



SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

2022-2023 LIBRARIES TRANSFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Library: <b>Canton Township Carnegie Library</b>	
Library Address	
Street: <b>203 N. Main</b>	State: <b>Kansas</b>
City: <b>Canton</b>	Zip: <b>67428</b>

Name of primary contact person for grant application:  <b>Kim L Witt</b>
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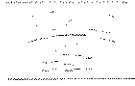
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#### NARRATIVE

1. Describe the program/project and how it will address the grant objectives and key messages:

Grant objectives are (1) to increase awareness and support for transforming the local library, (2) to further the perception of the library as essential to the community and (3) to energize library advocates to influence local, state and national decision-makers. Key messages are (1) Libraries transform lives, (2) Libraries transform communities, (3) Libraries are community centers for lifelong learning and (4) Libraries are a smart investment.

1. The Canton Library is transforming our community with the ultimate goal of becoming the heart of our community. We would like to increase awareness and support for this transformation by developing a patio outdoor learning space. Our goals include having a somewhat large space for group presentations and activities, providing a quiet space for individuals and young families when the Library is not open to utilize wifi, study, read, or play, and preserving and recognizing historic "Memorial Trees" that were planted in 1922 to honor fallen Canton Citizens during WWI.

2. The sidewalk connecting the street to the patio area will invite community members to utilize this beautiful, unique space that is located on the NE corner of the north yard. This area will be like none other in the Township and will be available to the entire public no matter age or physical ability. It will be inviting, beautiful, and as a bonus it will be educational about an important time in Canton's history. This may be new and transformative to many in our community. For the first time, some can see the Library as an "All the Time" place. There are no restrictions as to Library hours and for those who have never been a "Library Person" before, they may very well become one now!

3. We of course, will have a grand opening of our new patio space. Everyone from the area will be invited to attend. The community is conditioned to our celebrations. We celebrated the grand opening of our new addition in 2020 and our 100th Birthday Anniversary in 2021. Each time it was joyful and exciting to be able to enhance our little town in a big way. These celebrations established strong contacts for further funding to help the Library in other ways too.

Some programming for our new space has been suggested. Monthly Speakers, weather allowing, can easily be moved outside. Music events can be scheduled. Our chairs are portable for extra seating. A children's play area is planned with possible water table, chalkboard, checkers, etc. Exercise classes can be accommodated. Summer Reading activities have already included this space even with no improvements. Summer Reading actually gave us the idea for a nice patio area. The Tanganyika Zoo came to present a talk about their animals and the shade from the historic trees was lovely. Our new patio will expand the possibilities of life long learning for our community. As we offer our Media Room free of charge, the patio will of course, also be free for groups to utilize.

The Canton Township Carnegie Library is unique. It is the last Carnegie Library ever built. It is on the National Historic Register and has continuously operated for 101 years. It is sighted in many travel guides as an important point of interest. Many visitors come to see our Library for it's historic value and it truly is a bright spot in town. The minutes from the Ladies Literary Society and Library Boards through the years have been preserved. Their story comes to life when we see how a small number of determined women birthed our library so long ago and many since have kept it going and growing. Investing in our Library means investing in our Community. As a leader said, making improvements to our library "can lift all boats." When positive changes are made, it is contagious and leads to other improvements in the whole area.



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**NARRATIVE cont'd**

**2. Describe and provide the tentative timeline for the program/project.**

**Project must be completed prior to December 31, 2023:**

Our timeline for completion of the project is as follows:

1. Form a committee that includes interested board members and non board members to examine the project and set goals for its' use and design. One important priority is for materials to be maintenance free, understanding that these materials are expensive.

2. Meet with contractors to determine feasibility, cost, and solicit proposals.

3. Recieve Library Board authorization to move forward with the project. (9/30/22)

Goals 1, 2, and 3 have been accomplished.

