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Facility Upgrades in Finney County

The Finney County Public Library has had extraordinary facility upgrades in the past few months.

The changes have included new lighting, ventilation, duct work, ceiling grids and tiles, a brand new, state-of-the-art HVAC system, and new insulated windows.

Library patrons will enjoy a brighter and much more energy efficient facility. Thanks to the Finney County Commissioners and the Library Board, the library was included in a nearly \$7 million project to update County public facilities.

The project, which also included the County Court House and the County Administration Building was funded by a 15-year lease purchase which is absorbed in the current tax rate.

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A worker positions a ladder to access space above the ceiling

Kansas Talking Books Volunteers Recognized

On March 7, Kansas Talking Books (KTB) volunteers were honored for their contributions to ensure "That All May Read," as part of the Kansas Talking Books Week activities. Six volunteer narrators and two machine repair volunteers joined the KTB staff for a reception and short recognition ceremony. Volunteers were presented with certificates of appreciation and a small gift provided by Kansas Talking Books Advisory Council.

The work and dedication of volunteers is vital to the mission of KTB and a cornerstone of the life enriching services we provide. In 2017, 13 volunteers gave of themselves to help improve the lives of fellow Kansans and Talking Book patrons across the country.

— Submitted by Michael Lang, Director, State Library of Kansas Talking Books Service

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Crazy fast...

This year, much like others, seems to be moving at a pace that is outdistancing me...

Working together, KLA has been able to accomplish some magnificent work. I would like to thank Eric Gustafson, Jeri Hopkins, and the rest of the GAC for a successful Legislative Day. We have heard from a few folks in Topeka, about the impact that day had on legislators. Additionally, I would like to extend a thank you to Steve Gromatzky, Lauren Hays, Ray Walling, and the rest of the CULS Officers for putting together the CULS Conference in Mayetta, Kansas, at the end of this month. They have gathered some great sponsorships, speakers, and events, which should prove to make it a great conference.

Planning continues for the Joint KLA/MPLA Conference in October. Laurel Littrell and the Conference Committee have been working hard to make this conference a special experience for attendees this year. Please take some time to help us make this conference a success by submitting a proposal and presenting at conference.

The last item that I would like to share is that the KLA Council approved the addition of a School Library Section. We will continue to flesh out the details, but I believe this is a major step in unifying and magnifying our voices as librarians.

Thank you, for all that you do,

George Seamon

West Named 2018 GLBTRT Award for Political Activism Winner

Brandon West of Independence Public Library, has been honored by the American Library Association as the recipient of the 2018 GLBTRT Award for Political Activism. A reception in his honor will be held on Thursday, March 15, 5:00-7:00, at the Independence Public Library. Please join us as we honor him.



From the Public Library Section

Hello from your PLS president! As a public librarian married to a high school teacher, the difference in our “seasonal” activities at work becomes apparent around this time of year. As my husband is winding down for the end of another school year, my library is gearing up for the eventual influx of kids for summer programs. Schedules get shifted around, even just a little bit, and priorities change, but it is a seasonal pause for both of us to reevaluate how our lives are going.

How good are you at making that seasonal adjustment? It causes me a little stress, which I deal with by being just a little late to appointments, just a little late with deadlines and tasks. Perhaps you’re the sort of person who is early to every event, but the stress of a changing schedule is still there.

For years I have watched a series of videos on YouTube that comprise a conversation between young adult author John Green and his entrepreneur brother (and soon to be published author) Hank Green. Their conversations are both personal to the two of them and directed toward the wider audience they know they have. They recently offered differing viewpoints on punctuality. John is habitually early, while Hank is often late.

John confessed that the idea of being late often causes “a five-alarm fire in my brain.” However, he contrasts this burning need to be on time with a quote from on-time author E. B. White, who had a revelation as an adult that an “escaping train carries with it nothing vital to my health.” Hank meanwhile attributes his habitual lateness to being distracted by his own interests often enough to miss deadlines. He offers seven tips for combating lateness, most of which are subtle but important shifts in thinking. To see the conversation and hear Hank’s tips (which I recommend) search Vlogbrothers on YouTube, and look for the video title “On Punctuality” published April 3, 2018.

