2025 SEKLS Forum (Perpetual) Agenda
Zoom link:
https://kslib.zoom.us/j/2633407531?pwd=RDRsV013U2g1cVFwQ25TeFV5VXR6QT09&omn=85334588454

NOTES:
Tuesday, December 2 at 9 am
Recording: https://youtu.be/Qusm1Ud24_M

Reminders:

- Giving Tuesday
- House Bill No. 2410 pre-file from Rep. Howe
- Kobach AG opinions re: "Notice of parental opt-out rights"
- Allocation - see below:
  - Allocation Grant Guidelines Download
  - **2026 Allocation Grant Instructions with new criteria**
  - Allocation Grant Instructions Download
  - Allocation Grant Application (old, paper format)
- State Statistical Report
- Treasurer's Report? If you have one, I'd like to see it.
- GRANTS - Academic Extended Services now includes "other library services" | Digital Resources Grant Application: NOW OPEN

Staff Roundtable:

- Kim
  - Cataloging support for members. Send games, puzzles, kits, etc.
  - Disc repair/DVD polishing service/ videogames, CD audios - Kaitlyn will clean them!
- Amy
  - Reminder that the Important Dates doc will be shared via email-- it is a living document
  - Please send your Impact Stories by Monday, January 19, 2026
    - Library Legislative Day Tuesday, Jan. 27 in Topeka
- Tammie
  - December 4, 2025, 10:00 am CDT Summer Symposium, 2025 from CSLP. Registration: https://www.cslpreads.org/professional-development/
  - February 6, 2026, 1:30 pm *Color Our World: Creative Library Programs for Adults* sponsored by NEKLS, via Zoom. (registration not yet open)
  - February 19, 2026, *Digging Into SLP 2026: Teen Idea Share* sponsored by SEKLS, via Zoom (registration not yet open) With Anneliese, Brandon, and J. McCulley (special guest)
  - March 5, 2026, *SEKLS Summer Library Program Workshop* in Iola, registration and details to come.

    - Those who ordered a paper manual, look for it coming on the courier. Everyone can access the manual online. Here is the link to instructions: 2026 CSLP manual instructions.docx
    - 2 Books to give away-
        - Timbi Talks About Addiction
        - Lambi Learns About Addiction
        - For copies: www.timbitalks.org
- Jason
    - Participation agreements: Participation agreement tracking: 2025-2026
    - Annual SEKnFind fees: 7 unpaid
    - Frontenac update
    - Hold/transfer slip changes still planned for early January
    - SEKnFind stats for state report should be posted by the end of January 2nd
- Cindy
    - Slow time in December. 3 Board trainings - not too early for next year
    - Able to help individuals fill out forms to sign up for talking books
    - Working with school districts, as well
- Brenda
    - Frontenac to start soon with new shipping labels at Henry website & email. Another new library also coming up on the courier, says Caroline
    - Contract with Autographics expires next year. Joined an OCLC meeting and learned about “resource sharing for groups.” Cost concerns.
    - Material replacement forms - send them in before mid-December.
    - Use OCLC and make requests for out of state materials
    - Courier website: https://kslibexpress.mykansaslibrary.org/
    - Henry site for labels: https://www.henryindustriesinc.com/ > Services > KS Library express (when they get updated)
- Darrin
    - Northstar: https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/build-skills

Member Roundtable:

- Caney - ALA grant-funded auto doors installed. Luna escaped… Halloween book give-away 819 people (408 books distributed). Meeting with the City to work on an MOU for maintenance.
- Andrea’s Teagen has a bed bug system she is willing to share.
    - Patron concern regarding a children’s environmental book “promoting activism”
- Review and update your book challenge/request for reconsideration policies AND procedures - Intellectual Freedom / book challenges are ramping up (Tammie)
- Todd - MPLA (Mountain Plains Library Association) Law for librarians training series coming. [Law 4 Librarians] First is Dec. 1. Grants are available for CE. Leadership Institute is amazing
- Shelley - Thanked Andrea for a book donation
- Nov/Dec SEKLS Newsletter: 2025_6 Nov-Dec SEKLS Newsletter (1).pdf

Notes:
Wednesday, November 12 at 1:30 pm
RECORDING link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0Aq05t8vsI

Reminders:

