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#KLAC2019: Join the Conversation at Conference!

It's Conference time again! This year's theme is [Libraries Build Communities - Healthy, Wealthy and Wise](#), and it will be October 23-25 at the [Overland Park Convention Center](#).

The KLA Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work putting together speakers, sessions, and activities, and we hope you have a valuable time learning and connecting with fellow Kansas librarians this year. As chair of the Publicity Committee, I've had the fortune of sharing conference news and updates on KLA's social media channels. I'm now looking forward to engaging with conference attendees through Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Not sure where to start with all that? Come to the Social Media User Group at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday!

Why should you use social media during the conference? It's definitely not a requirement, but here are five benefits:

Keep up with conference news and updates

Social Media is the quickest way for the publicity committee to share news and updates about the conference. Follow KLA on Twitter and Instagram at @kansaslibraries and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/kansaslibraryassociation. Also, keep tabs on the official conference hashtag #KLAC2019!

Connect and engage with conference users

Hundreds of librarians attend the KLA conference. That's hundreds of colleagues you could potentially connect with, but only three days to do so. Who has the time to do that in person? By following the #KLAC2019 hashtag, you can easily discover and connect with conference members who may be out of your normal conference scope.

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Ready, Set, Read! The 2019 NEA Big Read: Wichita is Underway

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) selected the Wichita Public Library as a recipient of a \$15,000 grant for the NEA Big Read: Wichita. This year, the community is encouraged to read *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. The program runs through November 15.

Lab Girl is a memoir about Jahren's life as a geobiologist living with bipolar disorder, and how she finds beauty in nature and science. "

"We chose *Lab Girl* because of the community organizations we can partner with," said Julie Sherwood, Partnership and Community Engagement Manager for the Wichita Public Library. "The book talks about the beauty of science and nature, and we look forward to building up on these themes through science, arts and cultural programs all across the city."

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Daniel Dye and the Amadeus Hound Chamber Orchestra performed "Peer Gynt Suite" and "Holberg Suite" by Edvard Grieg at the Wichita Public Library's NEA Big Read: Wichita Kick Off Party on Saturday, Sept. 28.

From Our KLA President

October 2, 2019

Dear Kansas Library Community,

October is finally here! We hope to see everyone at the Kansas Library Conference in Overland Park, October 23-25! If you haven't registered yet, please do at <https://kslibassoc.org/index.php>. It is definitely a not-to-be-missed event! We also take on site registrations so come on in even if you didn't get a chance to register.

I would like to thank Robin Newell, our KLA 1st Vice President, on the stellar job she has done in organizing the conference and preparing to become our next KLA President at conference. Well done, Robin, and congratulations! It has been such an honor and pleasure to work with you.

Our KLA Elections are still pending, but as we elect a new 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, I want to send a special thank you to our outgoing officers, George Seamon as Past President and Diana Weaver as Treasurer. We all owe George and Diana a HUGE debt of gratitude for their work these last four years with moving the KLA Executive Office to the Northwest Kansas Library System, moving us to a new membership platform and in general just wearing MANY hats in their service to KLA. Thank you also to Alice Evans at NWKLS for keeping everything on track and being so patient and wonderful with us. Working with all of you has been a true highlight of my experience with KLA.

On a more personal note, as this is my last column as KLA President, I want to thank the entire Kansas library community for being so patient and understanding about the fire that happened at Hale Library at Kansas State University in May of 2018. We have finally opened part of one floor of Hale Library, and our students immediately moved in and made themselves at home with great sighs of relief. We don't have any books in the library yet, and we are so incredibly grateful for the generous interlibrary loans that have helped our users get through this difficult time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts from all of us here.

With my very best wishes,

Laurel Littrell
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Learn what's happening in sessions you don't attend

We've all been there. Two (or more) sessions you really want to go to are in the same time block. You can only choose one. Not a problem if someone's live Tweeting! Monitor that conference hashtag to see if others are attending and Tweeting about the session you're missing. Bonus points if you're returning the favor and Tweeting about your session!

Take notes for future reference

Did you know a Twitter thread is a great method of notetaking? A thread is a series of Tweets connected by replies to subsequent Tweets. Since you're limited to 280 characters, it helps you keep notes concise, and you can easily refer back by linking to the original Tweet in the thread.

Capture conference memories

If anything else, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram are perfect for capturing conference memories. Share photos, Tweet your positive experiences, create an Instagram story as you wander through the exhibits. Don't forget to use that hashtag! **#KLAC2019!**

Submitted by William Ottens, KLA Publicity Committee Chair

Andover Imagine Gateway



Andover Public Library recently completed the "Imagine Gateway" in front of the Library. The front side features LED panels, the backside a mural, both by artist Mika Holtzinger.

Submitted by Tom Taylor, Director, Andover Public Library

Ready, Set, Read! The 2019 NEA Big Read: Wichita

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On September 28, the Friends of the Wichita Public Library sponsored a Big Read Kick Off Party at the Advanced Learning Library in Wichita. Attendees enjoyed a nature photography presentation by Roy Wenzl, a mime and dance performance by Wichita State University's Alithea Mime Troupe, a reader's theater performance by Sara Wine, and chamber music by the Amadeus Hound Chamber Orchestra.

"The Kick Off Party is our opportunity to get in the spirit of this year's NEA Big Read: Wichita book and also highlight some of the upcoming community programs planned throughout Wichita and surrounding areas," Sherwood said.

The Wichita Public Library is partnering with organizations in and around Wichita to present an extensive schedule of programs relating to the themes of *Lab Girl*. Partner organizations include the Great Plains Nature Center, CityArts, Derby Public Library, Newton Public Library, The Land Institute, Andover Public Library and the Wichita Public Schools.

More information about this year's NEA Big Read: Wichita, including a complete schedule of programs, can be found at www.bigreadwichita.org.

Submitted by Sean Jones, Communications Specialist, Wichita Public Library



Lauren Hirsh (Wichita Public Library Board of Directors), Kansas Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers, Kris Rogers and Claire Hersch at the NEA Big Read: Wichita Kick Off Party on Saturday, Sept. 28



More than 300 people came to the Advanced Learning Library, Wichita, for the NEA Big Read: Wichita Kick Off Party on Saturday, Sept. 28

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Author Bridget Heos Engages Students at Four Elementary Schools in McPherson!



Photo submitted by Amanda Harrison, Elementary Librarian, McPherson

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