



# Emporia Public Library Newsletter

Fall 2009

## Greetings!

We had a terrific summer...

- children and teens reading in record amounts
- high attendance at our Brown Bag concerts and other events
- heavy use of our public computers
- plenty of learners in our computer classes
- high circulation and visitor counts
- generous donors and Friends of the Library

**We are pleased to offer services that people use and support.**

You may have noticed that we have installed a video surveillance system. This is in response to a number of vandalism incidents inside and outside the building. We want to protect our patrons, our materials and our facility. The cameras will be a deterrent for some. Please help us by reporting any suspicious behavior.

Our library in 3 years... in 5 years... What should it be? The library board and staff are beginning work on a strategic plan, with a vision for the future, along with goals and action steps. If you have specific ideas, feel free to share them.

The four public computers purchased with a generous Clint Bowyer donation are well-used. You may need to look around for certain materials in the area, though, as we've had to rearrange furniture and some collections upstairs.

The three other public libraries in Lyon County, in Americus, Hartford and Allen, are automating their libraries with a system called Verso. Americus is in the process of moving from our Sirsi system to Verso, and the others will follow in the next year. This project means that the catalogs of all four libraries will be available on the Internet. All Lyon County residents can use all facilities, so more materials will be accessible in our area.



With Kelli Proehl now full time in the children's area, we have a vacancy in Adult Services. We are working to fill this part-time position with a genealogy focus.

**Sue Blechl, Library Director**

FALL-WINTER-SPRING

## LIBRARY HOURS

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>9 am to 8 pm</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9 am to 8 pm</b>
<b>Weds.</b>	<b>9 am to 8 pm</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9 am to 8 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9 am to 6 pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>11 am to 5 pm</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>2 pm - 5 pm</b>

## THANK YOU!

We always have many people to thank, and today we acknowledge several wonderful volunteers!

**Marcia Koch**, former library staffer who has volunteered extensively in the Genealogy & Local History area this summer.

**Carmaine Ternes**, who annually secures terrific donations to be used as incentives for our teen reading program.

**Jim & Myrna Stephens**, who are working with the library board and staff on strategic planning.

**Alex Neises**, who spent many Wednesdays at the library helping to set up and take down for our Brown Bag concerts.

**We couldn't have done it  
without you.**

## The library will be closed on:

Monday, September 7  
Wednesday, November 11  
Thursday, November 26

Check out our  
webpage at

[www.emporialibrary.org](http://www.emporialibrary.org)



# Technology Simplified

## Free Computer Classes

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Call 340-6462 to register.  
 All classes are on Thursdays and  
 are 90 minutes long.

### Classes

Sept. 10	2 pm	Basic word processing
Sept. 24	2 pm	Basic Internet searching
Sept. 24	6 pm	Homework Kansas
Oct. 1	2 pm	Computer safety & security
Oct. 1	6 pm	Explore the world of FREE Kansas online resources
Oct. 29	2 pm	Video online!
Oct. 29	6 pm	Computer basics
Nov. 5	2 pm	Audiobooks and more online!

### Hot Topics!

Sept. 17	6 pm	Online Social Networking – Facebook & Twitter
Oct. 22	6 pm	Freeware & Open Source software
Nov. 19	6 pm	Introduction to MS Office 2007 – including Word, Excel, Powerpoint & OneNote

All Veterans Tribute!

Soldier Families:  
 Service at Home



**Tuesday, November 3**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Emporia Public Library**

A panel of spouses and family members will discuss how their lives are impacted when their service member is called up.

Free!  
**DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY**  
 @ Emporia Public Library

Thursday, October 8  
 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No Appointments Necessary!

MOVIES  
 DOCUMENTARIES  
 HOW-TO VIDEOS  
**FREE!**

Downloaded straight to your computer - any time, any place - with your EPL library card. [MyLibraryDV](#)—Digital Video at your fingertips

Coming to our library this October!  
 Watch [www.emporialibrary.org](http://www.emporialibrary.org) for more information!

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Friends of the Library

# Fall 2009 Book Sale

Thursday, Oct. 15	Friends Preview Sale
4 to 5 pm	Life Members only
5 to 8 pm	All Friends Members-join tonight for only \$15
Friday, Oct. 16	9 am to 6 pm—sale opens to public
Saturday, Oct. 17	11 am to 5 pm
Sunday, Oct. 18	2 pm to 5 pm
Monday, Oct. 19	9 am to 8 pm Half-Price Day
Tuesday, Oct. 20	9 am to 8 pm Sale—\$4 per bag
Wed. Oct. 21	9 am to 8 pm Sale—\$2 per bag

## Book Sale News & Notes

Donations of books, videos, cds, and other items make the book sale a success. The sooner we get the items, the better, as they must be sorted, priced, and boxed in advance of the sale.