- Pep talk - Library use increases during tough economic times
- Baker & Taylor is closing | Ingram
- KLA: Regional Library Systems Presentation Brochure
- Carnegie Library Foundation Gifts - $10,000 in January
- CE Survey Reminder - Share the "Why"
    - YES - 84% agree or strongly agree that CE helped strengthen relationships
- Governor's Listening Tour - Governor advises us to advocate for the restoration of State Aid by emphasizing the good done with this aid, as small as it is, and the outsized impact it has on our communities.
- Allocation reports due Monday, Dec. 1

Staff Roundtable:

- Amy
    - 2026 Planners and Important Dates- planners are here and will be coming to you soon; important dates doc will be shared via email– it is a living document
    - New Directors IG Regarding Friends (all welcome to attend) with Diana Weaver
    - Impact Statements (or pictures)
    - Newsletter deadline Nov. 17
- Cindy (Skipped)
    Continuing to do Board Trainings before year's end
    Visiting libraries with updated Talking Books Applications
    Provide program for Senior Citizens Groups or other Civic Groups
    Vendor at "Aging = Living" health fair in Chanute
    Attending Interagency Meetings
- Tammie
    - Submit your SLP Materials order if you have not! https://forms.gle/66a7pMuQLTwmA78v9
    - Foundations of Teen Services Niche Course https://my.nicheacademy.com/sekls/course/86374?categoryId=17234
    - SLP workshops
        - November 13, 2025, 1:00 pm CST *Universal Design: Inclusive Approaches to Public Librarianship* from CSLP. Registration: https://www.cslpreads.org/professional-development/
        - December 4, 2025, 10:00 am CDT Summer Symposium, 2025 from CSLP. Registration: https://www.cslpreads.org/professional-development/
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    - ASQ link for public computers: ASQ3 Link "Ages & Stages Developmental Screening for Young Children"
    - Working with Greenbush for potential SLP program-look for more information coming
    - WAW Master list draft:

NOT FOR GENERAL USE UNTIL APRIL 2026

2026-2027 WAWCBA master lists as of 11/7/25

Grades 3 to 5

Currie, Lindsay. *The Mystery of the Locked Room*
Dentler, Minda. *The Girl Who Figured It Out: The Inspiring True Story of Wheelchair Athlete Minda Dentler Becoming an Ironman World Champion*

Kelly, Lynne. *The Secret Language of Birds*
Selfors, Suzanne. *Ratty*
Snider, Grant. *Poetry Comics*
Warga, Jasmine. *A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall*

Grades 6 to 8

Brosgol, Vera. Plain Jane and the Mermaid
Choldenko, Gennifer. The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman
Cline, Ernest. Bridge to Bat City
Lute, Renee Beauregard. *Dinner at the Brake Fast*
McGhee, Alison. *Telephone of the Tree*
O'Shaughnessy, Kate. *The Wrong Way Home*
Parks, Amy Noelle. *Averil Offline*
Rutherford, Geo. *Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes that Dot Our Planet*

- Kim - Cataloging help with kits/library of things ;
- Darrin - Arrayscape programs underway (Minecraft, scratch coding, roblox) ; brainstorming strategies to increase audience size. Laser engravers available for circulation. Navigators are available to help with off-site programs and outreach (TechWise/Databases/Technology). A potential new navigator has marketing expertise we will utilize. Dock grant/digital navigators can also be used for a tech camp-type program during summer. Innovation lab (KSU) partner also interested in working with schools and public libraries for programs.
- Jason - In NZ. Send questions and requests as they hit your brain.
- Brenda C. - At Frontenac for Go Live. Starting out as a 'fish' to fill pent-up demand
- Brenda A. - Allocation report timeline to Treasurer and Director

Member Roundtable:

- KLA Attendees Share Out

- Morgan at Kincaid and Colony
- Jessie “unbound” NEKLS podcast interview with condensed version of “Small Library, Big Impact Thriving with limited resources”
- New co-directors at Howard: Emily and Cassandra
- Viewing of “The Librarians” documentary - 35 attended. We can screen it, too.
- Samantha managed KLAEF baskets and vendors at KLA
- John from BugHounds - Reach out to Samantha for bimonthly inspections

NOTES:
Tuesday, October 7 at 9 am
YouTube: https://youtu.be/B91uvTwsU3A
Reminders:

- Annual meeting
- KLA - https://kslibassoc.org/2025-KLA-Conference
- Swank Movie Licensing Public Libraries FAQ / Projector and screen?
- Keeping it Legal (rerun)
- Substitute Program Overview | Guidelines
- Collection Dev. Grant - Partial funding of grants under consideration

Staff Roundtable:

- Cindy, Special Needs
- Amy, General Consultant
    - Bus Tour Registration
    - Upcoming CE Impact Survey
- Darrin, Technology Consultant
- Tammie, Youth Services Consultant
    - Weave a Tale pre-conference at KLA
    - Foundations of Teen Services Niche Course under review
    - Family Play Spaces update
    - Save the Date for SLP workshop March 5th
    - Look for SLP MATERIALS ORDER FORM-EVERYONE MUST SUBMIT THEIR ORDER BY NOVEMBER 14th.
- Jason, SEKnFind Coordinator
    - Users’ Group - Iola - Oct. 24th - in-person only - Register here: https://forms.gle/zw61HyHbR3bungpdA
    - Participation agreement tracking: Link
- Brenda C., Head of Resource Sharing
- Kim, Head of Technical Services - https://www.sekls.org/services/cataloging/

Member Roundtable:

- Frontenac Open House for libraries - October 20th
- Andrea - Baker and Taylor, Amazon, Ingram, and Christian Books - Independence book stores may also give discounts (Watermark, Raven, etc.)

NOTES: July 2, 2025 Forum
Recording link: https://youtu.be/zoBcFs6Y1wc
Agenda/Reminders:

- ALA - disaster planning, Kwame Alexander interviewing Dr. Carla Hayden, advocacy, and library law with Tom Lipinski (it's all about how policy is written), and Community Webs project by Internet Archives
- New directors at Thayer: Valerie Newby | Parker: Kendra Browning | Neodesha: Joan Oliver | Eric Deatherage at PSU Axe Library and still newish: Anneliese Brubaker at Eureka
- Website refresh - https://seklstest.mykansaslibrary.org/
- Annual Meeting - Friday, September 5 in Chanute at SEK Impact Center. Business Meeting (for Allocation) at 1 pm. Speaker: Gail Santy and company on Library Ethics 101
- State Library meeting and 2026 System Plan presentation
    - Frontenac petition for membership
    - Volunteers to help draft a System Grievance Policy
    - Chart showing percentage of local tax / state aid / SEKLS support
- 2026 Budget Process - How's it going?

Staff Roundtable:

Amy, General System Consultant

- July/August newsletter will celebrate your summer library programs. Collect your stories & photos to send to me by July 25.
- Registration will open soon for the in-person session with the Book Doctor on August 5
- Pardon our mess– Currently reorganizing Niche Academy
- Save the date: Friday, October 10- Bus Tour

Jason, SEKnFind Coordinator

- Allen CC Library went live June 16th! 🎉🎈 | Students can use IDs as library card at all member libraries
- Cash Register / Point of Sale setup - **https://forms.gle/Q5MtyBtckK1Di11d7**
- Cataloging issues & topics (In-person) - July 15th @ 10am - SEKLS HQ - **Register here**
- SEKnFind Users' Group (Hybrid) - August 1st @ 10am - SEKLS HQ - **In-Person Registration** / **Zoom Registration**
- *Save the date*: Friday, October 24, 2025 - Celebratory In-Person Users' Groupalooza* in Iola (*name not final)

Darrin, Technology Consultant

- DOCK Digital Literacy Navigators https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Southeast-Kansas-Library-System/jobs?jk=fb69130661c036b2&start=0&clearPrefilter=1
- Northstar training and tech assessment and certificates, VR software for career exploration, Navigator-lead programming at libraries, emerging technologies including an overhead scanner to help with digitization

Kim, Technical Services

- SEKLS Technical Services Assistant: Kaitlyn Dwyer starts July 7
- Cataloging services Flyer

Tammie, Youth Services Consultant

- Data to be collected for Summer Library Program: questionaire2025.docx (for informational purposes only! Form will be sent out at the end of summer)