Most of the advice I’ve seen on improving punctuality centers around respecting other people’s time, which is very important, but there is also an element of valuing your own time the same way. What you are doing is valuable on its own, and also valued by other people, so allot a fair amount of time to complete your task with enough left over to mentally move on to your next appointment or deadline with a clear, unhurried head. You owe it to yourself!

This year’s collaborative summer library program theme is “Libraries Rock!” but it’s the librarians behind the shelves of books who really rock. I hope the encouragement and tips from me in this issue help you to rock on successfully through the night, and the next day, week, and months of your career.

—Submitted by Rachel Malay, Director, Port Library



Spring arrives at the Port Library

Interested in getting involved in KLA?

KLA provides sections, roundtables, and advocacy issue support.

Use these links or visit the KLA website at kslibassoc.org.

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[KLIRT \(Information Literacy\)](#)

[PALS \(Private Academic Libraries\)](#)

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After-school Café Success

Chieftain Café is going strong this spring at the Tonganoxie Public Library! Our after-school snack program runs 3:30-5:00 PM Monday- Friday anytime the library is open. It is funded through grants and the generosity of community donations. Volunteers set up the Café each day, supervise it while the kids are eating their healthy snacks and clean up afterwards. Since starting in January 2017, we have had over 15,000 visits, with



multiple days hitting the 100 mark. Staff has seen a drop in behavior issues and it feels good knowing that kids won't go to bed hungry. It really does take a village.

Jayma Zook
Youth and Adult Programming Specialist
Tonganoxie Public Library

The Whitewater Memorial Library is proud to announce a \$2,500 donation from the “America’s Farmers Grow” Monsanto Fund!





Mabee Library

For this event, we solicited original poetry submissions from the MNU student body. The event was marketed through all-student emails, through posters placed throughout campus, through digital signage, and through word of mouth from both students and faculty members. The top ten poems were selected to be read aloud (including introductions and a Q&A with each poet) at the poetry reading event. Nearly 30 poems were submitted, and over 60 people attended the reading, blowing away our estimates. The event was well-received by both students and faculty who attend-



ed. The ten selected poems will also be published digitally as a single document in our institutional repository. Our library plans to host more poetry events in the future - potentially once every semester.

*-Submitted by Addison Lucchi,
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Commissioner Dave Jones, who serves on the Library Board, took the lead in ensuring that the Library was high on the list to become part of the upgrade project.

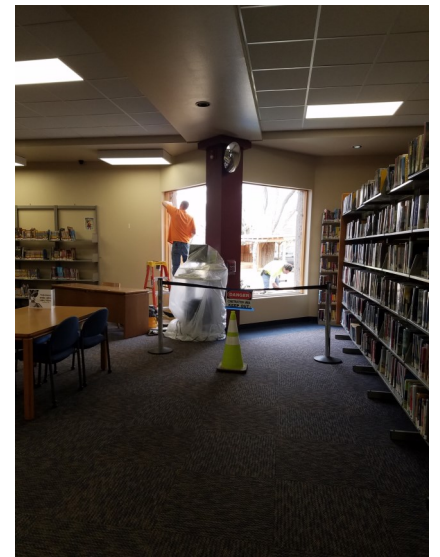
Commissioner Jones was elected to the County Commission in 2008. He has been on the Library Board for seven years. With the support of the other commissioners, Jones effectively has been a powerful advocate for library improvements, which will be completed in mid-April.

Finney County Public

Library is operated under the Board's oversight by Library Systems and Services, a municipal outsourcing company that manages libraries across the country, including Finney County Public Library since 2003.

The staff and Board of the Finney County Public Library invite everyone to experience the beautiful, improved facility in Garden City.

—Submitted by Pamela Tuller, Library Director,
Finney County Public Library



KBF Highlights Kansas Authors; Offers Contests, Grants

People read to learn, to escape, to be inspired and challenged. It has been the mission of the Kansas Book Festival Foundation since its inception both to promote literacy and a life-long love of learning to the people of Kansas and to support libraries and aspiring writers.

The 2018 festival will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Kansas State Capitol. Author sessions take place inside the Capitol in historical rooms such as the House and Senate Chambers and the Old Supreme Court room, while vendors, entertainment, book sales and food are on the grounds of the north side of the Capitol.

Almost 90 percent of the authors featured are current or former Kansas residents or have written about the state in some way. A handful of additional authors from across the country also are invited to attend and participate. Preference is given to books published within 12 months of the festival date.

