

Tiny Libraries, Tiny Tech, Innovative Services

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In some small towns, there is only one wireless hotspot: the library. There may be no bookstore, no video rental store, no community center or theater, but if a small town has a vibrant public library, those needs are all being met. Rural libraries make significant social, economic, and cultural contributions to their communities. People working in small libraries must wear many hats. Sometimes just a few people are responsible for all aspects of operation. Although this may in some ways be a disadvantage, when it comes to innovation, it can, in fact, be an advantage.



Vermillion Public Library, Vermillion, KS
<http://vermillion.mykansasl原因.org/>

Fewer organizational levels mean that when someone has an idea, instead of taking it to multiple committees and managers, they simply try it! Innovation can flourish in small libraries. This presentation will highlight examples of technology innovation in several outstanding rural libraries. With limited budgets and staffing, these organizations have been able to capitalize on strong ties to community and limited organizational bureaucracy to create programs and services that are creative, meaningful, and sometimes, just plain fun.

Brenda Hough and Heather Braum will discuss four characteristics of innovative small libraries:



Connected to community

Think outside of the box...literally

No fear of new things (or feel the fear and do it anyway)

Collaborative

Hough and Braum will overview four different projects that highlight these characteristics, including:



Kansas Libraries on the Web (KLOW)

KOHA ILS in Kansas

Technology Training

PC Time Management

More information and links to the projects appear on the next page. You can also find more information about this presentation at <http://tinyurl.com/cweacs>



Kansas Libraries on the Web (KLOW)

Project and Training Website

● www.mykansaslibrary.org

Corning City Library

● corning.mykansaslibrary.org

KOHA ILS in Kansas

NEKLS

● www.nexpresslibrary.org
 ● catalog.nexpresslibrary.org

SEKLS

● www.sekls.lib.ks.us/koha
 ● seknfind.kohalibrary.com

CKLS

● ckls.kohalibrary.com

Derby Public Library

● derby.kohalibrary.com



The famed "back room" server closet at the John C. Fremont Library (CO), MaintainIT, <http://tinyurl.com/dhc6za>

Technology Training

Morrill Public Library's Center for Lifelong Learning

● www.hiawathalibrary.org/?cat=14

Brenda's website Librarians with Class

● libswithclass.wordpress.com

PC Time Management

Powerline

● code.google.com/p/powerline/

John C. Fremont webinar

● www.tinyurl.com/d3c87y

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