Brenda, Resource Sharing

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Cindy - Still visiting libraries, I'm impressed by what I am seeing
Weeding Special Needs collection
Working on a comprehensive list of all public libraries' inc email and web address
Reworking SEKLS website's Talking Books/Special Needs section
Let me know if you need posters for Kansas Talking Books; I have 2 sizes
Working on a 3rd power point for Library Board Training, or civic organization presentations

Member Roundtable:

- Garnett - Andrea
  - Early literacy kits (child care aware of easter kansas) - useful for children's programming and to enhance the children's department. Weaving loom kits, for example. LINK: https://www.seknfind.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-shelves.pl?op=view&shelfnumber=5642&sortfield=title
  - Bedbugs (see niche) - BugHounds inspection, Bugzapper and policy
- Coffeyville - attempting increase in funding asking for 7% (cost of living) | Matt leaving at the end of August, children's librarian position filled, but tech services support
- Mobile zoo event in Cherryvale with Kevin - Independence - 3 animals, eggs, furs, etc. [End meeting]

NOTES: 2025, Tuesday, June 3
Recording link: https://youtu.be/MJ7MkKCISAs
Agenda/Reminders:

- State Library Board Meeting - June 13 | System Plans for 2026 (p. 2, 5, and 15)
- IMLS Funding update from Ray for FY 25: "According to the FY 2025 Allotment Table, Kansas will receive a total of $2,107,788.00 for this grant cycle ($1,992 less than the FY2024 award)"
  - Needs: Reauthorization of the IMLS Act of 1996 by Congress in 2026

Staff Roundtable:
Amy

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Jason

- June 16 - ACC live in Koha

Darrin

- Innovation Day this Friday. Potential partnerships - Extension, Greenbush, Community Foundations (grant writing), and poster sessions/demos, etc.. Keynote - Margie from National library of medicine / citizen scientists

Kim

- CoverOne is available - pick up at Iola /HQ. Kim will give a refresher.

Tammie

- Application for Family Play Space libraries: Due June 15th
  - Information about the program: https://tinyurl.com/hc72zkmu
  - Application can be found here: https://forms.gle/eG98GLFUr4oPzrL38
- Data to be collected for Summer Library Program: questionaire2025.docx (for informational purposes only! Form will be sent out at the end of summer)

Brenda

- Nikki leaving SLK (to go to NEKLS) - position is open
- Courier - happy with driver

Cindy -

- Please let me know if your town has a weekly farmers' market or health fair coming up
- Let me help you out by doing your board training requirement
- I am still visiting libraries so let me know if you need Talking Books posters, info sheets, or brochures Also available to provide one-on-one support for signing up (in person or on the phone).
- There are items in the Special Needs Collection that would fit your Summer Reading Program; take a look on KOHA or ask me at Innovation Day Friday | Stamps (for example)

Member Roundtable:

- Eureka - Anneliese B. taking over (Aug. 1)
- Caney - Jennifer and Board did a Literary tea fundraiser | repeat in October for Halloween
- Iola and Howard - water bottle filling stations.
- Frontenac - Heritage Hall and community and coffee house open June 5.

NOTES:
Wednesday, May 7 at 1:30 pm
Zoom link:
https://kslib.zoom.us/j/2633407531?pwd=RDRsV013U2g1cVFwQ25TeFV5VXR6QT09&omn=85334588454
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3 at 9:00 am
Agenda/Reminders:

- SEKLS policies v. IPL

- District Budget workshop
- State Library updates
- Library Ethics 101 prep: New Director IG
- 2026 Budget highlights: Grant reminders
- Sample job descriptions - we want a library of them…

Staff Roundtable:

- Amy
    - Summer hours reminder (email Carol)
    - summer (year-round) movie license reminder- what's allowed for marketing: http://bit.ly/4d1sGCK
    - newsletter deadline Thurs. May 15
    - New Director Interest Group Tues. May 13 at 1pm online
    - Academic In-Service Wed. May 28 at 10am at Flint Oak
- Jason
- Brenda
- Cindy
    - Thanks for posting about "Aging with Attitude Expo". More participants attended this year.
    - I am still doing Library Board Trainings, so keep me in mind.
    - If you need posters regarding Talking Books, I will courier them to you. I have a variety of sizes. Also can send brochures.
    - Take a look at the next newsletter to find out about a new condition
    - I presented information about Talking Books at Girard's Library of Congress event.
    - I will continue bringing the new Talking Books applications to Libraries to replace the old one.