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Spring Break Shenanigans!



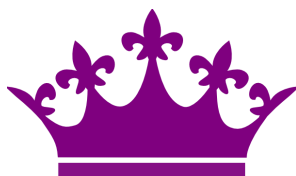
During Spring Break week, Library District #2 of Linn County (La Cygne) hosted two huge events for children! The first was fit for a princess turning a dream into a reality for Director Chris Waddell. The dream was to transform the library's Swan Room into a "ballroom" for a Princess Party for girls. With a wave of a magic wand and a

whole lot of hard work, Chris, her husband Rick, daughter Tiffany, co-worker La Veda Riggs and her husband Joe created a golden castle with themed tables and a special visit by six Disney Princesses! Janet Reynolds arranged crafts, games, and food, while the National Honor Society and Library Club volunteers to helped make the event spectacular! Special princess thank you waves to Amanda Nelson, Jena Williams, Madison Thies, Augusta Browning, Bailey Watson, Elizabeth Velez, Darla Ingram, Allison Loomis, Tori



Harper, Hagen Browning, Paityn Curtis, Diedra Nelson, Kenzie McAtee, and Gracye Wilmurth.

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Also during the week, a special event was constructed just for boys! A construction themed party with legos, foam blocks, wood blocks, and clubs created the perfect building fun. To top it all off, we even built our own pizzas! Finishing the day with relay races with legos and building marble was a lot of fun. Special thanks to Melissa Elliott for helping us “construct” the perfect event and for sharing the Parents as Teachers blocks! We couldn’t have built this day without you! We are excited to add both of these fun events in 2019!

*Submitted by Janet Reynolds,
Library District #2 La Cygne*



New Talking Books Phone-In Book Club

The first Kansas Talking Books phone-in book discussions will be held during the Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Talking Books patrons should call 1-800-362-0699 or email ktb@ks.gov to register for the book club. We will be reading *The Wrecking Crew: The Inside Story of Rock and Roll's Best-Kept Secret* by Kent Hartman (DB 74638).

To keep up with Talking Books, including our newsletter and updates from NLS, check out our blog at <https://kslib.info/talkingbooks>

—Submitted by Michael Lang, Director, State Library of Kansas Talking Books Service



The Lebanon Community Library would like to correct a mistake in last month’s issue. The new emergency exit door and painting project was funded by a grant by the Smith County Community Foundation!

FHSU's Forsyth Library Hosts Ice Cream Social to Showcase Undergraduate Research

On March 27th, Forsyth Library partnered with the Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) to host the URE Ice Cream Social. The Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) at Fort Hays State University matches students with faculty mentors to collaborate on scholarly projects with the goal of developing peer-reviewed work as a final product. The ice cream social filled the library with research enthusiasts to showcase these undergraduate research experience projects, many of which will also be featured at the John Heinrichs Scholarly and Creative Activities Day (SACAD) at Fort Hays State University later this month. Over 160 guests, including President Tisa Mason, explored student and faculty research partnerships from a variety of disciplines, all while enjoying ice cream topped with gummy bears, sprinkles, chocolate, and other toppings.



*Submitted by Cindy Landis,
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Authors of both children's books and adult books in a variety of genres will be present. Some of the more popular Kansas authors who have been featured in previous years include David Eisenhower, Sara Paretsky, Chester Nez, Alex Grecian, Candice Millard, Clare Vanderpool and Frank White.

The Kansas Book Festival Foundation also puts on an annual children's writing contest from January to April and awards annual library grants from October to December.

More than \$80,000 has been given to public and school libraries across the state. Libraries may apply in two categories: technology and books. Grants from the Foundation have helped to purchase computers, iPads, document scanners, wireless internet hot spots and more for libraries to expand technology offerings to patrons. Libraries also have been able to purchase books to replace those with deteriorating covers, to start youth book clubs, and to increase their supply of large-print books used to reach out to nursing homes and senior centers.

For more information, visit www.kansasbookfestival.com or see festival updates on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KansasBookFestival.

Submitted by Rebecca Witte, KBF Committee

Leavenworth Public Library Adult Summer Reading Program



Library After HOURS

The Pablo Sanhueza Latin Jazz Quintet

High energy Afro-Latin music under the influence of jazz

Friday, June 1 • 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m.



Fundraiser to benefit Library programs

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