



Manhattan Library Association

BOOK REPORT

WELCOME, ERIC NORRIS



The Manhattan Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Eric Norris has been named as its new MPL/NCKLS Library Director. He'll succeed current Library Director, Linda Knupp, who will retire at the end of the year.

A native Kansan, Norris has extensive library experience and is currently the librarian for the State of Kansas and has worked there since April of 2018. Before that, he was the director at Hays Public Library for six years. Norris received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, a master's degree from Fort Hays State University, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to join the team at the Manhattan Public Library.

Manhattan is a growing and dynamic community that knows the value of its public library

and I look forward to meeting people, making connections, and helping to create opportunities for growth. It is an exciting time for libraries as we explore ways to advance educational, informational, and recreational services throughout the Manhattan and the NCKLS area," Norris said.

To assist in conducting a director search, the Library Board of Trustees invited a number of library staff, board members, and library supporters to participate in the selection process.

"Through all the shutdowns, jarring changes, and social upheaval of the past year, I believe that libraries are evolving well beyond the idea as simply a place to gather, and that public libraries are in the perfect position to adapt and evolve into what 'new realities' lie ahead," Norris added.

Norris will begin his duties in late December. Knupp will retire at the end of December after 20 years of service.

THANK YOU, LOCAL QUILTERS!

The atrium railings are looking extra bare recently since the Quilt Raffle finished.

A well-deserved thank you to the talented quilters who donated the quilts. Thank you, too, to all who purchased raffle tickets and supported the Manhattan Library Association and their efforts to raise funds for the library. I'm happy to report that the first-ever Quilt Raffle raised over \$2,300 for library programs and projects!



Left to right: LuAnn Hoover, Carolyn Elliott, and Judy Burgess draw and announce the Quilt Raffle winners on August 2nd, 2021.

CHEERS TO 20+ YEARS!



After more than 20 years, the MPL Library Director, Linda Knupp, will be retiring at the end of December. During her time as director, she has made many advancements, including the children's

expansion, eliminating fines, the addition of the Teen Zone, RFID tagging and check-out stations, the upcoming automated sorting system, and construction of the circulation desk.

We are grateful for all Linda has done and wish her the best in her new adventures!

A NEW READING CHALLENGE, ReadMHK



ReadMHK is a 9-month community-wide reading program in which we can all make connections with each other through similar reading experiences. Each month has a different topic with reading suggestions for everyone, age 5 & up. We will use these topics as a springboard for an informal monthly book discussion (3rd Tuesday of each month), podcasts featuring local citizens, an online reading challenge on Beanstack, diverse reading lists, and occasional special events.

READING CHALLENGE: The goal is to read one book per month, each related to the monthly topic. Get your ReadMHK button at the 2nd floor reference desk or the children's desk after you sign up.

MISSION: ReadMHK was designed to build community through reading and discussing books, sharing experiences, and providing diverse reading opportunities.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS: Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. to share about books you have enjoyed, learn from others, and have a relaxing evening focused on our favorite pastime – reading! Register online to attend.

PODCASTS: Meet local citizens who care deeply about these topics. Listen to a 10-15 minute podcast each month.

BOOKLISTS: Enjoy recommended titles for each topic available for different age levels.

SEPTEMBER
DYSTOPIAN FICTION

OCTOBER
HISPANIC & LATINX
AUTHORS

NOVEMBER
NATIVE AUTHORS

DECEMBER
NEW & SHINY

JANUARY
HELPING OTHERS

FEBRUARY
BLACK AUTHORS

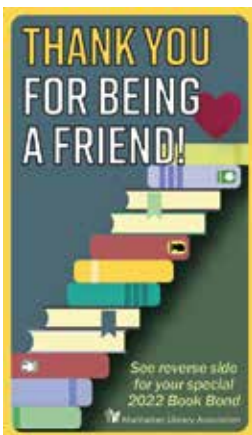
MARCH
FEMALE AUTHORS

APRIL
POETRY

MAY
ASIAN PACIFIC (AAPI)
AUTHORS

Learn more: MHKLibrary.org/ReadMHK

PLANNING UNDERWAY



Planning for the annual book sale to benefit the Manhattan Public Library is underway.

At the October Friends of the Library meeting, the Book Sale committee announced that the annual sale will tentatively be held April 29 through May 1, 2022. You may recall since we did not host an annual sale in 2021, we offered a special "Book Bond" for the 2022 Book Sale after members renewed their 2021 membership. The "Book Bond" coupon will be good for 20% off your entire purchase at the 2022 MLA Book Sale.

Check the library's website to see finalized plans and if there are any COVID-related restrictions. For now, hold on to your 2022 Book Bond and stay tuned for future information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/3AC6JQD](https://bit.ly/3AC6JQD).

YACK AND YARN
EVERY MONDAY | 1 PM - 3:30 PM
GROESBECK ROOM

This program provides a location for knitters and crocheters to meet on a weekly basis to socialize and get help with their craft projects from other members.

SENIOR CENTER TECH DROP-IN
NOVEMBER 1 | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Get one-on-one tech help with computers, tablets or phones at Riley County Senior Center, 301 N. 4th St. Call to sign up for a time slot at 785-537-4040.

DOUGLASS CENTER TECH DROP-IN
NOVEMBER 3 | 2 PM - 4 PM
Get one-on-one tech help with tablets and iPads at the Douglass Activity Center, 901 Yuma St. Drop-ins are fine. To reserve a spot, register on the library online calendar or call 785-776-4741 ext 300.

ADULT & TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: CREATING THE PERFECT CHEESE PLATE!
NOVEMBER 11 | 7 PM - 8 PM
AUDITORIUM
You will learn how to create your cheeseboard for all of your holiday gatherings! We will sample a few kinds of cheese and accompaniments, as well as how to plate them. You will also make a few cheese markers to take home.

MHK READS BOOK DISCUSSION: NATIVE AUTHORS
NOVEMBER 16 | 7 PM - 8 PM
AUDITORIUM

The November book discussion will focus on books written by Native authors, highlighting Native American Heritage Month. Join us to share about the book(s) you have enjoyed, learn from others, and have a relaxing evening focused on our favorite pastime – reading!

MLA MONTHLY MEETING
AUDITORIUM
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