

Jay Johnson is Featured Library on WebJunction

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Quinter, Kansas is, from the world's point of view, a tiny town on the high plains, halfway between Kansas City and Denver. But the new public library in Quinter has won widespread respect. It is a very beautiful little library, decorated in rich earth tones and wine. It doubled the available space, adding a Young Adult Room, a greatly expanded Children's Department and a new office for Library Director Sharon DuBois. It was very creatively funded, with in-kind contributions that Sharon calls "a miracle." And the library was built to be as ecologically friendly as possible, with solar panels, excellent insulation and an innovative heating/cooling system.



Jay Johnson Public Library shows off its new look - Quinter, KS. (Photo courtesy Jay Johnson Public Library)

Everyone who has actually seen the little high plains library has echoed the opinion of the Gove County teenager who said, "Wow!" So it wasn't surprising that a Kansan "turned them in" to WebJunction. The WebJunction staff wasn't able to do a physical visit, but they did an extensive phone interview, borrowed a number of online pictures and ran an article that can be found at <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=12759>.

For the residents of Quinter, the WebJunction coverage was just one more celebration of their miracle library. It would take a lot to really surprise Sharon and her staff after their full-of-surprises building program.