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## Southeast Kansas Library Boards Honored by State Library

A recent issue of the state library website recognized several library boards in our region for their certification efforts:

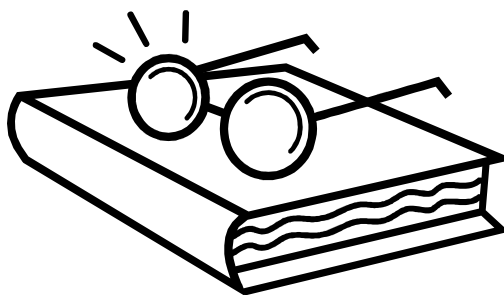
Shannon Roy writes:

“One of the many pleasures of the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program has been to hear so many library directors praise their trustees. Again and again, librarians have pointed out that good boards have made good progress possible.

The **Caney** trustees are all certified now, with fall qualifications by **Verna Neuhaus**, **Toni Scimeca**, and **Debbie Wood**. Library Director **Sandra Freidline** says her board gives great support and are particularly excited by the library’s technology development. They are just going on the Koha System now.

The **Colony City Library** has been very ac-

tive in the trustee program. Board member **Terrie Gifford** completed her certification in the fall training. Library Director **LaNell Knoll** had gone through



the training in the spring and received a trustee certification, commenting that the material was very useful to her own position.

The **Fall River Public Library** has certified five of its trustees through board tutorials. Fall River has had a challenging year. They lost the library director, **Carol Palsmeier**, to cancer at the end of 2008. The board has been working with new director **Venita Elrod** and has made remarkable progress on a number of projects. They have worked to make

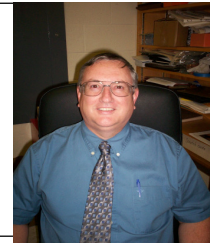
their library more friendly to children and have had an active summer reading program. They have been working on a weeding and collection development program. They also plan to establish a music scholarship in memory of Carol, who was an accomplished pianist.

The newly certified trustees at Fall River are **Sue Ann Clay**, **Frankie Cook**, **Sherry Evans**, **Mary Fortuna** and **Betty Poore**.

The **Sedan Public Library** got its first certified trustee with **Richard Blankinship**, who attended trustee training in both the spring and the fall. Library director **Kathleen McCorkle** says that he is a booster for all of Sedan and a great asset to the library.

The library at **La-Cygne**, in Linn County, has just sent word that their entire board is now certified. They will be honored in the December issue of *SLK News*.”

## Director's Corner



As you may know, the Iola Public Library will be undergoing renovation during 2010 and into 2011. The City of Iola received a CDBG grant which provides half the funding of the \$800,000 project. SEKLS will be profoundly affected in a number of ways.

Once the renovation is complete, SEKLS will have a smaller but nicer and more secure office area. We will have access to a meeting room for SEKLS workshops, board meetings, and other meetings. We will likely be able to join the ELMER video-conferencing network. I will have an office (with walls!) and the possibility of privacy for the first time. Kim Rutter will also have an office.

You probably already know that we are eliminating the art print collection, and also that we are reducing the amount of Rotation books being kept in the building. In fact, you probably got some free art prints and books because of this.

We are dealing with several other issues during the renovation, some of which you need to know about.

Early in 2010, most of the SEKLS staff will move into temporary quarters in a building which was formerly a doctor's office. Only I, Viviane Peavey, and Rotation librarian Cheryl Korte will remain in the current building. You do not have to change the mailing address, however.



**Packing and clearing-out day at the System office, as we prepare for "The Big Move".**

We will still have all mail delivered to the current location.

For telephone service, as of now we plan to keep the current number and forward calls to cell phones. If that changes, we will let you know. However, as an outgrowth of this, we are really encouraging libraries to communicate with us mostly by e-mail. Most of you do that already. There will no doubt be times

when it's better to talk to someone than e-mail them, but for the most part, please use e-mail.

Interlibrary loan service should not be greatly affected. However, if you are not a KICnet participant and you place your ILL requests primarily by telephone, please begin submitting them by e-mail instead.

The June System Meeting will be unaffected, but the Executive Board will have to decide what to do regarding future November meetings. Discontinue them? Combine them with the Westminster Woods In-Service? Relocate them? Stay tuned.

