



# The Herington Public Library Newsletter

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## Welcome to Herington Public Library Newsletter

### Herington Public Library

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Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Please take a few minutes to learn about current happenings at the Herington Public Library. To find out more about the library, continue reading our newsletter, the monthly news column in The Herington Times, visit the webpage at [herington.lib.nckls.org](http://herington.lib.nckls.org) or like the Facebook page.

~ Shelly Wirtz, Library Director

### Happenings at the Herington Public Library:

**Forgiveness Month:** February is fine forgiveness month at Herington Public Library. Anyone who has a lost or currently overdue library item may return them with fines erased for those materials.

For those who have existing fines, here's a way to reduce those. Bring in a personal hygiene item, paper goods, canned or non-perishable food item and have 50 cents per item taken off of the fine. All items that are collected in the month of February will be donated to the local food bank. There is a special need for personal hygiene and paper items.

**Something new:** The library staff has rearranged shelving for the movies, non-fiction and Kansas books. Take the time to "check it out" and share opinions about the new arrangement with library staff.

**Thanks:** The library board and staff offers many thanks to all patrons served in the past year. Both look forward to serving the community and having many wonderful times at the library in 2017. If there is any way for the board or staff to help, please make contact.

**Upcoming Events:** Since Herington students will be dismissed from classes at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 1, the library will host a free movie and popcorn at 2 p.m. that Wednesday. Parents are welcome to accompany their children. Very young children should be accompanied by a care giver.

A family Valentine event is planned on Sunday, Feb. 12, starting at 2 p.m. Valentine stories will be read, some fun crafts made and snacks shared. All families are welcome to attend.

**Little Railers:** The Little Railers' preschool will take a field trip to the library on Wednesday, Jan. 25. The children will tour the library and Miss Susan will read a Kansas book in honor of Kansas Day (which is Jan. 29). Youngsters also will make a special Kansas craft.

## Herington Public Library Services:

High Speed Internet  
Wireless Internet  
4 Patron Computers  
Copy Machine  
Fax Machine  
Homebound & Outreach Service  
Handicapped Accessibility  
Book Group  
Children's Story Time  
Summer Reading Program  
Tax Forms  
DVDS  
Audio Books  
Paperbacks  
Newspapers  
Magazines  
Kansas Library Card

## Board Members:

Jenette Clark  
Karolyn Schlesener  
Roger Boelling  
Connie Haage  
Richard Olson  
Pam Dalton  
Peggy Hilliard



**2016 Stats:** The statistics report for 2016 isn't completed yet but here is some of the information.

There were a total of 155 programs offered, including all programs for children and adults. A total of 3,269 people attended these programs. This included the summer, spring and fall story times, as well as Miss Susan's visits at the school. This also included groups that used the basement as a meeting place.

The library circulated 16,864 total items; fulfilled 856 interlibrary loan requests; had 17,436 visitors; completed 1,954 reference transactions; had 5,500 people use the computers; and had 4,926 devices connected to the wireless internet.

More statistics will be shared in the next newsletter.

The library is open 38 hours a week, except on holidays, with extra hours, as needed, for special programming. Regular hours are Monday - Thursday. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Tax Forms:** The library has received some tax forms. It's unknown how many more we be receives. Staff can always print them if patrons provide the number or schedule needed.

**Book Group:** Anyone interested in joining the book group may call Shelly at 785-258-2011 or e-mail her at [director@heringtonlib.info](mailto:director@heringtonlib.info). The group meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Rotating Books:** The rotating books will change on February 9. They will be ready for check out on February 10.

**Display Case:** Anyone having a collection to share in the library display case, call Shelly at 785-258-2011.

For December and January Jim Gillett shared his Ford New Holland Holiday Crystal Bells.

**TOPS:** The local TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club, Inc. group meets every Tuesday in the library basement. The weigh-in time is from 6 - 6:25 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Shelly Wirtz at 785-258-2011.

**Book Sale:** New items are continually added to the sale shelves. Remember, materials are only 25 cents per item or \$1 per sack. (The library will provide the sack.)

**E-Books:** If someone receives a new computer, tablet or other electronic device that can be used for reading books, remember the different services the library provides for no charge.

Stop by the library and staff can provide different websites, instructions and even help with setting up the device.

**Early Literacy Station:** Don't forget the library has an Early Learning Station (ELS) downstairs in the children's area. There are more than 700 educational programs on this computer unit. It is a great resource for children ages 2-8 to use to keep up with school subjects. It makes learning fun!

**Programs Available:** If any local groups would like an activity planned or program offered, contact the library. Miss Susan is willing to share a craft activity or informative program with Scout groups, 4-H members, clubs or other groups in the community. The library also offers free meeting space for non-profit groups.