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## Olathe Public Library Indian Creek Location



*Indian Creek, April 26, 2019*

When the Indian Creek Library flooded on March 3, 2016, plans had already begun for an expanded library location. More than three years later, much progress has been made since that fateful day. A former grocery store building was identified and purchased for the new Indian Creek and design work consumed 2017. Final designs were approved in February 2018 and last August a groundbreaking was held, and construction began in earnest. The long, cold winter slowed the project somewhat, but construction crews continued to make headway. With the arrival of spring and now summer, the transformation is happening quickly. The true dimension and shape of the building is being revealed as glass and metal siding enclose the entire structure and framing and drywall shape the interior rooms. The new 47,000 sq. ft. library will feature a café, an event space, a makerspace, an AV recording studio, a children’s reading garden and a new two-acre city park and playground. Grand opening is planned for fall 2019. To see the evolution of the project, visit the library’s [construction update page](#).

*Submitted by Sara Eccles*

## Voices of the Vietnam War, Kansas

The Mary Cotton Public Library recently concluded a year-long grant participation with Humanities Kansas entitled “Voices of the Vietnam War, Kansas.” As one of 12 Kansas grant recipients, the MCPL recruited and recorded Vietnam Veterans’ personal stories of their participation in the Vietnam Conflict dating back 50 years or more. Eleven Sabetha and former Sabetha veterans participated at the local level. The stories included Army infantry, Army Medic/Conscientious Objector, Marine search and destroy, Air Force intelligence gathering and Air Force ground support, Navy air support/mission charting, Army supply sergeants, officer's quarters cook, and a Navy river supply navigator turned ambassador's yacht supervisor. Each had a story to tell. Some stories were humorous, others tragic, but all were a part of the American engagement in Vietnam. Friends made, friends lost, it was a part of these young men’s lives in a time of home-front hostility towards military involvement.

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## From Our KLA President

Greetings!

I hope everyone is staying dry this summer with all the rains and flooding in our state. I also hope everyone is marking their calendars for the Kansas Library Conference, October 23-25, at the Overland Park Convention Center. Our theme this year is "Libraries Build Communities—Healthy, Wealthy and Wise." Our capable and creative conference chair, Robin Newell (also KLA's First Vice President) and the conference planning committee, are preparing a wonderful experience for us, with exciting keynote speakers, exhibits, fun special events and socials, timely and relevant pre-conferences and, thanks to many of you, lots of expertise and experience to share.

See [kslibassoc.org/KLA\\_Conference\\_2019](http://kslibassoc.org/KLA_Conference_2019) for more information.

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## Summer Institute for School Librarians with Jennifer LaGarde

This year's Summer Institute for School Librarians will be Monday, July 29, 2019, from 9:15 am to 3:30pm at Emporia State University, with registration beginning at 8:30am. This year's Institute will feature Jennifer LaGarde. The cost is \$80, and includes lunch. More information is available on the [KASL website here](#), or to register, you can [click here](#).



*Submitted by Martha House, Librarian, Council Grove High School*

## Voices of the Vietnam War, Kansas

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Coming home from Vietnam wasn't always easy or very much fun. They weren't welcomed back with parades and fanfare, and often were told to change to civilian clothes before landing in the United States. It was our goal to thank these veterans, give them their long overdue "Welcome Home," and to help preserve their stories for future generations. In the process of collecting these stories, the paperwork was also done to add these stories to the Vietnam Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress. The "handing over" ceremony to the Library of Congress was officially done on April 11 at the Dole Institute of Politics in Lawrence, Kansas. The luncheon and program hosted by the Kansas Humanities was attended by over 100 veterans, family and project coordinators, Congressman Steve Watkins, the Library of Congress director, and included special messages from both Senator Jerry Moran and former Senator Bob Dole.

