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Kinsley Library wins 2013 Best Small Library in Kansas Award

The Kansas Library Association is proud to announce the Kinsley Library as the winner of the 2013 Best Small Library in Kansas Award. The Best Small Library Award was created by regional library consultants, in conjunction with the Kansas Library Association, to recognize creative and excellent library service, program or activity in a service community of less than 5,000.

The award comes with a \$400 prize provided by Auto-Graphics, Inc. Auto-Graphics provides resource management solutions to customers across multiple industries, including a range of library markets such as public, academic, school, special and consortia, as well as finance, publishing, aerospace and manufacturing. Auto-Graphics believes strongly in the positive impact a small library can have in the community and views this award as a way to highlight the importance of libraries to their communities.

"I believe a lot of credit for this award has to go to the strong support the people of Kinsley have always given the library," said library director Joan Weaver. "When I took over the position from Beverly Craft sixteen years ago, she left me a legacy of a quality library on the cutting edge of technology. The

library board has always set a tone of encouragement and daring to push the limits of what a library is. Then 41-year veteran librarian Rosetta Graff has been here as a full partner keeping everything running smoothly.

"Finally, the citizens are really much more than patrons, they are participants of this library. They do so much more than check out books and use the internet. They show up, they contribute, they volunteer, and they are the best cheerleaders any organization could have."

Currently serving on the Kinsley Library board are: Emily White (Chair), Ted Taylor (Vice Chair), Mary Kallaus (Treasurer), Pat Hetzel (Secretary), Mike Padgham, Julia Butler, and Florene Short.

Previously, in 2012, Kinsley Library received two awards from the Public Library Association (PLA), the /Ebsco Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award/, and the /Polaris Innovation in Technology John Liff Award/.

The 2013 Best Small Library in Kansas Award presentation will be made at the State Librarian's Luncheon at the Kansas Library Conference on Thursday, October 10. The Conference is being held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Expocentre in Topeka.