4. Begin construction soon after Jan. 1, depending on materials' supply availability and weather.

5. Grand Opening October 2023 in conjunction with the 102nd birthday of the Library.

**3a. What is the estimated total cost of the program/project?**

\$40,097.88

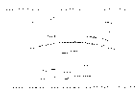
**3b. What is the amount of local matching funds available as of January 1, 2023?**

\$20,048.94



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<b>3c. What is the source of local matching funds available as of January 1, 2023?</b>	
1. Capitol Improvement Funds held by the McPherson County Community Foundation. \$3,772	
2. FRS Grant Sponsored by HCI. (Home Communications Incorporated) (disbursement announcement in November)	\$5,000
3. McPherson County Community Foundation Grant (disbursement announcement in December)	\$11,276.94
<b>3d. What is the amount of matching grant request from SCKLS?</b>	
\$20,048.94	



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**4. Describe how the SCKLS grant funds will be used:**

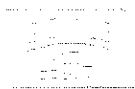
The SCKLS FUnds will cover 1/2 project.  
The project has 3 phases:

1. The first phase is to build a 28'x20' deck outside the children's area window. Because of the slope of the area, the first 10 feet, closest to the building, will be made of concrete and the last 10 feet, extending on to the north, will be made of weatherproof composite decking. There will be steps 14 feet along the north edge of the deck. The estimate for materials is \$15,408.88 and labor is \$4,500.00.
2. The second phase is an L shaped privacy fence outlining 48 feet on the east side of the patio and 28 feet on the north boundary of the property. This north boundary will enclose the historic trees mentioned earlier. Materials for the fence include a concrete footing, stemwall, 4x4 metal posts and weatherproof composite rails and fence boards. The estimate for materials for the fence is \$13,250.00 and labor is \$4,250.00
3. The third phase is placing a concrete sidewalk to connect the patio to the existing sidewalk on the south. This will permit accessibility for wheelchairs.

Total cost of the project is \$40,097.88

**5. Provide quotes or estimates for specific services, staff, equipment or furnishings for which the grant will be used. Costs will not be considered for grant funding unless specific documentation is provided. Documentation must correspond to costs identified in Question 4:**

See the cost estimate in attachments.



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**6. Describe and provide a timeline for how you will acknowledge and publicize the SCKLS Libraries Transform Grant. Copies of recognition documentation including acknowledgements and publications as well as a brief evaluation of the project must be submitted to SCKLS prior to December 15, 2023. Note: Failure to provide recognition and evaluation documentation prior to December 15, 2023 will result in your library's ineligibility for SCKLS grants in 2024.**

When the SCKLS Libraries Transform Grant is received there will be celebration and rejoicing! We will announce your generosity in our newsletters, on Facebook, in the local newspaper, The Santa Fe Way, and the McPherson local papers. We will proudly hang a plaque on our donor wall crediting SCKLS for helping transform our Library, it will be another step closer to becoming the heart of the community. We will document each of these and send an evaluation of the project before Dec. 15, 2023.

Attached you will find:

- \* An itemized cost estimate of phases 1, 2, and 3.
- \* A drawing of the design of the project.
- \* A collage of photographs of the project area showing the Summer Reading Children participating in the zoo visit and the trees that will be enclosed inside the fence.
- \* 2 copies of the 1922 board minutes documenting the planting of "Memorial Trees". "in sacred memory of our boys who made the Supreme Sacrifice during the World War." One copy is highlighted and the other is not.
- \* A collage of photographs of an existing fence style we hope to replicate.

