

BUSINESS STORIES



Two local men started their own agricultural company, using the library's meeting room to meet with other businessmen and work on their laptops. This company is now the very successful Surefire Ag. *Pam Luedke, Atwood Public Library*

A local company in Council Grove does heirloom seed sales exclusively through the Internet. The heirloom seeds are preserved stock, not genetically modified. *Lee Dobratz, Council Grove Public Library*

We have a patron who uses the library wireless to conduct his hardware business in Alaska. He is in our community while caring for his ailing father. *Janice Jones, Yates Center Public Library*

The library sponsors eBay classes to help the public learn to buy and sell online. *James Swafford, Pittsburg Public Library*

My daughter and her husband run a coast-to-coast truckline and book everything online; plus they are brokers for other companies. *Janice Jones, Yates Center Library*

SCHOOL STORIES



Our school district uses para-professionals from Keystone Learning. They need to be re-certified each year. We had one employee use the library Internet to get the online continuing education credits needed for re-certification. *Katherine Jones, McLouth Public Library*

The library is the only free WiFi in Chetopa. School work is done after hours by students using their school laptops. Students can also work for the GED or do catch-up work in the local A+ Program. *Tiffany LaPee, Chetopa City Library*

A local graduate came back after receiving an honorable discharge from the military. He used the library's technology to complete on-line credits for criminal justice training and to apply for employment with the Dodge City Police Force, where he is working now. It was a great experience for the library staff. *Becky Heinz, Fowler Public Library*

With school finances being slashed, it is critical that our rural students have good Internet access at the schools and also at the public library. Some students don't or can't have Internet access at home. *Kay Lassiter, Delaware Township Library, Valley Falls*



MEDICAL STORIES

My husband was able to use telemedicine from the Hays Hospital for his appointments with an oncologist at KU-Med. This saved us a six hour trip. *Kayla Kreller, Phillipsburg City Library*

A man with a rare ailment was able to connect with a specialist in Australia, who could speak with him via video-conferencing. The specialist also received medical information and test results via the Internet. He used the information to adjust the patient's medication. *George Seamon, Northwest Kansas Library System*

A friend who gets her medication and nutrition through a line in her chest is in constant communication with NutriShare consultants in California. They monitor her test results every day via the Internet. *Shannon Roy, State Library of Kansas*

