on custom-er service—Zoom, 1:30pm
- Nov 19—NeCessary KnowLedge—in person, 9:30am
JAMIE LARUE WANTS YOU TO CHANGE YOUR LIBRARY NARRATIVE

By Dawn Krause

Library use does not equal support! If you weren’t able to attend the first of the 4-part series simply titled the After Lunch Courses, you can still watch the recording here. Jamie LaRue is a storyteller you should not miss. With advocacy, he encourages library staff and board members to document the stories that are more impactful than plain numbers. Most library directors are providing circulation and/or door count numbers to their boards regularly, but may be failing to provide the stories behind the numbers. In order to sway supporters (read stakeholders and taxpayers), try a different approach by crafting stories of how your library has changed local lives.

How do you start crafting stories like this for your library? At about ~45 minutes into the recording, Mr. LaRue outlines the following process:

• Identify a real person
• State their problem
• What was the library action to resolve the problem?
• What was the happy ending?
• Cite one fact about this situation
Craft a tagline such as “Libraries transform lives”

LaRue provides several examples of this process and leads us to a couple key resources such as the “Library Storytelling Team Guidebook.” These resources will help us shift the theme that libraries are an unnecessary burden on taxpayers (everything is online, isn’t it?) to one that advocates for libraries as a very smart investment (the library is a community center that provides huge value). Change your community narrative! This is a must watch for 2021 - and moving forward - as we’ve all seen declines in our ability to make an impact with numbers due to the 2020 pandemic. Jamie LaRue’s webinar could help boost your library’s comeback!

TECH TIPS

Looking for safe cleaning ideas for computer hardware? Here are some tips from equipment manufacturers:

https://www.dell.com/support/kbdoc/en-ca/000133659/guidance-for-keeping-your-dell-technologies-equipment-clean

https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204172


https://www.scls.info/cleaning-envisionware-self-checks
BOOK VAN NEWS

-Denise Coon, Rotating Book Coordinator

Due to the lowered risk of COVID and the knowledge that transmission through physical materials is low, NCKLS is removing the materials quarantine on the books in the rotating collection. I’m sending an email a couple weeks before your scheduled delivery to update your order and will be offering the ability to increase your delivery. If you have not heard from me yet about going back to your original numbers, you will soon. If your library is not ready at this time, I will check back with you at a later date.

TECHNOLOGY TALK

By LaDonna Clark
Technology Trainer

Where do you get your online news?

U.S. Newsstream is a free online resource from the State Library of Kansas.

U.S. Newsstream includes newspapers, newswires and news journals from national and regional sources. The NY Times, Chicago Tribune, LA Times, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post are featured as well as the Topeka Capital Journal and Salina Journal.

A few advantages of using online news sources: there are no advertisements or images, strictly text, 13 different languages are supported, each article can be translated, and ProQuest resources are updated daily by 8am EST.

For other helpful links to promote and use this resource: https://proquest.libguides.com/home

https://proquest.libguides.com/proquestplatform

Flyer: https://kslib.info/DocumentCenter/View/7597/US_Newsstream_Flyer

Add to your website, use the following URL: http://Kslib.info/Newsstream

2021 APPLE students for NCKLS:
Darci Hildebrand-Wamego
Mary Krantz-Chapman
Tiffany Schell-Frankfort

The APplied Public Library Education (APPLE) program runs from April 2021 to March 2022. New directors are selected to participate in the statewide training.

Congratulations to Peabody Township Library and Wamego Public Library for getting winning grants this year. Peabody won the Kansas Book Festival grant and will purchase a collection of books focusing on children and teens dealing with different types of trauma. Wamego won a Kansas Book Festival grant and a Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant. They will increase their virtual programming and start a bibliocaching program. Geocaching with books!

Emporia Public Library is getting a facelift. Construction will start in April on the roof and atrium.

White City is learning about corn! Check out this link to see if your library can get a corn kit.

https://kscorn.com/kansas-corn-stem/
We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker
Reviewed by Marcy Allen

This novel is a mystery, but it’s also much more. A tale of a long ago tragedy, it concerns all who were affected by a young child’s accidental killing. It’s the story of family and friends haunted by that death, and it’s a study of character and love. Consider the following.

Duchess is a thirteen-year-old girl who has never really had a childhood. Her mother a meth addict and her father unknown, she has been responsible for the care of her now five-year-old younger brother, Robin. Duchess is a vulgar, bitter young girl, eager to fight any who mock her family, and she is fiercely protective of her sweet little brother. When the unstable mother of the two is killed by an unknown assailant, social services relocate the siblings to their grandfather’s ranch in Montana. This, for a while, is a much-needed haven for the kids.

In the meantime, local chief of police, Walk, has his own problems. His childhood friend, Vincent, who accidentally killed the child years ago has been charged with the murder of Duchess and Robin’s mother. Unable to accept Vincent as a killer, Walk begins an investigation into possible motives for the recent killing. To further complicate this investigation, his health is failing and he can no longer hide his symptoms.

He enlists the help of his old high school sweetheart to defend Vincent, while Vincent himself seems unconcerned about his fate. Everyone seems convinced that Vincent has to be the killer, given his long ago crime and his sketchy prison record. What we get from these wounded characters? A sense of love and compassion backed by determination. Both Duchess and Walk are clearly troubled by the crimes that have affected their lives, but they won’t give up their efforts to protect the innocent. Even the worst of the characters in this book are sometimes motivated by the needs of others. This is a realistic portrayal of family and complex emotions.

Youth Services
Summer Reading is fast approaching. Check out the resources shared here: https://bit.ly/3eP2y50

CSLP has resources to share, including the new PSA’s. These can be added to your social media sites and websites.

Full PSA English Youtube link: https://youtu.be/3hJ5J7ay_t8

Full PSA Spanish Youtube link: https://youtu.be/3fT2VBoyXHA

The "base" files are available for your libraries to add their own logo or text if this is something they are interested in doing. These files can be found on the "Additional Program Tools" tab, under the Manual Downloads drop down. Here is the direct link, although you do need to be logged in to access them:

https://www.cslpreads.org/manual-downloads/

Finally, CSLP will be releasing a handful of 15 - 20 second "shorts" cut from the PSA. These will be perfect for libraries to share on their social media accounts on a weekly basis, keeping patron’s attention throughout the summer.