

# Library Newsletter

Kirwin City  
Library

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## Free Audio Books Available May 1 through Kansas State Library

The State Library of Kansas is creating the *Kansas Virtual Library*, a project which will bring online audio books and music to Kansans! This shared virtual library collection of audio books and music is offered through a company named OverDrive and will be available to all Kansas residents online using the Kansas Library Card. This two-year pilot project will be managed and partially funded by the State Library with the titles purchased by libraries in the state. The *Kansas Virtual Library* will include standard audio books and music available for check out through the internet. You can download a book or music to your computer or to an mp3 player during a set "check-out" period. (MP3 players are associated with downloading music from the internet. The device is smaller than a personal CD player so are very portable. You will need a computer to download songs, but you don't necessarily

need the internet; mp3 is just the name of a type of computer file). The company we will initially be utilizing for this project is OverDrive. Audio books are one of the fastest growing segments of library collections. Participating in this project will help libraries provide more audio titles without having to catalog, store or maintain them. And in the long run, it will be a project that demonstrates Kansas cooperation through libraries.

The virtual library can be accessed via the internet at a website OverDrive is developing especially for Kansas. This site can be linked from your library webpage and will be linked via Blue Skysways. Patrons will be able to download the titles to their computer and then to a portable MP3 player or to disk (one chapter per disk). At this time, the titles are not compatible with an IPOD.

The *Kansas Virtual Library* will work just like a real library in that if a book is

checked out, it is unavailable. Thus, if two or more libraries purchase the same book, it actually provides more access to that title. The patron can go directly to the Kansas Virtual Library website and check out a title using the Kansas Library Card. OverDrive automatically checks the books back in at the end of the circulation period.

Titles can also be used directly on your home computer using the free software available through the site. They can also be burned to a PDA or CD for use. However, Music titles will not be able to be burned to CDs.

If you plan on purchasing or if you already own an mp3 player, training is available at the library to download the books onto your device. You will also need a Kansas Library Card to access these books via the *Kansas Virtual Library*. If you do not have a Kansas Library card, contact your local librarian.



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#### Kirwin City Library

#### **Open Monday-Thursday**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### **Open Friday**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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#### *May-June*

#### *Featured Selections*

*Poetry*



*For Memorial Day:*

**"Your silent tents  
of green  
We deck with  
fragrant flowers;  
Yours has the  
suffering been,  
The memory shall  
be ours."**

*~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



**Community Events  
In May & June:**

Wednesday, May 17: Community Movie at the library: *A Road to Redemption*

Friday, May 19: Grade School Math Bucks Carnival at Community Building

Saturday, May 20: Senior graduation at the high school gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22: 8th grade promotion at the high school gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27: Alumni Banquet at the Community Building, social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Services at Kirwin Cemetery 10:00 a.m., Bogart Cemetery 10:30 a.m.

## Lutgen to Display Workmanship

Local wood smith Leon Lutgen will be having a special display of his handcrafted items in the library on May 3, 4 and 5 at the Kirwin City Library. Most recently Leon has completed a display of the United States with the quarter series from the United States Mint featuring the 50 states. Each state has been carefully cut from pieces of exotic

wood and assembled as a map of the United States. The quarter from each state was applied within. For those states too small to accommodate a quarter, the coins were applied to the right of the map. Leon will also have other items on display such as a scrollwork clock, baskets and other phenomenal examples of his artistry. The display

will be viewed by the Eastern Heights Elementary students during the week of May 1 for the library's annual children's day. This is to encourage the use of the library during the summer months. All children grades 1-5 will receive a book courtesy of the Kirwin Library Board of Trustees. The public is invited to view the display May 3-5.

