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## Winter



NWKLS is proud to announce our partnership with the Kansas Humanities Council. The **TALK** book collection will now be housed and distributed through NWKLS. "TALK book discussions immerse readers in captivating stories and introduce them to different experiences through literature." The Kansas Humanities Council will continue to be accessible to assist locations in finding a facilitator for the discussions and the local sponsor will continue to provide the location, invite the community to participate, and host the discussions.

Beginning this Spring, NWKLS will distribute the books at no charge or booking fee and will utilize the library courier service to distribute the books to the local sponsors who wish to host a discussion group. NWKLS is pleased to answer any questions you may have, simply call (785) 877-5148 and ask for Pat Hammond, NWKLS's TALK book coordinator.

### **NWKLS MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Northwest Kansas Library System is to provide service where it exists in the participating counties and to provide library service where it does not exist.

### **NWKLS VISION STATEMENT**

The Northwest Kansas Library System will lead the quest for information sharing through innovative services and technology for member libraries.



George Seamon-NWKLS DIRECTOR

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

**Dream Big, Read! – Making *Your* Dreams  
Come True**

## **CSLP Workshop at NWKLS on March 28th**

## **NWKLS welcomes Dave Fischer as NEW Technology Consultant**

The Executive Committee of Northwest Kansas Library System voted to create a full-time Technology Consultant position to meet the ever changing technological needs of member libraries. We would like to welcome Dave Fischer to the staff of NWKLS as our new Technology Consultant. Dave comes to the system with a variety of experiences which includes 20 years of Technology experience of that 15 years were spent as a computer technician working independently and with ComputerPro. Dave has also been the contract computer technician for NWKLS the past 10 years through our contract with ComputerPro. Please help us in welcoming Dave to the system and we look forward to working with him for many years to come.



### Upcoming Schedule.

January 10th: Dave Rotation with Pat

Rexford	8:30 AM
Colby	9:15 AM
Davis	10:30 AM
Brewster	11:30 AM
NWKTC	1:00 PM (12:00 MT)
Goodland	1:30 PM (12:30 MT)

Marge Loch-Wouters, this year's CSLP Presenter will be at NWKLS on March 28, 2012. The workshop will start at 10:00 a.m. and you can register for the event on our website at <http://www.nwcls.org>.

Join Marge Loch-Wouters, storyteller, children's librarian and blogger as she takes you on an eye-opening journey into ways to re-examine your SLP and make the most of scarce time, scarce money and scarce staffing to create summer wonder and fun for kids – and you – at your library. You'll get ideas for the upcoming *Dream Big-Read* summer library planning as well as explore fun ways to enhance your program mojo year-round. Be ready to share a favorite program for kids or teens (in-house, outreach, or collaborative) that has been easy, fun and can be easily duplicated by colleagues!

Marge Loch-Wouters has been a children's librarian since 1976 and wouldn't trade this profession for all the world. She is currently Coordinator of Youth Services at La Crosse Public Library (her third stint there although in-between she's managed to work at the Menasha WI Public Library and Cook Memorial Library in Illinois). She has been active in the Wisconsin Library Association and the American Library Association throughout her career, serving on many committees and boards, including both the Caldecott and Newbery committees. According to Marge, the best thing that happened to her in library-land? Receiving the Wisconsin Library Association 2010 Librarian of the Year Award. Best things in the rest of her life: storytelling, gardening and the outdoors.



## The Spotlight is on: Norcatatur Library



**Deb and the puzzle table.**

Puzzles, cookies and hot coffee greet the patrons of the Norcatatur Public Library. Housed in the old school building along with the Norcatatur city offices, museum, exercise room, newsheet and all -purpose room, the library is located in what was previously the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and principals office.

Deb Marshall, the Norcatatur City Clerk and Librarian began her new position Sept. 13, 2010. Since then, the library has bloomed.

With patron usage dropping, the inter-library loans totally stopped, and no children's programs, the Norcatatur Library was fast becoming just another book drop on the Northwest Kansas Library System rotation schedule. Now, the library has been given a boost. Norcatatur residents are discovering a treasure.

With the help of Betsy Jakowski, who helps as Library Aide and supporter, the library has become an important part of Norcatatur once more.

