Mid-Continent Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT
2015 - 2016
MISSION STATEMENT
Mid-Continent Public Library’s mission is to enrich our citizens and communities through expanding access to innovation, information, ideas, and inspiration.

VISION STATEMENT
Mid-Continent Public Library will provide the best library experience in the United States.
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In examining our commitment to shape the Library around the public’s current needs, another landmark moment was reached during the past year – the publishing of *The Purpose-Based Library*, which was co-written by our very own Library Director, Steven Potter. Within this book lies an exploration of what it means to be a Library in today’s society and how individual library branches must understand the unique considerations of its community in order to thrive – whether this means hosting free tax help sessions for local seniors, offering collaboration spaces for business meetings, or providing free online databases that help students with their schoolwork seven days a week (all of which are currently available to MCPL customers). It is vital that the Library identify these needs and connect residents to the resources that address them.

Ultimately, that is what the Library is all about – connections. We connect people to ideas, resources, and one another. As Mid-Continent Public Library enters its 52nd year, our goal will be to continue making these purposeful connections and to ensure that future generations can always turn to the Library for the knowledge and guidance they need.

Because, as Ray Bradbury once said, “Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.”

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**LEADERSHIP MESSAGES**

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The past year was a golden year for our region. We were thrilled by the commanding lead the Royals took in the American League Central standings, amazed by the late inning heroics in the playoffs, and overjoyed to see our team take the World Championship crown. It was amazing to watch our town turn blue as over 800,000 people gathered to celebrate the title. At about the same time as the Royals took the field in the Spring of 2015, Mid-Continent Public Library began our year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration. In June, we started a new tradition with our first ever Legacy Luncheon, which celebrates the contributions of our retirees, employees, and Library supporters in our community.

In September, the festivities continued as we welcomed author Gillian Flynn to the Library Lovers 50th Anniversary Gala and launched our Library Lovers membership program. Just a few days after the Royals’ victory party, the Library had more than 90 parties of its own, and we welcomed more than 19,000 customers into our branches in one day to celebrate our 50th birthday on November 10. We handed out almost 10,000 copies of our new Grow A Reader book and introduced our new mascot, Marty the Martian. It was a very fun day and the focal point of a great year of excitement, celebration, and new traditions.

Through good stewardship and planning, our Library has flourished for 50 years, but it hasn’t always been easy. Through economic ups and downs, the Library has thrived, survived, recovered, and thrived again. Through the “Great Recession,” our Library has remained relevant by providing important, much-needed services. Even during this time, we continued to plan for a bright future.

By 2030, our Library district is estimated to grow from 790,000 people to nearly one million residents who will require Library resources and services. Our Library will need additional revenue to provide the enhanced access that people expect, to reinvest in our buildings, enhance and expand collections, develop services, and construct new facilities to be in place as the population grows. To this end, the Library Board and staff considered many options over many months.

The plan that has been developed by the Board committees and the staff outline a solid, fiscally responsible approach that builds on the tradition of good stewardship exhibited historically by the Library system. As our fiscal year ended in June 2016, the Library Board voted to ask our community for additional support for the first time since 1983. The additional revenues, combined with good planning and responsible fiscal management, will allow Mid-Continent Public Library to pursue its vision to provide the best library experience in the United States.

Steven V. Potter
Library Director and CEO
WHAT WENT INTO THE BIRTHDAY PARTIES ON NOVEMBER 10?

10,500 Kansas City Star 50th Anniversary special sections

10,000 New Grow A Reader: An Interplanetary Tale books provided by James B. Nutter & Company

5,246 Napkins

3,792 Cookies

3,840 Bottles of water

3,600 Feet of pennant streamers

3,101 Servings of cake

2,736 Juice boxes

2,560 Balloons

900+ MCPL staff members at headquarters and 31 branches

186 Family four-packs of prize tickets donated by Kansas City arts organizations and attractions

21 Special family programs

6 Appearances by Marty the Martian, MCPL’s new mascot

4 Book signings by Grow A Reader: An Interplanetary Tale author Bridget Heos and illustrator Dan Regan

1 Brand new Reading Rocket early literacy mobile unit
**TIMELINE:**

**May 31, 2015**
More than 1,400 current and former employees and board members took part in the **MCPL Employee Family Reunion** at the Arrowhead Stadium North Club.

