

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 March, 2023

- Participation is at 356 libraries. This is an increase of 138 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 316 locations and indirect service to 40 libraries that receive service through delivery to another library.
1. Fuel surcharges have been in effect since January 2022, as part of the contract with Henry Industries.
 2. Shipping volume is slowly increasing, with over 40,000 more items being shipped than at this time last year.
 3. KLE plans to invest in a new GPS unit with an extended battery pack. This will extend the unit's battery life and lengthen the time it can run routes while receiving data.
 4. Riley City Library and Wakefield Public Library in north central Kansas joined KLE in February 2023 at 3-days/week direct service.

- **Kansas Library Express January 2022 – December 2022 shipping totals:**

Kansas Library Express	868,798
Blue Sky	5,095
Trans-Amigos Express	4,673
TOTAL	878,566

This total is a monthly average of 73,214 items. For 2022 the service operated at an average cost of \$.99 per item shipped. Actual expense for Kansas Library Express in 2022 was \$876,764. The ILDP Grant from the State Library of Kansas represented 26% of income for 2022.