

# THE ROUND-UP

Newsletter of the Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 3

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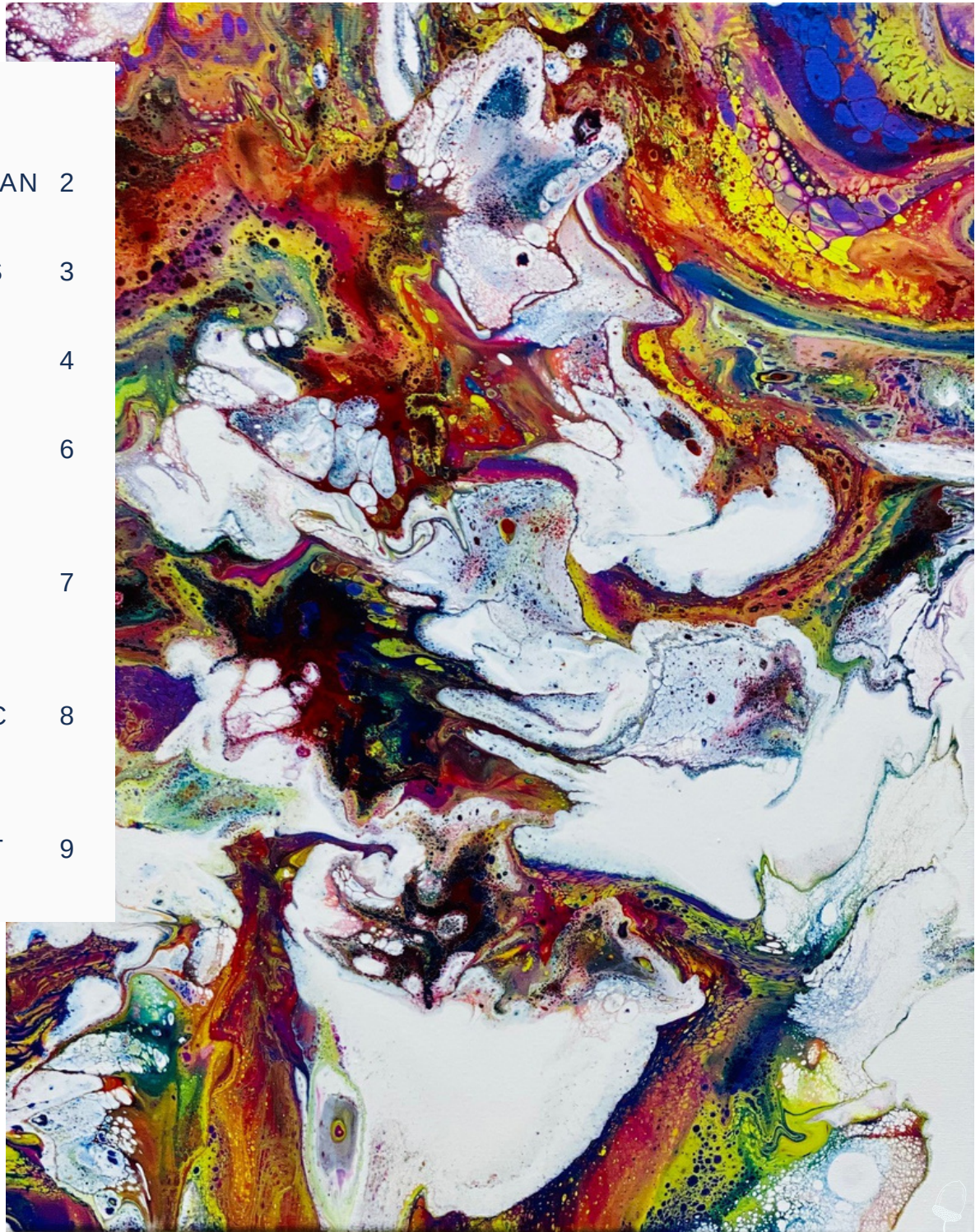
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*Acrylic Dutch Pour*  
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A. Wasson

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## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*By: Brian Leaf*

November marks the halfway point in our regular performance year which, as many of you know, runs from May 1st, 2021 to April 30th, 2022. It's a strange little month, taking place between some of our biggest conferences and events.

