

## LOCATIONS:

### Headquarters:

St. Marys Headquarters  
306 N 5th  
St. Marys, KS 66536  
Phone: (785) 437-2778

### Branches:

Alma Branch  
115 W 3rd  
Alma, KS 66401  
Phone: (785) 765-3647

Eskridge Branch  
115 S Main  
Eskridge, KS 66423  
Phone: (785) 449-2296

Onaga Branch  
313 Leonard  
Onaga, KS 66521  
Phone: (785) 889-4531

### Mini Libraries:

Alta Vista Mini Library  
310 Center Street  
Alta Vista, KS  
Phone: (785) 499-5542

Harveyville Mini  
Library  
128 W Oak  
Harveyville, KS  
Phone: (785) 589-2414

Olsburg Mini Library  
318 N 2nd  
Olsburg, KS  
Phone: (785) 468-3347

Westmoreland Mini  
Library  
315 Main St.  
Westmoreland, KS  
66549  
Phone: (785) 457-2841

# Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library Newsletter

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The 2016 Summer Reading Program "Ready, Set, Read" / "Get in the Game: Read!" took place June 6-July 30. All 8 of our locations provided activities and speakers based on the theme that were both educational and lots of fun. Participants took part in active games, contests, and relays. We learned more about fitness and our bodies. This was supplemented by the Library's participation in the *Meet and Eat* free meal program through Harvesters. This provided a free sack lunch to anyone under the age of 18.

The grand total of individuals registered for this year's program at all 8 locations was 507 participants. The library as a whole offered 359 different programs for participants of all ages. The total number of books read during this year's Summer Reading Program was 9,120 books.

After another successful Summer Reading Program, Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library is extremely grateful for the community members and volunteers, local area schools, all the parents and childcare professionals, our special guest speakers, and any others that made our Summer Reading Program possible. From promotion to volunteering time and resources, we know the most valuable resource is YOU.

As always, all Summer Reading Program activities are free to the public. The library provides all supplies for free. All members of the public are invited, regardless of being a member of the library's community or a welcome visitor.

Please bring a friend and join us for the 2017 Summer Reading Program. The national theme next summer will be "Build a Better World" and will focus on architecture, building, and construction. We can't wait to start planning the activities and we hope you will join us in the fun next summer!

# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!





# St. Marys

To test participants' physical abilities, St. Marys' staff created an obstacle course through the stacks.



Wet sponge relays were a welcome and fun way to combat the heat!





# Alma

The kids at Alma were a great audience when the Dance Spot came to talk to them.



Skills were tested when participants tried their hands at tossing bean bags.





# Alta Vista

All locations have a selection of indoor games to play while enjoying the air conditioning in the library.



And there's always Storytime.





# Eskridge

Participants in Eskridge learned about the significance of the Olympic rings and were able to take their own Olympic rings home before the Rio games began.



We've got some talented hula-hoopers in Eskridge!





# Harveyville

Harveyville was excited to have the Stovers perform.

Guest speaker, Letty Meek, talked to Harveyville participants about the Kansas Livestock Association.

The librarians at Harveyville are still uncertain whether they've found all the ninjas hiding in the library.





# Olsburg



## TUG-OF-WAR: BOYS VS GIRLS!

One of the best parts about participating in the Summer Reading Program is getting to pick out your prizes!

Wendi helped the children at all the Mini Library locations learn "right" and "left" by teaching them how to Conga.





# Westmoreland

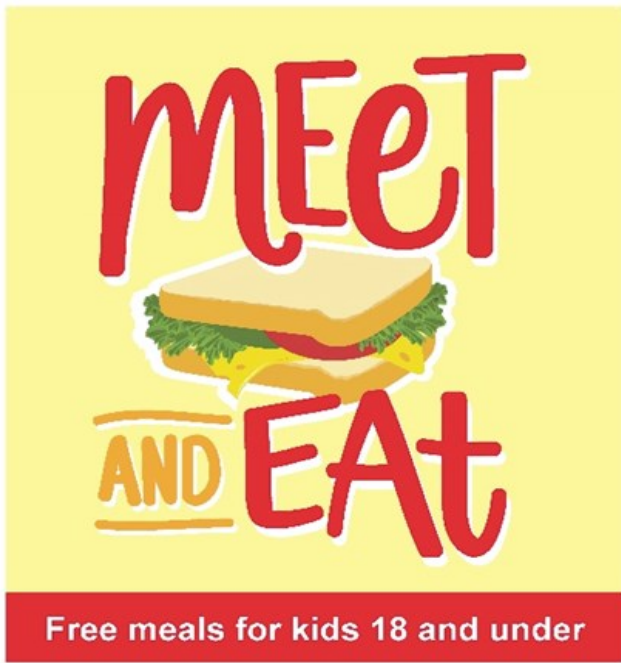


Jump-roping and games are fun for all ages!



