



IOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2021 Annual Report

Congratulations

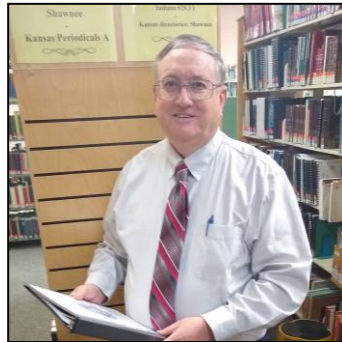
Roger Carswell retired on June 30 after 29 years of dedicated service to the library and community. Thank you, Roger!

By the Numbers

- 15,591 visitors came to the library
- 42,364 titles checked out, including:
 - 5,387 digital titles
 - 4,907 titles borrowed from SEKnFind
- 3,731 new titles added
- 257 new patrons added
- 2,110 people attended 111 programs
- 3,011 computer uses, 8,529 wireless users, and 5,076 website visits

New Website Launched

With support from the Southeast Kansas Library System, we updated the library's website, logo and domain name.



**Board of Directors
2021**

Katrina Springer, President
Marilyn Logan, Vice President
Elaine Stewart, Treasurer
Jessica Maness, Secretary
Marcia Davis
Mary Lou Chard
Dan Johnson, deceased
Jonathan Wells, Mayor

Friends of Iola Public Library

The Friends held a Facebook Live virtual book sale in February and hosted a reception for Roger and Sharon in June. The library bought two new shopping carts for visitors with Friends funds, too. The Book Sale in October raised \$1,390, plus \$330 in new or renewed memberships.

Financial Overview

City of Iola	219,800
State Aid	1,497
Other Income & Gifts	66,032
SEKLS Support	15,894
Total Income	\$303,223
Staff Expense	225,035
Collection & Programs	24,027
Building & Admin	50,283
Total Expense	\$295,345
Capital Improvement	\$4,000

Grants:

Amer. Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$17,340
Humanities Kansas SHARP	\$5,071
Kansas Notable Books	\$299

Major Gifts:

Marian J. Wilson Estate
Henry H. and Barbara J. Perry Trust
Friends of Iola Public Library

Endowment:

Donations Received	\$700
Balance	\$86,321

The acknowledgement list of our generous donors is on the **Donate** page of our website.

Highlights from the Year

- ✓ New outdoor shelter installed as part of the ARPA grant with city support
- ✓ Strategic planning started with the Humanities Kansas SHARP grant
- ✓ The board and city dedicated the study room to Roger Carswell
- ✓ The board hired Sharon Moreland as director in May
- ✓ New exterior front doors were installed
- ✓ Library Littles “Early Literacy Can’t Wait” pilot program for families started with grant support from the Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS)
- ✓ Food-4-Fines program held during Library Card Sign-up Month in the fall

Community Connections

Iola Reads held a 9/11 Memorial walk and shared the books *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede and *Squint* by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown.



A Universe of Stories

Summer Reading included reading challenges, outdoor games, storytimes, and craft projects with over 560 joining the fun!



Plans for the Future

- Implement the new Strategic Plan
- Create a grant-funded Family Place center in the children’s department
- Launch a new seed library
- Increase outreach within the community
- Install a self-checkout station