

September 12, 2014

State Library of Kansas Board Meeting

State Capitol Room 281-N

9:30 a.m.

1. Call To Order
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 - 5.I. SLK Board 6-13-14 Minutes (Unapproved)

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12. Adjournment

State Library of Kansas Board - Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
Kansas State Capitol – SLK Conference Room
June 13 , 2014 – 9:30 A.M.

Board Members Present: Nancy Keith, Lenora Kinzie, Jean Schlegel, Jennifer Scroeder, Diane Hornbostel, Jo Budler, Martha House, Jerry Huff, Jackie Lakin, Jim Minges, Lori Goetsch

Board Members Absent: Max Burson, Dave DePue, Cathy Nugent

RLS Directors Present: George Seamon, Harry Willems, Emily Sitz, Roger Carswell
(via ELMer) Linda Knupp, Paul Hawkins

SLK Staff Present: Cindy Roupe, Candace LeDuc, Barb Turner

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM, by acting chair, Nancy Keith.

Agenda Approval Jo suggested moving the Regional Library Systems Plan/Budget reviews to item #6 on the agenda, to just prior to the Board reports. A motion was made by Lori, with a second from Lenora to modify the agenda and move the reviews to earlier in the meeting. A vote by show of hands approved the motion.

Introduction of Board Members and Guests

Opportunity for Public Comment There were no public comments.

Approval of April 18, 2014 SLK Board Minutes

Regarding the Statewide Courier section of the minutes, Jim asked for clarification as to the state that contacted Lori regarding courier service. Lori confirmed that she had been contacted by Colorado, as indicated in the previous minutes. Jim suggested that in the last paragraph regarding whether the number of ILL items had decreased with the popularity of eBooks, the word “but” be used instead of “so” following the comma.

Jo noted that in her report about the Mi-Fi project, there were actually 10 routers provided by Mobile Beacon, and not 11 as indicated in the Minutes.

Diane made a motion to approve the minutes as amended with a second from Jean. By show of hands, the Board approved the minutes.

FY2015 Regional Library Systems (RLS) Plans and Budget Reports

Presentations were made by each of the RLS Directors, highlighting specifics of their plans and budgets.

- CKLS Plan and Budget by Director, Harry Willems
Comments: In response to the CKLS initiative to hire a full time school consultant to assist the staff of schools with no librarian, Jackie noted that the KSDE has identified the importance of school librarians and believes they will be working to enforce this standard.

- NCKLS Plan and Budget presentation by Director, Linda Knupp
Comments: None

- NEKLS Plan and Budget presentation by Director, Jim Minges
Jim noted that this plan includes some goals the system hopes to accomplish prior to his retirement, but they also intentionally did not include some that should be left to the discretion of the new director. The director search continues with a current pool of 24 applicants. They hope to have named the new director prior to the next SLK Board meeting.
Plan/Budget review.
Comments: None

- NWKLS Plan and Budget Presentation by Director, George Seamon.
Comments: None

- SCKLS Plan and Budget presentation by Director, Paul Hawkins
Comments: None

- SEKLS Plan and Budget presentation by Director, Roger Carswell
Comments: In response to Roger's mention of the SEKLS makeover project, Jo related how much she enjoyed being a part of the team that reviewed the projects. Lenora asked whether the system had been documenting the makeover projects with photographs/videos – noting these are the types of programs that should be showcased.

- SWKLS Plan and Budget presentation by Director, Emily Sitz
Comments: None

Nancy thanked all of the directors for their presentations, and asked the Board for a motion to approve the plans and budgets as presented. Jim noted he would be abstaining from this process. Lori made a motion to approve the regional library systems' plans and budgets as presented. Jennifer seconded the motion. By show of hands, the RLS FY2015 Plans and Budgets were approved by the State Library of Kansas Board.

Lori commended the RLS directors for the work they do. Jo responded that although each system is unique, they all work very well together. She acknowledged their collaboration as evidenced in the monthly meetings. Jo also stated that of all the states in which she has worked, the regional library systems in Kansas are by far the best. A short discussion was held on collaborating, mentoring and resource sharing among the systems.

10:50-11: 00 Break

Board Reports:

Jackie reported on the recent resignation of Education Commissioner Diane DeBacker, noting that Brad Neuenswander is the acting Commissioner. A permanent replacement is expected to be named in November

Jackie noted that this is a transitional year with state assessment scores not being provided to districts or parents due to new privacy laws.