- Tammie
    - Youth Services IG meets May 19th at 3:30 pm. Check calendar for Zoom link.
        - IG will be on hiatus through the Summer months and resume in the fall.
    - "Little Nita's Big Idea" by Anna W. Bardaus, illustrated by Carolina Farias was chosen as this year's book for Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, which is celebrated in November and promotes early literacy.
    - Find more information as it becomes available at: https://library.ks.gov/librarians/prek
    - Trying to determine what comes next for the Family Play Space libraries-stay tuned!

    - Working on committee work, grant applications, and visits this summer and I look forward to seeing you all!
    - Registration is now open for Session two of ESU's Library Worker's Training Program!

      Session One: Foundations of Library Services
      - Session Two: Communication and Teamwork (June 1-30, 2025)
      - Session Three: Technology
      - Session Four: Access Services
      - Session Five: Collections
      - Session Six: Reference and Information Services
      - Session Seven: Supervision and Management

- Darrin
- Kim

Member Roundtable:

Tuesday, April 1 at 9:00 am
Zoom link:
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Agenda/Reminders:

- State Grant-in-Aid update (not great news) - losing $1,000. Keeping per capita increase
- Grant updates: See https://www.sekls.org/services/grants/
  2025 Competitive
  2025 Programming
  Academic/School Extended Services
  Materials Delivery / Courier
- SEKLS Strategic Plan | Dashboard | Statistics
- Kansas Leadership Center - great program, take the training if you have the opportunity
- Budget Workshops and Mill levy math recording https://youtu.be/vGcfBp-q8C0
- ESU Training opportunity - starts today! Sign up through Friday. CE Grant available.
- IMLS - Everylibrary statement | KLA statement (IG) | Federal News Network

Staff Roundtable:

- Amy
    - APPLE ending/beginning - 4 ending, 3 starting at JC retreat next week

    - New Director Interest Group: Thurs. April 10 @ 1pm with special guest, Cheryl Korte: https://kslib.zoom.us/j/83169534081
- Tammie
    - April is Child Abuse Prevention month! Wear blue in support on Friday
    - If you indicated interest in the Ukulele course on Niche, it's available! Please email me to get the link.
    - Rabbit Hole registration is closing. Email me directly if you are planning to attend.
    - Youth Services Community of Practice is April 21st. This will be the last in the SLP planning sessions-Adult Services ideas.
    - Diane Cucar at Moline and I will be presenting a session at the Conference on the Importance of Play April 15-17th. We are presenting on the impact of libraries implementing Family Play Spaces in Kansas Libraries
    - Bill Martin, Jr. Award winner: Buffalo Fluffalo by Bess Kalb received the most votes and has been officially declared the 2025 winner.

INFORMATION ON ESU CLASSES-REGISTRATION DUE FRIDAY

Registration for the first staff training session beginning April 1 is open until Friday, April 4. We hope you will join the library workers who are already registered and will earn recognition for their participation in the first course.

Please register for only one session now. Please consider future session registration as each course is offered.

Do you need financial assistance? Please consider inquiring about professional development grants available from your local library system.

Calling Talented Kansas Public Library Workers: Know Your Value and Experience Growth

In online competency-focused sessions, the School of Library and Information Management faculty presents the mission, fundamentals, and the libraries' roles in improving lives by addressing community needs. Addressed are aspects of the ethics, values, and governance of libraries, and the basic knowledge needed for public library positions. All sessions are for all new and veteran library workers, as well as anyone interested in becoming employed in a Kansas Library. No prior college attendance is required. The topic selection recognizes library workers' existing skills and provides opportunities to learn more. Participants will experience low-stress, high-impact learning opportunities through engagement with knowledgeable others without leaving their library or home. Access is through enrolled participant's Canvas account to view materials and engage in learning activities.

There will be seven sessions. Each session is a month long.

- Session One: Foundations of Library Services
- Session Two: Communication and Teamwork
- Session Three: Technology
- Session Four: Access Services
- Session Five: Collections
- Session Six: Reference and Information Services
- Session Seven: Supervision and Management

The registration fee is $**100 per person per session**. You may register your first session at https://secure.touchnet.com:443/C20725_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1050

Schedule of Learning Activities: Session One - Foundations of Library Services (led by Dr. Mirah Dow)

Date
Activity
April 1
#1 Canvas Module

- Open module. Introduce yourself and meet and greet others in the discussion thread provided.