**June 18, 2015**
The **Legacy Luncheon**, attended by 200 guests and emceed by WDAF FOX4 anchor Susan Hiland, included a State of the Library address by Library Director and CEO Steven V. Potter and a keynote presentation by a Kansas City native, author Richard Zoglin. The John Ferguson Award for Outstanding Service and the Victor Gragg Library Champion Award were both given for the first time.

**October 3, 2015**
The **Library Lovers Gala: A 50th Anniversary Celebration** featured dinner and entertainment for almost 400 donors who purchased tickets to spend the evening with author Gillian Flynn and launched the Library Lovers membership program.

**November 10, 2015**
MCPL branches welcomed more than 19,000 guests to more than 90 functions in 18 hours on November 10, in celebration of the **Library’s official birthday**. The day marked the launch of MCPL’s Grow A Reader program and included the distribution of a signature book commissioned specifically for the event. In addition, the Anniversary featured the introduction of the Reading Rocket, a bookmobile transformed into a new early literacy mobile unit, and Marty the Martian, the star of *Grow A Reader* and the Library’s new mascot.

**These sponsors collectively donated $37,500 in support of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.**

Children’s Plus • KC Parent • Career Online High School OverDrive, Inc. • Sapp Design Associates Architects Baker & Taylor • Lockton Companies • Library Ideas, LLC Better World Books • James B. Nutter & Company
The Winter Reading Challenge’s “Classics Remixed” theme encouraged MCPL customers to step through the looking glass and read new takes on well-known classic books or five books of their own choosing. The Winter Reading Challenge promotes leisure reading by providing compelling titles and incentives to adult readers. More than 2,000 customers read at least one book, and 1,632 completed the challenge.

The top four titles read were:

- **Cinder**
- **Ticked**
- **The Looking Glass War**
- **diary**

**GROW A READER**

MCPL launched the Grow A Reader program to assist parents and caregivers in the navigation of MCPL’s many early literacy programs which are designed to develop reading skills from birth through elementary school.

- **The Reading Rocket** was wrapped in illustrations from the *Grow A Reader* book and began outreach appearances in neighborhoods, branches, and other locations.

- **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** was launched at 30 branches in January, with program signs and materials and an online presence to show parents and caregivers the importance of reading prior to the start of school.

**Early Literacy Outreach Grant**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Missouri State Library provided an LSTA grant in the amount of $5,800 for early literacy outreach at Truman High School in Independence, Missouri.
2015 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

It was a summer of superheroes as children learned that “Every Hero Has a Story,” and teens were encouraged to “Escape the Ordinary.” Everyone who completed requirements by July 31, 2015 earned free books and qualified to win a LeapPad3 prize pack or a Kindle Fire HD7. Summer Reading Program remains one of the Library’s most important programs, helping to ensure students maintain or grow their reading skills during summer break.

12,722 Listeners listened to 683,012 books
12,366 Readers read for 9,571,964 minutes
2,931 Teens wrote 10,118 reviews
28,023 Participants in 2015, up 21% from 2014
87% of those who participated in Summer Reading Program completed their first reading list.

BIG READ

As part of a $15,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, MCPL ignited a community conversation about the Ray Bradbury novel Fahrenheit 451 through 18 book discussions, 29 programs, a writing contest, an art contest for teens, and 943 checkouts of the featured book from March 15 - April 31, 2015.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALICE’S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

As part of Mid-Continent Public Library and Kansas City Public Library’s first Great City/Great Read initiative, the Libraries celebrated the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland with 39 programs that included: a presentation by Mark Burstein, former President of the Lewis Carroll Society of North America, book discussions, film screenings, Mad Hatter Tea Parties, and Wonderland Storytimes, which drew 1,452 people. The program culminated on November 10 with a performance by Kansas City jazz legend Angela Hagenbach and a cast performing Jazz Alice: An Adventure at Wonderland at The Pavilion at John Knox Village.
GOOGLE FIBER AT MCPL

As of July 31, 2016, Google Fiber is now available at six Mid-Continent Public Library branches: Red Bridge, Raytown, Blue Ridge, North Oak, Antioch, and Woodneath Library Center.