Jennifer reported on having attended the MPLA Leadership Institute in April, noting it was a great experience.

Statewide Courier – Jim Minges

Jim reviewed the Courier Report that was provided to members prior to the meeting. He asked the opinion of the Board, whether the report itself is useful, and in its current format? Jim gave a brief history on the courier service, noting the RFP was based on 350 participating libraries. There were originally 241 libraries and that number has increased to approximately 325. He noted it is not a universal service but there are a large number of participating libraries. Financially, Jim noted the service is sound and should be for next few years. Beyond that, there may be a need to increase the fees. Jo commented that with the importance of resource sharing, the reports are very helpful and believes the information provided in its current format is acceptable.

KAN-ED Report – Jerry Huff

Jerry noted that Kan-Ed is starting to evaluate alternatives to Lifesize and Polycom (video conferencing equipment). They are looking for products that are less expensive and provide pc connectivity, and hope to be testing some of those products in the near future. Harry asked if a different product would make Lifesize obsolete, and Jerry indicated it will not. Any new system selected will be compatible.

Martha asked Jerry why a KanEd link started showing up on her school's website. Jerry provided some background information as to why this is occurring, and Martha indicated she will follow up with her IT department.

AG's Opinion Request

Jim provided some background on a recent request sent to the Attorney General regarding HB2047. This bill provides that "local governments" levy funding to libraries and that if there is a tax increase greater than the CPI, that they pass a motion and publish a notice of the increase. In a previous request regarding KSA 12-1220, the AG opined that the local library board was indeed a "local government" entity. We believe under the new bill it would indicate the municipality would be responsible for making a decision and publishing; however, the request is for clarification.

State Library Report – Jo Budler

The State Library is utilizing LSTA funds to award a number of grants to the library community. The primary goal is to get monies to smaller libraries for programming. Current grant programs:

- Gaming grant. This program was developed following visits to local libraries, and librarians reporting they have a hard time getting teens into the library. The grant is for up to \$450.00, and to date, 84 libraries have submitted applications. Although the grants were aimed at libraries serving a population of fewer than 10,000, the State Library is accepting applications from larger libraries as well.

- Scholastic Grant. This program is to supply books for giveaway during the summer reading program. For spending \$150.00 through Scholastic, the State Library will match \$120. 112 libraries have submitted applications.
- Mutt-i-grees. This program teaches responsibility. The State Library is working on collection development grants for participating libraries.
- Mi-Fi. Candace demonstrated the mi-fi device that was provided by Mobile Beacon and will be used in a pilot project with the Salina and Newton public libraries. Patrons will be able to check out the device. There will also be iPad minis available for use in the libraries and for check out.
- KEYS for networking training. The State Library is currently working with eight participating libraries. This program is aimed at parents with children with behavioral issues. Candace showed the signs that will be displayed in the libraries.
- Guys Read. The State Library is working on development of this program in Kansas libraries. Its goal is to connect boys with mentors who read.

Broadband Initiative. The State Library staff will be contacting the regional systems soon regarding testing of broadband in some of the more rural communities. SLK staff has met with some rural telephone companies and the potential is really good.

AWE learning stations. Jo provided some basic information about children being able to sign into their individual plans through these learning stations in public libraries. She will contact Jackie and Martha and include them on the next teleconference with AWE.

Statewide resource sharing RFP. A recent decision was made from the two vendors who responded to the RFP; however, until we receive the notification from Purchasing, we cannot release to whom the RFP was awarded. We hope to hear within a few days and an announcement will be made.

New State Library website. Jo asked for opinions/input on the new website. Everyone was in agreement that it is a much improved website and appreciated the easy access to SLK Board documents.

Jo noted she will be traveling next week to Washington D.C. for a Library Statistics meeting. She will also be out of state the end of the month for ALA.

BOARD RECOGNITION:

Nancy recognized Lori Goetsch and Jim Minges for their service on the SLK Board and presented each with a certificate of appreciation from the State Library. Their terms will expire 6-30-14.

With no further business, a motion was made by Lori to adjourn the meeting, a second was made by Jim, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

The next meeting of the State Library of Kansas Board is Friday September 12, 2014, in Room 281-N of the State Capitol.

On behalf of the NEKLS Executive Board, I am pleased to request approval of the State Library Board of the NEKLS Executive Board's appointment of Kimberly Beets as the new Director of the Northeast Kansas Library System. I have worked closely with Kim during the past 15 years and recommend approval of that appointment. Kim brings a strong record of local library and regional system experience. A brief bio follows and a full resume has also been provided to the State Library Board.

