Director of Topeka Library is Featured in *Library Journal*

by Shannon Roy, Editor

Gina Millsap, director of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL), has been featured as one of the "movers and shakers" in the March 15th issue of *Library Journal*. Gina has been the director of the library since 2005.

The article highlighted Gina's willingness to consult with her staff, listen to their front line experiences and consider their input on how the library could be improved. As Gina commented in the article, "People were absolutely bursting to talk."

The article also commented on Gina's efforts to bring the library to the table when Topeka's future is being discussed. She has strengthened the library's ties with many community groups. She and her staff have worked steadily to show different parts of the city and county what the library can do for them.

The article also included a characteristic comment from State Librarian and TSCPL patron Christie Brandau: "She has shown her users an exciting, technologically savvy and user-centric library." The new Digital Branch and Services Department finds many ways to reach out to the community through online information.

Any Topekan who is in the library often can confirm that the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library is also a modern "Experience Library." You can talk to a greeter, visit an art gallery, buy books and gifts at the Chandler Booktique, eat the best soup in town, search the Internet, get help with homework, attend a program or have enough books and videos sent to your home to make sure that your mailbox will offer something more interesting than bills.