

# Great Reads from Great Places selections

TOPEKA — The Kansas Center for the Book, affiliated with the Library of Congress, and the State Library of Kansas are pleased to announce the 2025 Great Reads from Great Places selections, both Kansas Notable Books: “Abolitionist of the Most Dangerous Kind: James Montgomery and His War on Slavery,” by Todd Mildfelt and David D. Schafer and “Orion O’Brien and the Spirit of Quindaro,” by Fran Borin. The Kansas Center for the Book highlights one adult and one youth book to represent the state among Great Reads from Great

Places from each state.

“Books offer a powerful way to explore ideas, people, places — across time,” said Deputy State Librarian and Center for the Book Coordinator Valarie Lamoreaux. “This year’s selections spotlight Kansas’ past, inviting readers into moments and individuals that shaped America.”

“Abolitionist of the Most Dangerous Kind: James Montgomery and His War on Slavery” follows James Montgomery, a Union soldier who led Black soldiers in the Civil War as a “guerilla chieftain of the antislavery vigilantes known as Jayhawkers.” Montgomery fought against the expansion

of slavery into the West and helped enslaved people navigate the Underground Railroad leaving Arkansas and Missouri through Kansas and Nebraska. His story illuminates the actions of militant abolitionists and the enslaved people fighting for liberty.

“Orion O’Brien and the Spirit of Quindaro” chronicles Orion and her brother Ollie’s encounter with Susanna Chase, an enslaved runaway who waited to reunite with her father in Quindaro, now Kansas City, Kan. They seek help from Orion and Ollie’s grandmother to find answers about Susanna’s life and the fate of the father she had waited for along the Underground Railroad. An adventurous book woven with history and mystery.

Great Reads from Great Places is a project of the Kansas Center for the Book, a program at the State Library of Kansas which is the state affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The mission of the Kansas Center for the Book is to highlight the state’s literary heritage and foster an interest in books, reading, and libraries.

Visit [library.ks.gov/KSGreatReads](http://library.ks.gov/KSGreatReads) for more information. If you have questions about Kansas’ Great Reads from Great Places selection, contact the State Library of Kansas at (785) 296-0393 or email Valarie.Lamoreaux@ks.gov.

The State Library of Kansas supports the informational needs of government entities and the people of Kansas and serves as a repository for government publications. Through the coordination of statewide resource-sharing initiatives and grant programs, the State Library plays a crucial role in strengthening public libraries. The State Library of Kansas also oversees the Talking Books program, which provides specialized materials and support services to qualifying Kansans. Learn more at [library.ks.gov](http://library.ks.gov).



In 1875 costume, 150th anniversary committee (l to r): Marilyn Smith, Andrea Mace, Ellen Westerhaus and Florence Whitebread. (Courtesy photo)

## Ladies Reading Club celebrates 150th anniversary

During summer vacation, members and guests of the Ladies Reading Club of Junction City celebrated together at Blu Restaurant to honor the very special 150th anniversary of the club. The club is the oldest federated club in Kansas.

Ellen Westerhaus, the outgoing president, thanked members for their ongoing community care, recognized guests and introduced the program speakers: Club historian, Andrea Mace on the foundation of the 150 year old Club; club treasurer, Susan Moyer related the club’s help in the formation of our city library; and musician, Florence Whitebread spoke about the importance placed on culture and arts from the beginning of the club. Marilyn Smith was the commit-

tee chairman for the anniversary celebration.

The Ladies Reading Club began in 1875 with a group of 15 civic-minded women in Junction City, Kan. whose idea was service and assisting the community. The club continues today with the current 42 club members who believe in the same community minded service. The club supports various community projects, such as giving support to local organizations, JCHS scholarships, Geary County Food Pantry and ongoing support of our veterans.

If you are interested in learning more about the Club, please call Ellen Westerhaus (785) 375-9335.



LRC members Lois Galliher (left) and Eunice Rolfs. (Courtesy

## LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GEARY COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
RURAL HOUSING SERVICE (RHS), FORMERLY  
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

Plaintiff,  
vs.

Charla B Hoaglin, ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No.: GE-2025-CV-000044  
Division No.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60  
Title to Real Estate Involved

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Geary County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Geary County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM on September 3, 2025, lobby of the Geary County Courthouse for the following real estate located in the County of Geary, State of Kansas, to wit: Lot Five (5), Block Three (3), in Fairview Addition to Junction City, Geary County, Kansas. (“Property”) Commonly known as: 817 W 5th Street, Junction City, KS 66441

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Nate Boeckman  
Geary County Sheriff  
Prepared by:

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MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING  
TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION  
WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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## LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GEARY COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Debra D. Reutebuch ,

Deceased

Case No. GE-2025-PR-000042

(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes  
Annotated)  
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS  
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by **Todd E. Reutebuch**, the surviving spouse and heir of **Debra D. Reutebuch**, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the interest of **Debra D. Reutebuch**, deceased, in the following described real estate situated in Geary County, Kansas:

**Lot Four (4), Block Forty-six (46), Railroad Addition to Junction City, Geary County, Kansas.**

owned by the Decedent at the time of her death, and that such property and all personal property owned by **Debra D. Reutebuch**, deceased, at the time of her death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court of Geary County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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