Bio of Kimberly Beets, appointed NEKLS Director effective November 17, 2014

Beets, Kim. Kim is currently the Library Director, Bonner Springs City Library, Bonner Springs, KS. She works closely with the Library's governing Board, the Wyandotte County Library Board, Bonner Springs City Council, the Northeast KS Library System, and the Kansas State Library. Kim passed a successful bond issue in 2006 funding a new \$3.5 million dollar library building. Prior to coming to Bonner Springs in 1998, Kim served as Adult Services Librarian/Branch Associate, Main Branch, Kansas City, KS Public Library. Kim has 22 years of library experience; 15 years as library director. Kim also served on the NEKLS Executive Board, 2006-2013. Kim served as Treasurer, Vice-President, and President (2012-2013). She has NEKLS experience both as a Board member and as a member library. Kim is active in the profession and in her local community.

Respectfull Submitted,

Jim Minges

Jim Minges, NEKLS Director

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Employment History

11/98 to Present

Library Director
Bonner Springs City Library
201 N. Nettleton Ave
Bonner Springs, KS 66012
(913) 441-2665

- Responsible for the day-to-day operation and the management of the Bonner Springs City Library.
- Forms and nurtures effective and close working relationships with the Bonner Springs Library Board, Wyandotte County Library Board, Bonner Springs City Council, NEKLS and the State Library.
- Develops and implements policies and procedures in conjunction with the Library Board.
- Responsible for seeking and implementing innovative solutions to challenges through new technologies, community partnerships and empowering of library staff to try new approaches.
- Provides leadership and direction in the development of short and long term planning.
- Worked to pass a bond issue in September of 2006 for a new \$3.5 million library building.
- Led the planning, design and building of a new library in conjunction with architects, Library Board, city officials and Library Staff.
- Manages the entire budget including preparing annual budget requests, monitoring revenues and expenditures and assuring effective use of budgeted funds.
- Serves as the facilities manager of the library acquiring knowledge on a variety of topics including landscaping, roofing, HVAC systems and many more that they did not cover in library school!
- Selects, trains, manages, and evaluates all library staff and volunteers.
- Oversees the procurement, implementation and management of library technology.
- Manages all aspects of collection development including selection, acquisitions, cataloging, processing and weeding.
- Provides professional advice on library issues and makes presentations to boards, commissions, civic groups and the general public.

1/96 to 11/98

Adult Services Librarian/Branch Associate
Main Branch
Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
625 Minnesota Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-3280

- Worked on a busy reference desk for about 20 hours a week, performed complex searches using both print and electronic resources.

- Planned and implemented all adult programming and publicity for the Main Library.
- Administered the supplies, equipment and programming budgets.
- Responsible for collection development in the following areas: law, political science, serials, travel and large print.
- Served on various branch and system-wide committees.
- Worked in the circulation and children's departments when needed.

8/92-8/95 *Library Assistant*
 Emporia Public Library
 110 E. 6th Street
 Emporia, KS 66801
 (620) 340-6462

- Worked in the circulation, adult services/reference and children's departments on busy service desks.
- Performed a variety of clerical tasks to support each department including helping with overdues and conducting storytimes.

4/91-8/92 *Library Assistant*
 Hutchinson Public Library
 901 N. Main Street
 Hutchinson, KS 67501
 (620) 663-5441

- Worked a busy circulation desk and shelved library materials
- Discovered my LOVE for working in libraries!

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- 22 years of experience working in libraries.
- 15 years of experience as a library director.
- Experience working successfully with library boards, local/county/state governments and elected officials.
- Ability and passion for mentoring both library staff and fellow library directors.
- Effective public speaker and writer.
- Broad knowledge of public library principles and practices.
- Professional attitude and conduct.
- Experience with a successful bond issue campaign and building program.
- Knowledge and experience with NEKLS from the viewpoints of both a library director and board member.
- Ability to plan, orchestrate and implement projects and services.
- Belief in the importance of legislative advocacy and having a strong statewide library community.
- Effective use of technology and their implementation to enhance library service including extensive experience working with the NExpress Consortium using the Koha platform.
- Interest and dedication to learning the latest trends and practices in libraries.
- Dedication, enthusiasm and energy for the profession that I love!

