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Kansas Librarians Appointed to Census Complete Count Committee

Eric Norris, Kansas State Librarian, and Robin Newell, Executive Director of the Emporia Public Library and incoming president of the Kansas Library Association, were recently appointed by Governor Laura Kelly to the Kansas Complete Count Committee created through Executive Order #19-07. The committee's duty is to coordinate efforts to promote and advertise the 2020 Census. Committee members will coordinate responses to questions about the Census, provide available resources on hard-to-count populations, and help ensure the highest participation rate possible.

"It is a priority that my administration provides the Kansas Complete Count Committee the tools they need to ensure an accurate count," Kelly said. "Every voice is important and every Kansan must be counted. In addition to the amount of federal funding that is on the line, we need an accurate picture of our communities so that we can properly plan for the future. These individuals are highly passionate professionals willing to step up to the challenge."

Both Norris and Newell expect public libraries to play an important role during the 2020 census year including access to technology, meeting and training spaces, and providing trustworthy information to community members across the state. The goal for the 2020 Census is to ensure that everyone is counted once, only once and in the right place.



*Submitted by Robin Newell, Vice President,
Kansas Library Association*

Library Music Garden in Seneca

A ribbon cutting was held Thursday, June 27 to officially open the Music Garden at the Seneca Free Library. The Music Garden is a project that began in January 2018 with a few thoughts and a big dream. The library staff with much help from Kylee Luckerth, Chamber of Commerce director, held an Alice in Wonderland mystery dinner in April to raise funds and promote the idea. The library received \$5,000.00 from the Chamber of Commerce & Downtown Impact JOBS grant. Other major donors to the project include Nancy Gafford, Christa Swisher, Community National Bank, Northeast Kansas Arts Foundation, Inc., Kayla's Sunrise Color Run, and the Nemaha County STEP Foundation. Many thanks go to the City of Seneca for all the labor involved in unloading the instruments, storing them, pouring the concrete pad, and "planting" the instruments.



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Dear Library Friends,

Greetings! It is hard to believe that August is here, and that fall is coming—bringing with it school starting, cooler weather, beautiful fall colors, and all the season has to offer!

This month I would like to mention an important service that the Kansas Library Association offers to the library community in Kansas and surrounding states: our Job Bank! See <https://kslibassoc.org/classifieds.php>. Our super-efficient and completely awesome Webmaster, Bethanie O'Dell, maintains this page (along with the rest of the KLA website). Have a look at the many job postings available, forward them to friends and associates, and be sure to send in your postings at the link provided. Along with this resource, remember that jobs can always be posted on the KANLIB-L list and section lists such as the Kansas Association of School Librarians and the College and University Libraries Section. See https://kslibassoc.org/form.php?form_id=14&c=1 for information about signing up for the KANLIB-L mailing list.

Another great thing about the fall season is—you guessed it—the annual KLA conference, **Libraries Build Communities – Healthy, Wealthy and Wise**. Mark your calendars for October 23-25 in Overland Park for this event. Lots of information is available at https://kslibassoc.org/KLA_Conference_2019. Our Conference Planning Committee, headed by KLA 1st Vice President (and soon to be President) Robin Newell, has been hard at work planning a wonderful event for us. It is definitely a not-to-be-missed conference, packed with learning, networking, and fun!

Best regards,

Laurel Littrell
KLA President
Kansas State University

KLAEF Grants!

Planning to attend a conference? Need \$\$? KLAEF can help! KLA members interested in attending the upcoming KLA Conference in Overland Park are encouraged to apply for \$100 conference mini-grants. Additional CE grants for other conferences may also be available. To view grant guidelines and to complete an application online, visit: <https://kslibassoc.org/Grants>

About KLAEF: <https://kslibassoc.org/Foundation>

Submitted by Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation

Library Music Garden in Seneca

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The garden includes a set of five tuned drums, Pagoda bells, the Serenade (xylophone), Rhythm (which has a Caribbean sound), and two metal flowers, each with different notes.

