

Annual Report 2017- 2018



Three Rivers Library System

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From the director:

The second half of the 2017-2018 year was a time of transition for the Three Rivers Library System. In November 2017, Aneka Ramirez moved on to a position with Norfolk Public Library as Patron Services Supervisor. On February 1, 2018, Dr. Eric Jones came out of retirement to take on the role as the Executive Director of Three Rivers Library System.

The Library Innovations Studios project of the Library Commission is a success with the libraries that hosted the project. Three Rivers supported this project by funding the purchase of 6 Corel Draw licenses for the laptops. Of the five libraries participating in the SPARKS project, three are in the Three Rivers area. The SPARKS project gives the libraries links to the state high-speed broadband network.

The System Peer Coordinator project is moving along with face-to-face and video link support for libraries. Thanks to Tammi Thiem and Rosa Schmidt giving leadership for this project.

In May, we received word from the Nebraska Library Commission that because the Legislature reduced all state agencies by 4%, we would also see a 4% reduction in the state part of our funding for the 2018-2019 budget year.

Eric spent the first five months getting to know the libraries and staffs in the Three Rivers region. He has been to almost half the public libraries in the area, listening to the directors, helping to hire new directors, and helping directors with small and large issues.

We are looking forward to the new year and implementing the programs we spent the last five months planning.

Serving the libraries of the Platte, Elkhorn, and Missouri River Valleys

The Three Rivers Library System service area includes 95 public libraries, 24 academic libraries, over 421 school libraries, and over 56 special and institutional libraries.

We seek to promote collaboration and exceptional library service through a variety of services and continuing education opportunities.

The System is a 501(c)(3) organization governed by a board of directors with representatives from around the system. The board meets quarterly in February, May, August, and November.

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2017-2018 TRaiLS Board of Directors

❖ **Karen Drevo**
➤ **Norfolk Public Library**
➤ *President*

❖ **Laura England-Biggs**
➤ **Keene Memorial Library**
➤ *Secretary*

❖ **Rebecca Sims**
➤ **Sump Memorial Library**
➤ *Treasurer*

❖ **Rose Barcal**
➤ **La Vista Public Library**
➤ *Past President*

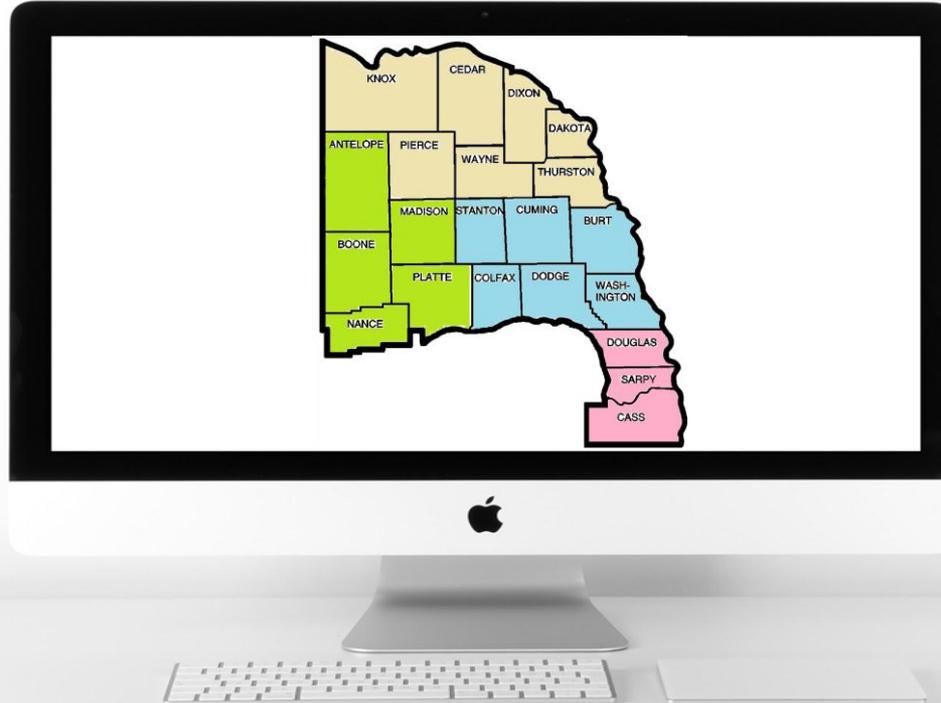
❖ **Aimee Morlan**
➤ **Weeping Water Public Library**

❖ **Tina Walker**
➤ **Keene Memorial Library**

TRaiLS System Peer Coordinators (SPCs)

Tammi Thiem

- Director at Genoa Public Library
- Counties Include: Antelope, Madison, Boone, Platte, and Nance.



