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## **SOUTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2010**

This year's competitive grant program, Collection Development Grants, is for the purpose of helping member libraries initiate new collections or upgrade defined areas of their collection.

### *Uses/Eligibility*

The grants may be used for all types of library materials. Applicants may choose:

- ◇ A particular subject area for the Collection Development Grant, or
- ◇ A particular non-book format such as DVDs, CD-ROMs, audio books, etc.

All SEKLS members are eligible to apply. Only one grant application per school district will be accepted, but materials may be purchased for more than one library within a district. For example, a grant application could request funds for books on drug abuse at elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

Applications for the collection development grants will be sent to all libraries in August. We will hold a grant-writing workshop before then to help libraries improve their chances of being awarded one of these grants. Now is the time to start thinking about how your library could benefit from a collection development grant. Please call or email the SEKLS system office with any questions.

For those who plan ahead, next year's grant is, tentatively, a technology grant.



## Director's Corner



One might think that all the upheaval of a building renovation means it might be a good time to let other things ride for a while. It so happens, however, that the launch of a major new continuing education initiative will coincide with the building project. (We just don't want to get bored, apparently!). The new initiative is APPLIED Public Library Education (APPLE), which launches in May.

Plans continue to develop for APPLE. The Executive Board has given official approval to the structure for APPLE as outlined in the last newsletter. There will be a two-day overnight institute known as the APPLE Core, and participants will attend for two consecutive years. Each year's Core includes required follow-up meetings, and the second year requires a project on a practical topic.

Year A (this year and then repeated every second year) will focus on management basics and will include data collection and planning, budgeting, policies, working with trustees, and laws/legal issues. Year B

(2011 and every second year thereafter) will focus on library skills, including Library 101 (or library basics), collection management, youth services, customer service, and community leadership/advocacy.

In addition, there are 60 contact hours of general education coursework based on the Core Competencies for Public Library Directors. These hours must be completed within four years of beginning the APPLE Core, and may also include hours taken during the two years prior to that.

The first year's Core will be held at Cedar Crest Lodge near Pleasanton on May 19-20. Sandra Nelson from Tennessee, well known as a presenter and consultant for public libraries, will be the lead presenter for the first day of the Core. Kim Rutter and I heard her

speak at the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Gatlinburg last fall, and she is terrific.

APPLE is an attempt, in part, to fill the hole left by discontinuing KPLACE. It will allow us to restore library director education as a criterion for determining the amount of a library's allocation.

Enrollment will be limited to twelve people, and we will soon begin filling the inaugural year's class. Priority is given to public library directors without the MLS who have not attended KPLACE. Others will be accommodated in the future as space allows.

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Cedar Crest Lodge, near Pleasanton, is the site for APPLE training, May 19-20, 2010.

## Upcoming Continuing Education Offerings from SEKLS

### FEBRUARY

Friday, February 19—Lunch Bunch Book Discussion: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Roger Carswell, presenter, noon-1 p.m. Iola, Flewharty House

Monday, February 22—Summer Reading Workshop, Patti Sinclair & Vicky Town, presenters, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Iola, North Community Building

Tuesday, February 23—Google-Fu: learn to use all the amazing computer applications available from Google. John Long, presenter, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Independence Public Library

### MARCH

Tuesday, March 2—Google-Fu: learn to use all the amazing computer applications available from Google. John Long, presenter, 10 a.m.– noon Eureka Public Library

Wednesday, March 3—Ideas for Friends: inspire your friends groups (invite them to come to this workshop!) Andrea Sobba & Connie Mitchell, presenters.  
9:30-11-30 a. m., W. A. Rankin Memorial Library, Neodesha  
**OR** 2-4 p. m., Savonburg Public Library

Tuesday, March 23—Summer Reading Crafts Workshop, Sandy Wilkerson, coordinator, 9:30 a. m. – noon  
Iola, North Community Building

### APRIL

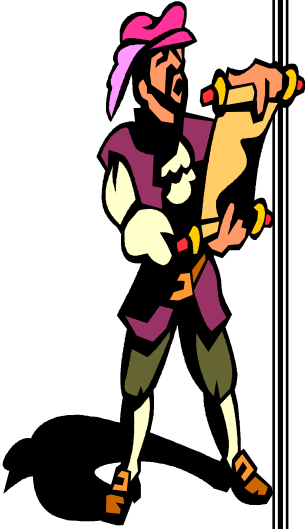
Thursday, April 19—Collection Development Workshop II: a follow-up to our successful fall workshop, this edition will feature experts from across the state, talking about Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and YA literature. 9 a. m.-3 p. m.  
Independence Public Library

### MAY

Wednesday, May 5—Basic Book Repair, Sandy Wilkerson & Kim Rutter, presenters,  
9:30-noon, Parsons Public Library

Thursday, May 6—Basic Book Repair, Sandy Wilkerson & Kim Rutter, presenters,  
1-3:30 p. m., Garnett Public Library

Wednesday—Thursday, May 19-20—APPLE Training, Sandra Nelson and other presenters  
Cedar Crest Lodge, Pleasanton



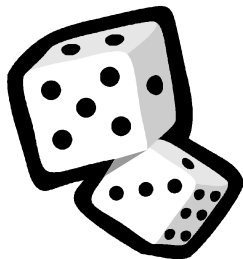
# Beckye's View



## Santa Claus came to the SEKLS Special Needs department

I must have been good this year because Santa left some special braille games under my tree. And he must have known we only had one game that the blind and sighted could play together and that was Bingo.