Education

1998 to 2001	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI Masters' in Library & Information Science	Columbia, MO
1992 to 1995	EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Minor in English and Public Affairs	Emporia, KS
1991 to 1992	HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Hutchinson, KS
1988 to 1991	BUHLER HIGH SCHOOL High School Diploma	Buhler, KS

Professional Memberships, Honors and Activities

- Served on the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) Executive Board from 2006-2013 as Treasurer, Vice President and then the President during the 2012-2013 term.
- Elected in 2005-2006 as President of the Public Library Section of the Kansas Library Association.
- Involved in the planning and implementing of the 2005 & 2007 Public Library Section Retreats.
- Selected by the State Library in 2013 to attend a national conference in Washington D.C. called Project Compass that focused on libraries and their role in providing workforce recovery skills and programs.
- Graduate of Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute in Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, November of 2003.
- Selected by Library Journal as a "Mover and Shaker" during the year 2004.
- Named the "Community Woman of the Year" by the Bonner Springs chapter of the Business and Professional Women.
- Member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association, Mountain Plains Library Association and the Kansas Library Association.
- Presented on various topics at both local and state conferences.

Community Involvement

- Graduate of Leadership 2000 program, Class XV—a nationally recognized yearlong leadership training program in Wyandotte County.
- President of the Bonner Springs/Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce for the year 2005.
- Co-chair of the 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005 Bonner Springs Tiblow Days Celebration—an annual celebration of the founding of Bonner Springs.
- Chair of the Bonner Springs City Library biannual fundraising effort, Jazz on the Lake, an evening of music, dinner and dancing that raises money for special collections and programs in the library.
- Member of the New Century Club—an organization for women that promotes the arts and humanities in the Bonner Springs, Edwardsville and Basehor areas.
- Active member of several organizations & committees that support my local schools and church.

- Became a founding member in 2014 of a grassroots community group called, Encouraging Connections, which seeks to fulfill needs in our local community focusing on the areas of education, job skills, nutrition and resources.

References

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Kansas Library Express

Interlibrary Courier Service

c/o Northeast Kansas Library System, 4317 West 6th Street, Lawrence, KS 66049

<http://kslibexpress.mykansalibrary.org/>

Courier Service Report September 2014

- New libraries beginning service since April 1, 2014
 - Jamestown City Library
 - Otis Community Library c/o Barnard Library, La Crosse
 - Gypsum Public Library c/o Salina Public Library
 - Linn County Library Dist. #3, Blue Mound (starting September 17)

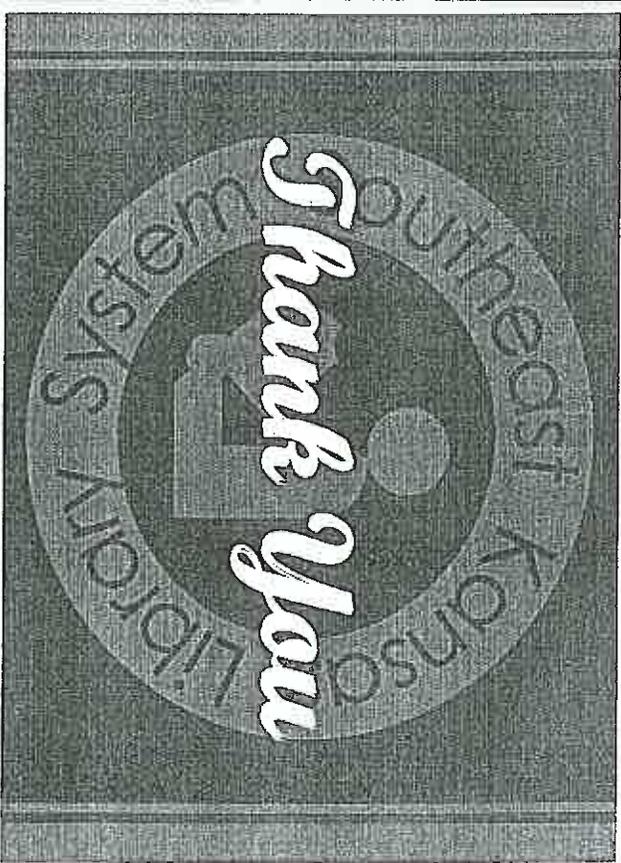
- As of September, 2014 participation has grown to a total of 328 libraries, an increase of 113 libraries since the beginning of the service in 2009.
 1. Direct service is provided to 294 locations.
 2. Blue Sky Express shipments to Colorado and to the University of Wyoming continue.
 3. Connections with Trans-Amigos Express began in February. This expands service to Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico.
 4. The courier service has been shipping the First Annual Talking Books Traveling Art Show, featuring artwork created by Kansans with visual and/or physical impairments.
 5. We have begun the long awaited discussions with the Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA) in Missouri to explore connecting the two courier networks. There are several barriers that need to be overcome.
 - a. During the first meeting with MALA it appeared that they had a specific proposal, but that proved not to be the case. This will obviously be an extended process.
 - b. The most significant challenge is how to treat the ten Kansas libraries that are currently receiving service from (and paying fees to) both MALA and KLE, and the ten Kansas libraries that are only participating in MALA. In general the discussion revolved around the concept of KLE assuming delivery responsibility for all deliveries to Kansas libraries, with some modification of fees.
 - c. There was also mention in the longer term of combining the MALA and KLE vendor contracts into a single RFP and contract. It is fair to say that the Kansas participants were not enthusiastic about this idea.
 - d. The Kansas Courier Policy Committee had a follow-up online meeting to discuss this project, but I do not believe we reached any consensus.