April 4 - 11
#2 Canvas Module

- Open module. Read and/or view provided materials.

April 14
#3 Canvas Module
Attend Zoom Discussion Session 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. CT

- The library: literature, information, access to other people
- Intellectual freedom and responding to book bans
- Information literacy learning opportunities for library users

April 15 - 30
#4 Canvas Module

- Open module. Share your ideas, thoughts, and growth in the discussion thread provided.

Wooseob Jeong
Dean and Richel Distinguished Professor
School of Library and Information Management (founded in 1902)
Dean
William Allen White Library
Emporia State University - changing lives since 1863
Campus Box 4025
1 Kellogg Circle
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 341-5203
http://www.emporia.edu/slim

- Brenda
  - Updated courier labels - be mindful. Emporia route changed to another city.
- Cindy
  - Visited 18 libraries so far. New form with parental acknowledgement. Aging with Attitude flyers distributed - thanks to Brenda and Adisa. ICC West April 25. Cindy speaking at Girard April 8. Crowd sourcing transcription. Hepler Board training. Cindy can visit and help patrons set up their account for Talking books.
- Jason
  - Friday Users Group - please register. Hybrid at Eureka and Zoom.
  - Agenda: Link
  - Registration:
    - In-Person @ Eureka Public Library: https://forms.gle/WgDNc5Cx5AWjJvuP6
    - Online via Zoom: https://kslib.zoom.us/meeting/register/LjO6w1WCTs2MvwYn_wrbUA
- Darrin
  - Augmented reality technology available for Seniors/55+ programs
  - Computers in Libraries conference
- Kim (out)
  - Laminating
  - Cataloging projects, like Pilcrow Grant books (send labels with the books)
- Brenda A.
  - First quarter reports due April 30 or sooner - in Library Access folder
  - Tech grant final report also due by July

Member Roundtable:

- Bonnie Weir - received a laminator from childcare aware - open to be used by all libraries in the region. $.50 per yard for the film.
- Robert at PSU - started search for position. New learning outreach librarian.
- Connie - ESU - still accepting applications through April 11.
- Sharon - Iola - 3 candidates, reception April 7
- Jen - Fort Scott - ALA grant for $20,000 (one of 50). Putting in shush booths and SEKMHC and special needs therapy support services. Rearranging.

- Andrea - Garnett - Yes, new shush booth is being used and getting positive reviews. Remote workers, small group discussions - privacy.
- Guidelines for advocacy: https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/advocacy/content/advleg/advocacyuniversity/advclearinghouse/Library%20Advocacy%20Dos%20and%20Don%27ts.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjawJY2zFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHWEr3cQ7AvSsPBgwBiY00INy5MiX_dvtn9NEEgGtpYxN9T2cx4CZoHdM4A_aem_jQdUHM432JZ5W06x0ZFZSg
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- Governmental Affairs Committee Update | KLA Membership and Kearney newsletter
  - HB 2396
  - HB 2007
  - SB 10
- Library Ethics 101 training - who has already participated in this with Gail and Patty?
- Digital Resources Grant
- State Aid Correction (FY 2025 (this year) includes the $1,000 base) - next 2 weeks
- CDBG - kansascommerce.gov https://www.kansascommerce.gov/2025/02/commerce-unveils-groundbreaking-overhaul-of-community-development-block-grant-program/
- Kansas Book Festival Grant - (kanlib-l email from Feb. 24, 2025) https://www.kansasbookfestival.com/outreach-efforts/library-grants-1/
- Historic newsletter project

Staff Roundtable:
Brenda - KILT mtg and RFP for new vendor scheduled for May 2026 / Share any courier issues / Keep track of ILL postage for Materials Delivery Grant Part A.
Darrin
Kim
Cindy
Tammie

