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## Apply now for a Challenge Grant

A FoKL Challenge Grant can help your Friends group with any updates, projects or new materials you would like for your library. Local matching funds must be provided to match the grant request. Applications are due by April 1, 2017. Apply now at <http://www.fokl.net>

## Outstanding Friends Groups and Individual Awards

Nominate your Friends group or your most valued Friend and tell us how they are outstanding. You can send in the nomination of a group or individual and receive cash awards for your library's Friends. The requirements are listed below:

- Friends group must be a current member (dues paid for 2017) of Friends of Kansas Libraries; individuals must be a member of FoKL or affiliated local organization. Membership dues may be included with application.
- Winners of Kansas Friends Award will be ineligible for further awards for a period of three years following the selection.
- Nominees must provide a summary on the nomination form of the organization's or individual's accomplishments and contributions on behalf of their library that reflect activities during the year 2016.
- Relevant supporting materials (press releases, press clippings, promotional materials, etc.) may be included.
- No materials will be returned. Supporting materials may be used in Friends of Kansas Libraries exhibits and be publicized in the FoKL newsletter and in other FoKL publications and materials.

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Friends of Kansas Libraries is a statewide organization of groups and individual members committed to helping libraries meet the need and expectations of their communities. It can provide startup grants to communities establishing new Friends groups or having unique program needs and provides technical assistance to local groups upon request. *FoKL Point* is the official publication of Friends of Kansas Libraries.

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# FRIENDS BOARD on the road

Friends of Kansas Libraries board members were graciously hosted by several members of Friends of Newton Public Library, Fri., Jan. 20. They participated in a good discussion about book sales with FNPL officers Carol Heinel - president, Joan Hushka- vice-president, Gail Gilchrist - secretary and Sue Lammers - treasurer. A major topic of discussion concerned finding a new contact person to help Friends groups with online sales of book donations, particularly those that might be valuable.

BetterWorld Books was mentioned as an alternative to using a local individual. The company provides scanners, labels and packaging, but only pays 20 percent on books sold. That percentage increases if Friends volunteers provide scans. Another option is Union Rescue Mission. Many libraries received a letter from the Wichita-based organization. The text of the letter is repeated below:

## **Used Books are Useful to the Homeless**

Ralph Waldo Emerson is quoted as saying you should “never read a book that is not at least a year old.” Well, there’s a worthy cause in Kansas that is looking for a lot of books that are rapidly aging.

The Union Rescue Mission, a non-profit charity that operates the largest emergency shelter for homeless men in the State of Kansas, has launched social enterprise to collect used and unwanted books and remarket them on the internet.

The business, New Leaf Book Mercantile, turns donated books, CDs and DVDs into jobs for the unemployed, meals for the hungry and life-altering recovery services for homeless men. Revenue from the sale of used material supports services provided by the Mission to thousands of men, women and families each year.

NewLeaf will gladly take titles that have been pulled from library circulation or leftovers from annual Friends book sales. It promises to re-purpose all books that are marketable or responsibly turn the rest into recycled paper products. Nothing donated to NewLeaf ends up in a landfill.

Collection bins and promotional materials are available from NewLeaf for libraries, schools or businesses willing to conduct book drives. Individuals who donate books directly to the Mission receive a charitable receipt for tax purposes.

Additional information about this used book program is available via e-mail to [NewLeaf1@urmwichita.org](mailto:NewLeaf1@urmwichita.org), or by contacting Gary Fair at 316-796-1791. For more about the Union Rescue Mission and its services to the poor and needy, go to [www.urmwichita.org](http://www.urmwichita.org).

# Need to 'visualize' a new program?

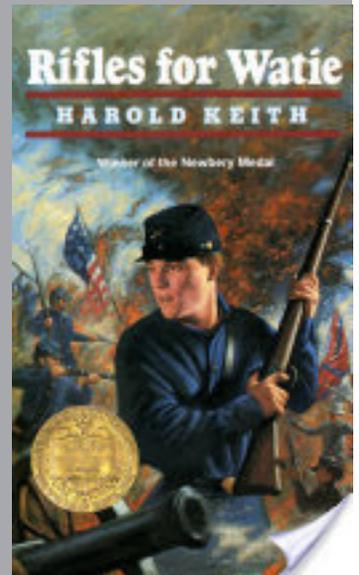
## Photo bugs at Newton Public Library

Fourth Tuesday Photography meets the Fourth Tuesdays of most months at 7 p.m., most often at Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak. They usually have a presenter talk about a topic of interest to photographers of all abilities and ages. Occasionally, they have outings to photogenic locations outside the library. Their events are listed on their Happenings page: <https://www.newtonplks.org/news-and-events/library-happenings/> and on their group facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4thTuesdayPhoto/>

## Invite a speaker to talk about regional history

A member of the History/Genealogy Department of the McCune Osage Township Library and Museum, Roy Parsons has been doing "a little" writing about the book *Rifles for Watie*. He believes the 1957 junior fiction book should be required reading for all teens in Linn County. He read the book at a much later age and admits he enjoyed it very much. Parsons had connections in Linn County, which likely helped pique his interest.