For more information, visit: [Humanities Kansas Website](#)

*Submitted by Kim Priest*



## One Book, Many Neighbors—Adult Summer Reading

Community reading programs bring people together through a common book. As part of the adult summer reading program, seven area libraries have collaborated on a local program called ***One Book, Many Neighbors***. We have chosen the book *One World: A Global Anthology of Short Stories*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Jhumpa Lahiri (New Internationalist, 2009), which examines the many points of view of people from different cultures.

Each library has planned a program around different stories from the anthology. Participants will receive the book and a passport to guide them to each program, where they will collect passport stamps to be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing. Participants and their families will be invited to a Summer Finale Party at Cider Hill Family Orchard, with food, prizes, apple picking, and other activities. Contact your home library to join our globetrotting book club across Atchison, Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties.

1. **Atchison Public Library:** Thursday, June 6 at 6 p.m. Join a discussion of two stories, one set in an Inuit village in Canada and the other in India, while sipping mango lassies and snacking on Indian finger food.

2. **Leavenworth Public Library:** Sunday, June 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Visit Puerto Rico and view the U.S.A. through the eyes of a West African immigrant. Explore cultural understanding and change with a discussion led by diversity consultant Gene Chávez, of Chávez & Associates, Kansas City. Special guests from Puerto Rico, Liberia, and Ivory Coast will share their culture, food, and music.

3. **Lansing Community Library:** Tuesday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m. Visit the U.S.A., India, and Australia with a discussion of two stories while sipping ginger lemonade and snacking on finger food.

4. **Bonner Springs City Library:** Tuesday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. Visit South Africa and Botswana with two stories which will be read aloud, then followed by a discussion at 6 p.m., and a traditional South African tea. A reader from South Africa will join the discussion via Skype.

5. **Basehor Community Library:** Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. Visit India and the U.S.A. with a discussion while snacking on traditional Indian desserts, followed by a presentation about the modern immigration experience. Janell N. Avila of the Solorio & Avila Immigration Law Firm will discuss legal immigration today, and Deepti Srinivasan, a local immigrant living in the Kansas City area, will share her immigration experience.

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**6. Linwood Community Library:** Thursday July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy putting together a delicious banana crumb cake that is traditional to southern Brazil while we discuss the story. Take it home to bake for a tasty treat! Space is limited for this program, registration is required. Call the Linwood Community Library at 913-301-3686 to register.

**7. Tonganoxie Community Library:** Tuesday, July 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. Visit Bangladesh with a story that will be read aloud, followed by a Skype session with the author. Patrons will also sample traditional food from Bangladesh. We hope to see many patrons from Atchison, Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties on our trip around the world in June and July!

Submitted by Cindy McGuire, Programming/Marketing Coordinator, Leavenworth Public

**Read**  
stories from around the world!

**Visit**  
local libraries and discuss what you've read

**Collect**  
passport stamps and win prizes!

A globetrotting book club across the Tri-County area

# One Book

*many neighbors*

6/6 6pm	Atchison Public Library visits Canada and India	
6/9 2pm	Leavenworth Public Library visits Puerto Rico and West Africa	
6/18 5:30pm	Lansing Community Library visits Australia and the U.S.A.	
6/25 5:30pm	Bonner Springs City Library visits South Africa and Botswana	
7/9 7pm	Basehor Community Library visits India and the U.S.A.	
7/18 6:30pm	Linwood Community Library visits Brazil	
7/23 6pm	Tonganoxie Public Library visits Bangladesh	
8/4 2pm	Final Celebration at Cider Hill Family Orchard	








## Hidden Treasure Found in Kansas—SEKLS Bus Tour

Like the suspense and intrigue found in books and movies, our party set off in search of buried treasure. Our travels took us north and west within our own state. As we walked through door after door, we discovered visual delights that fascinated and surprised. We listened to stories of villages and cities that had century-old stone structures, and multi-storied buildings of glass and marble filled with art and historical documents from ages past. Where did we go to seek these hidden objects? Join us as we share our travels.



*Photo: Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library children's area*

The trip was sponsored by the Southeast Kansas Library System. We rode along with 45 other librarians, board members and SEKLS staff on our adventure. We braved strong winds and rainstorms as we debarked and re-loaded our large conveyance throughout the day. Our first stop was Baldwin City, where we found an historic baseball team display in the public library. The building also featured a history room where visitors could delve into their ancestors' past.

