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Forsyth Library's Building Celebrates 50 Years

In 1967, Forsyth Library moved into its current building on [502 South Campus Drive](#) in Hays, KS. Prior to 1967, the library had occupied numerous locations on Fort Hays State University's campus since its founding in 1902. Over the years, Forsyth Library has adapted to the learning and research needs of the FHSU community by transforming spaces, and incorporating new technologies. This year celebrates 50 years of #ForsythMemories made in this building.

Forsyth Library hosted a Forsyth@50 Celebration during FHSU's Homecoming week with a Ribbon Cutting for the new Media Lab and a portrait unveiling of retired government documents librarian, Lawrence "Mac" Reed. The portrait, painted by artist Joel Dugan, was commissioned by Stephen J. Shields who wanted to recognize Mac's many years of leadership and service. Guests were invited to record videos of #ForsythMemories in the new Media Lab, a one-button studio that records ready-to-post videos with the click of a button. Additionally, a [collection of Forsyth Library photos from the University Archives](#) were recently digitized and made available through Forsyth Digital Collections for users to see the history of the library and the university since its founding in 1902.

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Forsyth Library staff before the ribbon cutting for the new Media Lab

Libraries: Your Trusted Source

With libraries everywhere struggling to come to grips with the proliferation of fake news and misinformation, the Southeast Kansas Library System held a day-long event on Tuesday, October 10 to celebrate the place of libraries as a community source for reliable information. The title of the program was "Libraries: Your Trusted Source". The day began with a showing of "Lola the Librarian", a YouTube video from the Utah State Library. Roger Carswell, SEKLS system director, then gave an overview of the current state of our misinformation culture emphasizing confirmation bias and the information bubbles to which all human beings are prone. Steps for determining rumor accuracy were shared using the IFLA poster: "How to Spot Fake News."

Brooke Binkowski, managing editor of Snopes.com, addressed the group via Skype to talk about the role of Snopes in separating truth from fiction in online sources, especially social media. Pittsburg State University Outreach Librarian, Jorge Leon, shared principles and techniques used in teaching students to determine the accuracy of sources.

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From the Editor's Desk

It's that time of year again—the weather is turning increasingly cooler, pumpkin spice flavored foods and scents are popping up everywhere, and the Kansas Library Association Annual Conference is rapidly approaching! It's a time to reconnect with colleagues from across the state, be professionally re-energized and refreshed, and see what exciting activities, programs, and studies librarians from around the state have been up to in the last year. If you are choosing to attend the conference, I hope you'll add my session to the list: "Hot Off the Press: Behind the scenes of Kansas Libraries Magazine", on Friday, October 27th at 8am. I'll

be talking about how the magazine came to be in its present form, what is involved in production, how the co-editors collaborate, and more! I'd love to see you there.

—Kate Wise,

Co-editor, *Kansas Libraries*



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Share Your #ForsythMemories

Help us continue celebrating 50 years as we remember the **#ForsythMemories** and look forward to the years ahead. If you attended Fort Hays State University or had any connections to Forsyth Library, please share your favorite photo or memory by using **#ForsythMemories** on your Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram post.



Mac Reed Portrait unveiling celebration



Dean Deborah Ludwig, Lawrence "Mac" Reed, and Joel Dugan after unveiling the portrait

—Submitted by Cynthia Landis, Forsyth Library, Fort Hays State University

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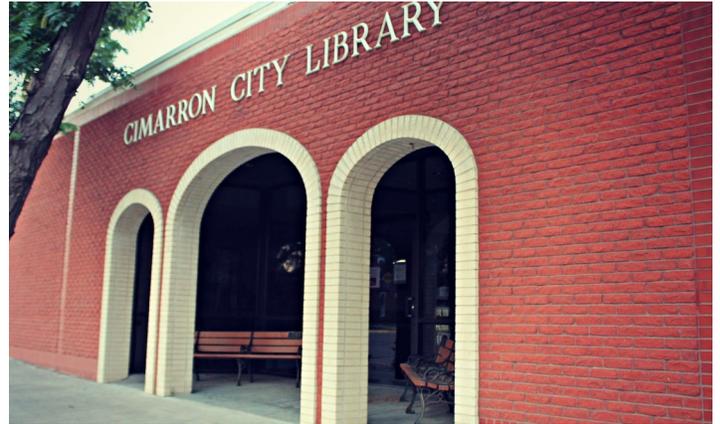
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Cimarron City Library named 2017 Best Small Public Library in Kansas