The next year will be a lot of headaches for us, but we expect that our services to you will continue to operate smoothly.



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## SEKLS APPLE Program for Librarian Training

Since the demise of KPLACE, we have felt the lack of a focused library training program. To address that need, SEKLS is developing **APPLE: Applied Public Library Education**.

Successful completion will result in libraries qualifying for up to 5% above the base allocation grant, beginning in 2011.

The program will consist of two parts: an overnight (2 day) institute for two

consecutive years, supplemented by 60 hours of general education requirements in defined areas through attendance at workshops, conference programs, or other CE opportunities.

The general education requirements must be met within four years of beginning the program, and/or the two years prior to beginning the program.

Goals for the program include: providing solid

knowledge on librarianship, enabling participants to effectively run a library, and helping librarians realize their leadership potential. The target audience is public library directors without a library degree.

The initial overnight APPLE Core will be held May 19-20, 2010. Registration will be limited. Contact Kim Rutter at 620- 365-5136 for more information.

## SEKLS Staff Change: Rotation Librarian

**(New book orders for rotation alone amount to approximately 100 titles each month.**

Kathryn Herder was the rotation librarian at Southeast Kansas Library System for thirty years. She worked with 60 rotation locations, and from 350 to 375 books for each rotation stop. Since her well-earned retirement August 7, she has been busy with volunteer projects at her church and working in her flower garden.



**Kathryn Herder**

Cheryl Korte has taken over the position of rotation librarian. An SEKLS employee of eight years, Cheryl previously worked with interlibrary loan and acquisitions. Along with her rotation duties she continues to place orders for all materials ordered by both Iola Public and SEKLS. The orders she places for rotation alone amount to approximately 100 titles each month.

Cheryl has two grown children and two grandsons. Her hobbies include gardening, canning and knitting—sweaters, not tchotchkes. Cheryl is serious about her knitting. She also plays violin in the Iola Area Symphony.

Cheryl is especially enjoying her new position because of the increased vari-

ety of her work. She is particularly interested to hear if anyone receiving rotation collections would like to have specialty collections other than Christmas. Other holidays or craft collections are possibilities she might explore. Please let Cheryl know your preferences at [ckorte@sekls.org](mailto:ckorte@sekls.org).



**Cheryl Korte**

# Beckye's View



## Offerings from the Special Needs Collection

Have you ever wished you could remember that story your grandpa told you about the first time he had indoor plumbing? Or the story your uncle told you on your mom and the caterpillar?

Have you ever thought about writing their stories down, to pass down from generation to generation but did not know where to start? A place to start may be as easy as checking out *First Writes* and *More Writes* and *Visits* by Margaret Gulsvig.

Bi-Folkal originally published *First Writes*, a collection of forty multi-purpose exercises designed to enlighten, encourage and entertain residents of the Bethel Home in Viroqua, Wisconsin. These activity binders are reproducible pages for a variety of activities for senior groups or individuals.

The two write books cover everything from favorite Birthdays to Spring Cleaning to Handkerchiefs. The

author used sentence starters on a specific topic to bring out memories. Examples of the questions are "If I could look out of any window from my past right now, it would be \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

Each lesson also has topics for writing or discussion such as the Hats lesson: "Describe the most elegant hat you ever had."

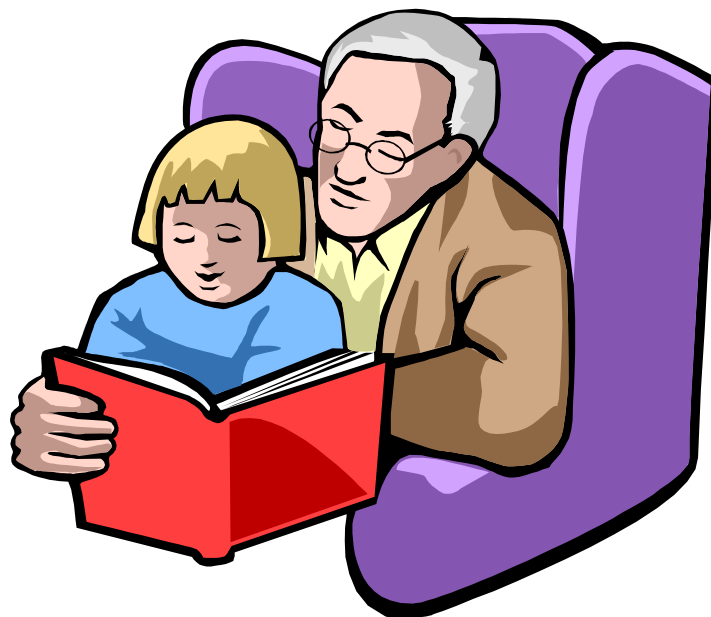
Other activity binders in the collection are: *24 Food Programs in Good Taste* by Lynne Marting Erickson and Kathryn Leide., and Phyllis J Cole's *Stirring Up Memories*.