A truly modern building in the historic town of Lawrence was our next stop. It was filled with art that will be highly valued in the future as it is now. We were allowed to go into the inner depths of the Lawrence Public Library where staff members toiled at their tasks. While the town is proud of its past, they are also very proud of the architectural wonder they can now visit.

## Hidden Treasure Found in Kansas

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On to Topeka & Shawnee County Library where we were divided into smaller groups to wander the expansive structure. We watched as tradesmen worked to meet the scheduled date of completion to renovate this city's treasures. In addition, we toured the halls and numerous hidden rooms filled with those who wished to learn more about the world around them. The room of history on the second floor was like time-traveling to an earlier time period. Wonders like precious china, beautifully wrought stained glass, and carved furniture were in abundance.

Overbrook Public Library's community room was filled with raucous women playing a game of chance to win prizes. The main room contained a display cabinet filled with one of the local lady's prized teapots. The display changes monthly as others share their valued collections with visitors. Our next stop was Lyndon Carnegie Library, said to be the smallest Carnegie Library in the United States. Everywhere one looked, old books and documents were stacked near to the ceiling. The building itself is a treasure, dating from 1910 and with walls in jewel-like colors. By the time we reached the last library, the sun was shining and we were greeted by a giant stuffed gorilla sitting in a chair to delight young visitors. The Coffey County Library - New Strawn Branch collaborated with many others in their town to provide jolly entertainment, and festivities throughout the year for their happy community.

My companions on this adventure were Pleasanton Library Board members Stephanie Brown, Kym Hargrove and Kathy Secrest, and staff member Lia Duckwall. This was their first library bus tour, and they were delighted by all they discovered. They can't wait for their next chance to travel in search of treasures we can bring back to our own town's library.

*Submitted by Wendy Morland*

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## CULS Annual Conference

The College and University Library Section held its annual conference on May 20-21 in Emporia, KS. The conference theme was "Going the Distance: Academic Library Planning for the Long-Term". At the conference luncheon, Lauren Pressley (pictured), ACRL President, gave the keynote address, "Designing for the Long-Term: Leading Change and Planning for Your Organization's Future". Conference presenters have the option to submit papers based on their presentations to the open access *CULS Proceedings* journal, accessible at <https://newprairiepress.org/culsproceedings/>.

*Submitted by Kate Wise, Kansas Wesleyan University*

## Kansans Can School Redesign Project—Results Available

Information about the [Kansans Can School Redesign Project](#) and participating school libraries in south central Kansas is now available to view in a recorded webinar presented by South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS).



*Robin Hargrave*



*Katherine Hughes*

[This webinar](#) spotlights survey data collected from representatives of nine school districts in the SCKLS region from the first two groups to launch the redesign process, Mercury 7 and Gemini 1. The findings reveal changes and future focus trends in school libraries based on school personnel relationships, Kansans Can Outcomes, physical space, collections, instruction and programming, and may be of particular interest to school librarians or anyone wanting to learn about the development of Kansans Can Redesign in school libraries.

“SCKLS member libraries currently represent 32% of all districts actively redesigning in the state of Kansas,” says SCKLS Director Paul Hawkins. “Learning more about the redesign process and how SCKLS member school libraries are responding has been an interesting experience. Our overall goal for the survey and this webinar is to be able to provide a source of shared information. Librarians can learn from each other’s expertise and experiences. As the vision of education changes, libraries can play an integral part.”

Initiated by the Kansas State Department of Education in August 2017, the Kansans Can School Redesign Project mission is to prepare 21<sup>st</sup> century students to be successful in an ever-changing world. According to [KSDE](#), 66 school districts are currently redesigning. Launched at intervals in four rounds, 7 Mercury 7 districts, 21 Gemini 1 districts, 19 Gemini II and 19 Apollo districts are at different stages of the redesign process.