Just before July 4, 2018 the instruments were all packed and ready to ship to Kansas. Over that holiday weekend a fire destroyed a major part of the factory where the instruments were made and stored. All of the instruments had to be remade and did not arrive until late fall. It was far too late in the season to begin work on this outdoor project. The instruments spent the winter in the city shop. The spring rain spoiled many plans; finally, the week of June 17 the rain let up enough that the city crew could get to work.

The Music Garden is for the whole community. Our hope is that it will provide enjoyment and spark creativity for years to come. The garden is dedicated to the child in all of us.

Submitted by Kate Hanie, Seneca Free Library

Summer Institute with Jennifer LaGarde

Seventy school librarians met at ESU on Monday, July 29 for Summer Institute 2019 with Jennifer LaGarde. Jennifer presented a rousing series of talks that culminated in Fact vs. Fiction: the Role of School Librarians in Teaching Media Literacy, inspiring and challenging everyone who attended. Before lunch, school librarians from all over Kansas also heard #SaidNoGREATLibrarianEVER: Reframing the Conversation Around Libraries by Reclaiming Your Why and Moving from Decoration to Documentation: Creating Library Spaces that Matter. At the end of the day, the group split into three sharing sessions by grade level to discuss issues and learn from each other. Encouraged and motivated to begin a new school year, attendees were energized by Jennifer LaGarde's presentations. Summer Institute is sponsored by ESU SLIM and the KASL Section of KLA.

Submitted by Martha House, Librarian, KASL Section President



Census 2020—Are You Prepared?

As a trusted source of reliable information in your community, and the 2020 Census less than a year away – Are you prepared?

The American Library Association and the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality (GCPI) have partnered to produce the [Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census](#) in an effort to give you a general overview of the who, what, where, when, and why concerning the census, and help better prepare you for the work ahead.

The [Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census](#) is available for free download at ala.org/census. The *Guide* contains practical information to assist library staff in addressing potential patron and community requests regarding the upcoming 2020 Census. The *Guide* includes:

- basic information about the census process;
- highlights of new components in the 2020 Census, such as the online response option;
- frequently asked questions;
- a timeline of key census dates;
- contact information and links to additional resources.

Beginning on page 9, the *Guide* outlines specific areas of preparation for librarians and library staff to help ensure a successful count in each community, with suggestions such as the following.

- Participate in Complete Count Committees.
- Prepare for increased use of library computers and internet service.
- Help community members apply for census jobs.
- Fight misinformation, disinformation, and scams.
- Provide information about census participation.
- Help reach Hard-to-Count populations.

The *Guide* also includes information concerning the possibility of a citizenship question, and other changes new to this census, as well as links to more information about [Counting Rural America](#) and [Counting People Experiencing Homelessness](#). This will be the first year the Census Bureau is asking people to respond online and, as you already know, there are people in your community who do not have access to reliable internet service and your connection to that population is critical for an accurate count.

The census is a tool that helps inform a wide range of decisions concerning where federal money is expended, identifying public facility and transportation needs, and the governmental representation of your community, to name just a few. These are big decisions that are formed around demographics and information that is only collected once every ten years; it is important that your community is counted accurately and you can help. Census Day is April 1, 2020 – Be informed and be ready!

For additional information about the 2020 Census in general, here is a link to the Kansas State Data Center: <https://ipsr.ku.edu/sdc/>

Submitted by Eric W. Norris, State Librarian of Kansas

Interested in getting involved in KLA?

KLA provides sections, communities of practice, and advocacy issue support.

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

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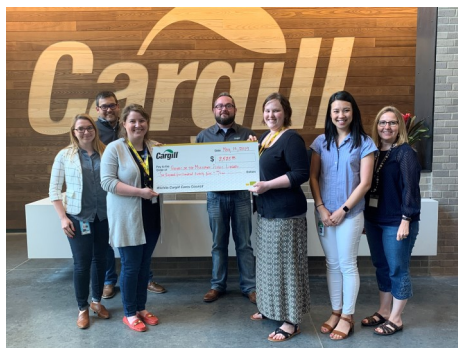
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What's Cooking at Mulvane Public Library?



In May, Librarian Maggie Pinnick received a generous grant of \$2,500 from Cargill Inc. to purchase cooking stations for programming at the Mulvane Public Library.