- New Family Play Space website: https://familyplayspacesks.my.canva.site/
- Priscilla Howe workshop registration: https://www.sekls.org/calendar/
- Rabbit Hole trip registration opens Friday at https://www.sekls.org/calendar/
- SRP Materials deliveries and yard signs
- April is Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month-KCSL presentation recording: https://kslib.zoom.us/rec/share/1a4Be485bP0huPQ4fu78c8R-0Fb0K8rdePXHPXQZdyvAb86QwrLtTa-vggPbfil9.wlujAFZoilc50rQ7
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- Information on reporting suspected child abuse or neglect: https://www.dcf.ks.gov/pages/report-abuse-or-neglect.aspx

Amy

- New Director Interest Group @1pm on 03/11. No registration needed, flyer & Zoom link to be distributed.
- Have something for the newsletter? Please send all submissions to Amy by noon on Monday, March 17. Some submissions may be saved for future issues.

Jason

- Upgrade tonight! Clear your cache tomorrow: Chrome / Firefox
- Upgrade overview: Recording / Notes (email me if you watch and want CE credit)
- Next users' group: Friday, April 4th, 2025 - 10 to Noon
- Let us know if you're interested in Inventory

Member Roundtable:

- Iola - Murder Mystery soup dinner (3/1/2025 with Iola Reads) | Everything Chocolate Sale (2/14) | Assistant Director interviews
- Chetopa-Shot down at Council meeting on presentation for new building. Angela was told she will be in the little room on the side of the bank building for another year. Is looking at the CBG grant. At least 75% of their books are in storage. Is hopeful reduction in CBG match will be helpful in getting them a building.
- Toronto-Having good success with training on 55+ digital trainings
- Garnett-SEK inventory team did an awesome, fast job. Now for the follow-up adventure. Very helpful for clearing up card catalog. Warning: make sure you have multiple back-ups because if your hard drive goes out, it's painful and time consuming to recreate needed stuff.
- District library annual meetings were yesterday.
- Neodesha PL is getting a new roof to replace their new roof and is not able to sue because of unstated legal complications

NOTES:
February 4, 2025 Meeting:
Youtube link to recording: https://youtu.be/JHixgYTHahQ
Agenda/Reminders:

- 2025 Allocation Beyond Base - website decision
- Library Legislative Day / Federal grant funding freeze
    - Future advocacy re: State Aid with Senator Fagg (Greenwood County) and Senator Peck (Chautauqua, Elk, Labette, Montgomery and Neosho Counties)
- Digital Resources Grant Update
- Annual Report to the State - Due date: Feb. 5

Staff Roundtable:
Tammie

- Reader Zone Training via Zoom February 13th-registration is open! https://www.sekls.org/calendar/
- Youth Services Community of Practice February 18th-Summer Library Program for grade school students. Please bring your best ideas to share.
- KCSL will share on their programs and all about Child Abuse Prevention Month on Feb. 27th. Registration will open ASAP!
- Priscilla Howe will be here March 21st in Iola
- Rabbit Hole field trip is scheduled for April 3rd

Amy

- Thank you for your impact stories!
- Now accepting submissions for the March/April newsletter, through noon on March 17. Stories, photos, anniversaries, job openings, announcements…
- If I have contacted you about the 2025 Bus Tour and you have not responded, please do so by the end of this week.

Jason

- Participation agreement - check to see if you are recorded: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1f5rw9kLrBS_47w8BpCz2YtS_RhBgW1pMrwbyly1lJyE/edit?gid=1482504272#gid=1482504272
- Upgrade zoom overview to come (1 hr CE)
- Users Group First Friday in April - who wants to host?? Survey to come and asks about capacity
- State survey data - circulation data reprocessed and linked to Koha. (The 11's)

Cindy

- New Kansas Talking books form with parental acknowledgement - use this one! https://library.ks.gov/talking-books/sign-up
- Scheduling visits and Board training - working on a new training (with more fun built in) - empathy glasses that show different visual disabilities and also has a new braille ereader to demonstrate/show off
- New talking books machines in March (maybe)
- April 25 - final Friday Aging with Attitude Expo at ICC west. Flyers to come for distribution. $15 with lunch and speakers and vendor booths with information
- KTB would like each library to have a demo machine and cartridge (usb) and also demo BARD on an ipad. Cindy can share the form to request.

