

# *Kansas Library Express*

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## Interlibrary Courier Service

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

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

### **Courier Service Report June, 2020**

- Participation is at 352 libraries. This is an increase of 134 libraries since the beginning of the service in 2009. Members include public libraries, public schools, junior colleges, private colleges, public universities and special libraries.
1. Direct service is provided to 310 locations and indirect service to 42 libraries that receive service through delivery to another library.
  2. Rose Hill Public Library out of SCKLS joined the courier June 8th. They will have 3 day/week direct service.
  3. KLE Courier service was suspended due to COVID-19 effective March 19<sup>th</sup>. Courier service resumed in phases on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Phase 1 (May 18-22) included delivery of items in the Henry Industries warehouse only. Phase 2 (May 26 – June 5) included delivery and pick up services. During this phase participating libraries were able to send out on the courier items that were backlogged since the shutdown in March. Phase 3, as of June 8<sup>th</sup>, libraries can process and send out new ILL items on the courier.
  4. Of the KLE Courier libraries, there are approximately 22 that have NOT resumed courier services.
  5. KLE Courier is NOT connecting with out-of-state partners; Blue Sky in Colorado or Trans-Amigos Express. Trans-Amigos Express has not resumed services as of yet. The number of Colorado libraries that are ready to resume courier service with Blue Sky is spotty.
  6. KLE management and Henry Industries have been working closely to establish service that honors the health and safety of libraries and drivers. This includes; non-contact courier exchanges, adherence to social distancing guidelines, recommending the use of face masks when possible, libraries quarantining courier shipments for 72 hours prior to processing.

- **Kansas Library Express May 2019 – April 2020 shipping totals:**

Kansas Library Express	835,587
Blue Sky	7,313
Trans-Amigos Express	8,122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>851,022</b>

This total is a monthly average of 70,918.50 items. For 2019 the service operated at an average cost of \$.67 cents per item shipped. Actual expense for Kansas Library Express in 2019 was \$675,349.49. The ILDP Grant from the State Library of Kansas represented 25% of income for 2019.

\*In May 2020, the KLE Courier received a one-time supplemental relief payment from the State Library of Kansas in the amount of \$200,000.00 This is in addition to the annual ILDP Grant.