- **Kansas Library Express August, 2013 – July, 2014 shipping totals:**

Kansas Library Express	877,565
Blue Sky and Trans-Amigos Express	6,665
TOTAL	884,230

This total is a monthly average of more than 73,685 items.

Based on the current budget the service operates at a cost of (79) cents per item shipped. (Budget \$704,940)



Thank you for visiting SEKLS
libraries earlier this week. The
libraries appreciated it and enjoyed
the attention. Kim and I had a
good time creating you around.

Roger



Library Director Max Burson and the staff of the Friends University Edmund Stanley Library hosted a lunch for State Librarian of Kansas Joanne Budler and members of the South Central Kansas Library Association, Paul Hawkins and Jill Stern. This luncheon was a part of the State Librarian's Fall tour of Kansas. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Heidi Hoskinson was on hand to provide the welcome address and to thank the State Librarian and our Friends University library staff for the work they do as part of the revolutionary act of teaching and learning, that "transformational experience" that occurs as part of a college education and for which "libraries are a critical part of the educational mission." Thank you, Heidi, for your welcoming address and thank you Max and staff for shining a spotlight on Friends University and the student-friendly services provided by the Edmund Stanley Library.

From: Janet Reynolds [lacygtch@peoplestelecom.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 10:09 PM

To: Budler, Jo [KSLIB]

Subject: La Cygne Library

Jo,

Thank you so much for visiting La Cygne's library today. I've worked there since I was a junior in high school, on my 35th year there this year and it's the first time a State Librarian has visited us, though we've invited them to plenty of events. You made my day (week, maybe month) because you took the time to visit us. I'm pretty proud of our library (I call it my baby...since I have no kids or grandkids...the library is all that to me) and yes I'm doing story hour for kids of my first kids and some of my kids have grandkids already! I love libraries and love reading and I just love libraries, and am so blessed to be able to have worked in one all these years!

Thanks again and I hope it's not another 35+ years before a state librarian comes to visit again.

Sincerely,
Janet Reynolds
La Cygne Library

July
2014

Dear Tom,

This is a note
of gratitude to thank
you for your royal
role in the Kansas
Library IT systems.

It is my view, this
is a cornerstone of
abundance and economic
prosperity for Kansas.
May the Good Lord
keep you in His
loving care and protection.
May your Deputy, least
M. L. So.

From: Lue Ann Snider [<mailto:lasnider@ksde.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 3:09 PM
To: Kelly Slaton
Cc: Roupe, Cindy [KSLIB]
Subject: RE: Kansas State Library

Thank you so MUCh. I will share your message with Cindy as well. Glad you could make the presentation. Lue Ann

From: Kelly Slaton
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Lue Ann Snider
Subject: Kansas State Library

Hi Lue Ann! I just wanted to thank you again for bringing Cindy Roupe in to go over the services offered by the KSL. I have been using those resources here lately – SO glad to have them! The journal finder is wonderful, and the reference librarians are so very helpful over the phone. I am very excited about this resource. I also already shared it with the supt of the district where I worked before coming here.