Kim

- Disc cleaning and repair, laminating services, Cataloging support, and the CoverOne available for book repair

Darrin

- eRate - some requests for Cat 2 items - working with Ben prior to the deadline.
- TechWise - more materials ready for distribution. Great quality and useful as conversation starters - use with programs! (Send back your box.)
- Tech training - making rounds for OPAC (koha) and Website - email techsupport if you need assistance.
- Library visits in the coming months

- DOCK Grant - we were interviewed, working on library responsibilities based on feedback from Board, and working to secure Digital Navigators. Patrons or part-time staff with strong tech skills, there may be 5 hours per week pay to support the grant with training in a sub-region
- Trend - laptops used as patron computers - move/flexibility, but there is a need for docking stations (monitor, keyboard, and mouse) for accessibility/usability.

Brenda (off)

- OCLC ILL an option for getting hard-to-find books from out of state. Email Brenda.
- Materials Delivery grant checks to be distributed this week. Allocation next week.

Member Roundtable:

- Jennifer Gum-Fowler - Joined us at library legislative day - our book suggestions are in a new mural's traveling library image.
- Andrea - Winter reading club going on. Midway party tomorrow. Tabletop games during lunch hour and door prizes (carnival)
- Jennifer - Caney - mother's day tea
- Colony - Kaylee puzzle event
- Chanute - Friends Everything Chocolate Sale (Iola will also have a sale on 2/14)
- Frontenac - cool museum - grand opening this summer. The museum is neat.

NOTES:
Wednesday, January 8, 1:30 pm
Recording Link: ://youtu.be/D-Py1t_QcJI
https
Agenda/Reminders:

- Materials Delivery Grant for 2025 (Now updated)
- Allocation worksheets are in Library Access folders.
    - Websites need to be updated regularly to qualify for 6%.
    - December Financial Reports? Send if your Treasurer creates one.
- IPL Assistant Director position news
- Bookmarking important links demo
- Library Legislative Day invitation for Tuesday, Jan. 28 in Topeka (2 CE)
- Annual Report with Alice Smith, SLK - Overview on Friday at 2 pm webinar with Alice.

Staff Round robin

- Jason - Koha upgrade coming. Jason ran SEKnFind numbers for state survey. New Midwest tape documentation to help troubleshoot patron hoopla issues (password issue).
    - Fix broken hoopla authentication instructions: https://docs.google.com/document/d/14eYaFSt0yZb0sTcKvkZyKmx56SE18wWQae04xLJ7e70/edit?usp=drive_link
- Tammie - Orientation to Youth Services registration open for Jan. 30.
    - Orientation to Youth Services Information and Registration: https://www.sekls.org/calendar/

- Brenda C. - Henry Industries purchased - look for info on kanlib-l
- Amy- Please send me your impact stories for Library Legislative Day by 10am on Monday, January 20. We also welcome your submissions for the January/February newsletter at that time.
    - New Assistant for SEKLS: Carol Sager starts Jan. 13
- Kim - Inventory,
- Darrin - (OUT)
- Cindy - New sign-ups for talking books came for libraries Cindy visited. New Talking books sign up form that includes parental consent - will share while visiting, but also available at “Kansas talking books” https://library.ks.gov/talking-books/sign-up
    - Audioreader - newspaper readers (local) and Newsline for national newspapers
    - Cindy will do one-on-one sign-up appointments for talking books
        - https://library.ks.gov/ld.php?content_id=77657116
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Member Roundtable

- Request for additional website training!
- Andrea S. - Cindy does a great presentation. Google docs support needed, too. Overview of Drive - what it is (like Microsoft suite). Shush booth for meeting room pod via Dream grant - still advertising this. Run the patron savings report. There is an “outrageous replacement price” report you may want to run.
- Emma at Howard - got a grant for a year-round reading incentive program that will use ReaderZone - $1,000. Open to ages 0 to 99+, with rewards. Source: Community foundation of southeast kansas. Plug for all the various community foundations in our region - they give away money, so find out when/details of their grant distribution cycle.
- Pilcrow Grant - Kim and her team are able to help catalog new items for SEKnFind libraries.
- Smokey Bear Challenge - they want data, so please submit some if you participated.
- SEKnFind Template , Library Aware and Canva for sample annual reports
- IF Committee – talking points about the value of the library in the community can come from an Annual Report - helpful. What we do is important!

LINK: 2024 SEKLS Forum Agenda and Perpetual Notes