

NEKLS 2020 School Library Covid Relief Grant

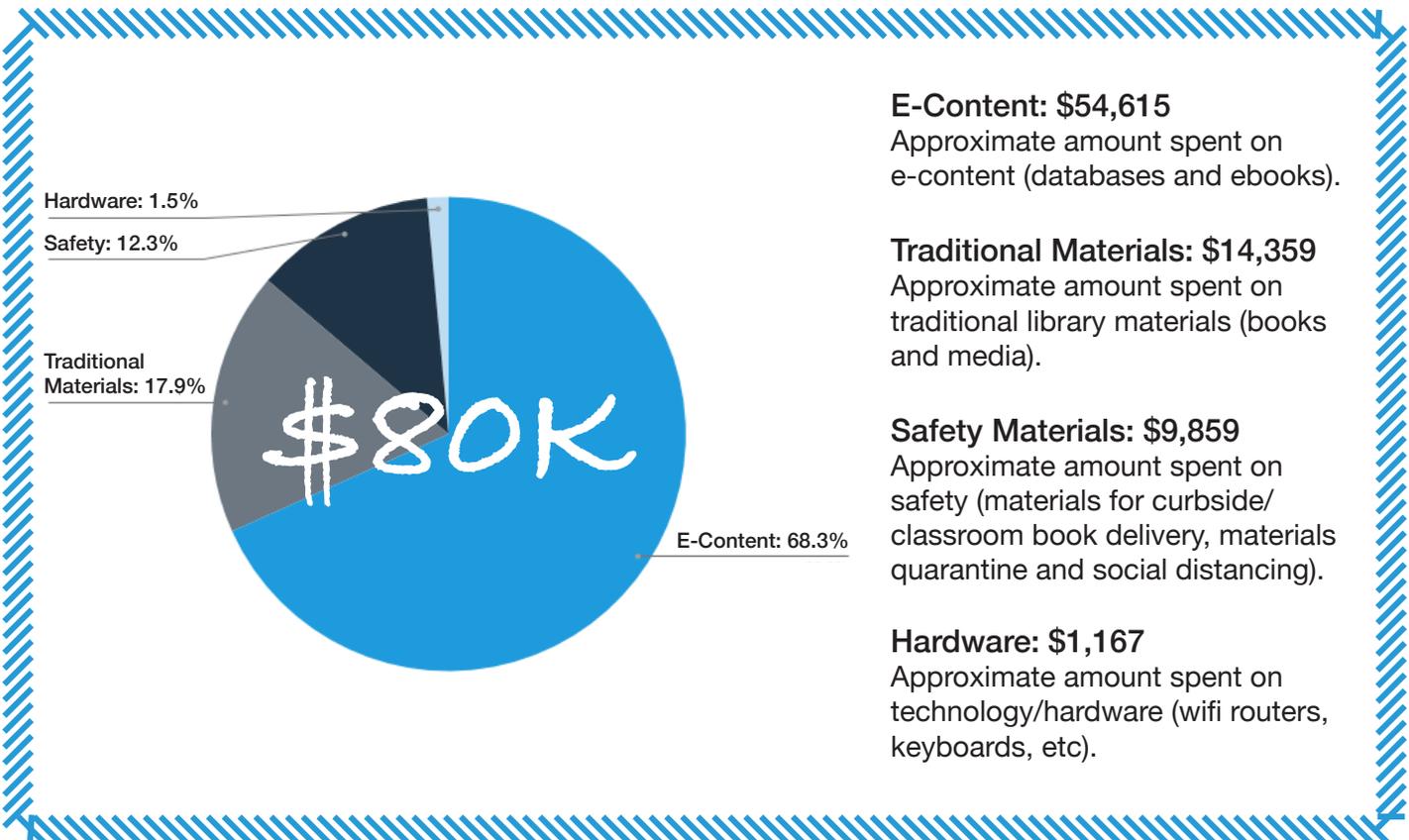


Executive Summary
February 2021

School Library Covid Relief Grant

In 2020, due to the immediate impact of Covid-19 on schools across the region, the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS), with guidance from the NEKLS executive board, awarded \$80,000 in competitive grants to member school libraries, the full list of recipients can be found at the end of this summary. Grant amounts were awarded based on demonstration of need and anticipated impact on students, teachers and administrators.

AT A GLANCE



47 Applications

41 Grant Offers

51 Schools

18 School Districts

1.5K Teachers/Admins

23K Students

"We are pleased to be able to help these 51 schools improve physical safety and digital library services to their students and to their faculty and staff. A vibrant library is vital to any school community."