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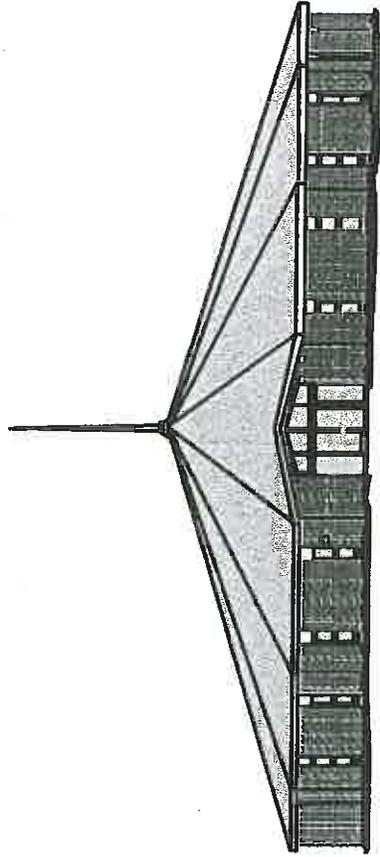
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Spiritual Life Center



Ellsworth Correctional Facility



Dear Go,

We have added our copy of
"Is Everyone Ready for 7 in the
SAC Library at Ellsworth
Correctional Facility for use
in our Papa Feller program.
Thank you!

Chaplain Dan Ballier



Thank you for being a part of Summer Reading !!

Thanks to your generous donation, we were able to host 21 Programs with the total attendance being 1,445!

530 kids signed up for the Summer Reading!

It was a wonderful Summer! I appreciate you & your help in making it so!

Thanks
[Handwritten signature]

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By Ashley Bergner Newton Kansan

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September 10, 2014 2:00AM

Online anywhere

Community members are used to borrowing books, DVDs and magazines from the library. However, they now can actually "borrow" the Internet.

Newton Public Library is participating in a state library pilot project that enables patrons to borrow a portable WiFi hotspot device.

"You can take it with you and use it," said Newton Public Library director Marianne Eichelberger.

The project started after Kansas state librarian Jo Budler had a discussion with a New York public library director about the lack of broadband access for the public. Salina also is serving as a test site for the project in Kansas.

Nathan Carr, the library's information technology supervisor, said the "mobile hotspot" sends out a WiFi signal that allows users to connect their devices to the Internet wirelessly. The mobile hotspot screen displays the signal strength and password needed to hook up laptops, tablets, etc. Multiple devices can use the hotspot.

The library has nine hotspot devices patrons can check out for a week at a time. The library is investigating the possibility of lending some devices to local agencies so they can share them with clients. Patrons also can check out iPad minis from the library and use them to surf the Internet, read eBooks and connect to state library resources.

Eichelberger and Carr said it can be difficult to operate in modern society without access to the Internet or email. They see the pilot program as a creative way to address that need. While the library already offers free WiFi use inside the building, the new devices extend that free access outside regular library hours. Patrons also may want to check out the devices for a road trip.

Patrons must be 18 years or older to check out the hotspot devices or the iPad minis.

The pilot project runs through the end of December. If it goes well, the state may look at continuing it, or the library may explore other options to continue the program. Patrons who check out the mobile hotspot are asked to fill out a brief survey.

Eichelberger and Carr also encouraged patrons to borrow an energy use monitor donated by Westar. Patrons plug one end of the device into an outlet and the other end into the device they want to study. The device will display how much running the device costs and how much energy it uses.

Ask about borrowing these items at the circulation desk.



Nathan Carr, the library's information technology supervisor, is helping with a state library pilot project that enables patrons to borrow a portable WiFi hotspot device. Photos by Ashley Bergner/Newton Kansan

<http://www.thekansan.com/article/20140910/NEWS/140919984>

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IFLA TREND REPORT

4. Hyper-Connected Societies will Listen to and Empower New Voices and Groups

Who will be most empowered by greater transparency and citizen access to public sector data – politicians, citizens or corporations?



Mobile technologies are connecting people, with resulting impacts on communication, online participation and social engagement.

In hyper-connected societies more opportunities for collective action are being realised – enabling the rise of new voices and promoting the growth of single-issue movements at the expense of traditional political parties. Open government initiatives and access to public sector data are leading to more transparency and citizen-focused public services.

The convergence of mobile technology, online access and global media has empowered new Internet movements, reflected in successful campaigns against the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) in the US, and the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in the EU as well as the rise of the Arab Spring. At the same time, government surveillance and censorship of online communications is becoming more and more frequent, encompassing the communications of fringe movements, grass roots activists and revolutions as well as those planning criminal activities. Libraries have long been vocal opponents of censorship in print - has library opposition to online censorship been adequate? This question and more are asked in the Trend Report Insights Document, [*Riding the Waves or Caught in the Tide: Insights from the IFLA Trend Report.*](#)