Rosa Schmidt

- Director at Oakland Public Library
- Counties Include: Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Colfax, Dodge, and Washington.

The SPC System began in August of 2015 and established four county groups in the service area.



TRaiLS Staff

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Director's Activity

Anneka Ramirez stepped down as Executive Director on November 3, 2018.

Eric Jones became Executive Director on February 1, 2018.

- Approximately a combined **47** area libraries were visited.
- Between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018 approximately a combined **15,000 miles** were driven.
- **20** libraries accredited in the 2017 cycle.



Continuing Education Events

Directors Sharing Practice, Experience, and Learning (DiSPEL) Meetings.

With efforts of System Peer Coordinators, held 8 meetings with 54 participants.

Fall Library Workshop

53 attendees

Summer Reading Program 2018

18 attendees

The TRaiLS Continuing Education Scholarship Fund promotes attendance of librarians, library staff, and trustees at local, state, regional, and national continuing education and networking events.

Scholarship awardees used funds to assist with attendance of:

\$4,330

awarded in continuing education scholarships

- ★ What's New in Children's Books
- ★ NLA/NSLA Annual Conference 2017
- ★ ALA Annual Conference 2018
- ★ PLA 2018 Conference
- ★ Electronic Resources & Libraries (ER&L) 2018



Communication Presence

The newsletter, *TrailS*, is issued 6 times a year. The current issue is always featured on our website at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/services/trls-newsletter/> and averages about 108 views per issue.

The website is updated with information regarding upcoming events and relevant library news. In the 2017-2018 year it was viewed 7,496 times.

TRaiLS routes 4 professional magazines. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year an estimated 120 articles were sent to system members.



Lending Services

The **Book Kit Program** has **91 titles** available to borrow.

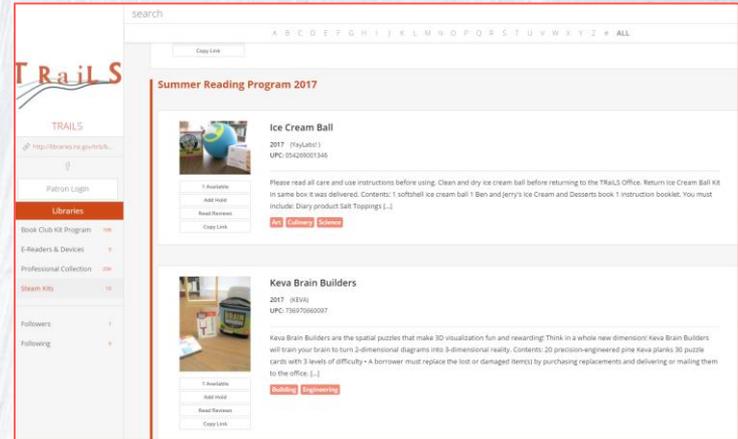
The **STEAM Kit Program** has **16 items** available to borrow in order to assist our system members with involving Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (**STEAM**) in their libraries.

The Three Rivers Library System has continued

to use



as our



Visit trails.libib.com to view our holdings.

Book Kit Distribution

29 patrons were served in the last year spanning across the system.

1122 copies from our **Book Kit Program** were lent out to system members. Also, one book kit and one STEAM kit was lent out other systems.

35 items from our **STEAM Kit Program** were lent out to system members.

Blue are *public libraries* that have borrowed *book kits*

Green are *school libraries* that have borrowed *book kits*.

Red are *both public libraries and school libraries* that have borrowed *STEAM Kits*.

This map shows the libraries that have borrowed both Book Kits and STEAM Kits

