

Greetings FOOLs and Friends,

We are starting a newsletter! If you know anyone who would like to receive it, please let us know.

The Book Fool store remains closed, but the Little Library has shown activity. Stop by the Library's new, improved back patio and flower garden! FOOLs is always looking for new members and volunteers. Thanks!

### **Changes at the library**

The phrase everyone is hearing so much these days is "We're all in this together." It applies to libraries also. Libraries in North East Kansas have been trying to learn as much as possible about safe practices to re-open our doors. There have been weekly discussions on Zoom between directors and the NEKLS staff, plus articles and webinars addressing the issue. Local rule is still how every library operates; so local boards and staff make their own decision even in this unprecedented case. This library will follow the local and state health department guidance. Our hope is that people will be comfortable with some new practices we need to put in place to ensure safety for everyone.

### **Grants Awarded to Enhance our Library!**

We have been fortunate to win 3 grants in the past 6 months that help the collection, families and our building.

1. \$500.00 -KU Community Action Lab: The first award was through the governor's initiative to improve the lives of preschoolers in Kansas. This is in cooperation with Keystone Parents as Teachers for kits for families to deal with social and emotional issues. The 10 kits include books, activities and website resources for families dealing with anger, separation, death etc.
2. \$1900.00 -Free State Community Foundation: This is to enhance the back patio entrance with screening, furniture, and planters. This was originally just an improvement to enlarge our usable space. It has become especially needed with our Wi-Fi access available afterhours.
3. \$1,000- Believe in Reading .org to purchase graphic novels. This grant is to encourage reading in middle and high school age students that seem to lose interest.

### **Summer Reading is coming!**

Again, changes are being put in place, so stay tuned for the opening date and the special activities. Why should the fun stop when you're an adult? This year the library is offering a bingo card to adults to complete and enter drawings for prizes.

Until next time,  
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