Beginning in September the Library will host cooking classes and food programs for children, teens, adults, and families. Her goal is to teach cooking skills and share the joy of eating healthy with the community. The Mulvane Library plans

to invite different local chefs and instructors to host these classes and bring a unique learning experience to the patrons. The class sizes will be small with two people assigned to one of the six kitchen stations.

Keep an eye out for our food-related programs starting in September, and be sure to register for a class! Thank you again to Cargill Inc. for the initial support of this program, and Kroger's Stores for gift cards, earned through another grant, which will help purchase the groceries for the demonstrations.



Submitted by Shanna Smith, Mulvane Public Library

Grant purchases!

William Allen White Children's Book Awards

Popular authors Sara Pennypacker and Jason Reynolds will be visiting Emporia, Kansas, on October 4 and 5, 2019, to accept their 2019 William Allen White Children's Book Awards. Kansas young readers chose *Pax* and *Ghost* as the winners this year. Both authors will be signing books on the porch of White's home in Emporia in a free event from 5:00 to 6:20 p.m. on Friday, October 4 and then will be joining the celebration on the campus of Emporia State University on Saturday, October 5. Information about the celebration can be found here:

<https://wawchildrensbookaward.com/another-quote>.

Submitted by Beverley Buller, Emporia State University

Register for MPLA/NMLA!

Register for the MPLA/NMLA Joint Conference Today! The Mountain Plains & New Mexico Library Association Joint Conference will be held in beautiful Albuquerque, NM on October 30th through November 1st, 2019. This joint conference will pull librarians from 12 states, hosting the largest regional, geographical representation with librarians, system administrators, and friends of libraries from Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Our region has experienced explosive population growth and unprecedented innovation in public service. See how libraries of all types are staying ahead of the curve! <https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Joint-NMLA/MPLA-Conference>

Submitted by Shanna Smith, Mulvane Public Library



Kansas Librarian Presents to Iranian National Library



*Paul Hawkins
South Central Kansas
Library System*

When a Kansas regional library director received an e-mail invitation for a meeting in Tehran, Iran, he did what every good librarian does. He started gathering more information.

The invitation came from Saleh Zamani, editor of *iBulletin*, a publication of the National Library and Archives of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Zamani read an online article that Paul Hawkins, director of the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS), South Hutchinson, Kan., had written about the future of libraries. The online article “Change in Libraries: Directions for the Future” was published March 28, 2019 in *Public Library Quarterly*, a journal with national and international readership.

“With the differences in language, I wasn’t sure the presentation was actually going to happen until we tested Skype and saw the formal conference table at the National Library and Archives in Tehran,” said Hawkins.

The Iranian host for the web conference also requested Hawkins pause his English language presentation every five minutes to allow for translation and reading in Farsi, the Iranian national language. Hawkins chose to title his July 23 presentation “The Future of Public Libraries and Tethering the Camel.”

“‘Trust in God but tie your camel’ is an Islamic proverb that I related to library planning,” Hawkins explained. “In our culture we might understand it as ‘God helps those who help themselves.’” Hawkins also described information from a SCKLS study that identified two general trends of change in south central area public libraries.

“I talked about repurposing of existing physical space and the growth of the virtual library and used the new Wichita Advanced Learning Library as well as the smaller public library in Cunningham, Kan., as examples,” Hawkins said. The 32 minute presentation is available to view at: <https://vimeo.com/351055968/d2341142b2>

“I’ve worked with Kansas librarians for three decades but never expected to speak to librarians in Iran. They want to continue consultations,” said Hawkins. “Given the conflict between our nations, I’m grateful we have libraries in common.”

*Submitted by Katherine Hughes
South Central Kansas Library System*

About South Central Kansas Library System

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, Sedgewick, 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.



*Saleh Zamani,
National Library and Archives, Iran*

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Foundations Fund Purchase of Hays Public Library Bookmobile

A bookmobile is coming to Hays! With funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Hays Public Library Foundation, the Hays Public Library is purchasing a bookmobile to expand outreach services. The bookmobile will allow the library to move beyond the building to provide books and other resources at locations throughout the community. A Dane G. Hansen grant of \$76,200 and a matching contribution from the Hays Public Library Foundation will pay for the \$152,400 bookmobile.