### ~~~ New Adult Titles at the Library ~~~

Author	Title
Robert B. Parker	Sea Change
James Patterson	5th Horseman
Tami Hoag	Prior Bad Acts
Jerry Lewis	Dean & Me: A Love Story
Jennifer Cruisic	Don't Look Down
Stuart Woods	Dark Harbor
Jennifer Chiaverini	Circle of Quilters *
Mary Higgins Clark	Two Little Girls in Blue
Lisa Scottoline	Dirty Blonde *
Jonathan Kellerman	Gone
* denotes large print titles	

### ~~~ New DVDs at the Library ~~~

The Man in the Iron Mask	Kangaroo Jack
Snow White	Robin Williams—Jack
Cinderella	Lilies of the Field
The Castles of Scotland	Henry VIII
13 Ghosts	My Blue Heaven
The Princess Bride	Private Benjamin/Protocol
Sleeping Beauty	The Pacifier
Unfinished Life	Young Sherlock Holmes V. I-III



## Magazine Subscriptions at the Library

Prevention	*Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine
Smithsonian	* Time
Consumer Reports	Better Homes & Gardens
* Country Living	Seventeen
* Taste of Home	* Nick, Jr.
Reader's Digest Large Print	* denotes new subscription at the library

Thanks to the Eastern Heights Student Council for their community service project.

The Student Council worked in the upstairs original library room in the Kirwin City library to clean and alphabetize the books. It is a great improvement!

Thanks again!

## Betty Shaffer, Library Marvel

As you enter the doors of the Kirwin City Library, it is likely the first face you'll see is that of Betty Shaffer. Betty is the library assistant employed through SER Corporation, and deserves credit for making your library a better place. Since Betty has begun work at the library, many improvements have been made and large projects undertaken to create a better library atmosphere.

Most recently, Betty has replaced spine labels on hundreds of books in the main library to make the books look more uniform and easier to find. This also involved placing new dust jackets on most of these books, which has improved the appearance of the books and allowed the library to make repairs on damaged books. The library furniture has been rearranged to facilitate movement through the

rooms and Betty also helps with any temporary or permanent displays. Currently, she is working on the children's library section, where she recorded 616 titles and is sorting them for AR labeling. All of her efforts have made a tremendous difference in our community library. The next time you see Betty, be sure to tell her how much you appreciate her! I sure do! ~Melissa

### Extended Library Hours

Thursdays ~  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday	May 4
Thursday	May 18
Thursday	June 8
Thursday	June 22

## Genealogy Requests

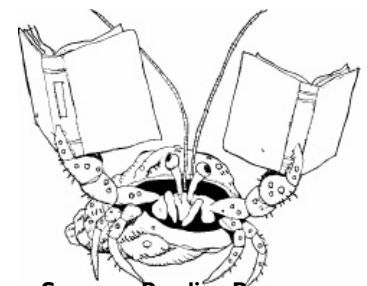
Although I love genealogy, it often takes a back burner to my other duties here at the city and library. I thought I would include a little blurb to see if anyone reading would be interested in doing a little genealogy research at the library from time to time, or if they have family information on these individuals. I have

received requests for information on the following persons:

- 1) Sarah VanAllen (VanAlen)
- 2) George Breiner, Peter Breiner
- 3) David A. Cox
- 4) Last Names: Harman, Townsend, Vinsonhaler, Ritter, Smedley, Boss

- 5) George Fowler
- 6) Frank Fowler
- 7) Gaumer family

If you have information on these families, you can email me at [library@cityofkirwin.com](mailto:library@cityofkirwin.com) with the information or mail it as well. If you'd like to spend some time at the library doing research, that would be fantastic!



Summer Reading Program

"Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales"

July 24-29

The Bookmobile comes May 4 to the library. Be sure to check out the new book selections.

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We're on the web @  
[www.cityofkirwin.com](http://www.cityofkirwin.com)

Just a quick note to thank everyone for their donations in the past year. We have received videos, DVDs, hardback books, paperback books, CDs, magazine subscriptions and many donations of historical items, too! Thank you! You help make our library wonderful!

## PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE PAST

Original School, Built 1880



New School, Built 1918