*Programs in Good Taste* is a collection of recipes offering a pair of programs each month for a year. *Stirring up Memories* is a wealth of information for programs on five topics: Homemade Bread, Butter, Popcorn, Tea and Snow (yes Snow). From tempting presentations to mouth watering discussion questions, each activity will bring back memories to all that participate.

All these and more are available from the Special Needs Collection through Interlibrary Loan.

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because \_\_\_\_\_."

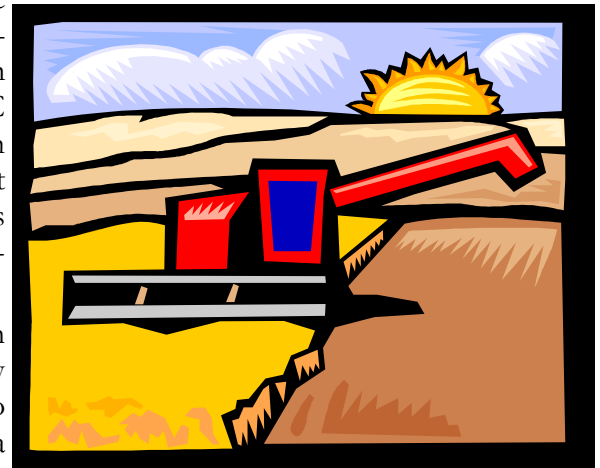


## AROUND THE SYSTEM: Parsons Public Library Oral History Project

On September 15, **Parsons Public Library** had a fantastic attendance of 55 patrons attend their Farm History program. The Open House Reception and Unveiling Oral History Project: *Impact of the New Deal on Southeast Kansas Farm Life* was co-hosted with the Southeast Kansas Farm History Center, headed up by Pam Cress. The project consisted of 25 individuals interviewed about Southeast Kansas Farm History with more to come. A grant covered the cost of an 8 x 10 poster for each interviewee contain-

ing their photo, bio, & excerpt. Those were displayed at the reception. People really enjoyed seeing themselves on the posters and seeing printed transcripts of their interviews. All of the interviews have been cataloged in the KLC (search "Southeast Kansas Farm History"). The Farm History Center also had a

month long exhibit mounted in the library display cases of farm-related items from the 1930's, and a 1928 Case tractor was parked in front of the library for the day of the reception.



**Four libraries in southeast Kansas were recognized with stars by *Library Journal*.**

### SEK Libraries Honored with Stars from *Library Journal*

Less than a year after *Library Journal* delivered its first report on libraries around the country with especially strong service statistics during 2006, the 2007 statistics are back. Data for 2006 were released in November 2008, while data for 2007 were released in May 2009—a six-month turnaround. Four libraries in southeast Kansas were recognized for having strong statistics in the following areas: circulation per capita, library visits per capita, and program attendance per capita.



- \* In the category for libraries with budgets from \$1million to \$4.9 million, **Coffey County Library** earned four stars.
- \* Among libraries with budgets from \$100,000 to \$199,900, **Neodesha's W. A. Rankin Memorial Library** came away with four stars.
- \* In the group with budgets from \$50,000 to \$99,900, **Fredonia Public Library**

achieved four stars and **Erie City Library** was ranked with three stars.

We are very proud of these libraries and the central role they obviously play in the lives of their communities. Kansas was well-represented overall in the rankings, with eighteen starred libraries statewide. Planned as an annual event, the *Library Journal* Index will continue to be published as soon as possible after each year's data become available.

