

The Next Chapter
Council Grove Public Library Staff

Summer is flying by quickly, which means that it's time for another update on what's going on at the Library.

This Friday, July 13th, there will be a presentation on the Flint Hills Nature Trail at 3:00 pm at the Library. The Flint Hills Nature Trail was voted the Top Kansas Trail Destination of the Year, and the Library will be receiving a free copy of the book "Kansas Trail Guide: The Best Hiking, Biking, and Riding in the Sunflower State" by Jonathan Conard and Kristin Conard. We hope to have a wonderful turnout for this event.

Do you like baseball? If so, we have an event for you! On Saturday, July 14th, at 1:30 pm, there will be a special presentation and discussion on "The Kansas City Monarchs in Your Hometown." The discussion will be led by Phil Dixon, a co-founder of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. "The Kansas City Monarchs in Your Hometown" is part of *Humanities Kansas's Kansas Stories Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions that connect communities with history, traditions, and ideas to strengthen civic life.

The monthly meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, July 19th at 5:00 pm in the Library kitchen. All meetings are open to the public. For more information about the meetings, please call the Library.

We have our Kansas Notable Books on display at the Library near the circulation desk. Kansas Notable Books is the annual recognition of fifteen outstanding titles either written by Kansans or about a Kansas related topic. This year's titles include: "Bad Kansas: Stores" by Becky Mandelbaum; "Cricket in the Thicket: Poems about Bugs" by Carol Murray; "Fireflies in the Gathering Dark: Poems" by Maril Crabtree; "Kansas Baseball, 1858-1941" by Mark E. Eberle; "That is My Dream!" by Langston Hughes and Daniel Miyares; "The Solving of a Century-Old Serial Killer Mystery" by Bill James and Rachel McCarthy James; and many more! We have also added some titles from previous years' lists. Come down and check one out today!

Our staff would like to remind our patrons that the area in front of our book drop and the front windows is a No Parking area. This is so that people can access our book drop and return items for 24 hours a day without issues.

On a final note, the library is happy to take donations, and we are thankful for the generosity of the community and all the donations we have received lately. However, we do have a few requests for donations because we do not like to throw away books. Effective immediately the library will no longer be accepting the following items: VHS tapes, Reader's Digest books, textbooks (including college), encyclopedias, technology books dated before 2008, and public/private school classroom anthologies. We respectfully ask that any donated materials be free of mold, mildew, torn covers, missing pages, and insects – we do not like bugs, especially spiders.

If you need to recycle any materials the Morris County Recycling Center is a free service with operating hours from 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday. Again, we are grateful for all the wonderful donations we have received, but we are lacking the time and staff to sort through damaged materials. If you have any questions regarding donations, please call the library for information.

*Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit spearheading a movement of ideas to empower the people of Kansas to strengthen their communities and our democracy. Since 1972, our pioneering programming, grants, and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and generate insights. Together with our partners and supporters, we inspire all Kansans to draw on history, literature, ethics, and culture to enrich their lives and serve the communities and state we all proudly call home.

For more information or for questions, please call the Library at: 620-767-5716.