

KAA Library

At one time KAA had a lending library of various books, publications, and videos about archeology that had been donated by various members and other sources. With the changing times, such as the Internet, and lack of knowledge of what the library contained, use of the library had come to a standstill. In 2007 the High Plains Chapter of KAA proposed to the KAA Executive Committee a plan to keep the collection intact and improve accessibility by incorporating the library into Colby Community College's H. F. Davis Library as a special collection. This proposal was approved, and the collection was transported to Colby, Kansas. Over the next one and a half years, various members of the High Plains Chapter learned the Dewey Decimal System and the process of cataloging, sorted books, and labeled them, while others inventoried and cataloged the journals, monographs, magazines, and other publications. Duplicate copies, newsletters, and other items deemed irrelevant were given to the KAA Historian. A composite listing with instructions on accessing the books was distributed to all chapters and area representatives in February 2008.

Titles in the KAA Library, housed at Colby Community College's H. F. Davis Library, are available through inter-library loan (ILL). The book list is organized by Dewey Decimal number, which means roughly by subject. For a searchable list, go to the college library's card catalogue at <https://cbbcat.net>. Your search will show what is available, but you must go to your local library to request the actual book.

To use ILL, go to your public library and fill out a form specifying the title and author of the book. The librarian will search for the book and obtain it for you from a library that has a copy. It may not be a copy from the KAA library. If you specifically want the KAA copy, you must write on the form that you want to borrow it from H. F. Davis Library at Colby Community College, noting the call number. All the KAA books begin with the call number "KAA" followed by the Dewey Decimal number.

Journals and monographs were judged to be less in demand, and, therefore, they were not added into the H. F. Davis Library system and are not available through ILL. A list of these publications is attached to the book list that is available from any KAA chapter or area representative. To access these publications, contact Nancy Arendt at arendts@stel.net or 665 Cherokee Dr., Colby, KS 67701.