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### *About SCKLS—*

South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) is a regional system serving 145 cooperating libraries—including public, academic, school and special libraries—in south central Kansas since 1967. The mission of SCKLS is to assist member libraries to provide excellent service to their communities. The SCKLS region consists of twelve counties, including Barber, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Stafford and Sumner. SCKLS works with the State Library of Kansas and the six other Regional Library Systems to improve library services for everyone in Kansas. Learn more about the South Central Kansas Library System at [sckls.info](http://sckls.info).

*Submitted by Paula Hawkins*

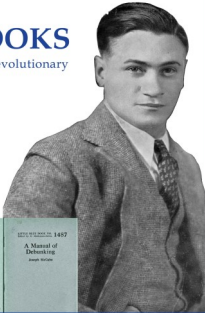
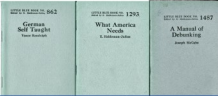
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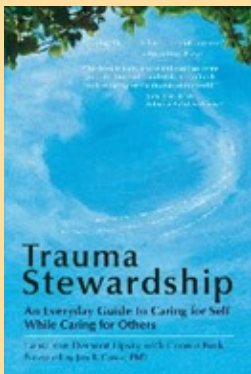


On March 29-30, 2019, the Special Collections at Pittsburg State University, and the Leonard H. Axe Library, hosted “The Little Blue Books at 100: Haldeman-Julius’s Revolutionary Publishing Venture.” This symposium offered 15 papers from Little Blue Book historians, artists, and collectors from across the United States, France, and Australia, on the Haldeman-Julius’s publishing company in Girard, Kansas. From 1919 to Haldeman-Julius’s death in 1951, over 500,000,000 Little Blue Books were published and sold, and the presentations reflected the various aspects of this publishing phenomenon. In comparison, the number of publications during those years, comes in only second to the Government Publishing Office in Washington DC.

Dr. Jason Barrett-Fox, English professor at Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, gave the keynote address, titled “The Haldeman-Julius Legacy, a Century In: Disruption, Digitality, Democracy.” The film documentary, *American Socialist: The Life and Times of Eugene Victor Debs*, was also shown. Debs had an association with the Socialist activity in Girard. Director Yale Strom was present to discuss the film. The symposium concluded with a tour of Girard, and the sites related to the Socialist publishing companies once located there. Papers from the symposium will be published in Pittsburg State University’s periodical, the *Midwest Quarterly*, in the fall of 2019 as a special edition.

*Submitted by Steven Cox, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg State University*

## Book Review: Trauma Stewardship



**Trauma Stewardship: an  
Everyday Guide to Care for  
Self While Caring for  
Others**  
by Laura van Dernoot  
Lipsky

Highly recommended for frontline library staff. Trauma stewardship is for public librarians, social workers, teachers, firefighters, and police officers – anyone who interacts with the suffering, pain, and crises of others on a regular basis. Individuals working in libraries are often seen as trusted listeners and helpers. I know I’m not alone in having been entrusted with stories of abuse, sickness, fear, and hope while helping people at the library. I view this as an incredible honor as well as a tremendous responsibility. The power of the library is demonstrated in these meaningful interactions.

While working at the library, I also encountered people who acted in angry, irritable, frustrated and sometimes defensive ways. I’ve learned that experiencing trauma can have long-lasting impacts, causing people to feel unsafe and reactionary. Bringing a trauma-informed lens to library work can help foster a sense of compassion. However, librarians, social workers, teachers, firefighters, etc. can start to feel the effects of trauma exposure. This trauma exposure can make you feel exhausted, hyper vigilant, hopeless, guilty, numb, and disconnected. In her book *Trauma Stewardship*, Laura van Dernoot Lipsky helps frontline staff explore how they came to do the work they do (reconnecting with why they do it), how they are affected by it, and how they can maintain their own sense of well-being while remaining present and connected.

