

Kansas Library Express

Interlibrary Courier Service

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

Courier Service Report March, 2022

- Participation is at 355 libraries. This is an increase of 137 libraries since the beginning of the service in 2009. Members include public libraries, public schools, junior colleges, private colleges, public universities and special libraries. Direct service is provided to 315 locations and indirect service to 40 libraries that receive service through delivery to another library.
- 1. The courier system and Henry Industries have been affected by the labor shortages seen nationwide. Other courier systems in the Midwest, Northeast and Southwest are reporting the same trend.
- 2. Shipping volume continues to increase.
- 3. The Courier Policy Committee met in January and February of 2022 to discuss budget and vendor contract for courier services. KLE is in the last year of the current contract with Henry Industries. The KLE Policy Committee renegotiated a 3-year contract for services with Henry Industries.
- **Kansas Library Express March 2021 – February 2022 shipping totals:**

Kansas Library Express	832,613
Blue Sky	5,170
Trans-Amigos Express	4,811
TOTAL	842,594

This total is a monthly average of 70,216 items. For 2021 the service operated at an average cost of \$.89 per item shipped. Actual expense for Kansas Library Express in 2021 was \$743,328. The ILDP Grant from the State Library of Kansas represented 41% of income for 2021. This grant is typically 20-25% of the annual income. The reason for the difference in 2021 is due to the reduced COVID-19 rates that were in place for all courier libraries. 2022 will also have reduced COVID-19 rates, this is the last year for reduced rates. We can expect to see rate increases starting in 2023.