



## Coffey County libraries work to overcome COVID-19 challenges

**Darrin Daugherty**

*Coffey County Library Administrator*

This year has been a challenge for everyone. The Coffey County Library and its staff would like to thank all patrons for their support this year.

Although we had to close the building early in the year, we were able to serve the public through different ways. We provided curbside service so patrons could request materials to check out and be picked up outside of the facilities. Some branches were pickup points for food from the school districts. We have used Facebook, Zoom and other methods to try to provide remote story time options.

All six branches have tried new ways to serve patrons through pick up and go crafts and activities. For the past five months the branches have been able to gradually return to providing most services and still try to maintain a safe environment for staff and patrons.

As the administrator of the Coffey County Library system, I would like to share some examples of how each branch has tried to overcome the challenges of this year. I am proud of the staff for trying things that they normally would not have done in order to provide the best services possible for the Coffey County community. Thank you to all of Coffey County for your patience and cooperation. Like everyone, we hope to return to "normal" soon. If you have any reading or viewing needs please feel free to visit us and get the materials that you need. Several "On the Go" activities are available as well.

### Burlington Branch

**Monica Mader**  
Branch Director

We had a fun Stop N Go or drive through program July 16. We offered popcicles and free books to kiddos as they drove through our East parking lot. Social distancing is hard, but we enjoy seeing our patrons.

### Member Spotlight

#### City of Gridley

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(620) 836-3145  
[www.gridleyks.org](http://www.gridleyks.org)  
[cityhall@yahoo.com](mailto:cityhall@yahoo.com)  
Population: 360

Mayor: Lynn Osburn  
City Clerk: Teresa Budd  
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### Upcoming Events

**LeRoy Homecoming**  
Sept. 18 – Sept. 20

During the week of Aug. 10, the Burlington Branch teamed up with the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging to provide supplies for children to pick out a Grab and Go kit with a Build a Buddy inside. Children chose from Bunn, Bear, Tiger and Dinosaur. Parents were encouraged to post pictures of their children enjoying this activity. Over 50 kits were handed out.

### Gridley Branch

**Janet Birk**

**Gridley Branch Director**

Weekly self-led programs were continued for kids and monthly crafts for adults any time any day while in the library. Pool shuttle on Wednesdays has averaged 4 to 10 riders. Kids Eat Free "grab and go" meals on Mondays have been handed out to 12 to 21 kids. I applied for and received an extension for free meals until school starts. Storytime in the Park for littles has been a huge hit. So far, the attendance and weather has been great and caregivers have wanted it to continue.

### Lebo Branch

**Mary Davies**

**Lebo Branch Director**

#### Lebo Branch Library – July 2020

Summer Reading 2020 was a whole new beast for all libraries everywhere! We did our best to muddle through and provide the most entertaining and safe activities possible for our patrons.

Lebo Branch had Grab-N-Go Bags, Independent Reading Goals, a giant KIND board, Books & Bikes & Bubbles, a Finale Come & Go, and a Full Moon Bike Outing.

Instead of writing and telling about how much fun we had regardless of the obstacles, I'm just going to overload you with pictures. :)

### LeRoy Branch

**Vanessa Dauber**

**Branch Director**

#### Mobile Food Pantry

We had 24 families come to our July Mobile Pantry, reaching an individual total of 78 people. I am so glad that we are able to offer this program to the community. It is really going well.

#### Movie in the Park

On Aug. 1, we held the first movie in the park in LeRoy. The city allowed us to use the LeRoy Homecoming Park. We bagged up a hotdog meal for anyone who wanted one. We had 87 people attend our program. We received great feedback from the community for this event. The commu-

nity and staff are looking forward to making it a bigger and better event next year.

### New Strawn Branch

**Darrin Daugherty**  
Branch Director

This summer the focus has been on activities and items that can be taken and done at home or in the library. Tammy has prepared several fun kits and activities throughout the summer. Some patrons have worked with Tammy to create some cool Cricut projects. We have some volunteers help us with our outdoor garden. We have purchased seven activities that can be taken and enjoyed as a family. This includes bucket ball, corn hole, American Ninja Kit, outdoor darts, large dice, family fishing kit and disc golf.

### Waverly Branch

**Kristi Graham**

Kids Grab-and Go crafts: Each week we provided a Grab-and-Go craft for kids as well as themed book recommendations.

Aug. 3-8: Flower Magnets

Aug. 10-15: Rainbow Craft

Aug. 17-22: Shark Week Craft

Aug. 24-29: Bubbles

Come and Go Kids Craft: Tape resist painting, Thursday, Aug. 27

Book Club: "Rebecca," by Daphne Du Maurier, 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24

Pool Shuttle: Shuttle to the Burlington pool, Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Back-to-school drawing for a basket of supplies: Michael Prevatt

Summer reading grand prize winners: adult baskets — Kellie Lacey and Verdine Martin; Young adult gift cards — Colt Marsh and Jayla Cochran; 15 kids reached the top level prize of a build-a-dragon or a summer reading T-shirt.

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