

**South Central Kansas Library System  
Executive Committee Nominees  
Elected October 24, 2016**

**Linking Public Member Libraries**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2017 and Ending December 2020**

**Jean Thiessen, Director, Whitewater Memorial Library**

Candidate's Statement:

*"It has been a joy to serve the Whitewater community as the Director of Whitewater Memorial Library since 1991. I am a 1993 graduate of K.P.L.A.C.E. (Kansas Public Library Advanced Continuing Education) and served on the SCKLS Services Study Implementation Committee in 2003. Though I understand that each library system functions differently for many reasons, my experience has been that SCKLS is the most "pro-member library" system in Kansas. My goal as a member of the Executive Committee is to continue that "pro-member library" focus for all types of libraries in our system."*

**Major Service Level II Public Member Libraries**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2017 and Ending December 2020**

Candidate's Statement:

*"I have been a library director in SCKLS for over 25 years and have participated in the development and growth of the system. SCKLS is truly a library system of which all of us can be proud: it provides the largest amount of grants to member libraries than any other library system in Kansas. And the exceptional staff at SCKLS are known for their consulting expertise and quality continuing education events.*

*It has been a privilege to serve as a member of the SCKLS Executive Committee this past term, and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue being part of this great group of people which governs the system."*

**Regents Academic Member Library**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2017 and Ending December 2020**

**Kathy Downes, Interim Dean of University Libraries, Wichita State University Libraries**

Candidate's Statement:

*"I am honored to be nominated to serve as the Regents Academic Library Representative to the SCKLS Executive Committee. As a longtime librarian at Wichita*

*State University, I have admired and appreciated the South Central Kansas Library System's dedication towards assisting its members in the fulfillment of their missions. I have seen how the extensive services, grants, and programs offered by SCKLS have enabled these member libraries to maximize and extend their library services to their communities even during times of economic challenges. I know that my own library community has definitely benefited from SCKLS programs.*

*Serving on the SCKLS Board would allow me the privilege of being involved and directly contributing towards supporting an organization with a 50 year history of keeping libraries strong. I greatly appreciate your considering my nomination to serve as a member of the SCKLS Executive Board."*

### **Major Service Center II Public Member Library**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2017 and Ending December 2020**

**Jeff Roberson, Chair and Public Library Board Member, Board of Trustees, Hutchinson Public Library**

Candidate's Statement:

*"As the current chair of the Hutchinson Public Library Board, the board has asked that I serve another term on the SCKLS board. During my time on the SCKLS board I have been impressed with the services and the importance of what SCKLS provides to its member libraries. This includes the financial support along with the consulting that they provide. The staff is extremely knowledgeable and the Director is very transparent in the hiring process along with his leadership of SCKLS. I have found being on the SCKLS board both rewarding and challenging at times. I am happy to continue to serve as a public library board member and also as part of the Executive Committee."*

### **Major Resource Center Level II Public Libraries**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2017 and Ending December 2020**

**Katherine Menon, Reference Librarian, Wichita Public Library**

Candidate's Statement:

*I have been with Wichita Public Library for the past 16 years and I am a past president of the Wichita Area Library Association. I have served on the SCKLS Executive Committee for the past four years as the Major Resource Center representative and I would like to continue to do so for the next four years. It has been an honor to be a part of an organization that provides such important services such as grants and continuing education to libraries in South Central Kansas. Without the support of SCKLS, many libraries would have a hard time so SCKLS' role is crucial. I would consider it a*

*privilege to continue in my role and to do my part in helping libraries in our area. Thank you for your consideration.“*