Betsy has been loading the items in the library on the Kansas Library Catalog, redoing spine labels and weeding the collection. The library now totals over 1,500 items available for check-out. With these items listed on the Kansas Library Catalog, and the courier service through Northwest Kansas Library System, the library now inter-library loans four (4) plus volumes a week.

The monthly Book Potpourri and home visits are outreaches Deb has begun. Once a month Deb opens the library on a Saturday morning for patrons to come and share their favorite book, author, or current reading. Deb and Betsy deliver books to homebound patrons in the Norcatatur area.

New shelving, lighting, windows , art work from local artists displayed on the walls, have added a friendly ambience to the library.

### Future plans include.

Increasing the hours the library is open, homework tutoring evenings, turning the former principal's office into the children's room, and continuing the monthly Book Potpourri meetings.

**The next Book Potpourri is  
January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Come and join the fun!**



Pat Hammond  
NWKLS-ILL/Rotation  
and Talk Book Coordinator



## Pat's Member's

### Watch

Our deepest sympathies go out to Lynette Wolf, former school librarian at Grinnell Schools on the passing of her husband Leon Wolf on December 21st. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family as they grieve this tremendous loss.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rayna Kopriva as well as she undergoes surgery on January 4th.



Linda Keith  
NWKLS Collection Development  
and ILL Coordinator

## Linda's Great Books Corner

This months picks...

### Romance.

Nora Roberts' -**The Next Always.**  
Book One of the Inn Boonsboro Trilogy

Inspirational. **Nearing Home.** Life, Faith and Finishing Well By, Billy Graham

Political. **The Man in the Middle-** An Inside Account of Faith and Politics in the George W. Bush Era...



## 6 by 6 READY TO READ *Six skills by six years*



Almena Public Library with a little help from their friends at NWKLS have created a wonderful new **6 by 6 Children's area**. As stated in the last issue of the NWKLS Vertical Files, the 6 by 6 program, initially an off-shoot of the Every Child

Ready to Read Program became a pilot program of the Johnson County Public Library. Its principles are to prepare every child from birth to six with the six essential reading skills, **Noticing Print, Talk, Talk, Talk, Tell Stories about Everything, Look for Letters Everywhere, Take Time to Rhyme and Have Fun with Books!** Check out the 25 Recipe Cards and ideas on our website <http://www.nwcls.org> too and stay tuned for more 6 by 6 updates as they are available.

## MRS CLAUS?



Sharon Spring Public Library hosted an Open House on Wednesday, December 7th. A very special guest Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Library Board member- Trina Mays) spent time reading with 37 children who attended the special event. After enjoying many great stories, the children had punch and cookies and even created fun Candy Cane Craft. Fun was had by all, both young and old! Librarian, Cathy VanAllen stated, "This was the largest turn-out for such an event that has been attempted many times without the success of this year!"

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 3rd**– Children's Consultant-Mary Boller in Grainfield to help new librarian, Janice Manhart re-work the library's Children's area.

**February 16th:** State-wide 6 by 6 Ready to Read Program Launch

**March 28th.** CSLP Summer Workshop at NWKLS presenter Marge Loch-Wouters at 10:00 a.m. and a special afternoon sessions filled with great prizes and information.





## State Library Certification Programs Discontinuation Planned for January 1, 2012

The State Library has been taking a close look at its programs and the staffing required to support them. Recently the Library Development staff (myself and Shannon Roy) did a non-scientific cost-benefit type of analysis of the two State Library certification programs. Based on our evaluation of the programs, we proposed discontinuing both certification programs and Jo approved our proposal. As a result, the State Library will discontinue the Certification Program for Kansas Library Administrators and the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program effective January 1, 2012. Existing certifications will continue until their expiration date. No new certifications will be issued after December 31, 2011. Following is an explanation of our rationale. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this decision.

**Rationale:** Because both Shannon Roy and Cindi Hickey will be retiring in 2012, Library Development Division programs are being scrutinized to determine benefits versus costs. Both certification programs present a cost to the Library Development Division and the State Library, particularly in the area of staff time. Shannon Roy has been administering both programs since their inception and has provided information utilized in the following analyses.

### **Certification Program for Kansas Library Administrators.**

The heart of this program was supposed to lie in re-certification because initial certification reflects only formal education and/or amassed continuing education credits. Although core competencies for Kansas library directors were developed in conjunction with the certification program, they are not integrated into the requirements for either certification or re-certification.