Within the next week or so, we'll provide a Mid-Year Update to the National Library of Medicine about what we've done and what we plan to do by the end of the year. We'll also be releasing our grants, including a brand-new **Tribal Health Information Outreach Award**.

But given the recent holiday weekend, I'd rather talk about what I'm thankful for—namely, the fantastic group of talented individuals who have come together to ramp up our Region 3 offerings and services to make an impact on this new seven-state region. I'll let some of our stats illustrate our progress:

- Reached over 1,300 participants (including international attendees from Canada and Egypt) and in 21 different types of programs since May 2021
- Calculated reach of all communications (lists, social media, etc.) is around 116,000 direct receivers
- Developed and began new offerings around LIS Engagement (Internships & Outreach Mentoring), Community Health Workers (Continuing Education Credits), and Data Science (Education and Consulting)

We don't do it alone. It's with all of your help and support, whenever you connect us to new colleagues or help promote our free programs to your organizations and partners. And for that, I am also thankful for all of you.

As always—and I'm probably a broken record at this point—we serve at your discretion and we'd love to hear from you. If there is anything we can do in terms of community programming, health information education, or bringing on expert speakers that matter to the work you do, please get in touch with me or anyone on the team.



*Brian*



# NNLM REGION 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS DIGEST

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### [Grants and Proposal Writing - On Demand](#)

This on-demand class presents a basic overview of the writing process for proposals:

- Envisioning Your Grant Project
- Choosing a Funding Source
- Preparing to Write a Proposal
- Writing a Proposal



### [Connecting Climate Change, Mosquitoes, and Community Health](#)

Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
10am CST

Please complete free registration at the link above for connection details.

## JOB POSTINGS

### [Librarian](#)

*Cook Children's Medical Center  
Fort Worth, TX*



### [NNLM Region 3 Communications Assistant](#)

*UNT Health Science Center  
Fort Worth, TX (fully remote)*



### [Instruction/Clinical Librarian](#)

*Texas A&M University Libraries  
Houston, TX*



### [Data Librarian](#)

*UT Southwestern Health Sciences  
Digital Library and Learning Center  
Dallas, TX*



### [Health Sciences Librarian](#)

*Texas Woman's University  
Houston, TX*

# Art & Artists from Region 3

We called - and wow, you answered! In November, we requested that our friends from around the region submit pieces of art that they created. We knew we were surrounded by talented folks, but were not prepared for the overwhelming response we received! In addition to the cover of this newsletter, below are just a few more examples of the many exceptional pieces sent to us. Thank you to all who submitted. Be on the lookout for future *Calling All Artists* announcements. Details about the art and artists can be found on page 5.



Details and artist comments (if available) about the art on page 4 of this newsletter can be found below. Pieces are discussed starting in the top left and proceeding clockwise:

① **Icicle Fringe in Texas** *digital photograph*

- Patricia Gail Bray, PhD, Assistant Adjunct Professor, The University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Public Health; Founding Director of the BridgeUp Center at The Menninger Clinic in Houston, TX; President of Westlake Health Consulting, LLC
- Artist comments: "This photo was taken during the wild Texas February Freeze. These icicles formed a fringe around our Galveston Bay home. There's beauty to be found among tragedy. I bundled up, which wasn't so difficult since we were without power (remember the Texas power grid scandal!). I took my Nikon Z6 outside to begin exploring."

② **Tiger and Touc** *handmade and painted children's swings*

- Ashley Brock, MLS, AHIP, Family Library/Literacy Program Manager, Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, TX
- Artist comments: "I was inspired to make some carousel-like swings for my daughters. I wanted to create a jungle theme in their play area. I sketched the tiger and toucan shapes on plywood and hand painted the animals. My husband helped me with the woodworking and installing the swings—the heads are very heavy so we had some trial and error with the counter balancing."