-Laura DeBaun, former NEKLS Director

Grant Feedback Highlights

Print Materials/Social-Emotional Learning

I ordered titles that would offer a sense of support, safety and security students need to feel comfortable coming back to school during the pandemic. I chose books with strong characters, showing perseverance and other solid traits.

-elementary school librarian, Spring Hill USD 230



Safety

We purchased a number of flexible/outdoor seating for classes to take outside (and) to socially distance inside. Students often prefer these chairs to traditional. The flexible seating will continue to be used for years.

-high school librarian, Santa Fe Trail USD 434



One of our primary goals this year has been to keep students and staff safe. And another goal is to get students reading again and back to using the library. This grant has allowed us to reinvent how we serve students. It has helped us to get books in the hands of our students, and do that safely.

-high school librarian, Spring Hill USD 230



With the funds, I was able to support our students and staff during a pandemic, with books that promote discussion and sharing of feelings. I feel that I was able to keep books circulating and students safely distanced while in the library. The library did not close its doors! The grant funds allowed us to safely serve the school community in this pandemic.

-elementary school librarian, Turner USD 202

E-Content

Strengthening our digital platforms and providing a broader scope of electronic resources enabled both in-building and remote students to access a wider variety of needed materials.

-middle and high school library aide, Ottawa USD 290

Being able to expand the ebook collection was a positive. Having a grant made it easier to get what was needed to make myself, teachers, and students safer during the pandemic.

-middle school librarian, Shawnee Mission USD 512



TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY COVID RELIEF GRANTS	
\$5,000	
Gardner High, Middle and Elementary schools (9 total schools)	Gardner USD 231
\$4,500	
West Middle School	Lawrence USD 497
\$4,000	
Apache Innovative School (elementary)	Shawnee Mission USD 512
Ottawa High School	Ottawa USD 290
\$3,500	
Indian Trail Middle School	Olathe USD 233
Ottawa Middle School	Ottawa USD 290
\$3,000	
Baldwin Junior High School	Baldwin USD 348
\$2,500	
Atchison Middle School	Atchison USD 409
Lexington Trails Middle School	DeSoto USD 232
Prairie Park Elementary School	Lawrence USD 497
\$2,000	
Prairie Ridge Elementary School	DeSoto USD 232
Osage City Elementary School	Osage City USD 420
Garfield Elementary School	Ottawa USD 290
Sunflower Elementary School	Ottawa USD 290
Lincoln Elementary School	Ottawa USD 290
Santa Fe Trail High School	Santa Fe Trail USD 434
West Indianola Elementary School	Seaman USD 345
North Fairview Elementary	Seaman USD 345
Westridge Middle School	Shawnee Mission USD 512
\$1,500	
Atchison Elementary School	Atchison USD 409

TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY COVID RELIEF GRANTS (CONT.)	
Jefferson West High, Middle and Elementary schools (3 schools)	Jefferson West USD 340
Cordley Elementary School	Lawrence USD 497
New York Elementary School	Lawrence USD 497
Perry-Lecompton Elementary School	Perry-Lecompton USD 343
Perry-Lecompton High School	Perry-Lecompton USD 343
Sabetha High School	Prairie Hills USD 113
Northern Hills Elementary	Seaman USD 345
Midland Trail Elementary School	Turner USD 202
Oak Grove Elementary School	Turner USD 202
\$1,000	
Sabetha Middle School	Prairie Hills USD 113
Axtell Public School (elementary)	Prairie Hills USD 113
Wetmore Academic Center (elementary)	Prairie Hills USD 113
Royal Valley High School	Royal Valley USD 337
Seaman High School	Seaman USD 345
Woodland Spring Middle School	Spring Hill USD 230
Spring Hill Middle School	Spring Hill USD 230
Spring Hill High School	Spring Hill USD 230
Spring Hill Elementary	Spring Hill USD 230
Prairie Creek Elementary School	Spring Hill USD 230
Timber Sage Elementary School	Spring Hill USD 230
Tonganoxie Middle School	Tonganoxie USD 464
total = \$80,000	

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On the cover: Students at Indian Trail Middle School, in Olathe, “wouldn’t leave until they were able to dig through the boxes. I am so appreciative of this grant—it’s really been life-changing for myself and the students.”
– Kathryn Leo, Library Media Specialist

About

Northeast Kansas Library System is a publicly-funded agency that supports 118 member libraries, including 51 schools and school districts, in the 14 counties of Northeast Kansas. This support takes many forms, including grants, trainings, consulting and resource sharing. Counties served include: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Nemaha, Osage, Shawnee and Wyandotte.

NEKLS is one of seven cooperating regional library systems in Kansas.

Our mission: NEKLS inspires and empowers member libraries to engage, educate and add value to their communities.

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