300 Kansas librarians met the requirements and received certification, but less than 100 have requested re-certification which requires only 45 hours of continuing education credit over a three year period. With a potential target audience of librarians working for the 329 public libraries in Kansas does not these figures do not suggest wide adoption or credibility of the program despite limitless opportunities for continuing education.

Another factor in the credibility of the program is the apparent lack of benefit of certification for library staff.

It has not been shown to improve advancement opportunity or increase income potential. The bottom line is that the questionable benefits of this program do not justify the costs incurred in the required staff time needed to maintain the program.

### **Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program.**

We believe the Kansas program was the first of its kind in the U.S. It was developed in partnership with Kansas Library Trustee Association volunteers who also developed training modules for trustees to encourage their education. The program focuses on training library trustees in the areas delineated in five core skills that were developed to guide trustee education. Various training programs and offerings are available that match the content included in the five core skills.

Currently, 480 Kansas trustees are certified out of potential audience of 2,300. Many of the certified trustees are associated with libraries in the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS). SEKLS used the certification program as a tool for encouraging and providing trustee education for their libraries' boards and offers incentives to libraries to bolster its use.

Complicating factors for a trustee certification program supported by statewide training are: 1) the continuous flow of new library trustees who normally serve a four year term, 2) the difficulty in finding days and times for statewide trustee training that fit trustee schedules and needs, and 3) trustee unfamiliarity with online learning platforms.

The benefits of trustee certification are unclear although anecdotal evidence suggests trustee education is beneficial for both trustees and the libraries. A cost benefit analysis of the certification program indicates that library development resources would be better invested in coordinating and procuring continuing education resources for trustees that support the development of the five core skills and that could be offered on a statewide basis rather than in administering a certification program of questionable benefit.

Article from a letter by:

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# *From the Cat's Corner*

## NEW ROTATING VIDEO COLLECTION

NWKLS now has a **VIDEO GAMES** rotating collection! These beauties are currently at the Norton Public Library....but will soon be making the rounds to each of our libraries for patrons to check out. Adding this collection has given me another cataloging challenge. This is what you should look for to find a good MARC record.

Video games should be cataloged as **ELECTRONIC RESOURCE**. In other words, the words **ELECTRONIC RESOURCE** should appear in parenthesis with the title. They may also have PS2, PS3, Xbox, etc. parenthesis along with **ELECTRONIC RESOURCE**.

They should have an 007 field in the MARC record.

They should have the type of video game (PS2, PS3, etc) listed in the 250 edition field.

In the 300 field (Physical description), video games are listed as **COMPUTER OPTICAL DISC** or **COMPUTER CHIP CARTRIDGE**.

There should be a 538 **NOTE FIELD** showing system requirements. For example. Nintendo DS, Nintendo Wii, Play Station 2, etc.

**500** should note number of players and other details needed to use the game.

**521** should list ratings. E for everyone, T for teens...

**710** for **GAME MANUFACTURER**....

**753** for **SYSTEM DETAILS**...

And remember...These also need a local number (on the spine) to show what type of games they are. The

NWKLS video games will have X-Box, PS3, or other designation on the first line.

Be sure and let us know what you think of our new collection!

Aurelia Jackson- NWKLS  
Assistant Director/  
School Consultant and Cataloger



## THE SCHOOL ZONE

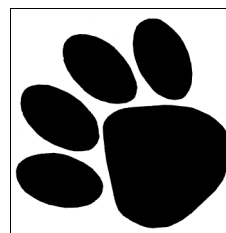
With the dramatic funding cuts to Kan-Ed the executive committee of NWKLS voted at the November, 2011 meeting to order the **GALE RESEARCH DATABASE COLLECTION**, an online E-reference resource. If your county is a member of NWKLS, your library may request this from us at no additional cost.

There are other services we provide that could help your school and community. Do you need someone to provide an in-service? We have people available. Do you need new books rotated into your collection? We are willing to add school libraries into our rotation. Plus, NWKLS is building our Junior and Young Adult rotating collections. Do you want to order items at a lower cost? NWKLS can order items for you, at a discount.

**LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU!**

Zoning in,  
Aurelia

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# 2012 NWKLS CALENDAR

## January

- 2 NWKLS OFFICE CLOSED–Happy New Year**
- 10 ROTATION**
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|----------|--------------------|
| Rexford  | 8:30 AM            |
| Colby    | 9:15 AM            |
| Davis    | 10:30 AM           |
| Brewster | 11:30 AM           |
| NWKTC    | 1:00 PM (12:00 MT) |
| Goodland | 1:30 PM (12:30 MT) |
- 11 NWKLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 17 ROTATION**
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|----------------|---------------------|
| Oakley         | 9:30 AM             |
| Wallace        | 11:15 AM            |
| Weskan         | 11:45 AM (10:45 MT) |
| Sharon Springs | 12:15 PM (11:15 MT) |
| Colby          | 3:00 PM             |
- 24 ROTATION**
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| Oberlin     | 8:45 AM  |
| Bird City   | 11:15 AM |
| St. Francis | 12:45 PM |
- 25 ROTATION**
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| Norton | 8:00 AM |
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## February

- 7 ROTATION**
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| Lenora   | 8:30 AM  |
| Selden   | 10:00 AM |
| Jennings | 11:45 AM |
| Clayton  | 1:15 PM  |
| Norcatur | 2:00 PM  |
- 8 NWKLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 14 ROTATION**
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| WaKeeney | 9:15 AM  |
| Quinter  | 11:00 AM |
| Collyer  | 12:30 PM |
| Almena   | 2:45 PM  |
- 21 ROTATION**
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| Hoxie      | 8:00 AM  |
| Grainfield | 9:45 AM  |
| Gove       | 11:00 AM |

## March

- 6 ROTATION**
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|----------|--------------------|
| Rexford  | 8:30 AM            |
| Colby    | 9:15 AM            |
| Davis    | 10:30 AM           |
| Brewster | 11:30 AM           |
| NWKTC    | 1:00 PM (12:00 MT) |
| Goodland | 1:30 PM (12:30 MT) |
- 13 ROTATION**
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| Oakley         | 9:30 AM             |
| Wallace        | 11:15 AM            |
| Weskan         | 11:45 AM (10:45 MT) |
| Sharon Springs | 12:15 PM (11:15 MT) |
- 14 NWKLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 20 ROTATION**
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|-------------|----------|
| Oberlin     | 8:15 AM  |
| Bird City   | 11:15 AM |
| St. Francis | 12:45 PM |
- 21 ROTATION**
- |        |         |
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| Norton | 8:00 AM |
|--------|---------|
- 28 CSLP WORKSHOP at NWKLS–10:00 a.m.**



*\*Rotation times may be subject to change due to weather conditions.*

**If You See News Happening or Have Great Ideas To Share...**

Holding an event in your library that you would like to share or do we need to give someone a pat on the back or do you have a great idea to share? Let us know and get it in the

NWKLS Vertical Files...

**Contact me at:**

**1-800-432-2858 or [tbook@ruraltel.net](mailto:tbook@ruraltel.net)**



# Winter



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\*\* Public Librarians. The 2011 Public Library Survey is open and ready to go. There are only a few changes of note from last year's survey. \*\*

\*\* 1. Section 9, Resources. Number of Periodicals \*\*

\*\* Remember this question? It was the one that asked for some convoluted calculus to add up the number of serial back issues your library had ( if you have this many single issues, count them as one volume, if not they are individual copies). Well, no more. Now the survey only asks for the number of bound book volumes in your library. \*\*

\*\* 2. Section 9, Resources . Number of Books \*\*

\*\* This isn't really new, it's a question brought back out of retirement. It's the same question, we have just added back in the number of books you started the year with (should be the same as you ended 2010 with), the number you added to the collection and the number withdrawn. \*\*

\*\* 3. Section 6, Operating Income. Mill Levy and Employee Benefits \*\*

\*\* This is actually a blast from the past as well. When we changed the survey form a few years ago, we dropped the levy rates for general fund and employee benefits fund, and only asked for the income. The levy rates have been added back into the form this year. You can find your survey at <http://collect.btol.com> . Your ID and password will be the same as last year, but let me know if you threw that post-it note away and you need a reminder. \*\*

**The deadline for the survey is Friday February 24, 2012.**

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