If you have large amounts of donations, please use our delivery entrance on the north side of the library building, preferably Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. We have staff and carts to help move the books from your car into the library.

Volunteers will move books for the sale up from the basement on **Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 5 pm to 7 pm**. All help will be appreciated.

The Friends will use professionally printed yard signs to market the book sale. A designated group of volunteers will distribute and pick up the signs.

New book sale aprons will help customers to recognize our volunteer workers. It's another improvement in our book sale planning!

**Workers needed!**  
**Contact**  
**Ann Coulson**  
**at 342-7772**

### Book Sale Chair

Mary Unruh

### Book Sorters

Judy Dodson

Barbara Holscher

Sharon Ikerd

Virginia Loper

Nancy McKinzie

Cindy Pastor

These dedicated women do great work to get ready for the sales!

# News from the Friends Board

Good Wishes to Matt Upson!

For the last year, Matt Upson has served on our board as a representative of the SLIM program at ESU. He has been a wonderful board member. Matt has accepted a job as library director at McPherson College. He will be greatly missed, but we do wish him the very best.

Welcome, Lily Morgan!

Lily is a SLIM student at Emporia State. She will graduate in the spring. She works as a graduate assistant at the Emporia High School library part time, and is excited to join the Friends of the Library board as a way to learn more about public librarianship and the Emporia community.

Lily enjoys knitting, creating decorations for her apartment, and having dinner parties. Right now she is reading The Ruins by Scott Smith & When Zachary Beaver Came to Town.

Welcome, Dee Schwinn!

Delores (Dee) Schwinn has lived in Emporia since September 1967 when she became a student at Kansas State Teachers College. She started teaching English and Latin at Emporia High School in September 1971 and just retired in May. She is currently an adjunct professor at EHS, teaching Latin II, III, and IV. Dee is active at Faith Lutheran Church and has been married to Harold for 38 ½ years. They have two daughters: Laura who teaches Journalism at EHS and Sara who teaches English at Mill Valley High School. Dee also has a 2-year old granddaughter, Rebecca.

Currently Dee is reading Light in August by William Faulkner. Her daughters said she had to read the Twilight series. She was skeptical, but read the first one and liked it! Authors she likes include Grisham, McComber, Steel, Garlock, Kingsbury, to name a few. When she retired, she knew she wanted to do something to help in the community and she thinks the library is a great place to start. She has always been a fan of the FOL book sales and feels that perhaps this group is a place where she can help.

Welcome, Sandy Valenti!

Sandy is currently employed at ESU as an Instructional Technologist. She holds a BA degree in writing from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA and a MS degree in instructional design and technology from ESU. Sandy has recently begun her doctoral program at Emporia State in the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM), and plans to add an instructional design concentration to her program of study.

Sandy moved to Emporia with her husband of 34 years, Dale, in 2005, and has been a book lover since she was able to read. Sandy is interested in non-fiction, fantasy and science fiction, and a good murder mystery. Her favorite authors include Isaac Asimov, Roger Zelazny, and lately, J. K. Rowling. Dale and Sandy have one daughter, who lives in Spokane, Washington, 4 cats, 4 kittens (free to a good home), and 3 dogs. She is very excited about serving as a member of the FOL board, and looks forward to making a contribution to the Emporia community.

Welcome, Irene Upson!

Irene is beginning her fourth year as a 4th grade teacher, and her second year at Village Elementary. She loves to read, craft, be outside, and watch movies with her family and friends. She just finished Thanks For the Memories by Cecelia Ahern and Deep Dish by Mary Kay Andrews. She says she was looking for books that would be fun and a fast read before starting the school year!

Irene and her husband, Matt, have been part of the Friends of the Library since they moved here last year. Irene decided to join the board to hopefully help the connection between local schools and the public. She is fairly new to the area.

**We welcome our four new board members. It will be an exciting year!**

Our Newest Board Members  
A great change was made in the bylaws a few years ago to allow for no maximum number of FOL board members. With these four new volunteers, the board will be sixteen, plus three standing positions (book sale chair, library director and **library board liaison.** ) **That's** 19 people working to make the Friends & the library a success!  
HOORAY!

