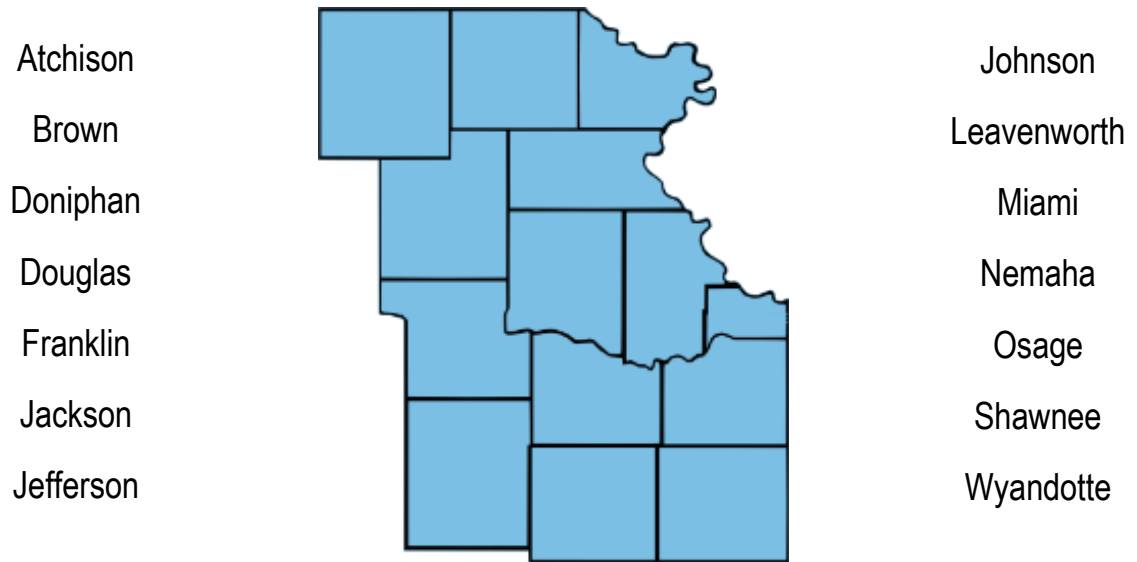


NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM



2017 Annual Report

A summary of services and programs provided by the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) in support of the 117 member libraries – 11 academic; 48 public; 50 schools/districts; 8 special – in the 14 counties of Northeast Kansas.

A Message from the Director

Thank you for your interest in the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS). Our work is guided by

Our Vision

We are leaders and innovators in providing exemplary library services.

Our Mission

The Northeast Kansas Library System inspires and empowers member libraries to engage, educate and add value to their communities.

In the following pages, you will discover the various ways in which NEKLS works to support its member libraries. These efforts take many forms – including grants, trainings, consulting, resource sharing, technology support, and management of the integrated library system for our NExpress members – and are successful, in part, because of the collaborative spirit of the regional library systems and their member libraries.

Again, thank you for your interest in NEKLS and the work we do! Please feel free to contact us at any time to learn more.

- Laura A. DeBaun

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Governance

NEKLS is governed by a System Board consisting of one representative from each member library and one County Commission Appointee from each taxing county.

The System Board's Annual Meeting is held in August.

The Executive Board, which is elected at the Annual Meeting, meets monthly.

Executive Board Members

Atchison County, Kathleen Flanagan

Miami County, Emily Burgdorf

Brown County, Joanne Noll

Nemaha County, Marcia Philbrick

Doniphan County, Dan Glynn

Osage County, Sarah Walker-Hitt

Douglas County, Carolyn Groves

Shawnee County, Thad Hartman

Franklin County, Gloria Kruse

Wyandotte County, Carol Levers

Jackson County, Sandee Morris

Member-At-Large, Sean Bird

Jefferson County, Brandy Robben

Member-At-Large, Nancy Keith

Johnson County, Bob Miller

Member-At-Large (Academic Lib.), Dr. Alan Bearman

Leavenworth County, Becky Mullins

Member-At-Large (School Lib.), Kimberlie Pelsma

Staff

System Director

Laura DeBaun

Children's Services & Continuing Education Consultant

Anna Foote

Courier Coordinator & Executive Assistant

Caroline Handwork

Director of Technology Support Services

Dan Alexander

Financial Manager

Lisa Miller

Library Development Consultant

Michael McDonald

Library Services Consultant

Robin Hastings

NExpress Coordinator

George Williams

Office Coordinator

Jessi Harris

Technology Specialist

Greg Gantz

Accreditation and System Grants

Public libraries that have successfully achieved accreditation receive an allocation (system grant) from NEKLS. In 2017, these ranged from \$500 to \$67,364. Accreditation recognizes each library for achieving a certain level of service appropriate for their community. Participating libraries must apply for accreditation every three years and certify annually that they have met the criteria for accreditation which correlates with their service level. NEKLS introduced an updated set of library standards to coincide with the new accreditation cycle, which runs 2018 – 2020.