**7. Attach additional files supporting your application here as well as any additional information you wish to include:**

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**CONDITIONS**

**Applicant must meet with the SCKLS Director prior to submitting grant application. The following conditions will be reviewed as part of the meeting:**

**If applicant is a school library, school library services must be administered by a licensed school library media specialist in compliance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 91-31-32(c) (9) (e) Library Services.**

**The Minimum amount of matching grant request is \$5,000 and the maximum amount is \$25,000.**

**The primary purpose and costs associated with this grant application cannot be for projects or programs to repair or maintain for roof, heating/ventilation, electrical or other building infrastructure. A factor in determining grant eligibility is whether the proposed project or program will fully meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility guidelines.**

**The costs identified in this grant application cannot not/will not be duplicated in the applicant's other program/project funding or in applications for other SCKLS grant programs during 2023.**

**Award of the Libraries Transform Grant does not exclude an applicant member library from eligibility for other SCKLS grants subject to respective SCKLS grant guidelines.**

**A member public, academic, school district or special library that has previously been awarded a Libraries Transform Grant is ineligible for re-application for a seven year period from the date of original grant award.**

**Application does not guarantee award. SCKLS reserves the right to not award or to partially award any application. Award may vary depending on the availability of grant funds from SCKLS and upon number and amounts of qualified grant applications from member libraries. If program/project completion prior to December 31, 2023 is contingent upon full award by SCKLS, applicant must disclose below if partial grant award is acceptable or not acceptable.**



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	<b>Indicate one only:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant acknowledges that full grant award by SCKLS <i>is required</i> for the program/project to be completed and that partial grant award is not acceptable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant acknowledges that full grant award by SCKLS <i>is not required</i> for the program/ project to be completed and that partial grant award is acceptable.

Applicant is responsible for informing SCKLS ([paul@sckls.info](mailto:paul@sckls.info)) in writing of any significant changes in the application and providing supporting documentation in a timely manner to SCKLS about any significant changes detailed in the application. Non-compliance with any detail or condition described in this application may result in the applicant library forfeiting its eligibility for any future SCKLS grants for a period up to three years. SCKLS will provide the applicant with written notice and request for compliance should forfeiture be considered.

**Applicant Acceptance and Acknowledgement**

Kim L. Witt

Librarian/Director

2022-10-14 13:11:04

Date

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Public Library Board Chair/College/School Administrative Officer

2022-10-14 13:11:04

Date



ESTIMATE



Prepared For

Canton Library (patio/deck/fence)  
 201 N. Main  
 Canton, KS 67428  
 (214) 679-9018