The Kansas Library Association (KLA) is pleased to announce that the Cimarron City Library <http://cimarroncitylibrary.org> has been named the 2017 Best Small Public Library in Kansas. <http://kslibassoc.org/home/about/best-small-public-library/> This award is presented annually and is co-sponsored by KLA and Auto-Graphics, Inc. The



Cimarron City Library will be honored during the Kansas Library Conference, October 25-27, in Wichita, Kansas. Award winning libraries are presented with a traveling banner to hang in their library, a plaque, and a check for \$500 from Auto-Graphics, Inc. This presentation will take place during the Awards Reception on Thursday evening, October 26.

The Cimarron City Library was selected as the 2017 Best Small Public Library in Kansas for providing innovative programming to their community. Using social media, flyers, and newspaper columns, the library promoted services and programs and as a result, increased attendance and library traffic. Children's Story Hours doubled in attendance and required the addition of a second day. Math 4 You is a program for 3-5 year olds for children to learn early math skills and have fun with math. Lego Club is also available for K-6 students to create Lego art for display in the library. Other programs for children include Wee Play, 6 x 6, 1000 before Kindergarten, and Story Walks. For adults and older children, the library offers Painting Parties, book clubs, database training classes in various topics, and programs for senior citizens. Offerings are rounded out by an extensive series of information literacy courses and classes in such topics as consumer health, auto repair, genealogy, and computer skills.

The Cimarron City Library is valued by their community. Library programming is developed and evaluated through community interaction. Volunteers enthusiastically donate time and funds to the library and its programs. Director Candis Hemel applies for grants, shares resources with the school system and others in the community, and has gained the confidence and support of the Cimarron City Council. Teachers in the schools are pleased with the skills that participating children bring to their classrooms. Congratulations to the Cimarron City Library as the Best Small Public Library in Kansas for 2017.

Many thanks to the Award Committee for their work:

Michael Lang
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Leslie Nord
Andrea Sobba

— Submitted by Laurel Littrell, KLA 2nd Vice President

Books and Blue Jays

In celebration of Library Card Sign up Month, the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library partnered with the Junior League of Flint Hills and the Junction City High School Athletic department to present “Books & Blue Jays”, a one of a kind story time to the community. Members of the fall sports athletic programs, including soccer, volleyball, dance, and cheer team read popular children’s stories, helped children create sports themed crafts, and hosted a “Selfie Station” with General Jay, the high school mascot. They donned elephant ears, caterpillar hats, cow ears, and more to make the event fun! Members of the Junior League of the Flint Hills, an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, were on hand to give away free, age-appropriate books to those attending. They were able to place books in the hands of over 20 children in the community.

In a small town that loves their high school sports, the unique partnership created between the library and the high school allowed children to get up close with the athletes they admire. The athletes, highlighted as community leaders through this event, stressed the importance of reading to those in attendance! All around, “Books & Blue Jays” was fun, interactive, and a real touchdown in the library!



- Submitted by Donna Porter, Dorothy Bramlage Public Library

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Four online fact-checking services were profiled during the interactive portion of the day. Allsides.org, Politifact.com, FactCheck.org, and Snopes.com were then used by participants to identify current internet rumors as fake or fact. At the end of the day all attendees received a free t-shirt with the logo to the left, designed by SEKLS employee Jason Robb.

— Submitted by Kim Uden Rutter, Southeast Kansas Library System

Peter Fletcher

Music of Four Centuries Concert

Peter Fletcher is a classical guitarist based in Detroit and New York City. He performs over 100 concerts a year, and his recordings on the Centaur Records and Towerhill Recordings labels have been critically acclaimed.

Peter offers an audience friendly, solo recital featuring repertoire that runs the gamut from the Renaissance Period through the 20th Century.

Fletcher will perform selections including *Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1* and *Lute Suite No. 3* by J. S. Bach, Paganini's exciting and ever popular *Caprice No. 24*, and the great Spanish masterwork *Cordoba* by Isaac Albeniz.



"Every time classical guitarist Peter Fletcher appears at Carnegie Hall, he has a packed house. Whether audience members are hearing him for the first time or were so enraptured by his technical skill and poised delivery that they've become diehard fans, Fletcher understands how to put together a repertoire that keeps audiences wanting more. And that is his genius." - Fashion Reverie Review

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