

# NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM



Serving 117 member libraries –  
11 academic; 48 public; 50 school districts and private schools; 8 special  
– in the 14 counties of the Northeast Kansas Library System

## 2019 SYSTEM PLAN and BUDGET ESTIMATE

**Approved by the Executive Board**

**May 17, 2018**

System Plan for 2019 in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2552 and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Submitted by the Northeast Kansas Library System on May 17, 2018

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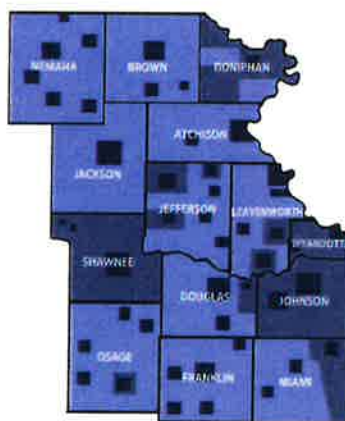
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## Northeast Kansas Library System 2019 System Plan

### Part I. System Description

**General Description:** The Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS) includes a mix of urban, suburban and rural areas in a 14-county region that includes more than 41.9% of the total Kansas population. A large majority of that population is within the Kansas City and Topeka urban areas, but even the more rural parts of the region are relatively strong. Some member libraries serve populations as low as 150.

Atchison	16,065
Brown	9,722
Doniphan	7,675
Douglas	121,130
Franklin	25,672
Jackson	13,699
Jefferson	18,707



Light Blue - NEKLS Taxable District

Johnson	605,023
Leavenworth	81,658
Miami	33,278
Nemaha	10,055
Osage	15,727
Shawnee	180,830
Wyandotte	164,058

**Member Libraries:** NEKLS has a diverse membership of 117 libraries, including:

- 48 Public libraries
- 50 School districts and private schools
- 11 academic libraries
- 8 special libraries, including institutional, corporate, tribal and non-profit libraries.

NEKLS regards all member libraries as full members, and does not have contracting libraries or associate members. Some services and grant programs may be limited to particular library categories, however.

**Governance and Staffing:** A full System board of 150 members (121 member libraries, 11 County Commission Appointees, 18 Executive Board Members) governs NEKLS and meets annually in August to approve the System budget. An 18-member Executive Board governs on a day-to-day basis and meets monthly. NEKLS operates from an independent headquarters, rather than in a member library.

System Director  
Children's Services & CE Consultant  
Library Development Consultant  
Library Services Consultant  
NExpress Coordinator

Staff of  
**10**

Director of Technology Support Services  
Technology Specialist  
Courier Coordinator / Executive Assistant  
Financial Manager  
Office Coordinator

## Part II. Program of Services

*This System Plan is a forward-looking document for 2019 and contains some information on 2018 activities at NEKLS. The 2017 NEKLS Annual Report (Appendix B) provides a summary of recent past activities and provides a point of reference for ongoing services not explicitly described in the 2019 System Plan.*

The System's strategic plan serves as the foundation for our services. Core areas of emphasis remain:

### Training and Continuing Education

As the number of seasoned library directors with bachelor's degrees and MLS degrees continues to increase within the ranks of our directors, so has the demand for advanced continuing education opportunities. Of course, NEKLS will always support new directors and offer training that nurtures their development, particularly through APPLE (Applied Public Library Education) and biannual Directors Institutes. In 2019, an increased emphasis will be placed on developing continuing education opportunities that go beyond the "basics."

- ✓ Quarterly webinars facilitated by experts in the field on hot topics driven by questions submitted by library directors.
- ✓ Curate an online list of training opportunities for ALL library staffers at all member types – public, academic, school and special – and market these opportunities.
- ✓ Seek opportunities to strengthen recurring trainings for topics such as trustee training, summer reading workshop, school librarians' workshop, etc.
- ✓ Strengthen the System's Executive Board through development and implementation of professional development opportunities, to include support for board member attendance at regional and national conferences.

### NExpress Consortium

NExpress, the shared regional catalog of 42 public libraries, one school district and the NEKLS system library, continues to grow in collection size and OPAC features to patrons.