*Submitted by Brenda Hough*



# Wichita's Advanced Learning Library Celebrates One Year Anniversary

The Advanced Learning Library opened to the public on June 16, 2018. Over the last year, the Advanced Learning Library has served more than 440,000 people through programs, events and Library services, and has proven to be a community space residents of Wichita needed:

"Absolutely beautiful! This place is a revelation for Wichita! There are collaborative spaces, great spaces for rental purposes, a coffee bar, great technology available, so many wonderful reading spaces!" — *Stephanie C., Google Review*

"I knew it was going to be good, but I didn't know it was going to be this good. So. Many. Books! The interior design is simply marvelous. I was very much against the new library at first, because the central library has always been special to me, and it really saddens me to see it go. But it's hard to be upset about it when the new one is so awesome!"

— *Valerie K., Google Review*

After more than a decade of planning and construction, the Advanced Learning Library opened to rave reviews. The new facility provides new features the former Central Library lacked that gives residents more opportunities for creativity and learning:

- **Technology training.** Following the grand opening of the Advanced Learning Library, the Library announced a partnership with Grow With Google to provide digital skills training to Wichita. Through these classes, the Library has been able to expand its offering of technology classes to include more comprehensive and practical classes, like event planning, resume building and running a small business, using Google's digital skills training platform.
- **The need for residents to become digital citizens is more relevant than ever, and it goes beyond the classes offered through the Grow With Google partnership.** New training sessions at the Library include cell phone photography, ebook downloads, learning how to maneuver the Microsoft Office suite, file management, best practices for social media marketing, cloud computing and more.
- **Makerspace.** Residents wanted to learn how to create projects that, if materials weren't made available to them in an educational setting, would cost a lot of money. The Library has partnered with GoCreate, a makerspace at Wichita State University, to provide makers classes at the new Library. These classes teach residents about different ways of making items using innovative machines and technology. Classes include CNC sign making, soldering, wood lathing and embroidery.
- **With more room in the Children's Pavilion, youth staff are able to provide different story times and youth programs that align with the five activities for creating young readers: dancing, singing, playing, talking and writing**
- **Community gathering and learning.** The Library's Conference Center has become a preferred meeting location for civic and non-profit organizations and for special events.

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# Wichita’s Advanced Learning Library Celebrates One Year Anniversary

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Because more people are using the Advanced Learning Library, naturally, staff members are issuing new library cards. Over the last year, staff issued 13,432 new Library cards, and issued 359 replacement cards. Since the Advanced Learning Library opened, materials checkouts and renewals exceeded 640,000. This includes:

- 152,365 children’s books
- 43,214 adult fiction books
- 137,490 movies
- 87,078 adult nonfiction books
- 18,069 teen fiction books

Even though many residents were hesitant of a new downtown Library, taking place of the 48-year-old Central Library, since opening day, Library usage has increased. Here are some changes in activity from January-May at the Central Library (2018) compared to the Advanced Learning Library (2019):

	<b>Central Library (2018)</b>	<b>Advanced Learning Library (2019)</b>
<b>Building visits</b>	83,932	184,906
<b>Materials checkouts</b>	141,517	263,911
<b>Program attendance</b>	2,857	11,825
<b>Public computer use</b>	13,068	24,127
<b>WiFi sessions</b>	6,412	33,977
<b>WiFi users</b>	1,909	6,927
<b>Hours of WiFi delivered</b>	12,577	44,113
<b>Room reservations</b>	86	3,009

The idea of what a library is and what a library does is changing. The Advanced Learning Library in Wichita, Kansas is on the forefront of this new wave of library. At the beginning of the conversation about the need for a new library, some members of the community questioned the relevance of public libraries. By taking the time to hold the community conversations that helped to expand an awareness of the ongoing importance of libraries and the ways that modern libraries have expanded their roles, the Advanced Learning Library negates the stigma that libraries are stuffy, quiet places full of outdated books and strict policies. Wichitans have come to realize that the Advanced Learning Library is a collaborative, innovative, creative and inclusive space where, simply put, anything is possible.

*Submitted by Sean Jones, Communications Specialist, Wichita Public Library*





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