

# JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS

## Library

### County Librarian's Report September 2014



Approximately 1,200 people attended the 2014 edition of Johnson County Library's **Latino Festival**, held for the first time at Central Resource Library. The added elbow room accommodated a book sale, bilingual storytimes and numerous other activities and performances. The successful event came to fruition with the hard work of 10 Library staff and 12 volunteers.

## INFORMATION ITEM

Nov. 13, 2014

To: Members of Johnson County Library Board of Directors

From: County Librarian Sean Casserley

Re: County Librarian's Report for September 2014

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Lackman Neighborhood Library's Chris Koppenhaver took two overflowing boxes of books to the first **Guys Read after-school book club** of the new school year at Apache Elementary in Overland Park. A total of 31 elementary-aged guys checked out more than 30 books and opened six new library cards. The club's teacher also promoted the Library's eLibrary by projecting an eBook for a read-along activity.



Staff members at **Corinth and Cedar Roe Neighborhood Libraries** continue their transition to working together as sister locations. Refined schedules have staff working at both locations and both floors of Corinth.

Information Services Manager Kim Gile was elected 2nd Vice President of the **Kansas Library Association** (KLA), beginning a 4-year term that ends in the KLA Presidency.

With Kansas City preparing for its first taste of playoff baseball in 29 years, **former Royals great Willie Wilson** visited Antioch Neighborhood Library in September for a Meet the Author event attended by 26 adults and three children. Wilson talked about the personal stories of struggle and triumph captured in his book, "Inside the Park: Running the Base Path of Life." The Prairie Village Post and two local TV news stations covered the talk.



Shawnee Neighborhood Library hosted a **Patron Appreciation Day** on Sept. 13 complete with baked treats and other giveaways. One patron commented, "Thanks for being an awesome library and part of an incredible system!"

The first in a series of **Tertulias Latinoamericanas**, or Latin-American social gatherings on the arts, took place at Oak Park Neighborhood Library in September. The event included myths and legends shared by audience participants and indigenous music interpreted by Amado Espinoza. The highlight of the evening included a dramatic interpretation of Walimai, a short story by Chilean writer Ysabel Allende.

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## CONVENIENCE

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Patrons with a fine or fee balance on their Library accounts began receiving **weekly email notifications** in early September highlighting those balances along with summaries of materials checked out, nearing due dates and holds ready for pickup. Approximately 37,000 patrons were notified in the first week of the rollout. One patron commented, "Thank you! LOVE THE NEW FORMAT of the email I got for my account summary. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!"

**JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS Library**

Hello, Patrons like you have been asking for notification when fines and fees accrue, and we are happy to help! You are receiving this message because there is a balance on your Library account.

Since you might not have a chance to regularly chat with a friendly librarian, we will periodically update you on checkouts, holds ready for pickup and fines. See below a snapshot of your account as of 11/04/2014

Account Summary			
Name	OLISE M 7772		
Checkouts	11	Renew Materials +	
Holds ready for pick up	3		
Fines and Fees	\$2.80	Pay online +	

Checkouts			
Title	Author	Times Renewed	Date Due
One-eyed wonders : look how they	Viper, Rebecca	2	11/13/14
Mr. Peabody & Sherman	Merrill, Rob	0	11/13/14
The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very	Moore, James	0	11/13/14

Holds ready for pick up			
Title	Author	Pick-up by	Pick-up at
Missouri 10000 and	Hartshorn, John	Thu - 11/06/14	CENTRAL
Mad men, the first season, 2010	Viper, Rebecca	Fri - 11/07/14	CENTRAL
Fun on the farm	The Books and Co	Sat - 11/08/14	CENTRAL

Fines and Fees			
Title	Author	Amount	Date Billed
One-eyed wonders : look how they	Viper, Rebecca	2.80	09/23/14
Effective phrases for performers	Nash, James E	0.00	10/23/14

If you have any questions, give us a call at (913) 826-4000 or send us a note +

*All of your staff is just so friendly, helpful and amazing. I love bringing my children here because Lackman is so welcoming. Thank you so much! Keep doing what you're doing!*

- Lackman Neighborhood Library patron



**De Soto Neighborhood Library** tightened up major adult collections in September, opening up enough shelf space to face the front covers of new books out toward the street and tempt passersby.

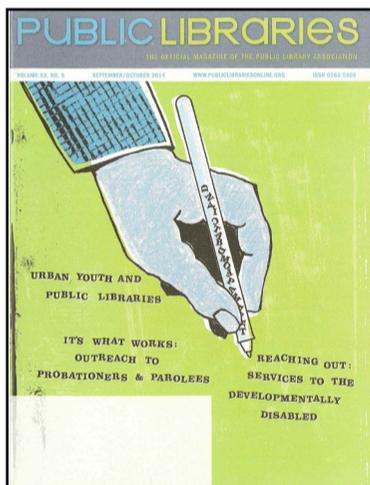
Sunflower Elementary School teachers, with the help of Library staff, held School Night at the Library at **Gardner Neighborhood Library** on Sept. 22. The event drew an estimated 250 people into the Library.

A patron at Shawnee Neighborhood Library was disappointed to see a desired book had a lengthy waiting list for it. She mentioned to Information Specialist Debbie Lowery that she would instead buy it in the eBook format. Debbie used the opportunity to promote the Library's **eLibrary** offerings. Lo and behold, after walking her through the checkout process, they discovered the desired book available in eBook format. The patron's response: "Why wouldn't everyone do this? It's free!"

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## EDUCATION

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Lackman Neighborhood Library and De Soto Neighborhood Library Manager Leslie Nord authored a feature article published in the **October/November issue of "Public Libraries."** The article, entitled "Reaching Out: Library Services to the Developmentally Disabled," was inspired by Information Specialist Janine Myers' work with developmentally-disabled high school students down the street from De Soto Neighborhood Library.

Johnson County Library's Bradley Debrick and Barbara Brand took part in the announcement of the newest "Big 5" Idea from the **Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce:** Kindergarten readiness/early childhood education. Bradley and Barbara stood together with other early childhood educators as a symbol of the regional and collaborative nature of the project.



Johnson County Library's Fran Dennison and Ellen Welch hosted and presented to 52 **Center for Applied Professional Studies (CAPS)** students from the Blue Valley School District. The students attend the Global Business program and are designing their own businesses as entrepreneurs. Fran and Ellen touted the numerous business services the Library offers.