- ✓ The NExpress Coordinator has added several features to enhance the patron experience with the OPAC. Perhaps even more significant is the ongoing development of reporting tools to better equip library directors and staff to make informed decisions on circulation policies and collection development. In 2019, NEKLS will supplement quarterly NExpress Users Group meetings with Koha Q&A sessions via Zoom, and guides on SubjectsPlus that blend Koha know-how with collection development strategies.
- ✓ In 2017, NEKLS began exploring a rebranding of NExpress. The new brand – *NEXT* – will be introduced to member library directors and their staffs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2018 with a public launch and marketing campaign in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019.

- ✓ Expand membership in NExpress to school and small academic libraries with the intention of developing a core group of such libraries that can evolve into a separate consortium. NEKLS will offer grants to new members to supplement the costs of conversion and migration to Koha.

### Online Resource Sharing

With the rebranding of NExpress to *NEXT*, NEKLS seeks to also increase access to digital content by building on the success of Hoopla (streaming movies, music, e-books, audiobooks) and Flipster (digital magazine service) by exploring additional content that meets patrons educational and entertainment needs.

- ✓ In 2019, add an educational tool such as Lynda.com to the other electronic resources available to *NEXT* users.
- ✓ Continue providing financial support to purchase content available through the State Library.
- ✓ Form a statewide content hub of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) – “DPLA connects people to the riches held within America’s libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions. All of the materials found through DPLA—photographs, books, maps, news footage, oral histories, personal letters, museum objects, artwork, government documents, and so much more—are free and immediately available in digital format.” This effort will require financial support from the regional library systems, the State Library, and participating libraries.

### NEKLS Branding and Planning

With the rebranding of NExpress to *NEXT*, NEKLS also seeks to turn inward and examine how our brand is impacted by who we are, what we do, and why we do what we do.

- ✓ In 2019, engage Zephyr Digital Design in examining the NEKLS brand.

NEKLS strongly encourages member libraries to have a current, living strategic plan and we model this practice internally.

- ✓ In 2019, NEKLS will complete a new strategic plan to frame our path for the next three years.

## Consulting

The consulting needs of member libraries vary from year-to-year and NEKLS must remain in tune to these needs. Topics such as collection management, human resources, community engagement, and programming will always demand attention. In 2019, NEKLS will expand upon several consulting offerings ramped up over the course of 2018, including:

- ✓ Facilitating deep strategic planning for member libraries, including a community data profile, community survey, SOAR analysis, and plan development.
- ✓ Promoting and encouraging the measurement of outcomes. The Kansas Public Library Survey/State Report measures outputs. In 2018, NEKLS launched a new grant program – *Measuring Impact through Project Outcome* – to assist member libraries with their active use of Project Outcome as a means to measure outcomes and better understand the impact of library programs and services on individuals served. Grant amount = \$500.00.
- ✓ Space planning and use visualization. By blending in-house consultants with architectural services on retainer, NEKLS offers library directors opportunities to reimagine existing space to improve the patron experience and increase staff workflow efficiencies.
- ✓ Provide legal assistance to member libraries on matters related to human resources and land/buildings.
- ✓ Revitalize the Substitute Librarian Program by developing a corps of individuals trained on Koha and prepared to assist local libraries in need of a substitute.

## Member Library Community Impact and Engagement

NEKLS attempts to model sound community engagement by partnering with the other regional systems, non-profits and other organizations on training and professional development opportunities. Our desire is to see member libraries – including the directors themselves – actively engaged in strengthening their communities.

Larger communities often have a Leadership Class organized and supported by the local chamber of commerce that introduces selected community leaders to a variety of facets of the community: the inner workings of city (and perhaps county) government, key businesses and nonprofits, health care, advocacy with legislators, education, etc. Many of our member libraries are in smaller communities without an established leadership class and should look to opportunities at the county level.

- ✓ A multi-year goal of NEKLS is to serve as a resource for library directors and trustees to take the initiative in their communities and forge the relationships and partnerships necessary to create a Leadership Class – either locally or at the county level. NEKLS will enlist the aid of established leadership programs in the region to create a toolkit for interested communities.



## Sustainability and a Culture of Philanthropy

Savvy twenty-first century libraries embrace the fact that funding streams often must be diversified and, increasingly, require philanthropic support in order to realize the full potential of their strategic plans. NEKLS works with member libraries to develop a culture of philanthropy in their communities.

