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Keeper of the Plains and South Central Libraries

Artist Blackbear Bosin’s “Keeper of the Plains” sculpture, located at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers in Wichita, is an icon for south central Kansas. The South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS), South Hutchinson, has been granted licensing to use a photographic image of the copyrighted sculpture for its infographics and other promotional materials.

David Simmons, Newton, agent of the Nola Bosin Kimble Estate, provided the permission. “We’re on the same team!” wrote Simmons who also serves on the Board of Directors of the Newton Public Library, which is a SCKLS member.

“We’re grateful and pleased to have the late artist Blackbear Bosin and his iconic sculpture associated with south central Kansas libraries,” said SCKLS Director Paul Hawkins.

The photograph of the sculpture was taken by Stefanie Gostautas, SCKLS Technology Projects Specialist whose duties include the design of organizational infographics and promotional items. If you are interested in obtaining a free “Keeper of the Plains” mousepad, please e-mail: stefanie@sckls.info

Submitted by SCKLS Staff



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Wichita Business Journal recognizes Wichita Public Library Director Cynthia Berner



On August 3, The *Wichita Business Journal* presented the 2018 Women in Business awards at a luncheon event. 26 women were recognized, with three more added to the Women in Business Hall of Fame. Wichita Public Library Director Cynthia Berner was one of the women recognized for career achievement, involvement in the community, and efforts to help other women be successful. The *Wichita Business Journal* has presented the Women in Business Awards for nine years. In that time 165 women have been recognized. The Women in Business Awards are sponsored by Cox Business.

From Our KLA President

As we come to the close of another summer reading, and the beginning of another school and academic year, the KLA Council has some incredible news to announce.

First, we would like to announce and welcome Kansas Association of School Librarians as a section of KLA. This addition moves KLA closer to being an all-inclusive professional library association. I look forward to our future with the addition of our school library colleagues.

Second, we are pleased to announce a new partnership with StarChapter. This partnership will provide KLA with a new membership and event web application at a reduced cost, with a modern look and feel, and a more intuitive user and staff experience. KLA members will receive an email in August with instructions to setup a password to gain access to the new web application.

Third, KLA will be reorganizing. The KLA Council voted to have four main sections: Public, Academic, School, and Special. There will still be dues associated with the sections. These sections will have the opportunity to create subsections. (e.g. Youth Services and Private Academic Librarians) Additionally, KLA will be replacing "Roundtables" with a less formal, volunteer, and free of cost "Communities of Practice." KLA will begin with five "Communities of Practice:" Government Documents, Interlibrary Loan, Technology, Technical Services, and Library Instruction. Each "Community of Practice" will have a Chair appointed by the KLA President for the first year and will elect a Chair each year after the first. Some of these changes will need to be reflected in the KLA bylaws, which will need to be approved by you, the membership of KLA.

Fourth, KLA is going to a flat dues rate for individual memberships. An individual membership will now be \$40. The "Student, Friend, and Retired" Individual Membership will be \$35. Additionally, Library Trustees will no longer need to pay for an individual membership or

KLTA membership. All they will need to do is select that they are a trustee and they will be provided an individual membership free of charge.



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Opportunities to participate in the KLA/MPLA Conference still open!

-Spark Talks Session: On Thursday morning from 11-11:50 a.m. the MPLA/KLA Conference will host a Spark Talks session. Basically, eight librarians will be chosen to present a program, idea, or technology to the audience in 5 minutes or less. It is a fun and lively way to share innovation at your library and learn about other successes in the region. **If you would like to submit a proposal for a Spark Talk (again, 5-minute presentation with powerpoint slides if needed), please contact the host Librarian Shanna Smith at mulvane.library.director@gmail.com by August 31st (due date extended).**

-Show-and-Tell Showcase: In the vendor hall this year a booth (or two) will be reserved for librarians and vendors to showcase something innovative at their library or business. The showcase could even include book talks if you are familiar with a certain genre or collection. This is another great way for librarians to share and take away ideas while bringing attention to all of the amazing vendors participating in this year's conference. **If you are interested in our Show-and-Tell (program, idea, books, technology), please contact Librarian Shanna Smith at mulvane.library.director@gmail.com by August 31st (due date extended) with your topic and an estimated amount of time that you would need.** The vendor hall is open Wednesday evening and all-day Thursday.