Mid - Kansas Construction LLC

Estimate # 616

335 East Hwy. 56

Date 10/13/2022

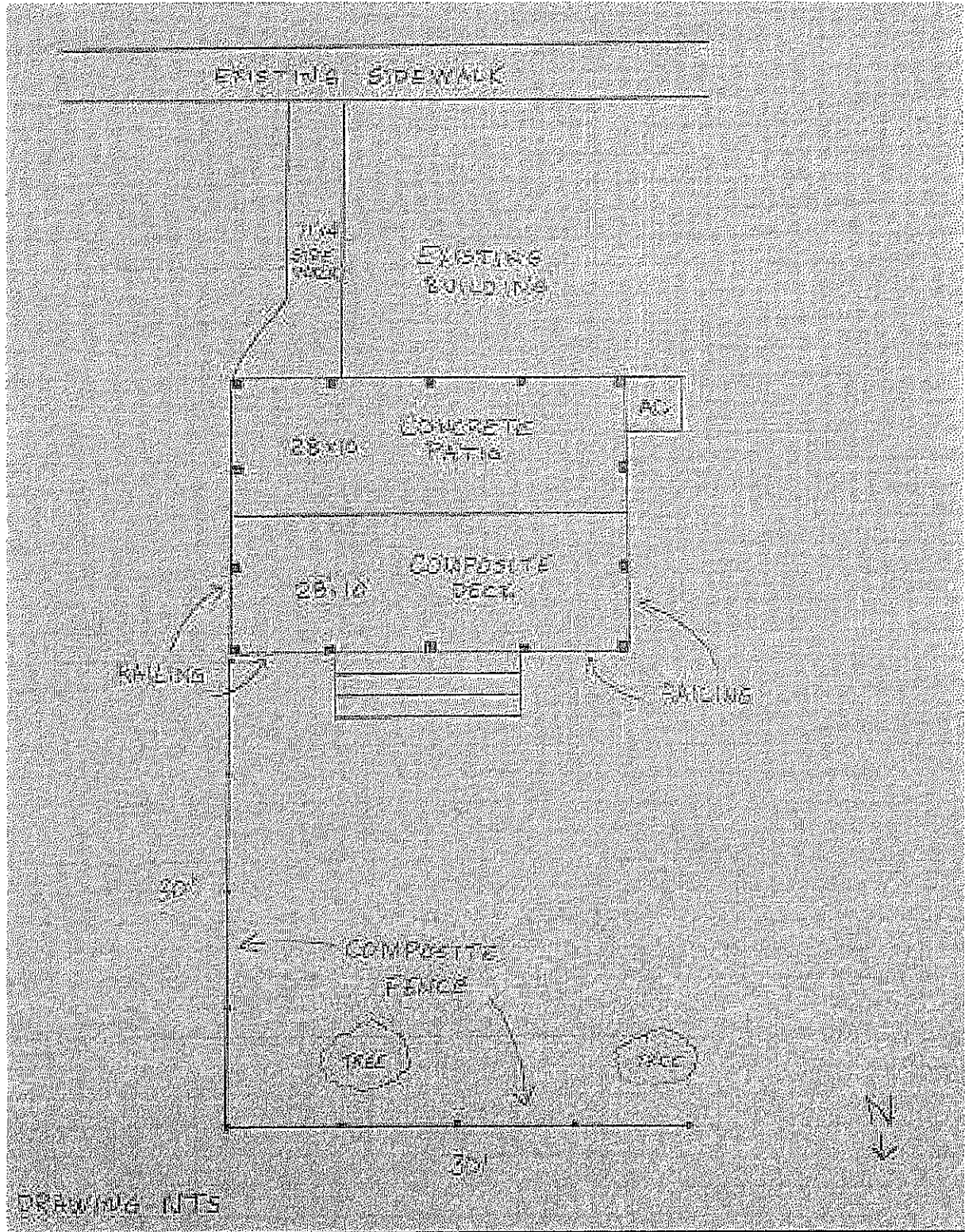
Galva, KS 67443

Phone: (620) 345-6811

Email: molanmkc@gmail.com

Web: www.midkansasconstruction.com

Description	Quantity	Total
Materials - concrete patio/deck Approximate 20x10' concrete patio & 20x10' deck with composite decking/trailing with 14" wide steps going to the north. Does not include stair railing.	1	\$15,408.88
Labor for deck	1	\$4,500.00
Materials - composite fence work includes: concrete footing & stem wall, 4x4 metal posts, composite rails & fence boards	1	\$13,250.00
Labor for fence	1	\$4,250.00
Concrete 4x66' sidewalk	1	\$2,689.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$40,097.88</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$40,097.88</b>







Carlyle - Apr. 17 1942  
Another joint meeting called

Mr. Baker had visited the [unclear] [unclear]  
Baker also talked with Mr. [unclear]  
who recommended Baker and French  
Mrs. Baker brings a Landscape  
Garden

Mr. Baker & French to this joint  
meeting

After much discussion  
decided in favor of Mr. Baker

and gave him  
six trees to be called  
"Memorial Trees" in honor  
members of our town who made  
the Supreme Sacrifice during  
the World War

Mr. [unclear] of Mr. P. [unclear] installed  
telephone in the [unclear] Library  
and in charge will always keep  
at his [unclear]

July 27th 1902  
at the meeting called  
at the Opera House  
I had visited the meeting  
I was now talking with Mr. Quinn  
who recommended that we should  
Mr. Quinn was a handsome  
gentleman  
The young couple were brought  
to the table - I think it was  
yesterday.

After much discussion  
decided in favor of the table  
during the evening I was  
nervous and gave the  
six free to the table  
"The usual dress" was required  
Monday of our age and made  
the Supreme Conference during  
the United States

Admission  
Mr. Day

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