The bookmobile, which is expected to be delivered early next year, will be equipped to provide a variety of library services. Making regular stops at popular locations around the community, patrons will be able to get a library card, browse the collection, and request alternative items for future stops. The bookmobile also will be a wi-fi hotspot for patrons who need access to the internet. Visits to senior living facilities and early childhood centers will be standard practice for the bookmobile.

“The Hays Public Library is so much more than a nice big building on Main Street full of books and computers,” said Hays Public Library Director Brandon Hines. “We know that to provide the level of excellence of service we strive for and to provide an optimal return of value to our community, we must get outside the walls of the library. We are already doing this in a number of ways. The acquisition of a bookmobile will greatly enhance our ability to be embedded throughout the various sectors of our community and provide services to those who can't or don't regularly come through the doors of the library.”

Adding a bookmobile to the library's services has been a goal of Outreach Coordinator Vera Elwood, who conducted much of the research into vehicle specifications and funding opportunities. Unfortunately, Elwood is leaving the library later this month for a new position closer to her family, and so the library is currently advertising for a new Outreach Coordinator to oversee this project and outreach services.

The Hays Public Library Foundation is a volunteer group that helps address emergent and unexpected needs of the library through supplemental investments and funding, such as assisting with the purchase of the bookmobile. The Hays Public Library Foundation was established in 2001. For more information or to get involved, visit the library website. The Dane G. Hansen Foundation was established as a charitable organization in 1965, with the primary goal of making the communities of Northwest Kansas better places to live. Established through a generous estate donation from Dane G. Hansen, the Foundation awards grants and scholarships every year to qualified recipients in Northwest Kansas who demonstrate a strong desire for community improvement.

“We can't wait to deploy this incredible tool,” Hines continued, “and are immensely thankful to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Hays Public Library Foundation for making this possible.” You can keep up to date on bookmobile project and find out more about other library programs by visiting hayslibrary.org or calling 785-625-9014.

Submitted by Callie Kolacny, Hays Public Library



ALA Annual '19—A School Librarian's Perspective

As a member of the AASL Board of Directors, one requirement/opportunity I have had is attending several national conferences, including the ALA Annual in Washington, D.C. this past June. The Walter Washington Convention Center was a great venue for most of the conference activities and close to other hotels where additional meetings were held. My responsibilities included participation in three AASL Board meetings, where policies and recommendations are reviewed and approved.



In addition, two Affiliate Assemblies were held over the weekend at which delegates from all affiliated states convened to discuss concerns, commendations, and other matters to be brought to the attention of the AASL Board and Executive Committee. As this was the last year of my term on the Board, it was a great chance for me to again meet face-to-face with others from AASL Region IX (CO, NE, WY, ND, SD, and KS) as well as members from across the nation. Other highlights at this year's conference included a Keynote speech by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor;



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the vendor's exhibit opening bash;



and the Beta Phi Mu Award presentation to Emporia State's Dr. Mirah Dow.

I have been proud to serve AASL, Kansas, and Region IX in my capacity as a board member and will continue to work on behalf of our libraries. I hope many of our state's librarians will have the chance to attend a future national conference. For school librarians, the October KLA state conference in Overland Park is one opportunity as well as the AASL National Conference in Louisville, Ky., in November: <https://national.aasl.org/>

Submitted by Ann Schuster, Blue Valley USD #229 (retired)

Getting Ready for KLA? Read *Kansas Libraries* in October

The 2019 KLA Conference, ***Libraries Build Communities – Healthy, Wealthy and Wise***, will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, Kansas on October 23, 24, 25. Register here: https://kslibassoc.org/KLA_Conference_2019

The conference hotel is the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel in Overland Park, KS. Reservations can be made until September 24, 2019 through this link: https://kslibassoc.org/Conference_Accommodations

While preparing for the conference, don't forget to take a look at the next issue of *Kansas Libraries* for information on conference communication from the KLA Publicity Committee. Whether tweeting, FB-ing, emailing or texting, you'll want to let people know about all the great programs!

Submitted by Morgan McCune, KLA Publicity Committee



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