MCPL Public Computer Use:

Computer Sessions 603,636
Wi-Fi Sessions 359,589
Total Time: 426,000 hours

ONLINE RESOURCES

New Resources in 2015 - 2016:

Lynda.com is an online education service that offers thousands of video courses in software, creative, and business skills taught by industry experts. MCPL made it available to customers on July 2015 who viewed more than 22,000 educational videos.

Comics Plus Library Edition allows customers to download popular graphic novels on demand. Launched in January 2016, there were 1,132 comic book downloads in the first 6 months.

Mymcpl.org: The Library’s virtual branch was visited by 1,390,015 unique visitors who logged over 10.6 million page views during 4.1 million sessions.
**MCPL provided access to 261 online resource options during the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year.**

Total online resource sessions: **911,940 (+13%)**  
Literacy-based database sessions: **229,395 (+39%)**  
Genealogy resources sessions: **138,311 (+17%)**

**Popular Resources:**

**OverDrive:**
Use of OverDrive for eBooks, eAudiobooks, and Streaming Video grew **28%** during the fiscal year. MCPL was the first OverDrive library to circulate more than 1 million items in a calendar year. Customers checked out **1,034,468** digital items in 2015.

**Tutor.com:**  
**10,506** one-to-one tutoring sessions. Tutor.com is an online tutoring service that connects students in grades 4 through 12 and college to tutors for help in more than 40 subjects including math, science, essay writing, foreign language and test prep.

**Freegal:**  
**152,069** music and music video downloads

**Flipster and Zinio:**  
**59,568** magazines were downloaded this year.

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**The Institute of Museum and Library Services provided several LSTA grants to improve technology access for customers.**

Two Spotlight on Literacy grants totaling **$17,113** were used to purchase equipment for MCPL’s Creation Stations. The program targets youth ages 12 through 18 to improve their digital literacy and acquire marketable computer skills. To accomplish this goal, the Creation Stations provide tools and training to learn about the world.

Fifteen MCPL branches received additional AWE early literacy stations through a **$28,609** Technology Ladder Grant. Last year, children logged more than **51,000** sessions on AWE stations.

The Claycomo, Excelsior Springs, and Grandview Branches received additional public access laptops through a **$14,373** Technology Mini Grant.
The Library-By-Mail program, which serves more than 360 homebound customers, circulated a record-breaking 20,000 materials.

The Believe in Reading Foundation provided a grant for $7,793 for improved access for Library-By-Mail customers.

During MCPL’s two Food for Fines drives in Fall 2015 and Spring 2016, a total of more than 22,500 items were collected and sent to local agencies for distribution. Since the program’s inception in 2014, more than 44,000 items have been collected. The Food for Fines program allows customers to have up to $10 of fines forgiven in return for a donation of non-perishable food items.

MCPL is connecting with its customers through its main MCPL Facebook and Twitter accounts and the 33 branch accounts. Throughout the MCPL social media footprint, followers grew by 58% from 23,178 to 36,670. Engagement on the MCPL main Facebook account reached over 2.7 million people, and its Twitter account was ranked one of the top six Twitter accounts to follow by Kansas City Mom’s Blog.

The South Independence Branch premiered its new community room in April of 2015 and received an iNpact Award from the Independence Council of Economic Development.

This Facebook post during the Kansas City Royals run to the World Series title in 2015 reached a record 323,127 people.
**SQUARE ONE**

Square One Small Business Services specialists assisted 45 businesses in the Library district, connecting them with MCPL resources and other organizations to help them launch or improve their businesses. During the past year, 979 people attended 79 business-related programs. Square One is supported by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (see page 13).

Gail Worth of Gail’s Harley-Davidson headlined Square One’s inaugural Entrepreneur Storytime on August 18, 2015.