### In Memory of Jo Mouse

The Friends of the Library and the Emporia community lost a super citizen recently. Jo Mouse was a dedicated FOL book sorter volunteer for many years. A memorial fund at the Library will be used to enhance the library's collections or services, according to the family's wishes. Donations in memory of Jo Mouse are welcome.

**Please consider the Emporia Public Library with a memorial or honorial to those you love and respect.**

### Recent Friends Donations to the Library

\$325	Movie License – annual cost
\$300	Book Page—a guide to new books - renewal – 50 copies each month
\$500	staff appreciation
\$500	community bookcase—Adult Services —test books such as GED, ACT, SAT, ASVAB, GRE, etc. in English & in Spanish
Total \$1,625	



Plus \$50 donation in memory of Jo Mouse, former book sorter

Other significant donations include Brown Bag Concert support and the Summer Reading Programs for teens and kids



### Volunteer Help is Needed

Do you ever wonder how the magazine exchange in the east entrance is handled? The Friends have an opportunity for a regular volunteer to help make a difference in our library and community. Because the work area is in the library basement, the volunteer must be able to handle stairs and moving book carts on and off the small elevator.

Contact Mary Unruh at 342-4425 for more details.

Yes, I want to join Emporia Friends of the Library!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership levels

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family / Organization	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life (Individual)	\$150

#### Return to:

Friends of the Library  
c / o Emporia Public Library  
110 E. 6th Ave.  
Emporia, KS 66801

# Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL)



Established in 1982, Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) is a tax-deductible, non-profit organization governed by a board of officers and trustees from all regions of Kansas. Membership includes individuals, libraries, Friends organizations, and businesses who are interested in promoting and supporting libraries in their communities and state-wide.

***Friends of Kansas Libraries***  
***c/o Hutchinson Public Library***  
***901 N. Main St.***  
***Hutchinson, KS 67501***  
***www.fokl.net***

## **The FoKL mission:**

- ◆ to encourage and support new and existing local Friends groups
- ◆ to facilitate the exchange of useful information among organizations of Friends
- ◆ to advocate for excellent library services

As the current President of FoKL, I want to extend an invitation to all Emporia Friends members to expand their support for libraries by joining FoKL. Start-up grants, challenge grants, and awards are key ways FoKL gives back to state Friends groups.

**Sue Blechl, EPL Director**  
**FoKL President**

## **Membership categories are**

- ◆ Individual \$15
- ◆ Friends Group \$25
- ◆ Library or Organization \$35
- ◆ Best Friend \$50

See webpage for membership form ***www.fokl.net***

## **Library Board**

<i>Chair</i>	Jan Laurent
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Sharon Stephens
<i>Secretary</i>	Jesse Solis
<i>Treasurer</i>	Steve Younger
	Jack Havenhill
	Sherry Watkins
	Gae Williams

Library Board members (also called trustees) are appointed by the Emporia City Commission to govern the Library. Trustees develop the strategic plan, set the budget and make policies.

They meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 4:30 pm. The public is welcome.

## **Friends of the Library Board**

<i>President</i>	Ann Coulson	
<i>Vice President</i>	Lori Clark	
<i>Secretary</i>	Billie Johnson	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Roxana Johnson	
	Mar Jean Anderson	Greg Larson
	Jan Bradbury	Vickie Orzel
	Deb Burns-Heinitz	Blaise Plummer
	Dana Carter	Irene Upson
	Jerry Fair	Lily Morgan
	Dee Schwinn	Sandy Valenti

Mary Unruh, book sale chair

Sherry Watkins, library board liaison

Sue Blechl, library director

The Friends Board meets monthly on the third Monday at 5:30 pm. The public is welcome.

# SUMMER 2009—A SUPER SUCCESS!

We wish to thank the students and their parents for achieving record levels of reading. Congratulations! We thank the schools, teachers and librarians for promoting the library and reading. We appreciate the many community businesses and organizations who generously donate prizes and incentives.

## Children's Summer Reading Program

Be Creative @ your library!

1,151 participants

652,200 minutes read

**Lori Heller, Children's Coordinator**

## Teen Summer Reading Program

Express Yourself @ your library!