- ✓ In 2019, NEKLS will expand the number of member libraries partnering with the recently revamped Northeast Kansas Library Foundation, Inc. Partner libraries enjoy access to a full-service 501(c)(3) foundation capable of receiving, receipting and managing a variety of gift types, including cash, stock, and life insurance.
- ✓ Provide one-to-one consulting to partner libraries on starting and sustaining an annual giving program.
- ✓ Create a series of template marketing pieces that partner libraries can customize and use in their communities to promote gift opportunities.

## Other Ongoing Programs

Several established programs continue through NEKLS and, in some cases, in collaboration with other regional library systems.

- ✓ Kansas Library Express – NEKLS manages the statewide Kansas Library Express courier service (0.7 FTE NEKLS staff), which is subsidized heavily by the regional library systems and is partly funded by the State Library. As a result, even the smallest of libraries enjoys courier service at an affordable cost.
- ✓ Recollections: Kansas – NEKLS coordinates this statewide service providing online access to local history and community memoirs in the form of digitized documents, images and other files. Continued funding is a shared effort of the regional library systems.
- ✓ Public Library Accreditation – NEKLS deploys a robust accreditation program to encourage excellence from member public libraries. Eligibility for Library Development Grants requires a library to be accredited.
- ✓ Technology support and training is ongoing, and includes:
  - Contracting with *e-Rate Solutions* to manage the e-rate application process for member public libraries. NEKLS pays the commission for that service up to a maximum limit.
  - NEKLS continues to manage *My Kansas Library On the Web* (KLOW), a program that hosts the web sites of 138 public libraries, the vast majority using WordPress. KLOW is a shared service of the Central, Northeast, and Southeast regional library systems. While flexible and user-friendly, WordPress sites have become increasingly susceptible to hacking. In 2018, NEKLS planned to further secure

KLOW sites through Amazon Web Services, which would clean all sites, migrate them to a secure server with industry-standard firewall protections, and provide ongoing managed services.

### Part III. Grant Summary

The System Plan calls for different grant opportunities available to member libraries; below is a recap.

Opportunity	Amount	Total Budget	Eligibility
Library Development Grant	\$8,114 to \$90,000	\$746,000	Public
Continuing Education Grant	Amounts vary	\$60,000	All
Measuring Impact through Project Outcome	\$500	\$24,000	Public
KLA memberships for library trustees	\$35	\$8,000	Public



## Part IV. Tentative Budget

### 2019 Estimated Income

	General Fund	Benefits Fund	Courier Fund	Total Operating Funds	Capital Impr. Fund
Cash Balance Jan. 1	\$ 325,000	\$ 32,900	\$225,000	\$ 582,900	\$ 185,000
Ad Valorem	\$ 1,563,404	\$ 166,000		\$ 1,729,404	
Motor Vehicle, etc.	\$ 188,000	\$ 34,100		\$ 222,100	
Interest Income	\$ 1,200	\$ -		\$ 1,200	\$ 100
State Aid	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000	
Grants & Contracts	\$ -		\$162,000	\$ 162,000	
e-rate	\$ 6,800			\$ 6,800	
Nexpress Fees	\$ 67,825			\$ 67,825	
Courier Fees			\$385,000	\$ 385,000	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 40,000			\$ 40,000	
Summer Institute	\$ 7,000			\$ 7,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,224,229</b>	<b>\$ 233,000</b>	<b>\$772,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,229,229</b>	<b>\$ 185,100</b>
Non-appropriated	\$ 60,000				

## Expenditure Line Item Comparison 2017-2019

	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 Estimated Budget
Salaries	\$ 523,062.13	\$ 561,723.00	\$ 578,575.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 236,808.61	\$ 281,450.00	\$ 303,966.00
Materials	\$ 53,090.19	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Telephone	\$ 2,074.34	\$ 3,010.00	\$ 3,010.00
Online Services/Internet	\$ 17,431.81	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 43,080.00
Bibliographic Services	\$ 798.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Postage	\$ 2,101.57	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Printing	\$ 8,960.66	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
Insurance & Bonding	\$ 7,198.46	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 8,500.00
Supplies	\$ 24,664.53	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Contractual Services	\$ 118,387.62	\$ 269,000.00	\$ 269,000.00
Contractual Courier	\$ 581,756.07	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 635,000.00
Accounting & Audit Fees	\$ 6,291.69	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Budget & Legal Fees	\$ 2,931.54	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Travel	\$ 27,323.78	\$ 36,510.00	\$ 36,510.00
Staff Development	\$ 7,260.25	\$ 30,100.00	\$ 30,100.00
Utilities & Cleaning	\$ 9,487.44	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Workshops	\$ 23,083.59	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
Summer Reading Program	\$ 6,349.08	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Repair/Maintenance	\$ 13,270.49	\$ 29,300.00	\$ 29,300.00
Vehicle Expense	\$ 4,524.30	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Grants to Libraries	\$ 685,887.59	\$ 843,500.00	\$ 888,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 23,272.91	\$ 144,188.00	\$ 144,188.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 9,242.55	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Totals	\$2,395,260.19	\$3,145,581.00	\$ 3,229,229.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 18,699.00		
Total	\$2,413,959.19	\$3,145,581.00	\$ 3,229,229.00

