

# TRAILS

Three Rivers Library System

June 5, 2015

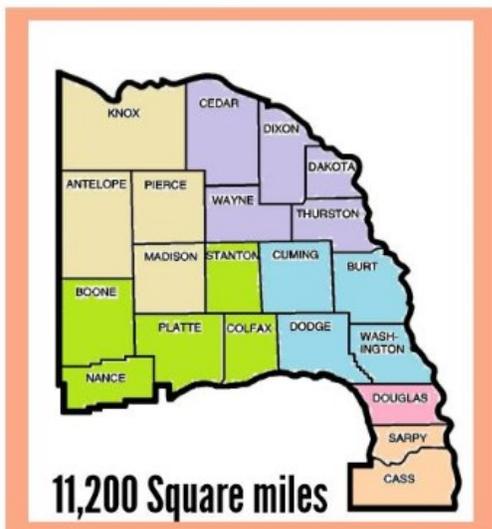


## A New System Begins

The Three Rivers Library System (TRLS), product of a merger between the Northeast Library System and the Eastern Library System, came into existence on January 1, 2015. The new system serves 21 counties in east and central Nebraska including 95 public libraries, 24 academic libraries, 56 special libraries, and 421 school libraries.

Gail Formanack served as interim director from January-March. Anneka Ramirez began full-time directorship in March.

TRLS now has an established website, Pinterest page, brochure, and bi-monthly published newsletter. These means of communication are updated with news, tips, resources, and services to promote networking and facilitate intra-network support.



## Getting Started

Interviews for system director were held in January at the Keene Memorial Library.

In February, TRLS hosted a Summer Reading Workshop in Norfolk at the Life Long Learning Center. A workshop facilitated by Pat Wagner titled Curb and Counter Appeal was held in North Bend.

Anneka and Gail began the transition between directors by attending the System Directors Quarterly meeting in Grand Island. The two met in the next few weeks to talk about system business.

Two strategic planning workshops were held in late spring and early summer. The system was also a sponsor of the Public Library and Trustee Spring Meeting. Board meeting were held.

In mid-March, Gail celebrated her retirement with a trip to Hawaii and Anneka began acquainting herself with system libraries and structure. She attended Metro Directors Luncheons, NLA section meetings, a Sarpy County Directors meeting, library board meetings, participated in a System Directors Book Talk on NCompass Live, brushed up on Public Meetings Law, and visited the Nebraska Library Commission. She also assisted with the purchase of a system vehicle and went out on the road to meet librarians in all 21 counties.

## TRLS System Board 2015-2016



Board Members from left to right,  
Back Row: Lauran Lofgren, Aimee Morlan,  
Beth Foulks, Kathy Ageton  
Front Row: Francine Canfield, Laura England-  
Biggs, Rose Barcal

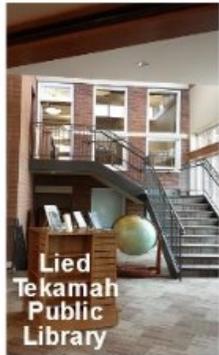
Gail and board members began working in late 2014, drafting by-laws and policy for TRLS, to ensure a successful start to the new year and new system.

# In its first six months, TRLS...

Traveled over  
**5,500**  
Miles



Visited  
**50**  
Libraries  
& held 5 Board Consultations



hosted  
**4** Workshops  
with a total of  
**88** Attendees

loaned  
**21**  
Book Sets



## ▶▶ Where the TRailS lead: Looking to the future

Anneka and the Board are interested in developing innovative ways to grow collaboration and networking efforts already under way in the system. A service model is being developed to effectively meet this goal. Creative workshops, trainings, services, and meetings will be scheduled to promote and enhance exceptional library service in all libraries within the system. We will explore online communication tools to help reduce travel barriers to events and encourage participation.

Experienced travelers know that any trail brings its own challenges; however, awareness and intention in our steps forward will focus our efforts. The future of our system is exciting and open to the many opportunities we will meet along the TRailS.