NEKLS also provides grants for other purposes to member libraries and include:

Substitute Librarian Program – Offered to our smaller public libraries (population) with limited staff and budget, this grant allows the library director time away from the library to attend NEKLS workshops or legislative advocacy events.

Continuing Education (CE) Grants – All library personnel and library trustees of member libraries are eligible for scholarships, which are awarded to individuals rather than libraries. They can be used toward workshops, conferences, meetings, classes or any other event not sponsored by NEKLS. Preference is given to those who have not previously received a grant. Funding each year is limited to available budget, and is awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

\$691,414

Amount of funds granted to libraries of all types (Public, School, Academic and Special) to pursue excellence in services and programming, professional staff development, and resource sharing in their local communities.

APPLE

The APPLE (AppPlied Public Library Education) training program for new library directors is offered annually in coordination with the other Kansas regional library systems. Each participating system selects new library directors to enroll in this innovative program. The purpose of APPLE is to ensure new directors have a solid foundation for being successful library leaders in their respective communities.

APPLE training consists of eleven interactive webinars and two face-to-face workshop sessions over the course of the year. Consultants and other staff from the Kansas regional library systems, including NEKLS, partner to lead the webinars and facilitate the workshops.

of NEKLS directors in the 2017 Class

9

Continuing Education (CE)

NEKLS' Continuing Education opportunities are designed to serve all of our member libraries' needs, whether school, academic, public or special. Our consultants work closely as a team to develop activities and workshops that meet both broad and more specific continuing education requirements of members.

During each calendar year, NEKLS offers a series of workshops, webinars, and events, with the focus changing from year to year depending on library trends, changing professional development emphases, and member interests.

Major CE events in 2017 (with attendance):

Eastern Kansas Early Literacy Symposium (co-sponsored with SEKLS)	120
Book Club and Readers Advisory Training (co-sponsored with Lawrence Public)	86
Summer Reading Workshop	61
Trustee Workshops	219
School Library Workshop	72
Directors Institute – Spring	32
Directors Institute – Fall	27
Annual Meeting/Assembly	122

Youth Services	Management	Strategic Planning	Children's Programming
Technology	Adult Services	Reader's Advisory	Fundraising/Grants
Collection Development	Space Planning	E-Rate	Storytime
Human Resources	Library Policies	Summer Learning	Board Development
Lifelong Learning	Budget & Finances	Community Engagement	

Consulting

NEKLS employs three consultants addressing a variety of topics with member libraries. While each consultant has his/her areas of expertise, they often collaborate on topics to provide libraries with the best possible service.

Consultants routinely exceed 2,500 consulting encounters annually, comprised of face-to-face, telephone and/or email sessions.

Technology Services and Support

NEKLS has a two-person Technology Department that provides a number of services for member libraries, which include:



Statewide Services Hosted by NEKLS

NEKLS manages three statewide efforts that enable Kansans to experience advanced library services through their local library.

Recollections: Kansas is the platform for Kansas libraries to share unique historical materials and heighten awareness of the richness and diversity found in local collections.

Developed by the Northeast Kansas Library System, in conjunction with other regional library systems and the State Library of Kansas, *Recollections: Kansas* is a community based digital archive designed to capture and preserve the stories, images and memories of our Kansas community. *Recollections: Kansas* is the story of Kansas, told by its people.

1,425 items
71 collections

138
websites

The **My Kansas Library** project allows public libraries across the state to have access to high end web-based tools to facilitate easy web development. Today's library patrons expect their local library to have a web presence and My Kansas Library offers libraries a way to make their website a true extension of the library by providing access to the catalog, links to community resources, and research databases and e-content resources through the State Library.

My Kansas Library is a service jointly sponsored by the Kansas Regional Library Systems and the State Library of Kansas.

Kansas Library Express (KLE), the Kansas interlibrary courier service, provides library users with rapid and direct access to library resources. *Kansas Library Express* connects more than 300 libraries throughout Kansas with a convenient and cost effective delivery service that expands the ability of libraries to readily share their collections for the benefit of library users. *Blue Sky Express* connects to Colorado and the University of Wyoming. *Trans-Amigos Express* connects to Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Kansas Library Express is a service of the participating libraries, the State Library of Kansas, and the regional systems of cooperating libraries.

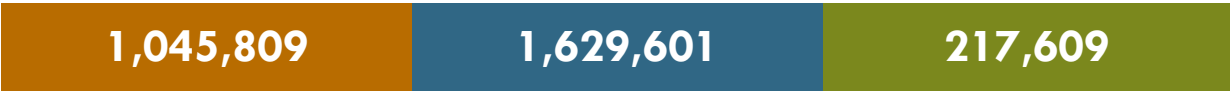
1,014,030
items shipped

\$0.64
average cost per
item shipped

NExpress

NExpress is a shared online regional catalog that provides rapid and direct access to over 1,000,000 books and other materials in the shared collections of 42 NEKLS libraries in 50 locations.

