

**NCKL Director's Meeting
December 15, 2006
Herington Public Library**

Susan Carlson, Herington, served as hostess and Carol Barta chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Present:

Susan Carlson - Herington

Heather Dreith – Waterville

Anne Tegtmeyer – Council Grove

Judith Cremer – Pot/Wab

Carol Frasure – Chapman

Deb Duckwall – Abilene

Jamie Kelley – Marysville

Sue Blechl - Emporia

Donna Schenk-Hamlin - KSU

Susan Carrigan - Chapman

Betty Penrod - Hope

Fred Atchison – NCKL

Carol Barta – NCKL

LaDonna Clark – NCKL

Marcia Allen – NCKL

Richard Miller – NCKL

Ann Pearce – NCKL

Introduction

During the introduction, librarians shared ideas on how their library celebrates the holiday season. There were several great examples including, breakfast with Santa, special story times with Santa or Mrs. Claus with photo opportunities and crafts available. A few libraries participate in their town's holiday parade. The issue of the religious aspect of the season was discussed. Most libraries concentrate on the secular aspect of the season and aim for a balanced approach.

Informal Science Education Programs

Donna Schenk-Hamlin is from Hale Library at KSU. She wanted to garner the interest of the group in participating in a science education program. This idea stems from the Konza Environmental Education Program or KEEP, which has been a very successful program for the last ten years. Teachers and school children participate in field studies at the Konza for 10 days in the summer. The data collected is then shared with scientists and used in ongoing studies.

The new five-year National Science Foundation project called, "Prairies Across Kansas" has been developed to reach communities across the state that cannot travel to the Konza to participate in KEEP. Donna wanted to know if local public libraries would like the opportunity to participate and in what capacity?

There were several suggestions offered.

- Several librarians expressed interest in a rotating collection of reference materials
- Libraries could assist in research and provide meeting space
- Have a list of key books available
- Tie in with local 4H or FFA programs

- Provide teenagers the opportunity to be a docent and take a leadership role
- Provide a two or three book discussion kits on the topic of prairie ecology

Bilingual Story times

Carol and Jennifer Adams attended a workshop on bilingual story times. The presenter was Karen Drevo, Youth Services Librarian at Norfolk Public Library. Discussion followed on outreach to the Spanish community. Many people felt that this would be a good topic at Tri-Conference.

Love Your Library Project

Fred reported that MPL will conduct a Love Your Library campaign during the month of February. As part of the campaign, there will be an adopt-a-book event where patrons come and browse a selection of new books. They can purchase books and personalize the gift plate. Every department is responsible for developing plans to highlight a service during the Love Your Library campaign.

Computer Updates

Richard wanted everyone to be aware that Microsoft has just released Vista, the new Windows operating system. At this time, only the professional version is available. A good time to purchase the new operating system is when you purchase new hardware.

State Library Updates

The Legislative Committee is working on a push card for the legislative session, which convenes January 8. There are seven items listed.

- Provide funding for statewide resources for students (database offerings)
- Provide funding for a statewide courier service
- Provide funding for school libraries
- Provide funding for a state data center (to provide statistics to legislators and libraries)
- Provide funding for state-aid to public libraries
- Support library board authority
- Support the merger of the State Library Commission and the Kansas Library Network Board

Kansas Center for the Book has chosen The Learning Tree by Gordon Parks for KANSAS READS the One Book One State Program, which will run from January 29 through April 30, 2007. There is a website now available at skyways.lib.ks.us/orgs/kcfb/learningtree with ideas on how to participate in KANSAS READS. NCKL has one book club kit available to the system. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Center for the Book.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has selected Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury for the BIG READ. The dates are May 12 – June 30, 2007. A virtual videoconference with the author is in the planning stages. No date has been set. Kansas READS to Preschoolers will not be held in the fall 2007, but will be held during the spring 2008.

There was a concern expressed that smaller libraries feel excluded from the Center for the Book. This concern will be expressed to Roy Bird.

Group Purchasing

NCKL is placing an order for patron cards and barcodes. If a library is interested, please contact Carol, as soon as possible. With group purchasing, there is a price break. NCKL will periodically coordinate a group purchase.

Upcoming Workshops

January 16	How to Select the Best Books & Using Title Source 3	Manhattan
January 17	Beginning Publisher	Marysville
January 23	Beginning PowerPoint	Hillsboro
January 31	Intermediate Publisher	Marysville
February 1	How to Select the Best Books & Using Title Source 3	Manhattan
February 7	KLOW – Web Page Creation	Manhattan
February 15	Legislative Day	Topeka
February 19	Library 2.0 with Jessamyn West	Manhattan
February 28	Access	Manhattan
March 15	Summer Reading Workshop	Manhattan
April 11-13	Tri-Conference	Topeka
May 2	Book Fair	Manhattan

Quick Books

There is training now available for NCKL librarians who use Quick Books. A certified Quick Books trainer will come to your library and provide three hours of training specific to your needs. NCKL offers support for three hours through a Continuing Education Grant. Travel expenses and further training will be the individual library's responsibility. Quick Books can be purchased through Tech Soup, the technology website for nonprofits.

Reports given by librarians and staff

Carol adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 2 at the Marysville Public Library.