119 participants

143,171 pages read

Lynette Olson, Adult Services Coordinator

Allstate Insurance

**Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**

**Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Café**

Flint Hills Lanes

Flint Hill Optimists

**McDonald's on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**J's Carryout**

**McDonald's on 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Goodcents Subs &

Pasta

**Papa Murphy's Pizza**

Pizza Ranch

**Roller's**

Sertoma Club

Sonic Drive-In

Subway Sandwiches

Tropical Sno

Village Inn Restaurant

Walmart

Wheat State Pizza

**Wendy's Prairie Port Plaza**

**Annette's Salon**

Bath & Body Works

**Brown's Shoe Fit**

The Buckle

Chamber of Commerce

Core First Bank & Trust

Hastings

**Dwyer's Hallmark**

ESB Financial

Flint Hills Music

Flint Hills 8 Theatres

Flinthills Eyecare

John North Ford

**Maurice's**

Midas Touch

**Mike's Sporting Goods**

Newman Regional Health

Dr. John Patton

Starbucks

Town Crier Bookstore

We thank our lucky stars for

Flint Hills Optimists

Friends of the Library

Jones Aquatic Center

Granada Theater

Carmaine Ternes

ESU Capoeira Club

Nancy Boyce

Armobile

## Brown Bag Concert Sponsors

Thanks to:

Friends of the Library

Lyon County Historical Museum

Emporia Main Street

Emporia Arts Council

Wheat State Pizza

Tropical Sno

Planet Sub

KISS 103.1 Radio and other media

<b>Concerts</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3,245</b>
<b>Average Attendance</b>	<b>361</b>
<b>High Attendance</b>	<b>712</b>

## 2009 Kansas Notable Books List Announced

The Kansas Notable Books List, a project of the Kansas Center for the Book (KCFB) at the State Library of Kansas, is an annual selection of 15 titles written by Kansans or about Kansas published in the previous year. A Kansas Notable Books Committee identifies the titles and forwards a list to the State Librarian for final decision. This is the fourth annual Kansas Notable Books List compiled by KCFB. In addition, Kansas is one of only two states that choose to promote their authors and stories in such a manner. More about the Notable Books project can be viewed at [www.kcfb.info](http://www.kcfb.info).

Please see the display of the Kansas Notable Books on the second floor of the Library where the books are available for checkout.

[J629.13 TANAKA](#)

*Amelia Earhart: The Legend of the Lost Aviator* by Shelley Tanaka,

[641.59781 BANKS](#)

*Artfully Done Across Generations: An Art Cookbook* by Friends of the Wichita Art Museum

[811.6 JOHNSON](#)

*Burn* by Kathleen Johnson

[615.8 BROCK](#)

*Charlatan: America's Most Dangerous Huckster, the Man Who Pursued*

*Him, and the Age of Flimflam* by Pope Brock

[YA BUNCE](#)

*A Curse Dark As Gold* by Elizabeth C. Bunce

[KS 598 GRESS](#)

*The Guide to Kansas Birds and Birding Hot Spots* by Bob Gress and Pete Janzen

[641.5092 ALEXANDER](#)

*Hometown Appetites: The Story of Clementine Paddleford, the Forgotten*

*Food Writer Who Chronicled How America Ate* by Kelly Alexander and Cynthia Harris

[KS 978.1 RHOADS](#)

*Kansas Opera Houses: Actors and Community Events 1855-1925* by Jane Glotfelty

Rhoads

[746.46 BRACKMAN](#)

*Making History: Quilts & Fabric From 1890-1970* by Barbara Brackman

[910.4092 POTTS](#)

*Marco Polo Didn't Go There: Stories and Revelations From One Decade As*

*A Postmodern Travel Writer* by Rolf Potts

[KS 978.1 WORSTER](#)

*The Nature of Kansas Lands* by Beverley Worster (ed.)

[333.72092 WORSTER](#)

*A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir* by Donald Worster

[KS 973.711 MINER](#)

*Seeding Civil War: Kansas in the National News, 1854-1858* by Craig Miner

[KS 307.7209781 WOOD](#)

*Survival of Rural America: Small Victories and Bitter Harvests* by Richard E. Wood  
*The Pizza Hut Story* by Robert Spector – not owned by Emporia Public Library

## Get Ready for the New School Year with HomeworkKansas!

**HomeworkKansas** is a tutoring service that connects Kansas students one-on-one with live tutors using the internet. The service is sponsored by Kan-ed, the State Library of Kansas and all libraries across the state. To access **HomeworkKansas**, students need a free [Kansas Library Card](#) which is available at Emporia Public Library, school libraries or online. Visit the website [www.kslc.org](http://www.kslc.org) or come to the Adult Services reference desk on the second floor to obtain a card.

With the Learning Suite there is more time and help available for patrons of all ages. In addition to providing help for all students—kindergarten through adult education and college students—the service has greatly expanded hours—8 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. A new Live Homework Help® classroom is easy to use, and may be the one tool that helps more students succeed. Subjects for assistance include math, science, English and social studies. Assistance in Spanish is offered in the subject areas of math, science and social studies.

