

Library

County Librarian's Report May 2014



A young Johnson County Library patron wrote and illustrated a **print adaptation of Frozen** and considerably shelved it in the fairy tale section of Central Resource Library. The Library's Facebook community liked and shared pictures of the adorable masterpiece nearly 100 times.

INFORMATION ITEM

July 10, 2014

To: Members of Johnson County Library Board of Directors

From: County Librarian Sean Casserley

Re: County Librarian's Report for May 2014

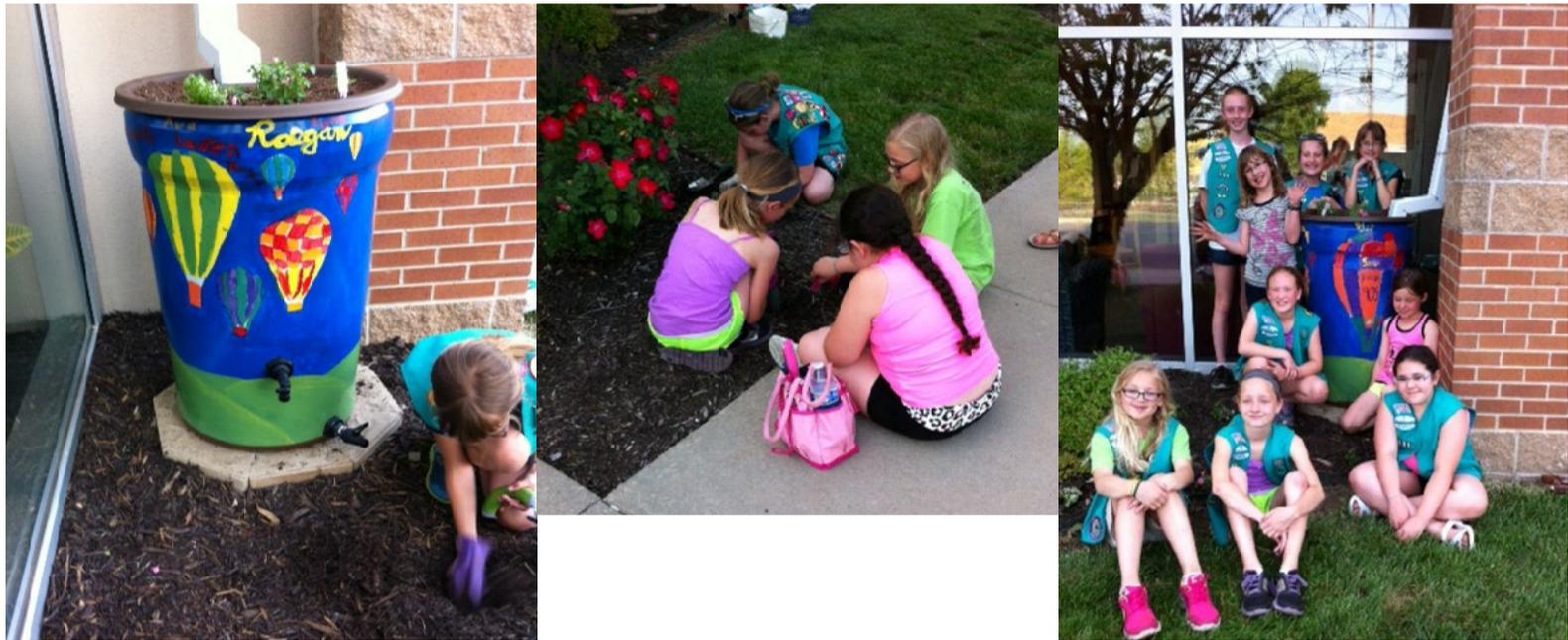
COMMUNITY

Youth Services Manager Barbara Brand attended a statewide meeting of the Kansas Library Children's Consultants in Salina. Discussion revolved around summer reading and 6by6. The State Librarian is also very excited about the **Guys Read national initiative** and plans to promote it statewide with grants for sets of books. Youth Services Librarian Chris Koppenhaver has hosted a Guys Read book club at the Lackman Neighborhood Library for the past two years.



The Johnson County Museum provided 191 oral history transcripts which the Library made available on **JoCoHistory.org**. Conversations transcribed include those between local figures about notable places, events and periods in local history including the immigrant experience in Johnson County and former governors of Kansas who grew up in Johnson County.

Johnson County Library Facilities staff installed and **local Girl Scouts** decorated a rain barrel at Lackman. In addition to painting the rain barrel, the girls also planted flowers around it.



More than 100 people attended the third of three **More or Le\$\$** events taking place in neighborhood library parking lots. Artists Sarah Star and m.o.i. joined for pop-up performances that examined current food culture. Attendees received complimentary Farm to Market sourdoughnuts.



The kickoff event for **Generation Exchange**, a greater Kansas City collaboration including area library systems and the Mid-America Regional Council, took place at Central Resource Library Saturday, May 31. Local celebrities, heroes and influential figures shared their stories of Kansas City throughout the day. Interviews will be archived at generationexchange.mymcpl.org



CONVENIENCE

*You are the best. I am happy moving to Kansas from New York City. **It's a great library, clean, quiet and full of new technologies.** Thank you for what you are providing our kids.*

- Dr. Boumediene Bouzahzah, Library patron

Plans to extend **Homework Help coaching hours** into the summer have been well received by teachers, parents and school principals. The principal of Overland Park Elementary contacted Barbara Brand to thank the Library for all the support it provides their students.

HOMWORKHELP

Director of Communication Kasey Riley met with **Andy Graham, the Library's new communication liaison at the county**. The pair created a plan for sharing relevant Library news through the new JoCoGov.org home page to make staying up to date even easier for County citizens.

EDUCATION

The **Mommy & Me waiting room at the new Shawnee Mission Medical Center Birth Center** now features a display of books and 6by6 information courtesy of the Library and Friends of the Johnson County Library. The center's program coordinator reports it's a big hit with kids and "incredible addition for our waiting room." Visitors are invited to take gently used books and early literacy information home. The display is the latest in a partnership with Shawnee Mission Medical Center to share 6by6 information with new parents.



The 2014 edition of Johnson County Library's **Summer Reading** program kicked off in May and had attracted more than 6,000 participants by month's end. The community of summer readers can track their reading online or through children's paper logs and be eligible to win prizes ranging from iPads to Legoland Discovery Center tickets.

