

## Your Library News

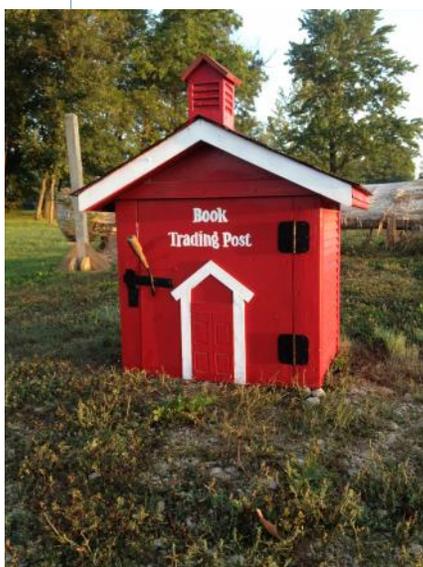
### ***Friends of the Library*** ***Book Trading Posts***

Now in Willard & Valencia!

Take a book and/or  
leave a book

A way to spread the  
enjoyment of books and also  
provide outreach from the  
Rossville Library!

More info on pg. 5



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NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2014



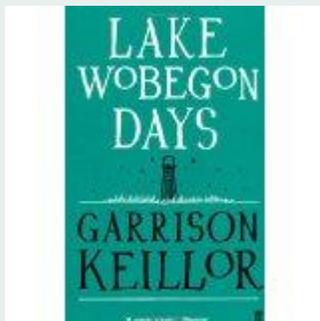
## TOP 20 REQUESTS

1. Takedown Twenty– Janet Evanovich
  2. Despicable Me 2
  3. Red 2
  4. White House Down
  5. Grown Ups 2
  6. Cross My Heart– James Patterson
  7. Man of Steel
  8. Elysium
  9. The Lone Ranger
  10. 2 Guns
  11. Turbo
  12. The Wolverine
  13. Monsters University
  14. We're the Millers
  15. R.I.P.D.
  16. Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
  17. Takedown Twenty (Large print)- Janet Evanovich
  18. The Heat
  19. King & Maxwell– David Baldacci
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***“Reputation is what other people know about you.  
Honor is what you know about yourself.”*** - Lois McMaster Bujold

### MAIN STREET BOOKIES

We are reading for  
January 17



@ 10:00

### YA IS FOR EVERYBODY

These days many adults are finding enjoyable reads in our Young Adult (Teen) section. Don't be afraid to find out what all these great books are about! Some popular titles/series include:

- Marked (1)- P.C. Cast (House of Night series)
- City of Bones (1)- Cassandra Clare (Mortal Instruments series)
- The Hunger Games (1)- Suzanne Collins (Hunger Games trilogy)
- Matched (1)- Ally Condie (Matched trilogy)
- The Maze Runner (1)- James Dashner (Maze Runner series)
- The Ruins of Gorlan (1)- John Flanagan (Ranger's Apprentice series)
- Beautiful Creatures (1)- Kami Garcia (Beautiful Creatures series)
- Gone (1)- Michael Grant (Gone series)
- Crank (1)- Ellen Hopkins (Crank series)
- The Iron King (1)- Julie Kagawa (Iron Fey series)
- I Am Number Four (1)- Pittacus Lore (Lorien Legacies series)
- Legend (1)- Marie Lu (Legend trilogy)
- Divergent (1)- Veronica Roth (Divergent trilogy)
- Pretty Little Liars– Sara Shepard (Pretty Little Liars series)

# Schedule of Events/Classes

YOGA classes  
with Cat McMahon

**Each Sunday from  
3:00-4:30; \$5/class**

**January Weeknight Session  
Begins Jan 2; \$25; Pre-register**



## BOOK A LIBRARIAN

**Each Tuesday from 10-12  
for appointments.**

Get help with your  
technology questions.  
Other skills-training available, too.

**Just ask.**

We have some exciting programs planned  
for the first part 2014,  
potentially including:

**Steampunk Author visit  
A Night at the Oscars  
Wits & Wagers Trivia  
Traditional Trivia  
Fiber Arts Club**

If you have suggestions for programs and  
events, please let us know. We take your  
feedback seriously!

Look for our 2013 Annual Report for a summary  
on how the library's year went. Will include pic-  
tures, interesting statistics, and a budget review.

## After-School Cards

Continues in winter/spring  
semester

Join us on Thursday  
afternoons from  
3:30-4:30!

Snacks provided; bring \$1.

# Technology Resources & Tips

## from Jaclyn, Tech Specialist

### Digital Book eLending

Kansas EZ Library has a new name. To better align the program's name with the service, the State Library will be renaming the statewide digital book program to **Digital Book eLending**. You will begin to see updates to the website, support material and other resources associated with **Digital Book eLending**. Web addresses won't change.

**Digital Book eLending** will continue to provide support and online access to audiobooks and eBooks brought to you by the State Library of Kansas and Kansas libraries.

Visit <http://www.kslib.info/digitalbooks.html> for more information about eBooks, TumbleBooks for kids, and audiobooks.

Also, remember the other resources the state library provides: language learning; practice tests for GED, ASVAB, CDL, and more; computer skills; health information; genealogy; auto repair; history; literature; newspaper and periodical articles; Encyclopedia Britannica Online; almost any topic! <http://www.kslc.org/>

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### WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY?

I recently came across a mention of a smartwatch, of which I have never heard. "What is a smartwatch" you ask? Just like a smartphone is a telephone that will receive certain kinds of information and convenient features, a smartwatch will tell the time as well as provide you with notifications from your smartphone and access to certain kinds of information.