Submitted by Shanna Smith

EMPORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TAKES THE PLEDGE

STAFF COMMIT TO BUILD A HEALTHY WORKSITE

Emporia Public Library signed on the dotted line this week and agreed to be a worksite participant in the WorkWell KS/Pathways to a Healthy Kansas initiative funded in part by a grant to Healthier Lyon County from Kansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Other organizations supporting the initiative are the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the University Of Kansas School Of Medicine – Wichita, Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care and the Kansas Health Foundation. Robin Newell, executive director, recognizes that good health is good business, reducing absenteeism and increasing productivity in the workplace. Participating in *Building Healthy Worksites*, where the aim is to improve healthy eating, active living and tobacco-free lifestyles, will allow the library access up to \$10,000 in grant incentive funds. The intent of



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the initiative is to make healthy behavior easy.

WorkWell KS’s goal is to create healthier worksites in Kansas through worksite implementation of policies, systems and environmental best practices to sustainably promote integration of worksite wellness into the worksites infrastructure, physical activity, access to and consumption of healthy foods and beverages, tobacco prevention/cessation and general well-being.

Emporia Public Library is only one of ten organizations in the county participating. Other organizations attending the Foundation Workshop this week were Newman Regional Health, SOS, USD 252 South Lyon County, Flint Hills Community Health Center, City of Emporia, Emporia Child Care, Emporia Recreation Center, Lyon County, and Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness.

For further information about Emporia Public Library please contact Robin Newell, 620-340-6464.

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.

[CULS \(College and University Libraries\)](#)

[GODORT \(Government Documents\)](#)

[RIAT \(Information Access and Technology\)](#)

[KILR \(Kansas Interlibrary Loan\)](#)

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

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

[Public Libraries Section](#)

[Technical Services](#)

[Youth Services](#)

From the Public Library Section

Although modern public libraries have been called upon to change as the needs of their public changes, it is never easy. Some of us like our little routines – it is safe and predictable! But staying relevant in our community is even more important than comfort. To that end there are several changes planned in KLA and in our section.

The Kansas Library Association board has been working on restructuring sections and round tables to allow easier and more relevant participation, as well as simplifying dues. Stay tuned at the upcoming annual conference in October to hear about those proposed changes! This is your reminder to register asap.

The Public Library section will also be meeting to vote on new officers. The nature of our section may be changing a bit as KLA tweaks the sections and round tables. Keep your eyes glued to the email list-servs to get a link to the schedule with our PLS meeting as soon as it goes live. I’ll also be taking every serious and semi-serious suggestion for what this section should do next, so come ready with ideas please!

And if my column seems a little short this time around, it’s because there have been changes at home for met too: my husband and I adopted a newborn in July and we’re still adjusting to no sleep. Meet Xander, future reader!

Submitted by Rachel Malay, Public Library Section President



ESU's Summer Institute hosts Daring Librarian

On July 23, ESU SLIM and KASL, the school library section of KLA, teamed up to bring Gwyneth Jones to the Emporia State University campus to speak to over 70 school librarians. Known as the Daring Librarian, Gwyneth is a working school librarian at Murray Hill Middle School in Howard County, Maryland. She is also a blogger, a Tweeter, an international Ed Tech speaker, trope and meme archivist, creator of content, a citizen of advocacy, and a resident of social media. Gwyneth is a Google Certified Teacher,



and the author of the award winning Daring Librarian blog. Jones is also a Library Journal Mover & Shaker, a Gale/Cengage New Leader, and was named the Best of the Best and a Visionary Leader by Teacher Librarian Magazine. She was honored to have served on the 2011-2014 ISTE Board of Directors representing PK-12 educators and school librarians. Her work & writings have been featured in the New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Huffington Post. [https://](https://www.thedaringlibrarian.com)



Speaker Gwyneth Jones

www.thedaringlibrarian.com

Gwyneth delighted her audience by speaking of what it means to be future ready, how to tweet professionally to showcase what students are accomplishing in the library, and how to use mobile media effectively.

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Julie Doyen and Carmaine Ternes, front

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Tabitha Hogan led a discussion on books for older students later in the day

Save Monday, July 29 for Summer Institute 2019 with Jennifer LaGarde <http://www.librarygirl.net>. (This is an updated date!)

Submitted by Martha House

The day also included a William Allen White documentary film preview, and discussions on books and lessons for elementary, middle, and high school students. The agenda with links to the presentations may be found at http://www.ksschoollibrarians.org/?page_id=2605.



Marla Wigton, KASL Past President, waits patiently in the registration line

Wellington Public Library Rocks the Summer Reading Program

The Wellington Public Library has been rockin' the summer reading program theme "Libraries Rock" with many different activities and programs, including a recent songwriting workshop.

Two local musicians, Skeet Sirmons and Greg Ewing, led the workshop by providing tips to create music. A lively group participated in the creation of a song they titled "Libraries Rock" by brainstorming with different words and phrases associated with libraries. Sirmons provided drum programming, guitars, lead vocals and background vocals, while Ewing provided piano, organ and lead vocals. Jim Bales also provided bass guitar and harmonica.

