



North Kansas City Public Library

Jewel of our City for 75 years 1939 - 2014

Annual Report **2013-2014**

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Highlights on Accomplishments

LSTA Grants

North Kansas City Public Library applied for and received two LSTA grants in 2013-2014. These grants provided matching funds of \$27,082 which allowed NKCPL to update old, damaged equipment and acquire new, additional equipment. These equipment purchases were part of the Library's 2014 and 2015 goals.

❖ Children's Area Computers

With matching LSTA grant funds NKCPL was able to purchase eight computers for the Children's Area of the Library. Receiving this grant allowed the Library to replace two old, partially functioning, Early Literacy Computers with two new Early Literacy Stations. Also included in the grant were funds to purchase two additional AfterSchool Edge computers and four additional computers for the newly designed Tween Area of the Library.

❖ Self-Check System with DVD Dispenser

A new Self-Check System and four DVD Dispenser Towers were purchased with matching LSTA grant funds. The new system stores and dispenses the adult collection of DVDs. The self-check system can be used to check-out any library material.

NKCPL Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On January 18, 2014 North Kansas City Public Library celebrated its 75th year of serving the community. A year-long celebration began with an Anniversary Reception where Mayor Stielow proclaimed January 18th to be *North Kansas City Public Library Day*; awards were given to the Bookmark Design Contest winners; and Northtowne Arts Coalition artists displayed their pleinair art. Special activities and programs were held during 2014 to thank the community for their support and to mark this milestone. Below are some of the special events held in 2014:

❖ September 2013

Bookmark Design Contest (ages up to 14 years old)

- Winners were: Brooke Coe, Hanaw Ali, Aliee Cantrell, Amy Pham, Sarah Holsomeack and siblings Sarah and Adam Gouddou

❖ January 2014

Anniversary Reception

- Mayor Stielow proclaimed January 18th North Kansas City Public Library Day
- Presentation of Bookmark Design Contest winner awards
- Northtowne Arts Coalition Pleinart Art Display
- Cake and Punch

Gone With the Wind showing at Screenland Theatre – a 1939 Movie Classic

Special Happy Birthday NKCP Library Party and Storytime

❖ February 2014

Special DVD check-out limit raised to 10 DVDs

Storytime with Mayor Don Stielow

- ❖ March 2014
NKCPL participated in the Snake Saturday Parade
- ❖ April 2014
Arbor Day with Missouri Department of Conservation's Wendi Sangster and Balloon Launch Event with local Girl Scout Troup #1059
- ❖ May 2014
Celebrate "May Day" – a carnation was given to every patron
- ❖ June 2014
"Half Price Fines Month" allowed patrons to reduce their fine payment amount by half
- ❖ July 2014
A special viewing of the 1939 Movie Classic "Wizard of Oz" and an ice cream social held at the Library
- ❖ August 2014
NKCPL pencils given to all students and patrons
- ❖ September 2014
Special visit from local award-winning author, Robin Bailey
- ❖ October 2014
Remembering the Library – long-time patrons visit and share their stories about NKC and the Library
- ❖ November 2014
Veterans Day Celebration with local Boy Scout Troup #501 and special speaker Major John Smith, retired

Tweens in the Library

Tween Room

- An area just for Tweens, ages eight to fourteen, was created in the Children's Section of the Library.
- The area was equipped with new Tween friendly furniture.
- Four desktop computers were installed.
- The Juvenile Fiction collection is housed in the newly created area.
- A mural specially created for the Tween Room was painted on two of the walls.



Tween Programming

NKCPL Summer Reading 2014 included weekly programming just for our Tweens. Special workshops included Summer Art Workshop, Hip Hop Dance, Balloon Twisting, Roller Coaster Physics and Murder Mystery Challenge.

Patron Access Computers

Twenty new patron access computers were added during 2014. Six additional computers were added on the main level of the Library and ten new patron access computers were added to the lower level of the Library. The latest version of Microsoft Office 2013 has been installed on all new computers. Color printers for patron use were added to both the main and lower level of the Library.

Four new computers were added to the newly created Tween Area in the Children's Section of the Library.

Updated Furniture

Lounge chairs in the main area of the Library were reupholstered. Fresh colors were used to blend in with the existing furnishings, walls and floor coverings.

The lounge chairs and benches in the Children's Storytime Room were reupholstered in colors that coordinated with the recently painted murals.

New computer tables were installed in the main level patron access computer area of the Library to accommodate the six new computers and color printer.

Four Star Library

North Kansas City Public Library received the ***Library Journal Star Library Award*** for the fourth year in a row.



- NKCPL received a Star Library Award for the fourth year in a row
- Rankings based on 2012 circulation (203,457); library visits (188,716); program attendance (4,669); and public internet usage (36,040)
- NKCPL ranked **13th** out of 1,394 in the \$400,000-\$999,999 expenditure range
- Seven Libraries in Missouri received a Three or Four star ranking
- Total of 7,586 Libraries reviewed

Summer Reading Program

May 31 through August 2, 2014

“Fizz, Boom, Read”

Total Children Participants = 526

Total Hours of Reading = 5,523

- Ages 3½ weeks-14 years
- 1,688 reading logs
- 25 Zip Codes
- 60 schools

“Literary Elements”

Total Adult Participants = 142

- 1,888 books read
- 641 book reviews written

Award Party – Macken Park

- 143 children attended
- 88 adults attended



Science City



Kiwanis

Library Collection & Statistics

(as of 9-30-2014)

Collection Size = 93,902 items

Print Materials = 60,754

Audio Visual Materials = 7,778

Electronic Books = 25,214

Periodical Subscriptions = 156

Newly Acquired Items in 2013/2014 = 18,521 items

Print Materials = 7,252

Audio Visual Materials = 1,164

Electronic Books = 10,063

Electronic Magazines = 42

Collection Expenditures = \$144,375

Print Materials = \$94,263

Audio Visual Materials = \$20,208

Electronic Books / Databases = \$26,950

Periodical Subscriptions = \$2,954

Annual Total Circulation = 176,710

Registered, Active Borrowers = 14,907

Registered E-Book Borrowers = 977

Annual Public Computer Sessions = 37,182

Total Programs = 260

Program Attendance = 7,513