



2018 Annual Assembly

August 9 – 9am to 2pm

Maceli's Banquet Hall

1031 New Hampshire Street; Lawrence, KS 66044

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| 8:30am | Registration, Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00am | Welcome, Introductions |
| 9:15am | Introduction of State Librarian Eric Norris, Remarks |
| 9:30am | State of the System – Laura DeBaun, NEKLS Director |
| 10:45am | Budget Hearing |
| 11:00am | System Business Meeting |
| | Bylaws Change |
| | Budget Approval |
| | Executive Board Election |
| | 2019 Meeting Date: Thursday, August 15 |
| 11:30am | Library Super Volunteer Recognition |
| Noon | Buffet Luncheon |
| 12:30pm | <i>Exploring Free Speech in an Information-Overloaded World</i> – Dr. James Walther, Emporia State University |
| 2pm | Adjourn |

***Exploring Free Speech in an
Information-Overloaded World –
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Being informed requires information, yet do we have the right information to be informed citizens? Understanding government policies regarding public access to data is key. This presentation provides an overview of information policy access. It raises critical questions: Do people have the right information, and enough of it, to make informed choices in their lives? How can libraries of all types help patrons access reliable information and refute fake news?

Jim Walther teaches library and information science at ESU's School of Library and Information Sciences (SLIM). Jim says, "In a time where we all think we are information gatherers, we have to now learn the steps and process of information synthesis better, to make sure we have all we need to make the best of decisions."

Dr. Walther's presentation and discussion are made possible in part by:

