

Eighty years ago, this area was experiencing the Dust Bowl and the Depression. Today we worry about the current drought and the future of water in Kansas.

The Kinsley Library and its partners are offering a unique opportunity for teachers and students to connect with the worst man-made ecological disaster in American history.

No matter what you teach, you have an opportunity to relate your subject to Kansas in a very meaningful way.

Let us show you how.



Dust storms, such as this one, rolled over the southern Great Plains from 1932-1936, removing top soil from agricultural lands and prompting changes in agriculture.

Photo by Frank Durnell Conard, and used by permission of Kansas Historical Society, taken from the *Kansas Memory* digital repository of primary sources,

The Professional Development Seminar is being provided by the Kinsley Public Library, USD 347, the Kansas Historical Society and the Kansas Humanities Council.



The exhibit, *Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry*, was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the libraries of Oklahoma State University and Mount Holyoke College. The exhibition and tour were made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor.



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Did you know LESSON PLANS CAN BE DIRTY?



Arthur Rothstein, 1936.
Courtesy of the Library of Congress,
Prints and Photo Division.

So add a little
dirt to your
curricula with
**Dust Bowl
connections**

An invitation to FREE

- ❦ **Professional Development Seminar**
October 17, 2014, 12:30 –4:00 p.m.
Earn 3.5 Individual Development Points
- ❦ **Classroom visits to *Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry* exhibit**
January 7 – February 20
Hosted by the Kinsley Public Library
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 - USD 347
 - Kansas Historical Society
 - American Library Association
 - National Endowment for the Humanities
 - Oklahoma State University Library
 - Mount Holyoke College Library
 - Edwards County Historical Society Museum

Three ways to *Dirty Up* the lessons in your classroom

1

Attend the Dust Bowl K-12 Professional Development Seminar (3.5 IDP) FREE

October 17

12:30—4:00 p.m.

Kinsley High School,
716 S. Colony, Kinsley, KS

REGISTER BY October 6, 2014

Online: www.kinsleylibrary.info

Or call: 620-659-3341

This seminar has been especially designed to help teachers integrate the Dust Bowl and its related themes and extensions into the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards across the curriculum, K-12. It provides concrete ideas for not only the social studies class, but also math, science, language arts, music, and art classes. A wide range of resources including the KSHS *Kansas Memory* digital repository of primary source will be highlighted.

Presented by:

- **Marcia Fox**, Curriculum Specialist, Museum and Education Division Kansas Historical Society KSDE endorsed trainer
- **Joan Weaver**, Director of the Kinsley Public Library and *Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry* exhibit project director
- **Mike Adams & Kathryn Benzel, Ph.D.** presentation of Woody Guthrie songs, the 1930's and the Great Depression.

WORST DUST STORM IN HISTORY YESTERDAY
All records for dust storms are broken by yesterday's contribution to our days of darkness.
Beginning in the night, it blew several hours, so that by eight o'clock the visibility was about 75 feet, and the whole sky was a cloud of raging dirt, and flying debris.

2

Take students on a fieldtrip to experience *Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry* FREE

January 7 – February 20

Kinsley Public Library

208 E. 8th St., Kinsley, KS

(Make your reservation at least two weeks in advance)

Twenty panels, like the one pictured, feature several overlapping themes: the connection between humans and nature, the many ways people respond to adversity; and how people came to understand and to describe the experience of living in the Plains during the Dust Bowl. Stunning images, memorable stories, letters, essays, maps, graphs, posters and more will make an impact on students of all ages.



A companion exhibit created by the Kinsley Library highlights first-hand experiences and documents the effects of the Dust Bowl, the drought of the 1950's, and current concerns about water.

Excerpt from Kinsley *Graphic* coverage of the April 10, 1935 storm



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Enhance your fieldtrip with a visit to the Edwards County Historical Society Museum and Sod House (Admission is FREE)

Intersection of Hwy 50 & HWY 56,

By special arrangement

Call (620) 659-3341, ask for Rosetta

- Authentic sod house and sod cutter
- 1881 church
- 1921 Santa Fe Engine No. 3424
- Horse drawn fire wagons, buggy, machinery & blacksmith shop
- Early farm machinery
- Other Edwards County artifacts