He says, "The story begins and ends in Linn County with a lot of Civil War in the middle. The late author, Harold Keith, grew up near the Cherokee country he describes in the book. A native Oklahoman, he was educated at Northwestern State Teachers College at Alva and at the University of Oklahoma.



"While traveling in eastern Oklahoma doing research on his master's thesis in history, Mr. Keith found a great deal of fresh material about the Civil War in the Indian country. Deciding he might someday write a historical novel, he interviewed twenty-two Civil War veterans then living in Oklahoma and Arkansas; much of the background of *Rifles for Watie* came from the notebooks he filled at the time. The actual writing of the book took five years."

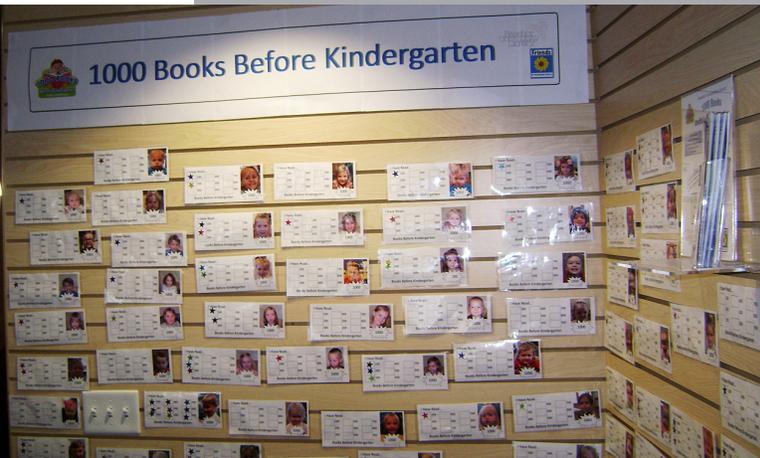
Perhaps your Friends group could persuade Mr. Parsons to visit your library for an event to share his take on some fascinating history that took place right under our noses.

Roy Parsons, McCune History/Genealogy Department, McCune Osage Township Library & Museum, 509 6th St. P.O. Box 73, McCune, Kansas 66753, 620-632-4112



How about a Christmas sock exchange next year? The ladies at Silver Lake Library show off their "footsies" and not one pair is alike!

# New leadership, new ideas from Basehor



Friends of Basehor Library began an exciting new phase under the leadership of its new president, Erin Ragan this past fall.

One of her first initiatives was to have the Friends become a major supporter of the Basehor Community Library's new program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. 1,000 B4K is a reading program for children age birth to 5, with over 100 children currently enrolled. It encourages parents and caregivers to participate in the simple and enjoyable act of sharing books with a child.

Reading, sharing and listening to books helps children gain pre-reading skills and build a solid foundation for Kindergarten. The Friends contributed over \$400 to purchase bookkeeping materials, bags and gift books.

The new Friends' Cookie Exchange was held in early December. The focus of this first exchange was to give Friends members a casual social event. "It's okay to have an event that is just for Friends, but it is important to have programs that support the library, too," Ragan said. She plans on making the Cookie Exchange an annual event that will be sponsored by the Friends group and open to the community.



Book sales are a needed and important program for many Friends groups and the libraries they support. The Friends already held two book sales a year. Ragan added a once-a-month sale, filling a small book truck with themed books. The November cookbook sale brought in \$80. In December, the group sold brand new or barely used books that could be purchased as gifts during the holiday season.

Ragan was glad she attended the Kansas Library Association conference in Wichita this past October. The keynote speaker, Joan Frye Williams, had some really good ideas for Friends groups. "She said that Friends groups need to open their scope and not just focus on readers." Ragan hopes to encourage patrons "beyond readers" to use the library and join the Friends group. "Lots of people come into the library to use our services that are not readers. We need to promote events that will draw them in."

"Please convey my greetings to the FoKL folks. Tomorrow I'll be attending a conference for Arizona Friends groups at the Phoenix Public Library." ~ Former FoKL President Sue Blechl, now retired

# FoKL BOARD MEMBERS

## We call on you to be part of FoKL

Serving on the Board of Friends of Kansas Libraries offers “priceless” rewards. Our board members meet with enthusiastic and creative Friends throughout the state. Though volunteering takes time, it offers much satisfaction. Can you be a library advocate? Are you enthusiastic in your volunteer efforts? Are you willing to be part of a creative team that shapes the future of a statewide organization? Please note vacancies on the list below.

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