

2026 Ballot

Northeast Kansas Library System Executive Board

Brown County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Beverly Sunderman
- ☐ Other _____

Douglas County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Anne Liebst
- ☐ Other _____

Jackson County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Virginia Schirmer
- ☐ Other _____

Jefferson County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Blanche Wulfekoetter
- ☐ Other _____

Miami County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Morgan Menefee
- ☐ Other _____

Nemaha County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Donna Zinke
- ☐ Other _____

Osage County Representative *(Choose one)*

- ☐ Jan "JB" Zwilling
- ☐ Other _____

Signature

Printed Name

I am representing: *(Select one)*

- ☐ County Appointee, _____
(County Name)
- ☐ Executive Board
- ☐ Member Library, _____
(Library Name)

Nominee Information

Anne Liebst's past experience on the NEKLS Executive Board provides her with a broad-based background making her well suited and informed on the current issues facing libraries in Kansas. She has over 30 years of experience and a strong desire for librarianship that will make her a strong advocate for Douglas County.

Morgan Menefee, is the director of the Paola Free Library where she uses her passion for information literacy and history to serve the public. She is also mom to a spunky seven-year-old and bonus mom to 16- and 20-year-old girls and an author and artist in her (rare) free time.

Virginia Schirmer, recently retired from state service after 33 amazing years, finalizing that venture with Kansas Department of Administration as the Senior State Auditor in Accounts and Reports. During her tenure with State, Ginnie's volunteer work included streamlining accounting books into a logical form for her local EUM church; facilitating through twists and bends a free weekly yoga class where all were welcome; brought enthusiasm and smiles to CCD classes at St. Dominic's Catholic Church for 9 years; helped to establish the Jackson County Arts Council, which hosted musicians and poets, art walks, and art events for children to kick start their imaginations.

Beverly Sunderman, has brought dedication and positive results to the companies she worked at due to her belief in hard work and commitment to customer service. These were important assets during the 37 years she was a Westar Energy employee. Other employment includes the City of Hiawatha (assistant city clerk) and NEK Area Agency on Aging (public information officer). She is also a certified senior health insurance counselor. Beverly has served on numerous boards including Morrill Public Library, Friends of Morrill Public Library plus volunteering at the library for 15 years. Libraries are an important part of her life, and she believes, essential to local communities. Beverly is enthusiastic about the possibility of serving on the executive board for NEKLS. Beverly remains very active in the Hiawatha community and enjoys reading, crocheting and traveling with her husband during her free time.

Blanche Wulfekoetter, is part of the Kansas Department of Education Teacher Leader Consultant program, dedicated to growing reading literacy statewide. She is active in many local communities, giving opportunity to impact the use and growth of local libraries.

Donna Zinke, has been on the Seneca Library board for 6 years. Through that role she has seen that funding through NEKLS is vital to their small community library. Previously, Donna was an RN as an Operating Room Supervisor for 30 years.

Jan "JB" Zwilling, brings skills related to researching and analyzing complex topics and helping codify that research to make well-informed decisions. Her personal experience includes a lifelong respect for the library system and a particular connection to the needs of rural communities having grown up on a farm/ranch outside of a small Kansas town and then returning to a rural community as an adult.