# Onaga





Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library, with the help of the Olsburg Pride Committee, and in partnership with Harvesters participated in the *Meet and Eat* program during Summer Reading to provide free lunches to anyone under the age of 18 at all library locations. A total of 2,850 individual meals were served in Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties.





Yoga was a popular activity at multiple locations during the Summer Reading Program.



# 2016 County Fair Season



The Library's booth, located in the West Exhibit Hall at the Pottawatomie County Fairgrounds had lots of free goodies, including informational brochures on available library services, bookmarks, and a free paperback book of your choice (while supplies lasted).

The Library participated in the 2016 Pottawatomie County Fair Parade on August 7 in Onaga. The theme was "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams".



The Library participated in the 2016 Wabaunsee County Fair Parade on July 23 in Alma. The theme was "Cows, Sows, Plows".



# Location Activity Spotlight: Westmoreland



## Hours:

Mondays: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 \*\*Thursdays: 3:00 PM -  
 7:00 PM beginning  
 September 15\*\*

## Monday Daytime Librarian:

Wendi Rogers

## Monday and Thursday

## Evening Librarian:

Sallie Force

## Substitute Librarian:

Becky Avery

PWRL originally operated a bookmobile that stopped at many of the rural communities in both counties. Due to the cost of the service, and a reduction in use, the Bookmobile ceased operation. The Board determined that a new means to provide Library service to the rural areas was needed. As a result, three Mini Libraries were established as service outlets in Harveyville, Olsburg, and Westmoreland in 1981. A fourth Mini Library was opened at Alta Vista in 1996.

The Westmoreland Mini Library serves as a point of access for library patrons in the community of Westmoreland, KS. While the library location has limited hours, patrons have full access to the entire library collection. Patrons can request any book owned by PWRL and it will be brought to the Westmoreland Mini Library. Materials at Mini locations are continually rotated from PWRL's shared collection of more than 100,000 items, and a fresh and balanced selection is maintained at each location.

The PWRL Library Catalog is available 24 hours a day, every day, online at <http://pottwab-verso.auto-graphics.com/MVC/> By accessing the online catalog,

patrons are able to search all available items owned by the Library, place reserves/holds on items they are interested in, and renew any library items they have already checked out.

Patrons have access to library materials from other libraries in Kansas through a statewide borrowing network called Interlibrary Loan. If you would like to request a book or any other library item that is not currently available in PWRL's collection, please let library staff know so we can fulfill your request as soon as possible.

The Westmoreland Mini Library is equipped with high speed internet access, including wireless internet (wifi), and a public access computer to serve the needs of the patrons. Before use Patrons are required to read and agree to comply with the PWRL Computer Use Guidelines by signing an Internet Use Agreement that will be then kept on file at the library.

If you need assistance at a location on a day the location is not open, please contact the PWRL headquarters library in St. Marys at (785)437-2778.

**Mondays**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**1:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**Thursdays**  
**3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



**Westmoreland**

A cartoon illustration of Snoopy wearing sunglasses and a red t-shirt that says "JOE COOL". He is standing on a brick wall. Woodstock is perched on a stack of books in front of him. The background is teal with white clouds.

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# OPEN LIBRARY POSITIONS

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## Seeking to Fill: *Collection Management Position*

**Salary:** \$29,140 - \$30,014 annually

**Benefits:** Paid Vacation / Sick Leave / Holidays / KPERS

This position plays an important role in sustaining library and information services in Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties. The Collection Development Manager is scheduled to work forty hours a week and may have occasional evening and weekend duties. MLS, comparable relevant education, or extensive practical library experience needed; requires excellent communication / interpersonal skills; attention to detail a must.

Responsibilities include coordinating the collection development activities of the Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library in all material formats; directing material selection and conducting ongoing collection survey and evaluation; working as part of a team effort to rotate materials through all of PWRL's eight locations in the two counties; managing ongoing materials review and de-selection according to an established schedule. Position requires physical dexterity and strength to move books and other materials across the system. Travel in Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee Counties is required.

### Desirable Qualifications

- A. Library experience
- B. MLS or comparable relevant education,
- C. One to three years of management experience working in an automated library environment

The Collection Management position is eligible for vacation and sick leave, and the successful applicant will be enrolled in the KPERS retirement program. Interviews will be scheduled to fill the positions as quickly as possible. Applications and a complete job description are available upon request at the St. Marys Headquarters Library. Applications will be taken until the position is filled.