Here is what I found under the tree: a pair of tactile dice with raised, black dots that will be perfect to



play Yahtzee, Farkle or any number of games. For playing Crazy Eights or Hearts, there are regular, print playing cards with braille added, stored in a snap-shut plastic box. I even got a braille version of Uno cards! Of course they are also printed so everyone can

play. Santa must have known that I love to play Chicken Feet because he gave me double-nine dominos too. All the dominoes are jumbo with raised dots and come in a hard plastic case. He even included a puzzle! It is a pyramid that sits on a base and you 'build' the wooden pyramid.

But he knew that I like to play board games too. He gave me a full-sized, 9x13-inch, completely tactile chess set. Let me tell you more about this set: the black squares are raised up from the white squares so you can tell them apart, and each square has a hole for the chess pieces to snap into so they won't get knocked over. Since all the pieces are shaped differently, they are easy to tell apart. The white pieces have a large raised dot on top to distinguish them from the black pieces. The checkers set is just like the chess set in

every way, making it easy for a person with low vision to play.

So all in all, I had a wonderful Christmas. I have to go now; it's my move.



Call me if you would like to know more about these games.

### Fun Fact:

During our first five months of using the Kansas Library Express courier service, the average library shipped materials at a cost of 83 cents per item and increased use by 30% over expectations. Wow! We love our courier!

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## AROUND THE SYSTEM

- ◆ During their holiday amnesty campaign, **Coffey County Library** delivered over 2,000 food items to local food banks. Eighty-six patrons cleared their accounts through food donations, 42 patrons returned books that had been on the lost list, and 2 patrons brought in food to clear their



“[www.fantasticfiction.com](http://www.fantasticfiction.com) is a great website to use for verifying titles in series”

accounts for books that were lost over 6 years ago! One hundred, fourteen patrons brought in food even though they didn't owe money - they just wanted one of the cool library recycle bags being given away. All in all, it was successful! The food banks are happy, the patrons are happy,

county commissioners are happy and the library received some priceless PR!

- ◆ At the recent **SEKLS Interlibrary Loan Tips and Tricks Workshops** at **Garnett Public Library** and at **Girard Public Library**, these helpful websites were shared by participants: [www.fantasticfiction.com](http://www.fantasticfiction.com) is a great website to use for verifying titles in series, even for titles not yet published. And remember that *Chilton's Auto Repair Manuals* are available free on the statewide databases: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/>. These resources are often requested on ILL, but many times libraries will not loan them. Some auto repair people may only want the paper copies, but

many are computer users who aren't aware that they can access *Chilton's* online at no charge. If their computer won't let them access the databases directly, they will only need a Kansas Library Card to get the information they need to fix that car!



When you read a classic, you do not see in the book more than you did before. You see more in you than there was before.

Clifton Fadiman



# Sandy's Corner



Patti Sinclair is coming back! What an opportunity for SEKLS librarians! February 22 at the North Community Building in Iola is the big day. I know it is earlier than usual, I know it is a Monday, and I know it is still a long way from summer reading. But did you know that Patti is the editor of the *Make a Splash-Read* summer reading manual? Did you know that this workshop will jumpstart your planning for summer and did you know that networking with other SEK librarians is just the best kind of fun? Vicky Town will be our afternoon presenter. She wowed us at the October workshop and will be giving us more great

ideas for working with school-age kids this summer. The summer materials have arrived and will be ready for you to pick up at the workshop. Funding for these materials is provided by the State Library of Kansas

through a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. I hope you will make plans to come; a workshop flyer will be emailed to libraries and registration information can be found on the SEKLS website.

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## Top Five

Current favorites at Pittsburg High School submitted by Cheryl Larson and Linda Garrison:

- 1) Any book by Ellen Hopkins
- 2) *The Hunger Games* and its sequel, *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
- 3) House of Night series by P.C. and Kristin Cast
- 4) Evernight series by Claudia Gray
- 5) The Demonata series by Darren Shan

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## **SEKLS CALENDAR\***

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| February | 15   | Presidents' Day—SYSTEM CLOSED                                 |
|          | 19   | State Aid forms due—No extensions allowed                     |
|          | 19   | Lunch Bunch Book Discussion, Iola Flewharty House             |
|          | 22   | Summer Reading Workshop, Iola North Community Building        |
|          | 23   | Google-Fu Workshop, Independence Public                       |
| March    | 2  | Google-Fu Workshop, Eureka Public                             |
|          | 3  | Ideas for Friends Workshops, Neodesha and Savonburg           |
|          | 5  | SEKLS Directors Meeting, Iola Flewharty House                 |
|          | 14   | Daylight Savings Time begins                                  |
|          | 19   | SEKnFind Users Group, Erie Public, 9 a. m.                    |
|          | 23   | Summer Reading Crafts Workshop, Iola North Community Building |
|          | 23-27  | PLA Portland, Oregon  |
| 29       | SEKLS Executive Board, Iola Flewharty House, 9 a. m. |   |

\*Additional information about workshops may be found on the continuing education calendar, page 3 of this newsletter.