# New Governor's Appointees for SEKLS

Several appointments have been made recently by the governor to the Board of the Southeast Kansas Library System. There is one governor's appointee from each taxing county, who must reside in the area levying the system tax. The appointments are:

- Allen County: **Mandy Specht** (reappointed)
- Anderson County: **Karen Miller** (reappointed)
- Crawford County: **Violet Pazzie** (reappointed)
- Elk County: **Barbara Clubine**
- Greenwood County: **Barbara Robison**



## STORY TIME SPARKS

Cook up some storytime fun! Check out the Cook-a-doodle-doo puppet kit today. It works well with holiday cooking and teamwork. We can work together to make a yummy treat. This kit includes the book, puppet and audio version of the story. Call ILL to check out this great storytime treat.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!!!!



### Looking forward to summer

Mark your calendars for the summer reading workshop. **February 22** in Iola. Details pending and will be announced in a flyer.

**Please contact Sandy Wilkerson** if you are having problems with the summer reading DVDs included in the new manual.

### Did you find the order form?

The glossy order form was tucked inside the summer reading manual. Check the shipping deadlines and turn in your orders in a timely manner for the delivery date you desire. Remember CSLP is offering **FREE SHIPPING** on summer reading items ordered from this order form.

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# Sandy's Corner



T'was the night before Christmas...I bet you can each recite the next few lines of the poem by Clement C. Moore. My most recent hobby is collecting copies of this famous poem and sharing them with my daughter during the Christmas season. This is a new holiday tradition for me. Libraries have many traditions: the annual book sale, visiting storytellers and authors, or weekly storytime. Each one is special and important to the community. What holiday traditions does your library have? Do you have a Santa storytime? Santa could read a story or Santa could visit with the storytimers after the librarian reads the story. What about a holiday crafts day? There are a few Saturdays

in December before the holidays hit and kids and parents love make-it-take-it crafts. Give it a try; your littlest patrons might like it too! Another great activity is decorating the Christmas tree. This activity works great with all ages and is enjoyed by all your patrons. Ornaments can be as simple as colored paper or digital pictures of patrons and their favorite holiday books. The cinnamon applesauce dough used by Chanute Public is wonderful to make ornaments and makes the library smell yummy for the holidays. Consider starting a holiday tradition at your library; you might be surprised at who has more fun...you or your patrons. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

**Applesauce Cinnamon dough recipe** contributed by Arlene Hasty at Chanute Public Library:

Mix 1 cup applesauce with a 4.12-ounce container of ground cinnamon until a stiff dough forms. Pour the mixture onto waxed paper and roll to 1/4" thickness. Cut into shapes or use cookie cutters or you can press their hand print into a circle of the mixture. Using a straw, make a hole for a ribbon. Lay the decorations on a rack. Flip them over twice a day for 10 days so that the edges will not curl. When the decorations are thoroughly dry, thread a ribbon through the hole in each one and knot it.

What holiday traditions does **YOUR** library have?

## Top Five!

- ⇒ Stephenie Meyer: *Twilight* series
- ⇒ Darren Shan: *Cirque du Freak* Series
- ⇒ Rick Riordan: *The Lightning Thief*  
(*Percy Jackson and the Olympians*)
- ⇒ Miley Cyrus: *Miles to Go*
- ⇒ Kevin Emerson: *Carlos is Gonna Get It*

Take note: The middle schoolers are really loving the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series (Jeff Kinney) and Tim Green's *Football Genius* series

submitted by **Loretta Arnold, Yates Center High School**

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## SEKLS CALENDAR

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| December | 7          | SEKLS Executive Board, Iola   |
|          | 9          | Legislative Reception, 6:30 P.M.: Linn District Library #1, LaCygne |
|          | 11         | SEKLS Directors meeting, 10:30: Parsons Public                      |
|          | 15         | MyKLOW Refresher, 1-4, Independence Public                          |
|          | 15         | Legislative Reception, 6:30 P.M.: Independence Public               |
|          | 18         | SEKnFind Users Group, Iola  |
|          | 25         | Christmas Day   |
| January  | 1          | Happy New Year!!  |
|          | 8          | Legislative send-off, 8 A.M., Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce         |
|          | 13         | ILL Workshop 9-12   |
|          | 15         | SEKLS Allocation Worksheet Due                                      |
|          | 15-19      | ALA Midwinter, Boston   |
|          | 18         | Martin Luther King Day  |
|          | 19         | ILL Workshop 1-4  |
| 29       | Kansas Day |   |