Why would anyone want a smartwatch? Here are some scenarios...

You are in a boring, albeit important, meeting (or wedding or funeral or...) and your pocket or purse chirps, whistles, beeps, or sings. Oops. Now you look conspicuous digging your smartphone out of your pocket or purse to see what notification just embarrassed you. Even if you have your phone on vibrate so you didn't embarrass yourself with an audible notification, you don't want to get out your phone if you don't have to. With a smartwatch, your wrist vibrates with the notification. You glance at your watch and determine if the notification is worthy of action now or if it can wait.

You are at the movie theater but can't turn off your phone in case the babysitter calls. Every time your phone gets a notification (call, text, Facebook message, e-mail, etc.) you blind yourself and distract others in the movie theater with the suddenly bright screen to make sure it's not the babysitter with an emergency. With the smartwatch, a glance at your wrist will tell you.

Outside of notifications, some models can set alarms, control your phone's music apps, read e-mails, calendar events, stock updates, weather, track your biking and running, and more! You can even sync up a higher-end model with your smartphone and use voice commands to connect to Google Now or Siri and to answer or place phone calls directly from the watch.

As with any new idea, this wearable technology is left to be seen whether people will wear computers on their wrists.

A smartwatch allows you to stay connected and informed without constantly interrupting your life. While not all smartwatches offer ways to add a myriad of apps and features like smartphones, most pair with smartphone apps and will improve their functionality over time. You can't do everything with a smartwatch now, but you will have the opportunity to do a lot more later without buying new hardware. Prices range from \$100 to \$300.



Our Book Trading Posts are free for anyone to use—and from any community. The Valencia book trading post is located at the Fire Station on Valencia road just north of I-70. The Willard book trading post is in front of Willard’s community center on Holden Rd.

Thank you to our local contacts who have agreed to be “little librarians” by periodically checking in on the post.

Also thank you to Bob Foster and Rod Brown for building the posts and to Lisa Thornburg who helped paint one!

We are looking for more builders so that we can potentially place book trading posts in Delia, Maple Hill, and Rossville.

Contact Adrienne if you are interested in building a post!



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***“Books should go where they will be most appreciated, and not sit unread, gathering dust on a forgotten shelf; don’t you agree?”***  
- Christopher Paolini

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### *FROM THE DIRECTOR, ADRIENNE OLEJNIK*

My thoughts, lately, have often been centered on “community.” The efforts to build and restore connections with each other can be challenging in our modern day.

Innovations in technology have enabled new ways of accessing information, entertainment and services. While many of these innovations are improvements to our daily lives, I wonder what we may be giving up in exchange. Now we find ourselves facing a screen more often than facing another person.

Sometimes I find myself taking the “easier” way of communicating by sending a text or an email. While there is nothing wrong with these forms of communication, sometimes it is nice to see someone, or hear his/her voice, or receive a handwritten letter in the mail—

something tangible in an age where everything seems so disposable and/or nebulous out in the cloud. Will we see a renaissance in community building as people realize what we may be losing by too quickly embracing certain technologies without thought? Perhaps.

To be clear, I am not a Luddite. I think technology is a wonderful thing that has the ability to improve our lives. But at the end of the day, it is not the only solution.

I find it too easy to turn inward and ignore the needs of our community. But how much better would our community (and the world) be if we thought about the word, “community” and what it means to you. Let’s work on being better neighbors to each other, and we’ll see the difference!



## Library Hours

Monday 10-6

Tuesday 10-6

Wednesday 10-7

Thursday 10-6

Friday 10-5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday (Closed)

WiFi available 24 hours!

Just pull up in the front of  
the library!

See more historical photos on our  
history website:

[http://history.nekls.org/en/  
rossville](http://history.nekls.org/en/rossville)

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## CHRISTMAS FROM ROSSVILLE, 1927

From the December 22, 1927 *Rossville Reporter*

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN OUR COMMUNITY

The spirit of Christmas is more than a spirit of giving. It is more than a mere exchange of material things. It is a matter of spiritual values, a sort of glorified combination of the realization that "the gift without the giver is bare," the resolution to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and the desire for "peace on earth, good will to men." Especially should this be true of the Christmas spirit in our community.

When we have planned for the gifts that we are to give to members of our families and our friends, we must not forget that there is another which should receive a gift from us. It is our community. Our gift to our community should be one of good citizenship, by having an active interest in affairs of government, by aiding the board of education and the teachers in maintaining the highest standards of education in our schools, by actively supporting our churches, by centering all of our trading activities here, by taking pride in the appearance of our homes our yards, our streets and our parks, by being an active proponent, and not an obstructionist, of any movement which will make our town a better place in which to live—in short, by building up our community in every possible way. For the one best gift to our community is co-operation.

And when we have given this to our community, let us not forget the gift as soon as the holiday season is over. Instead let us carry over the Christmas spirit into every day of the year so that each succeeding Christmas will be a happier one for all of us because each of us has done his share in giving our community all the good things of life.

## This Month's Featured Historical Photo



### HISTORY MYSTERY

When was this photo taken?

Ben Miller gave a party in the National Hotel building for a group of boys and girls which was followed by a slumber party for the girls. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Joe Navarre, Virgil McPherson, Clare Miller, Gladys Jamieson, Bea Miller, and Mabel Binns. Seated from left to right are Lance Jamieson, Elmer Stevens, Lowell Hook, George Vawter, and Gus Parr.