# Digital Resources Grant Policy

The Southeast Kansas Library System recognizes that a single digital platform may not work for all library types, but that demand for digital resources continues to grow. To supplement what libraries are able to provide, SEKLS offers these options for the Digital Resources Grant:

A) Direct Hoopla support paid to Midwest Tape by SEKLS
B) Digital Book Fund support
C) Digital resource reimbursement

**Eligibility**: These grants are available to public and academic libraries.
**Funding:** As the SEKLS budget allows, funds will be distributed to eligible libraries based on a base amount of $100, with the remaining funds distributed by percentage of population. Population data for public libraries comes from the Kansas Certified Population Data and the academic student enrollment data comes from the Kansas Board of Regents for the prior year.

### A) Direct Hoopla support paid to Midwest Tape by SEKLS

Funds will be deposited directly into library Hoopla accounts. However, grant funds may not cover the costs entirely, depending on library usage.

The library will be responsible for paying charges for Hoopla usage monthly, beyond what SEKLS grant funds cover. Hoopla will bill the library monthly for any charges beyond what SEKLS funds are on account.

**Process:** Select this option and SEKLS will send the library's portion of grant funds directly to Midwest Tape to be credited to its account. This will be done once, in the first quarter.

### B) Digital Book Fund support

Annually, member libraries are able to send funds to SEKLS to be pooled and used to purchase ebooks and downloadable audiobooks for the State Library of Kansas Cloud Library platform. The library may elect to allocate its grant allotment to the Digital Book Fund.

**Process:** Select this option and SEKLS will transfer the library's portion of the grant funds directly to the Digital Book Fund to be curated by SEKLS staff for the purchase of digital content in the Cloud Library. These purchases are made throughout the year. Eligible libraries that do not respond with a Grant application will have their funds allocated to this Digital Book Fund.

### C) Digital Resource Reimbursement

If a library subscribes to a different digital platform, such as the Sunflower eLibrary Consortium or Kanopy streaming services, or would like to select its own content for Cloud Library, this grant may be used to reimburse these costs up to the grant allotment.

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**Process:** Select this option and complete the necessary reports with proof of payment (paid invoice/statement) for review by Brenda Armstrong, Business Manager, for reimbursement of costs up to the library's grant allotment, within two months of purchase.