

**Southeast Kansas
Library System**

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The Recreational Therapy collection at SEKLS

Hello Activity Director!
**The Southeast Kansas Library
System has lots of great
FREE resources for you and
your residents!**



Would you like a FREE BiFolkal Kit?

BiFolkal kits are available for checkout, to any person or institution, for FREE!

COMPLETE BIFOLKAL KITS

include DVD/video, slides, activity pages, tactile "artifacts" from the period, sing-along CD/cassette, 25 participant booklets, and two leaders' guides. Many full kits include 12 black & white 8" x 10" reminiscing photos related to the title.

These kits offer hours of free programming for your facility, and are available in lots of themes: 1924; SPRING; THE 1950'S; SUMMERTIME; FARM DAYS; AUTOMOBILES; THE HOME FRONT; SCHOOL DAYS; THE FASHION; WORK LIFE; BIRTHDAYS; TRAIN RIDES; THE DEPRESSION; COUNTY FAIRS; FUN AND GAMES; MUSIC; PETS; HOME; FALL; and "TOURING HISTORIC KANSAS"

Did you know there is a Recreational Therapy collection at the Southeast Kansas Library System that can provide you with FREE items for activity programming at your facility? We have a wide variety of items, including recreational therapy items, BiFolkal products, Braille/print books, & DVS descriptive videos. We have lots of fun items in our collection, & anyone can check them out FREE via interlibrary loan! A full list of the collection can be seen at

<http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us/bph/specialneeds2008.pdf>

SEKLS' collection can help with programming at your facility... & most importantly, it is **free** to check out any of the items! Some of the items that could be useful in your programming include items from our arts & crafts collection, which include reproducible coloring books & stamp sets. We have puzzles, magnetic mosaics sets, magnetic words, a juggling set, bean bags, stacking color cones, a parachute (with 12 handles, ball, & cassette), & even a roving hamster. There are some games, such as *Penny Ante II*, & board games, like *Snakes & Ladders*, & chess or checkers. We also have a collection of musical activities & instruments. We have a set of rhythm musical instruments, which allows for up to 25 "musicians" to play at once. We have an 8-note hand bell set with songbook, an 8-note xylophone, tambourine, & tom-tom. Some puppets are available in the Special Needs collection for checkout as well! Of course, all of these items are available for activity directors to check out to use for programming, but these items are also available for anyone to check out via interlibrary loan! Patrons simply need to request the items at their local libraries, & the libraries then forward the requests to the SEKLS interlibrary loan dept. Items are then forwarded to the local library, where you can pick them up. Items are generally checked out for 3 weeks. If you need help selecting items, please contact Jaime at 1-800-279-3219 or jprideaux@sekls.org.

Programming Ideas and Items of Interest for Activity Directors from Talking Books & SEKLS



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BiFolkal Visit Kits=1-on-1 Activities

The "BiFolkal Visit Kits" are great for 1-on-1 activities! Each kit includes a question sheet, discussion card, & "artifacts" to "remember" specific topics: *Advertising, Courting, Cure-Alls, Fabrics, Gardening, Hair, Hats, Main Street, Picnics, Table Games, Vacations, & Visits*. You will also want the Visit Kit Manual, "*Time Well-Spent*". Use it to set up or expand a visiting program. Request visit kits and guide FREE from your local library via Interlibrary Loan today!

SEK Activity Director Meetings

We also have activity director meetings for activity professionals and social services personnel 4 times a year! The meetings are free, and include a free lunch. We share ideas and resources, and have speakers at our meetings on topics that are of interest to YOU! To find out when our next meeting is scheduled, contact Jaime at 1-800-279-3219 or jprideaux@sekls.org

Do YOUR residents qualify for *free* Talking Books?

Anyone who is unable to read standard size print, due to a visual or physical impairment, may be eligible for the free Talking Books program. Someone who is unable to turn the pages of a book due to a physical disability could qualify for the Talking Books program. People who are blind or have visual impairments such as macular degeneration would also qualify. If some of your residents are eligible for this free service, please contact Jaime.

More Free Resources from the Talking Books Librarian Blog!

A great free "Talking Books" resource is the Talking Books Librarian blog at <http://talkingbookslibrarian.blogspot.com>. The blog includes everything from library "stuff," to free resources for older adults, to general free public resources I come across. Go to the blog and enter your email address in the "subscribe via email" box on the right-hand side of the page. You'll get all the news and updates delivered right to your email box. It couldn't be easier! ☺