New to the service are college entrance practice tests like ACT and SAT, graduate school exams like GRE and LSAT, Advanced Placement, ASVAB and TOEFL, and GED prep tests. **HomeworkKansas** will also offer assistance with job searches, sample resumes and cover letters, financial literacy and assistance with proofreading of papers.

Use of **HomeworkKansas** during the 2008-09 school year averaged nearly 3,000 sessions a month at approximately 20 minutes per session. **HomeworkKansas** is powered by Tutor.com.

## Let's talk about the BOOK!

### Book Discussions

6:30 to 8 pm  
First Wednesday of the Month

**September 2**

Hope's Boy by Andrew Bridge

**October 7**

Terra Incognita by Ruth Downie

**November 4**

The Guernsey Literary and  
Potato Peel Pie Society  
by Mary Ann Shaffer

**December 2**

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Books for checkout are available at the reference desk.  
Join us for one or more discussions!



THANK YOU!



The Library Staff wish to express our appreciation to our patrons for their patience as we work out the "bugs" in the new computer management system.



### A PEEK IN OUR WINDOWS

The Emporia Public Library is falling into autumn with great displays full of sewing projects, collectible aprons and history. To start us off, we have the Flint Hills Sewing Guild displaying their talent with a needle and the beautiful things they make with their own two hands. Aprons are the name of the game in October with an extensive display of different types and unique styles of aprons brought to you by Bernice Rider. Following Ms. Rider is the Lyon County Historical Society bringing history into the present to celebrate those that have gone before us.

## Anime Club Continues

The Anime Club is for teens from 13 to 18 years old. The club meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- September 8 & 22
- October 13 & 27
- November 10 & 24

The Anime Club is currently viewing "TRIGUN." The series was adapted by [Madhouse Studios](#) as a 26-episode animated television series, based on the [Japanese manga](#) series written and illustrated by [Yasuhiro Nightow](#).



## News & Notes

*Mary White* DVD finally available!

You've been asking for it, and it's finally here! The heart-warming story of a father-daughter relationship, *Mary White* is the true story of William Allen White and the final year of his daughter's life. This 1977 television drama won an Emmy for Outstanding Writing and was nominated for a Golden Globe for best picture.

EPL is now on Facebook!

Become a fan and keep up with what's happening @ the Library!

Jones Trust Grant

The Trust has approved a grant for \$2,779 for a new mobility scooter to use in the library. Our current scooter is over 20 years old and is on its last legs (or wheels!!) We appreciate the generosity of the Trust in helping to make the library easy to use for all of our patrons.

Friends of the  
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## EMPORIA AREA LIBRARIES

### **Emporia Public Library**

Sue Blechl, Director

[blechls@emporialibrary.org](mailto:blechls@emporialibrary.org)

- Circulation desk & renewals 340-6462
- Children's Services 340-6466
- Adult services/Reference 340-6450
- Local & Family History 340-6452
- Homebound Services 340-6449
- Meeting room reservations 340-6460
- Interlibrary Loan 340-6465

### **Fall-Winter-Spring Hours**

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9 am to 8 pm  
Friday 9 am to 6 pm  
Saturday 11 am to 5 pm  
Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm

### **Summer Hours**

Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9 am to 6 pm  
Wednesday 9 am to 8 pm  
Saturday 11 am to 5 pm  
Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm

### **North Lyon County Library (Allen)**

Shirley Williams, Director

[library@satelephone.com](mailto:library@satelephone.com)

[northlyonco.net/](http://northlyonco.net/)

620-528-3451

### **Elmendaro Township Library (Hartford)**

Catherine Schmidt, Director

[elmlib@seamless.net](mailto:elmlib@seamless.net)

[hartford.mykansaslibrary.org/](http://hartford.mykansaslibrary.org/)

620-392-5518

### **Americus Township Library**

Anita Westcott, Director

[americuslibrary@fairpoint.net](mailto:americuslibrary@fairpoint.net)

[americus.mykansaslibrary.org/](http://americus.mykansaslibrary.org/)

620-443-5503

### **W. A. White Library (Emporia State University)**

[www.emporia.edu/libsv/index.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/libsv/index.htm)

620-341-5207

### **Flint Hills Technical College Library**

[www.fhtc.edu/Student-Services/Library.aspx](http://www.fhtc.edu/Student-Services/Library.aspx)

620-341-1323