Attendees, who included Cathy Creamer, Amber Countryman, Shirley Hensley, Jennifer Newland and Braden Struble, called out words such as books, technology, storytime, and phrases such as "Churnin', burnin' and yearnin' for learnin'."

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A keyboard and guitars served as instruments to provide music for the lyrics. Once home, Sirmons mixed the recording with other music and instruments, creating a more professional sounding piece.

A link to the finished song is on the Wellington Public Library's website at <http://wellington.scklf.info/>.

Lyrics to "Libraries Rock":

CHORUS

*Libraries rock, libraries rock, libraries rock,
for you and me.*

VERSE 1

*Meet me down on 7th Street at Old Carnegie
Don't know a better place that I'd rather be
Story time on Wednesday with my friend
Marie
You could check out a book, there won't be a
fee.*

CHORUS

VERSE 2

*History, fiction, and non-fiction too
Graphic novels when there's nothing to do
If you're having trouble with the card cata-
log
The librarian will be there, to help you along.*

CHORUS

VERSE 3

*It's not just books, and old magazines
Computers, 3D printers and technology
eBooks and music, and DVD's
Don't worry about the money, cause it's all
free*

CHORUS

BRIDGE

*Churnin', yearnin', burnin', for the ACT
All kinds of learnin', makes it a breeze
Helping me to be all I wanna be
It's all down at the ole Carnegie*

CHORUS

Other activities the library held included mini concerts with local musicians, showing musical movies, and providing age appropriate activities for children, teens and adults.

During the Kansas Wheat Festival, an annual event held in Wellington, the library sponsored Name That Tune, musical trivia, an edible book contest and a family S.T.E.A.M. event with a musical theme.

To end the summer reading program, the library hosted a tour of the local recording studio, GreenJeans Studios, to learn song production from the ground up, and how technical equipment that is used to create a finished product.

Program participants who earned five gold stars for participating in events attended an end of the summer pool party at the Wellington Aquatic Center.

submitted by Amber Countryman, Wellington Public Library, Wellington, Kan.



Get to know the NNLM!

What is the National Network of Libraries of Medicine?



Coordinators from the [National Network of Libraries of Medicine](#) (NNLM) hear that question a lot. NNLM is a government program, coordinated by the [National Library of Medicine](#), and carried out through a nationwide network of over 6,800 health science libraries and information centers. Its mission is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing access to biomedical and health information. NNLM has been around in one form or another for over 40 years. To understand what it does now, it helps to have some background knowledge of where it came from.

National Library of Medicine

In 1836 the Library of the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army was established in Washington D.C., with a budget of \$150 for medical books. Over the next century, this library went through several moves and name changes, and was finally rechristened the National Library of Medicine in 1956. The largest biomedical library in the world, it is one of the [National Institutes of Health](#) located in Bethesda, Maryland and the building is roughly the size of four football fields.

The Regional Medical Library Program

In 1965, The Medical Library Assistance Act authorized the National Library of Medicine to develop a national system of Regional Medical Libraries. Eleven regional health science libraries were funded to provide resource sharing and interlibrary loan services via [DOCLINE](#) across US medical school libraries. By the late 1980s the mission of the program included outreach to health professionals and a focus on regional needs.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine

The Regional Medical Library Program was renamed the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) in 1991. At this time, the network was configured into 8 regions that remain today. In the years since, the National Library of Medicine has gone through many different changes that have been echoed in the work of NNLM. When the National Library of Medicine began making its collection available online via [PubMed](#) and [MedlinePlus](#), NNLM began providing outreach and training to the public on these resources through public libraries, community, and faith-based organizations. The charge of NNLM was expanded to include a focus on outreach to special and underserved populations and this was implemented by offering funding to network members and exhibiting at conferences and events.

The MidContinental Region

The [MidContinental Region](#) (MCR) of NNLM includes Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, and Wyoming. It is administered through the University of Utah's Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, but each state in the region has a dedicated outreach coordinator. In addition to its focus on health information outreach, the MCR also concentrates on areas such as community and library engagement, education, research enterprise, rural health, and technology.

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Training

All courses and webinars offered by NNLM are free of charge and many offer free continuing education credits through the Medical Library Association. The MidContinental Region hosts a monthly information webinar called [Breezing Along with the RML](#) that features a variety of topics relevant to librarianship, health sciences, technology, research, and community outreach. Additional webinars, as well as in-person and online courses, are frequently made available from the MCR and other regions of NNLM. Visit the national [Training Schedule](#) for a list of all upcoming training opportunities.