## Seeking to Fill: *Assistant Branch Librarian: Alma*

Responsible for assisting the Branch Librarian in the total operation of the Branch library. Assists in managing all aspects of the Branch operation including materials and equipment. Reports to the Branch Librarian and the Director.

### Duties Performed

#### A. Assists in the promotion and care of the materials

1. Helps promote the Branch as part of the Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library
2. Acts as "readers advisor" to patrons by recommending titles- both print and non-print- for recreational as well as educational use
3. Explains the policies and procedures to the patrons
4. Responsible for the accurate checking-out and checking-in of library materials
5. Helps with the preparation of materials for rotation as well as the return of rotating materials to the Branch
6. Helps prepare NCKL books for the return to NCKL and the placing of those books on the shelves at the Branch
7. Helps process PWRL requests and Interlibrary loan requests for the Branch
8. Assists patrons, both in person and by telephone, in finding information and materials through the use of various library resources
9. Helps maintain the collection by reviewing, by noting needed repairs or necessary processing changes, and by re-filing materials accurately and promptly
10. Helps introduce the library and the uses of its resources to patrons through informal instruction; by arranging and conducting formal tours; by preparing displays
11. Helps maintain circulation and other statistics as required by the Branch Librarian and Director
12. Willing to acquire necessary knowledge of the materials by attending workshops and training sessions.
13. Ability to conduct the story time and summer reading programs - if necessary

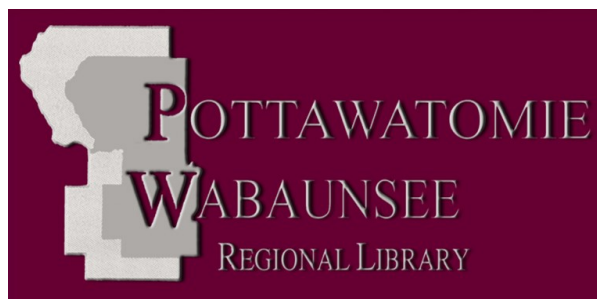
#### B. Assists in the maintenance and upkeep of the Library building and all equipment used at the Branch.

1. Helps monitor maintenance schedule of all equipment.
2. Helps keep necessary records of usage of each piece of equipment and supplies needed by such.
3. Acquires such skills as are necessary to use the equipment provided.

#### C. Performs other duties as assigned or required.

### Required knowledge, abilities and skills

- A. Ability to communicate courteously and effectively with staff members, patrons, and the general public
- B. Ability to perform clerical tasks such as sorting, filing, typing and transcribing information
- C. Ability to provide attention to detailed tasks
- D. Ability to pack, lift, and carry bags and boxes of books and supplies weighing up to 30 pounds, in and out of the library, regardless of the weather conditions
- E. Ability to read various sizes of print, including very small print
- F. Ability to work with computers and other technology
- G. Understanding of basic aims, goals, and services of the Library
- H. Qualities of resourcefulness, good judgment, orderliness, accuracy, tact, courtesy, sense of humor
- I. Potential to become knowledgeable of Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library's collection including resources at other locations within the Library
- J. Actively involved in and aware of events in the branch area
- K. Ability to take charge and to deal effectively with crises
- L. Ability to understand and carry out directions
- M. Initiative and resourcefulness in improving the collection and services of the Library
- N. High school diploma
- O. Willingness to continue personal learning and professional development
- P. Willingness to work with the patron until receives the materials or information necessary, if such is available



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Keep up to date on what's going on at the Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library and "Like" us on Facebook! We will let you know about events going on at the library, as well as feature new items added to the collection.

**Anyone can access the information on our Library Facebook page, even if you are not a member of Facebook by visiting**

**<http://www.facebook.com/pottwablibrary>**

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## Events at the Library

**September 3 - 7:30 PM** - Alma Bluegrass Jam Session (Jam Sessions are held each month on the first Saturday of the month)

**September 5** - All library locations closed in honor of Labor Day

**September 6 - 10:00 AM** - Storytime starts again at the Alma, Eskridge, and Onaga Branches. Held every Tuesday through December 6.

NCKL Book Rotation Delivery to Alma and Eskridge Branches

**September 13 - 10:00 AM** - Storytime starts again at the St. Marys Branch. Held every Tuesday through December 6.

NCKL Book Rotation Delivery to St Marys and Onaga Branches

**September 15 - 7:00 PM** - Presentation on the Historic Preservation in the City of Native Stone at the Alma Branch.

**September 28 - 5:30 PM** - Library Board Meeting at the PWRL Olsburg Mini Library