③ **White Roses Shawl** *knitted silk mohair shawl*

- Steven E. Self, MLIS, AHIP, Faculty Librarian, Austin Community College in Austin, TX
- Artist comments: "This is a stole knit in a Russian lace pattern featuring little bobbles called 'nupps' using silk mohair yarn. It was a real challenge, but I enjoyed making it."

④ **Redbud** *acrylic on canvas*

- Michelle Skinner, MLIS, Library assistant and genealogist, Chickasha Public Library in Chickasha, OK

Cover

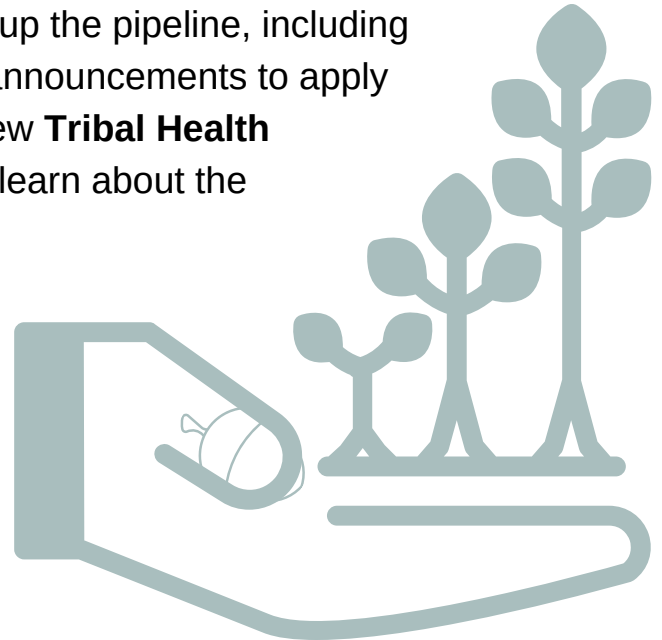
**Energy of Life** *acrylic Dutch pour painting*

- Rebecca A. Wasson, Co-Owner, Cloud 9 - Creative Experiences; Board President, Claflin Ind. Twp. Library in Claflin, KS; Vice President, Claflin Area Pride, Inc.; Board Member, Central Kansas Library System; Universal Banker, Sunflower Bank

# New Funding Opportunities Coming Soon!

As always, we have some exciting things coming up the pipeline, including new funding opportunities! Be on the lookout for announcements to apply for our next round of awards, including a brand-new **Tribal Health Information Outreach Award**. We are thrilled to learn about the awesome plans you have for your communities!

New to proposal-writing? Curious about where to begin? Check out the [NNLM Proposal Writing Toolkit](#) for ideas, tips, tutorials, and other resources. We also have regular [Grants and Proposal Writing](#) classes, offered as webinars or on-demand. Check our [Training Calendar](#) to learn more!



We want to hear from you! Be on the lookout for a short survey from us at the end of January. We want to know how we can better serve you and your community. In the meantime, if you have thoughts you'd like to share with us, please email [nnlmregion3@unthsc.edu](mailto:nnlmregion3@unthsc.edu) or head to our [NNLM Region 3 Suggestion Box](#).

*Submitted by Jen Ortiz, NNLM R3 Consumer Health Coordinator*

It's fall - this newsletter editor's favorite season. I do my best to celebrate as much as possible during these months when the weather is cooler and the days are shorter. From holidays with loved ones to feeding friendly neighborhood creatures, autumn has so much to offer. So, how about a little fun? I've hidden acorns in this newsletter - 17 in all. Can you find them? Good luck!

*E. Bailey Sterling, NNLM R3 Technology & LIS Coordinator*



# Kansas Library Association Announces Health and Wellness Grant Recipients



The Kansas Library Association (KLA) awarded nine libraries funding for projects to support library staff health and wellness at the annual KLA Conference, October 29, 2021 in Wichita, KS.