## Appendix A: NEKLS 2017-2019 Strategic Plan Summary

### 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.

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### Our Strategic Initiatives and Goals

**I. Provide innovative services and resources that member libraries can draw from to develop effective programs and services with and for their communities.**

- Timely, targeted consulting.
- Robust online resource sharing.
- Rethink, restructure and rebrand the NExpress consortium.
- Produce training, continuing education and professional development opportunities that empower participants and libraries to excel.

**II. NEKLS and its member libraries will communicate the value and benefits of their programs and services to their communities through advocacy, community engagement and branding.**

- Embrace the role of advocate for libraries in Kansas through collaborative educational efforts with member libraries.
- Support member library development of stronger communities.
- Create and model an imaginative brand image and message for NEKLS.
- Enhance the strength of the NEKLS' system and executive boards.

**III. NEKLS and its member libraries will demonstrate the economic impact they make in their communities.**

- Increase NEKLS' and member libraries' ability to demonstrate economic impact.
- Strengthen NEKLS' capacity for fundraising and support members' efforts to develop a culture of philanthropy in their communities.

## **Our Values**

### **Equal access.**

We believe all people should have equal access to information, including technology-based and other services.

### **Respect for member libraries.**

We recognize and respect member library differences (type, size, location) in an atmosphere of mutual trust and teamwork.

### **Respect for people.**

We value the professionalism and experience of library and system staff, boards, and volunteers. We seek recognition and rewards for library staff. We respect library users and expect members to provide excellent customer service.

### **Stewardship.**

We use NEKLS' resources in an accountable manner.

### **Integrity.**

We follow the highest ethical standards of honesty and openness.

### **Continuous improvement.**

We expect and assist member libraries to continuously improve and strengthen services.

### **Communication.**

We foster communication and collaboration among and between system staff, boards, and library personnel.

### **Participation.**

We value active participation in the larger library community.

### **Innovation.**

We value innovation by NEKLS staff and by staff in member libraries.

### **Confidentiality.**

We support the ALA Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read statement.

### **Community Engagement.**

We embrace our role as a community anchor.

### **Sustainability.**

We challenge ourselves to implement sustainable practices.

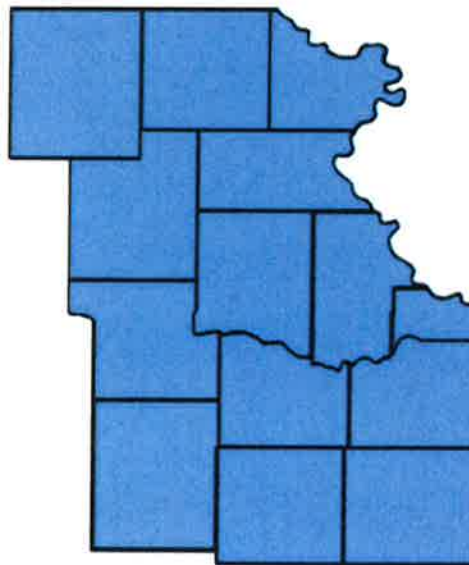
### **Resource Sharing.**

We value the power of resource sharing to improve all libraries

## Appendix B: 2017 NEKLS Annual Report

# NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Brown  
Doniphan  
Douglas  
Franklin  
Jackson  
Jefferson



Johnson  
Leavenworth  
Miami  
Nemaha  
Osage  
Shawnee  
Wyandotte

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.