Through Koha, an open source software platform featuring a sophisticated search engine and flexible user interface, NEKLS offers NExpress members a technically-advanced library automation system at a reduced cost, with training, technical support and software enhancements provided by NEKLS. The NExpress service is a web-based automation service that features flexible searching, item availability status, and the ability for library users to directly place requests for items in the collection of any participating library, with delivery by courier to the patron's local library.



of books, dvds, audiobooks,
and other materials in the
collection

of materials circulated

of materials shared between
NExpress libraries

E-Content for NExpress Libraries



hoopla is a digital media service offered in partnership with NExpress member libraries that allows patrons to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, phone, and TV!



Flipster is an easy-to-use digital magazine newsstand for libraries and corporations.

Patrons can access titles through NExpress and read them on their computer, tablet or cellphone.

34,686

of borrows in 2017

3,517

of magazine views in 2017

Northeast Kansas Library Foundation, Inc.



Mission Statement

The Northeast Kansas Library Foundation equips and supports its member libraries in creating a culture of philanthropy in their communities.

Established in 2009, the Northeast Kansas Library Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to securing private funding in support of the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS). In 2016, the Foundation began a transition to a more active organization capable of assisting individual member libraries with fundraising activities. Today, the Foundation offers donors multiple ways to give – including online and gifts of stock.

Financial Report 2017

NEKLS is funded largely by two means: a property tax on property not already taxed to support a local public library, and by state aid. The mill levy for the 2017 budget was 1.378 mills and supports the provision of the services described above.

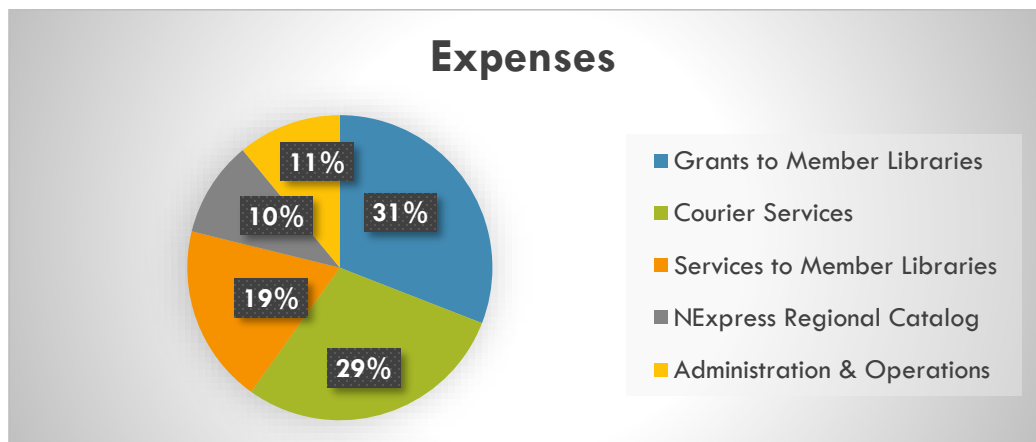
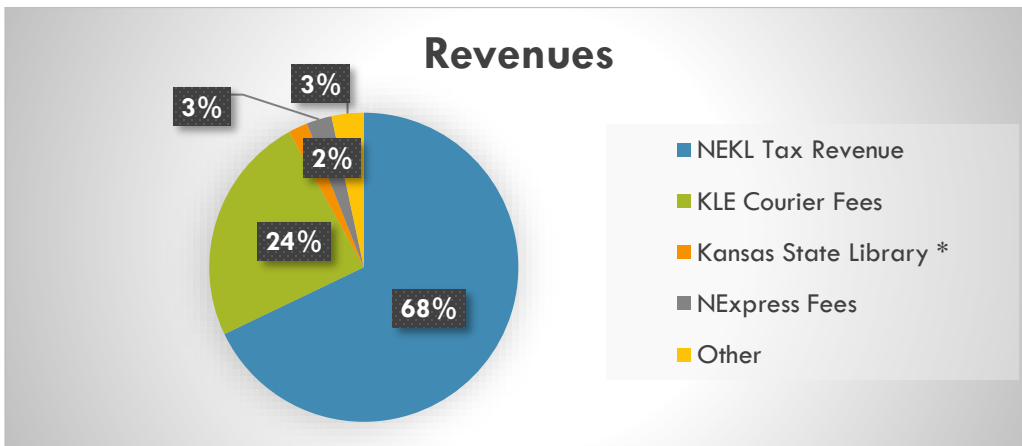
Revenues

NEKL Tax Revenue	\$ 1,826,915
KLE Courier Fees	\$ 648,313
State Library *	\$ 54,671
NExpress Fees	\$ 71,062
Other	\$ 90,355
Total	\$ 2,691,316

Expenses

Grants to Member Libraries	\$ 691,414
Courier Services	\$ 647,914
Services to Member Libraries	\$ 423,635
NExpress Regional Catalog	\$ 227,608
Administration & Operations	\$ 245,769
Total	\$ 2,236,340

* LSTA grant and State Aid



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