Funding

To help Network members better serve the health needs of their community, NNLM offers [funding](#) for projects that improve access to health information, increase engagement with research and data, expand professional knowledge, and support outreach that promotes awareness and use of NLM resources in local communities.

Your State Coordinator

Each state in the MidContinental Region has an embedded state outreach coordinator. In Kansas, Alicia Lillich works out of the University of Kansas Medical Center in the A. R. Dykes Library. She is happy to serve as a resource for any health information needs throughout the state of Kansas or in the Kansas City Metro area. She can be reached at alillich@kumc.edu or 913-588-7355. Alicia also exhibits at the Kansas Library Association Annual Conference each year, so please stop by and say hi!

NNLM Membership

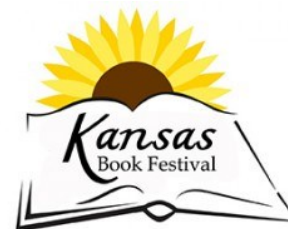
Membership in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine is free and easy. You don't have to be a medical library to join, you don't even have to be a library. Any organization that shares health information is welcome to [sign up](#) and take advantage of our training and funding opportunities and join our community. Benefits of Network membership include a certificate of recognition, training opportunities, eligibility for project funding, document delivery services, emergency preparedness planning and response, and partnerships with other NNLM members.

Submitted by Alicia Lillich

Coming soon! Plan to attend now!



- ← KLA/MPLA Conference 2018, Hyatt Hotel Wichita, October 24-26, 2018
- Kansas Book Festival, Capitol Building Topeka, September 8, 2018



Symposium Offers Librarians Ways to Promote Community Health and Wellness

Robin Newell from the Emporia Public Library in Emporia, Kansas, attended the Medical Library Association's Health Information for Public Librarians Symposium in Atlanta on May 22 - 23, 2018. The main purpose for Ms. Newell to attend was to gather information about opportunities to incentivize library staff and work within the \$10,000 health and wellness grant that the library recently received through Healthier Lyon County.

The first speaker was Barbara Epstein, 2017/2018 MLA president; Director, Health Sciences Library System, University of Pittsburgh, and Director, Middle Atlantic Region of the NNLM. She spoke about how the vision for the symposium and what the organization hoped the outcome of the symposium would be. The association is attempting to strengthen the relationships between medical librarians and public librarians. The next speaker was Scott Allen, Deputy Director, Operations from the Public Library Association in Chicago. Mr. Allen spoke about networking with MLA public librarians and how that both organizations can work together to build healthy communities.

Ms. Newell attended three breakout sessions. The first was *Public Library Roles in the Health and Wellbeing of their Communities: Partnerships, Strategies, and Impact*. This was a town hall style session where librarians worked in small groups to develop a plan to enhance each community members' health literacy. The second breakout was *Overcoming Barriers and Challenges in Understanding the All of Us Research Program*, which introduced the All of Us program and how this new initiative by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine could help to advance precision medicine.

The next session was a poster session on Health Information and the All of Us Research Program.

The third breakout session was a panel presentation with each person having 10-15 minutes to share their message. The title of the session was *Transforming Together: Innovating Consumer Health Information Development for Public Librarians*. The panel participants presented:

What the Health: Helping Public Librarians Adapt, Transform, and Lead in Consumer Health Information.

What Each of Us Needs to Know about All of Us 1 Million People and the Precision Medicine Initiative

Filmology: Norris Medical Library Medical Movie Nights: Creation of a Library Space for Community Outreach and Discussion

Providing Health Information to Patients: Development and Implementation of a Consumer Health Workshop for Librarians

On the proliferation of Medical Mis/Dis-information Regarding the Etiology and Manifestation of Autism Spectrum Disorders

The closing session was entitled *Health Literacy Heroes: Strategies for Your Library, Your Staff and Yourself*. This was another small group exercise but this time librarians were grouped together in their NNLM geographical regions and with the help of a NNLM facilitator were asked to draft an action plan on how participants would implement information from the symposium into their libraries and communities.

This continuing education opportunity was largely funded by two grants from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM). The Greater Midwest Region covered the cost of the airfare and the Mid Continental Region provided a stipend to help with the lodging.

Submitted by Robin Newell





Join the Kansas Library Association!

KLA Mission Statement

The Kansas Library Association is the common bond, public voice, and collective for the Kansas library community.

KLA Vision Statement

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- Kansas Association of School Librarians (KASL) \$16.00

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- Government Documents
- Interlibrary loan
- Technology
- Technical Services
- Library Instruction

*You must be a member of KLA in order to join a **Section** or **Community of Practice**.