This grant was made possible through a gift from the Kansas Health Foundation to KLA in 2019. Part of the funding was granted to libraries to provide marketing and technology for online summer reading programs when COVID-19 affected traditional face to face events during the summer of 2020. The remaining funds supported the Health and Wellness Grant.

The grant application period was kicked off with a webinar presented by Bobbi Newman, Public Library Engagement and Outreach Specialist, NNLM Region 6 entitled “Wellness in the Workplace”. Librarians learned different ways to change the work environment and how to offer support for staff with the goal of improving their health and wellbeing. NNLM resources to support wellness in the workplace were shared.

Congratulations go to the following Kansas Libraries:

- Dorothy Bramlage Public Library
- Great Bend Public Library
- Lawrence Public Library
- Mary Cotton Public Library
- Mid-America Nazarene University
- Pottawatomie Wabaunsee Regional Library
- Rossville Community Library
- Valley Center Public Library
- Weir Public Library

**Want to brag?**

Send us your award announcements!  
Whether they're awards you've given or received, we want to hear from you!

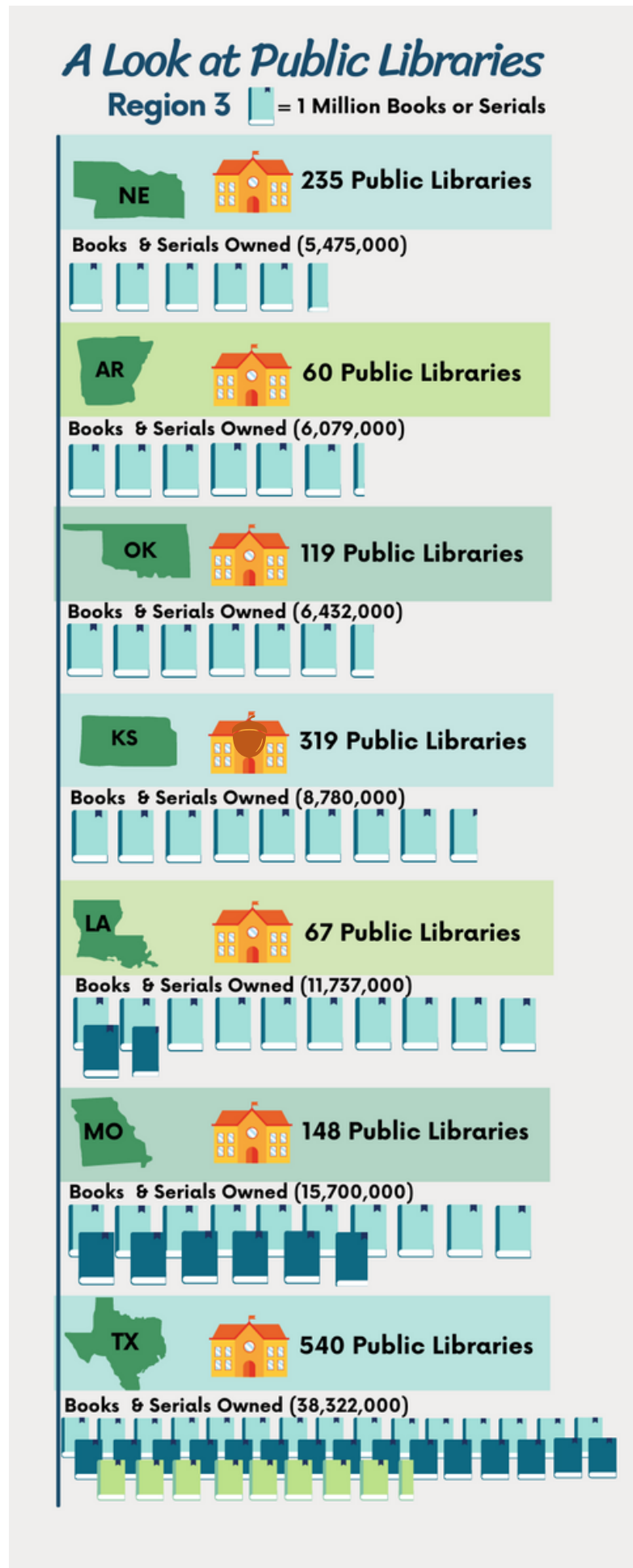
# NNLM Region 3 Public Libraries - How Do They Stack Up?