Square One’s “Business of” panels focused on entrepreneurs in the specialty coffee, microbrewery, and food truck industries.

As a culmination to its very popular Business of Food Trucks workshops, MCPL hosted the 2nd Annual Rookie Food Truck Faceoff at The Roasterie that was attended by more than 400 people on June 3, 2016. The participants in the event had all attended a food truck workshop.

**CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL**

Mid-Continent Public Library initiated a collaboration with Kansas City Public Library and Literacy KC to launch the Career Online High School program in January 2016, providing 25 qualified adult residents of the Kansas City metro area with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and career certification through online coursework. By July 31, 2016, 18 people had received scholarships for participation, and two had graduated.

Tierra Lewis, a Raytown Branch customer, was the first to enroll in the program and hopes to start her own daycare business.

City officials around the Library district presented National Library Week proclamations to 19 branches from April 10 - 16, 2016. Pictured is Platte City Mayor Frank Offutt presenting the proclamation to Branch Manager Rachel Rafuse.
ACCESS ART

For the second consecutive year, MCPL partnered with The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kansas City Art Institute to present Access Art as the culmination to National Library Week on Saturday, April 16. The all-day event at Woodneath Library Center drew 361 children, teens, and adults to participate in 21 program sessions to create new works of art and meet and interact with 10 Kansas City area artisans.

LIBERTY ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

In collaboration with the Liberty Arts Commission, MCPL’s Liberty Branch opened the Liberty Art Gallery this past year featuring work by local artists. Exhibits have included work by artist Stephen Weis, a photography display centered on the historic Kansas City jazz scene, a tribute to those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers, and a collection of landscape paintings by John Williams. Gallery exhibits have been accompanied by grand opening events and free programs for the community.
THE STORY CENTER
SPEAKER SERIES

Launched last fiscal year, The Story Center Speaker Series continues to bring acclaimed authors of different genres to celebrate and inspire the art of the story. This year, the Series included presentations by:

• **Sara Paretsky**, *New York Times* bestselling author of the VI Warshawski mysteries

• **Gillian Flynn**, author of international sensation *Gone Girl*

• **David Morrell**, author of *First Blood*

• **Andrew Malan Milward**, author of *I Was a Revolutionary*

• **Jeff Guinn**, *New York Times* bestselling nonfiction author

• **Jen Mann**, *New York Times* bestselling author

• **William Anderson**, author and historian

• **Robin Murphy**, contributor to *Eat, Pray, Love Made Me Do It: Life Journeys Inspired by the Bestselling Memoir*

• **Dorothea Benton Frank**, *New York Times* bestselling adult fiction author

• **Judith Fertig**, award-winning cookbook and fiction author

The Story Center presented **32** programs on oral, written, and digital storytelling that were attended by **346** people. Programs included a 10-part filmmaking series for adults and teens held by commercial photographer and creative director Brad Austin, as well as storycrafting, applied storytelling programs, and events like Story Slam and the Holiday Book Fair in December 2015.

Through a combination of donations and a $300,000 National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant, Mid-Continent Public Library has begun to gather funds that will be put toward the adaptive reuse of the historic Elbridge Arnold home, also known as the Crouch Home, on the Woodneath Library Center campus.

Upon completion of the project, the house will become home to The Story Center at Mid-Continent Public Library where individuals and businesses can come to create, understand, and share stories. Once construction is complete, the historic home will offer dedicated spaces for specialized programs and exhibits, offices for The Story Center staff, and national headquarters offices for the National Storytelling Network.

The Story Center is supported by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The Foundation’s contributions of **$100,000** in 2015 and **$200,000** in 2016 also support Square One Small Business Services and MCPL’s Grow A Reader early literacy programs.
MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

88,965 people visited Midwest Genealogy Center and 2,332 attended 168 genealogy programs.

GENEALOGY ONLINE RESOURCES

MCPL provided access to 23 online genealogy resources during the 2015 - 16 fiscal year.