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## Executive Board Members

*Atchison County, Kathleen Flanagan*

*Brown County, Joanne Noll*

*Doniphan County, Dan Glynn*

*Douglas County, Carolyn Groves*

*Franklin County, Gloria Kruse*

*Jackson County, Sandee Morris*

*Jefferson County, Brandy Robben*

*Johnson County, Bob Miller*

*Leavenworth County, Becky Mullins*

*Miami County, Emily Burgdorf*

*Nemaha County, Marcia Philbrick*

*Osage County, Sarah Walker-Hitt*

*Shawnee County, Thad Hartman*

*Wyandotte County, Carol Levers*

*Member-At-Large, Sean Bird*

*Member-At-Large, Nancy Keith*

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

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

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## Staff

*System Director*

*Children's Services & Continuing Education Consultant*

*Courier Coordinator & Executive Assistant*

*Director of Technology Support Services*

*Financial Manager*

*Library Development Consultant*

*Library Services Consultant*

*NExpress Coordinator*

*Office Coordinator*

*Technology Specialist*

Laura DeBaun

Anna Foote

Caroline Handwork

Dan Alexander

Lisa Miller

Michael McDonald

Robin Hastings

George Williams

Jessi Harris

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	<b>Adult Services</b>	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 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.

**1,045,809**

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

**1,629,601**

# of materials circulated

**217,609**

# 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.

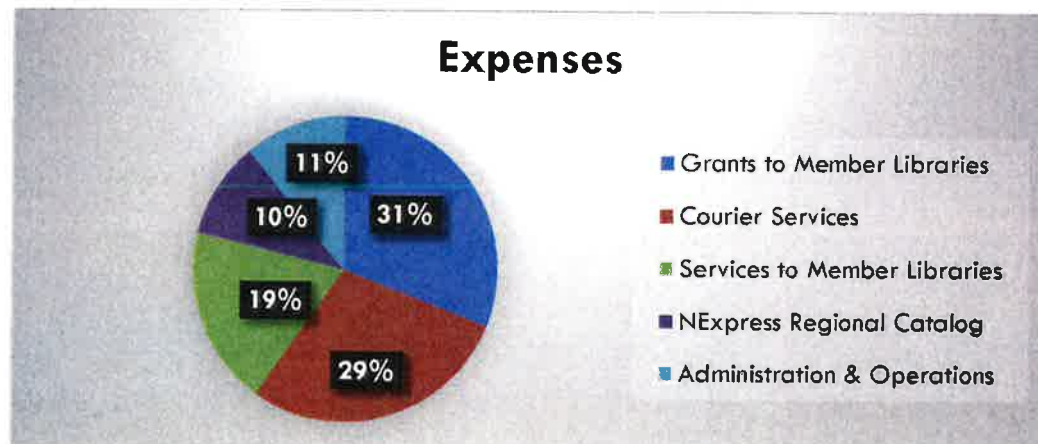
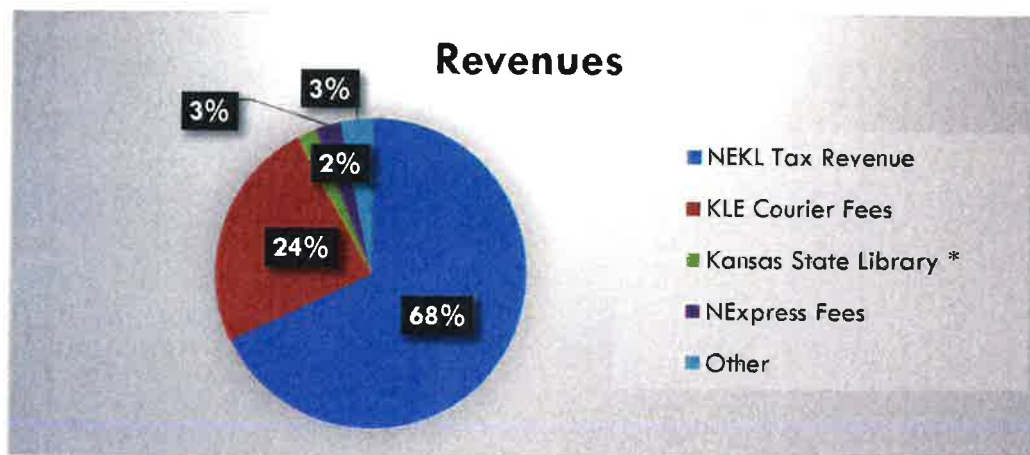
### Revenues

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

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,236,340</b>

\* LSTA grant and State Aid



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