There's no doubt about it - NNLM Region 3 is *big*. With 7 states and countless communities, we are fortunate to have a wide range of folks to serve and to learn from. We may work in an academic library, but we are proud to consistently engage with our friends in public libraries across our region. With a total of almost 1,500 public libraries, Region 3 is chock full of brilliant librarians with a wide range of experiences. From rural to metropolitan, we have it all!

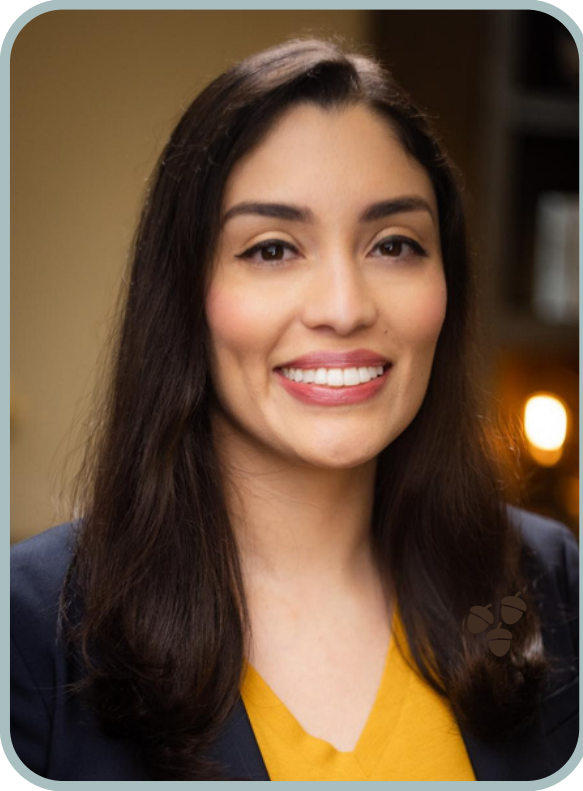
We know that libraries provide much more than just books, but it's still interesting to take a look at how many individual items libraries hold. Check out this cool graphic developed by Data Strategist Katie Pierce-Farrier. Which state do you hail from? Public libraries in our region hold an average of over 62,000 items each - amazing!

No matter how you stack it, public libraries from across our region have so much to offer. We are grateful to public librarians everywhere for their unwavering and unmatched service to the people in their communities.

*National Center for Education Statistics . (2020, February). Digest of Education Statistics, 2017. Number of public libraries, number of books and serial volumes, and per capita usage of selected library services per year, by state: Fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Retrieved from [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d19/tables/dt19\\_701.60.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d19/tables/dt19_701.60.asp).*







## Spotlight on Debbie Montenegro

Our very own Deputy Director Debbie Montenegro was featured on the Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Education newsletter! To learn more about Debbie, her role at NNLM Region 3, and her passion for aerospace education, check out the article below. Please join us in congratulating Debbie for this well-deserved recognition!

[Texas AEM Debbie Montenegro Conducts Outreach to Improve Public Health and Access to Information](#)

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## We want to connect with you!



UNT HSC Region 3 Landing Page: <https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3>  
NNLM Website: <https://nnlm.gov/about/regions/region3>



Email address: [nnlmregion3@unthsc.edu](mailto:nnlmregion3@unthsc.edu)  
Sign up for news and updates: <https://tinyurl.com/NNLMR3email>



Region 3 Announcements Digest Submissions:  
<https://forms.gle/XqmQeR3FJhNkCGPQ7>



We answer our phones!: [817-735-2223](tel:817-735-2223)  
Staff contact details: <https://library.unthsc.edu/nnlmregion3#Contact>