Total sessions: 138,311

Popular Resources:

- Access NewspaperARCHIVE: 25,028 sessions
- Ancestry Library Edition: 22,259 sessions
- HeritageQuest Online: 17,214 sessions

New Resource:

**Genealogy Quick Look**, created in-house by MCPL web development staff, is a free index that includes more than 1.5 million pension records from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board. This project was made possible through an association with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Library. Since its launch on October 27, 2015, 12,944 visitors from 35 countries and all 50 states made more than 38,000 searches.
MGC SPRING SEMINAR

More than 140 people attended MGC’s Spring Seminar, Finding Your Irish Ancestors, at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center on March 7, 2015, featuring British Isles research expert Paul Milner.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Library presented three programs on 12 dates in the month of February.

• **Born a Slave:** Local historian David W. Jackson’s presentation traced the path that led him to the revelation that his great-great-grandfather was born a slave and offered insights to other genealogy researchers.

• **Negro League Baseball — The Deep Roots of African Americans in America’s Great Game:** Kevin Mitchell, author of *Last Train to Cooperstown*, illuminated the rich history of the league that paved the way for racial integration in professional sports.

• **A History of Military Service by African Americans:** Internationally acclaimed genealogist Kathleen Brandt presented several programs about researching African American ancestry during the Civil War period.

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Midwest Genealogy Center is rated “excellent” by travelers on TripAdvisor

“**IF YOU ARE INTO GENEALOGY, THIS IS THE PLACE TO GO!”**

“Amazing collection of genealogy information. The staff is extremely helpful with getting you started and kept checking to see if we needed more assistance.”

- Reviewed May 19, 2016 by Carol R.
  Redding, California
53.1% of the population within the city of Kansas City, Missouri is served by MCPL.

22.7% of the MCPL budget was allocated to Library Materials - the national average in 2014 was 11.2%
Total circulation of Library materials **9,189,534** items

Circulation of children’s materials **3,441,802** items

**28,023** children participated in the 2015 Summer Reading Program

**237,336** people attended literacy-based Library programs

**Library Programs:**
- Total Programs **9,540 (+11%)**
- Total Attendance **213,579 (+22%)**

**Small Business Assistance**
MCPL’s business specialists offer one-on-one help to small business owners and entrepreneurs.

**Square One Small Business Services** has supported the launch of, or improved the operation of, more than 45 businesses in the Kansas City area.

Uses of Online Business Resources **20,396**

eContent Circulation (eBooks, eMagazines, Streaming Media) **1,413,212** Digital Materials
$4.04 in services were provided for every $1 in taxes received.

LIBRARY VALUE CALCULATOR

Adult Books Borrowed .................. $48,689,460
Youth Books Borrowed .................. $38,656,596
Movies Borrowed ......................... $4,670,856
Music Borrowed .......................... $2,891,468
Audiobooks Borrowed ................... $9,553,560
Items Used in Library .................... $1,999,250
Interlibrary Loan ........................ $1,946,825
Downloadable Audiobooks .......... $10,047,690
Downloadable eBooks ................ $10,233,156
Downloadable Magazines .............. $178,704
Hours of Computer Use ............... $5,114,891
Free Wi-Fi Sessions .................... $1,078,767
Newspapers Viewed Online ........... $15,710
Database Searches ....................... $18,238,800
Genealogy Research Resources ...... $2,766,220
Programs and Classes Attended ...... $2,135,790
Online Courses and Training Sessions $1,132,375
Live Online Tutoring Sessions ....... $210,120
Tax Help - Seniors Served .......... $2,285,140
Reference Questions Asked .......... $2,648,685

Total ..................................... $164,494,063
## FINANCES

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| **Expenditures:**    |                |                      |                            |                       |
| Payroll and Benefits | 24,380,828     | -                    | -                          | -                     |
| Library Materials    | 9,429,849      | -                    | -                          | -                     |
| Library Operations   | 7,838,629      | -                    | 2,768                      | 2,320,059             |
| Capital Outlay       | -              | 469,491              | -                          | -                     |
| **Total Expenditures:** | 41,649,306 | 469,491              | 2,768                      | 2,320,059             |

|                      |                |                      |                            |                       |
| **Fund Transfer in (out):** | (222,237) | 702,237              | 20,000                     | (500,000)             |

|                      |                |                      |                            |                       |
| **Fund Balances, Beginning of Year:** | 24,038,274 | 9,208,572            | 303,394                   | 1,926,862             |

