

2026 Library Development Grant Application

submission deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026

We hereby apply for a Northeast Kansas Library System Library Development Grant for the year 2026 at the accreditation level indicated below.

____ Gateway Library
____ Linking Library
____ Service Center Level I
____ Service Center Level II

____ Major Service Center Level I
____ Major Service Center Level II
____ Major Service Center Level III
____ Major Resource Library

We certify that:

1. The library is a legally established, tax supported city or township public library located in a taxing county of the Northeast Kansas Library System.
2. The library meets requirements for receipt of State of Kansas grant-in-aid funds.
3. The library is a member of the Northeast Kansas Library System and provides service without charge to all system residents.
4. The library is accredited by the Northeast Kansas Library System at the level indicated in this application, and continues to meet all applicable Library Development standards, except where a waiver has been approved by the Northeast Kansas Library System.
5. The library board will complete a written library plan, or review an existing plan, during 2026.
6. This Library Development Grant application was discussed and approved at a library board meeting with a quorum of board members present.
7. The library has a good faith intent to meet, during the agreed time, any standard that has been waived by the Northeast Kansas Library System for 2026.

CERTIFIED BY:

Library Board President

Date

Library Director

Date

Library Name

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT GRANT SERVICE LEVELS

The goal of the Library Development Grant program is to strengthen library service by:

1. Recognizing attainment of the standards for service in the Library Development Accreditation program of the Northeast Kansas Library System.
2. Providing extended tax support from rural areas to municipal public libraries serving those areas.

Libraries that are accredited by the Northeast Kansas Library System and meet other eligibility requirements may qualify for the grant amount corresponding to the level of accreditation attained by the library. Therefore, a library's grant may increase or decrease in any given year. The accreditation and standards program will be reviewed regularly by the Executive Board of the Northeast Kansas Library System and revised as needed.

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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

(1) COMPLETE the "2026 Library Development Grant Application" form signed by you and your library board chair/president.

- If you seek to move up or down a service level for 2026, please contact Jessi Harris at jharris@nekls.org

(2) COMPLETE a "Waiver Request" – as necessary – for each standard you believe will not be met in 2026. Standards are listed in the "Accreditation Application" you submitted in 2025 for the 2025-2027 accreditation cycle. Learn more about the accreditation program and access related documents – including the waiver request form – at <https://nekls.org/resources/forms/>

(3) **SUBMIT BY EMAIL** to accreditation@nekls.org the completed (and signed) "2026 Library Development Grant Application" form and any waiver requests. Please scan and email these documents as a PDF to accreditation@nekls.org.

*** Do not mail, Fax, or send these documents by courier. Please remember to email the entirety of each document. Not just the signed page. ***