

**South Central Kansas Library System  
Executive Committee Candidate Statements  
October 14 - 18, 2024**

**Linking Public Library Position**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2025 and Ending December 2028**

**Lisa Moreland, Director, Caldwell Public Library**

**Candidate's Statement:**

*"I have been blessed since 2002 to work in two public libraries that are part of the South Central Kansas Library System. I served as the Youth Services Director at the Wellington Public Library from 2002 to 2005, and I became the Director of the Caldwell Public Library in January of 2006.*

*SCKLS has been invaluable to us, as Caldwell automated in 2007 and moved to a new building in 2009. We also utilize SCKLS for help with weeding, cataloging, website maintenance, digitization, etc. The SCKLS staff truly want what's best for us and our libraries, and they are always willing to help in any way possible. This support is extremely valuable for smaller libraries that operate on very limited resources. I would be honored to serve on the SCKLS Executive Committee."*

**Major Service Center I Public Library Position**

**Four-year Term Beginning January 2025 and Ending December 2028**

**Cari Cusick, Director, Newton Public Library**

**Candidate's Statement:**

*"I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the SCKLS Executive Committee and hope to continue to serve on the board for a full term. SCKLS provided valuable knowledge and support for me when I first became a library director at Hesston Public Library. As the current director of Newton Public Library, I continue to see the immense benefits SCKLS provides to its member libraries, librarians, and the communities we serve. While most members of the public don't even know that regional library systems exist, they play a vital role in ensuring that communities of all sizes have meaningful library services. We need our regional library systems more than ever in Kansas, and I appreciate being considered for the opportunity to continue serving on the Executive Committee. "*

**Major Service Center II Public Library Position  
Four-year Term Beginning January 2025 and Ending December 2028  
Mary Evans, Board of Directors, Hutchinson Public Library**

**Candidate's Statement:**

*"It has been a privilege to serve on the SCKLS board, and I would be honored to serve another term. During my career as a school librarian I benefited from the grants, training, and other services offered by SCKLS. Currently I serve on the board of a public library, and I have observed numerous ways SCKLS has aided our service area libraries, both financially and through their expertise and guidance. I am proud to be part of such a worthy organization."*

**Major Resource Center Public Library  
Four-year Term Beginning January 2025 and Ending December 2028  
Savannah Ball, Education and Engagement Manager, Wichita Public Library**

**Candidate's Statement:**

*"I have worked for the Wichita Public Library for a total of 18 years, 2 years in my current position as the Education and Engagement Manager. I have an understanding and deep appreciation of library systems, having worked as the Consultant and Continuing Education Coordinator at the Southwest Kansas Library System for 3 years. I am also actively involved in the Kansas library community, serving two terms on the Executive Committee of the Kansas Library Association and teaching an annual course on library customer service to new Kansas directors for the Applied Public Library Education program. I am excited to continue to serve on the SCKLS Executive Committee as the Major Resource Center representative, as I feel that the system helps to make library service accessible to all Kansas citizens. I believe the support that is provided to libraries and library staff by SCKLS plays a crucial role in the success of libraries in South Central Kansas. Thank you for your consideration."*

**Regents Academic Library Position  
Four-year Term Beginning January 2025 and Ending December 2028  
Virginia Kay Williams, Senior Coordinator of Collection Strategies & Management, Wichita State University Libraries**

**Candidate's Statement:**

*"I have enjoyed serving as the Regents Academic Library Representative to the SCKLS Executive Committee over the last year. I was unfamiliar with the concept of a regional library system when I moved to Kansas in 2008, but quickly learned to appreciate SCKLS for the professional*

*development support it offered and the connections it built between libraries of every type. It's been wonderful to see how SCKLS works with every kind of library to help us all achieve our goals of promoting reading and providing access to information. I'm delighted to be nominated to serve again. I hope my service will contribute to the South Central Kansas Library System's goal of helping "Libraries Transform Communities."*