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| **Fund Balances, End of Year:** | $ 24,728,541 | $ 9,725,970          | $ 339,075                 | $ 1,751,296           |

### FUND BALANCES:

- **Operating Fund**
- **Capital Project Fund**
- **Nonmajor Governmental Funds**
- **Health Insurance Fund**

- **Year Start**
- **Year End**

$20 m $10 m
Gifts of $1,000 and Above
Karla V. Hughes
Steve Potash
TCD Parts
VanTrust Real Estate LLC

Gifts from $500 - $999
John Laney
Wilma J. Maddox
Paula R. Needles
Freddie M. Nichols
Steven V. Potter
Brent Schondelmeyer
Trent Skaggs
Ameritas Investment Corp.
Friends of Caleb Jones
Miller-Donnelli Agency, Inc.
National Storytelling Network
UMB Bank

Gifts from $250 - $499
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Central Bank of the Midwest
Central Trust Company
Cynthia Courtney
Pamela Darata
Vicky Baker
Mary Bergstedt
Linda H. Cozad
Amy Engel
Carolyn Frame
John Hueser
Steve Roling
Robin E. Ryan

Gifts from $100 - $249
Bishop Miege High School
Shannon Bowman
Alice M. Hall
Bess Lamoreux
Alfred Paden
Andie Paloutzian
Michael Vietti
Laura Alber
Elizabeth Anderson
Elizabeth A. Appleby
Spenser Becker
Maurice E. Bouchard
Barry Brakeville
Jennifer Chadwick
Carole C. Coots
Leslie Corn
Jennifer Crosby
Shirley Curtis-Klein
Olivia Cytrynowicz
Katherine Dorsey
Nathan L. Fors
Teresa Freeland
Carolin Green
Kim Griffin
Amy Gum
Leighton Hallenberg
Stephanie Hass
Gillian Helm
Lindsey Henry-Moss
Jeanette Hoy
Joan M. Israelite
Roger D. Joslyn
Nancy Kraus Womack
Robert A. Levin
Mark Lewis
Mary L. Martin
Cheryl McGinness
Wanda McGonigle
David L. McMillan
Kathy McPheeters
Metropolitan Community College - Blue River
Mary Nagel
Elda Paden
Gayla Parks
Tammy Parrott
Kerry Peak
Barton J. Reese
Jane O. Rinehart
Richard C. Ryland
Maxine Sandman
Scott Schoonover
Michelle Shekleton
Kaite Stover
Amy Stults
Susan Teson
Truman Heartland
Community Foundation
Joycelyn Tucker Burgo
Dana Vietti
Safire Waldron
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Marvin J. Weishaar
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Gifts from $50 - $99
Excelsior Springs
Genealogical Society
Mattie L. Ivie
Susan M. Roche
Michael M. Adamson
Kathleen Conwell
Margaret Godbout
Linda L. Goodman
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Gifts up to $49
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Greg Edwards
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Karlene H. Ferguson
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John R. Garity
Delegrace Grant
John A. Grove
Nancy Gully
Christie Hall
Karen Harmon
Barbara K. Harp
Iva F. Hill
Fredrick W. Hodkins
Juanita E. Hoover
Linda Hopson
Judith Hough
William W. Hunnell
Patricia A. Johnson
Stuart G. Jones
William Kunst
Megan Kurtz
Lisa K. Lane
Jenny D. Lowe
Rebecca K. Maddox
Karen A. McAndrew
Helen Mowry
Victor Novak
Janice Olivarez
Paula Christa Marie Panarisi
Janice Pennington
Clara Pruitt
Mary Ranck
Jeffrey Record
Patrick R. Rotten
Russell Self
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<td>8656 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64154</td>
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<td>Blue Springs North Branch</td>
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