



NEBASE Annual Meeting Held

The NEBASE Annual Meeting—East 2002 was held at the Cornhusker Hotel in October, with eighty-three library staff members attending.

Dr. William Crowe, President of the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) Board of Trustees, provided the keynote address on the OCLC cooperative's new responsibilities and strategic directions in response to changing membership definitions.

Updates were provided on the NEBASE Advisory Council, Members Council, and OCLC News. A Virtual Reference Roundtable with Paul Cappuzzello of OCLC, featured

the Question Point reference product. Robin Bernstein, Bellevue University; Roxanne Cox, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Charlene Maxey-Harris, University of Nebraska—Lincoln described their work with virtual reference programs.

Several smaller training sessions were presented, including

- ▲ Marcia Stout, OCLC: **OCLC's New Digitization and Preservation Services**
- ▲ Allana Novotny, Nebraska Library Commission: **Using netLibrary**
- ▲ Christa Burns, Nebraska Library Commission:



Migrating from Cataloging with OCLC's Passport to the new Connexion Service

- ▲ Susan Knisely, Nebraska Library Commission: **Using the FirstSearch Administrative Module**

- ▲ Devra Dragos and Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission: **Planning an Automation Project**

NEBASE 2003 Annual Meeting—West is planned for April and Annual Meeting—East is scheduled for September. ▲

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Centennial Snapshot: Dr. Robert Kemper



Dr. Robert Kemper served as Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Public Library Commission from 1971 to 1973. He formerly served as Assistant Professor and Director of the Library Research and Information Center at the University of Oregon. Kemper spearheaded an information campaign entitled "Your Library is Know Place" and published five pieces in the **Library Know Series**, focusing on special collection development, planning, library cooperation, obtaining grants, and building a long range user program.

He promoted the creation of the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse, setting up the Commission as a repository for selected state and federal documents. He expanded the number of regional network coordinators from 1.6 full-time equivalents (FTE) to 7 FTE. Reference and administration workshops were designed to upgrade librarian skills. The "S.U.N." State University of Nebraska cooperative project was developed to allow extension students to take monitored tests at selected libraries across the state.

Dr. Kemper left the Commission for a position as Director of Library Services at Northern Arizona University in August 1973. ▲

From the Director: USA PATRIOT Act and the Homeland Security Act Raise Issues

I recently participated in a panel discussion concerning the new USA PATRIOT Act. The program was part of the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska's (AFCON) annual meeting. Panelists were asked to examine how this new federal law affects constitutional freedoms. I addressed the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on libraries.

The USA PATRIOT Act and the recently enacted Homeland Security Act broaden the authority and reach of law enforcement agencies. These laws tilt the balance further toward law enforcement and away from personal liberties. The USA PATRIOT Act legislation was introduced and signed into law within five weeks following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Among its many provisions, this new law gives law enforcement agencies easier and broader access to library records. Law enforcement representatives can request patron transaction details and log sheets from use of library computers, and they can check computer equipment for e-mail transmissions and Web-searching patterns. Libraries must comply with lawful requests for records.

Publicly funded libraries are already subject to Nebraska public records laws. However, these new federal laws provide an additional reason to review and update library policies and procedures. The American Library Association (ALA) has some very useful information concerning the USA PATRIOT Act and its implications for libraries. The ALA Web site, <www.ala.org/washoff/patriot.html>, is a good starting point for reviewing library records policies and procedures.

Library representatives need to review the steps and procedures for responding to a request for records. Who will handle the records request? Is legal counsel available to assist in reviewing and handling the request? Are those assigned responsibility for handling records requests knowledgeable about public records laws (federal and state) and what constitutes a lawful request? Have library representatives reviewed record retention practices to determine what information should be retained, who has access to the records, and how that information can be used?

An important question raised at the AFCON annual meeting concerned library patron privacy policies. Do libraries inform their customers about customer-related information held by the library and how it is used? That is a legitimate question and I don't know the answer. It is a question that needs to be addressed. Library representatives should carefully consider what information is kept for each individual customer, and should determine what information is essential to retain for library purposes. Customer information that is needed only for temporary use should be disposed of on a timely and routine basis.

The USA PATRIOT Act and the Homeland Security Act raise important public policy issues concerning privacy rights. Libraries must respond to lawful public records requests, but should also ensure that only personal information essential to library management is collected and retained.

Rod Wagner ▲

LSTA Applications Due January 31

2003 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant applications are now available on the Library Commission Web site, see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/lsta/2003-lsta-toc.html>. Applications can be submitted online or in print. Print proposals must be postmarked January 31, 2003 and online proposals are due January 31, 2003 by 11:59 P.M. CST. Faxes will not be accepted. The Nebraska Library Commission distributes these grants with funding made available through the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. Send all correspondence, applications, and any other written material to Sally Snyder, Federal Aid Administrator, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2023. For more information contact Richard Miller, 402-471-3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us> or Sally Snyder, 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

Ed. Note:

In December eighty-seven library staff and supporters across Nebraska viewed the videoconference, *Safeguarding our Patrons' Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know About the USA PATRIOT Act*. Copies are available to be checked out from the Nebraska Library Commission Information/Reference Services, 402-471-4016, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <ready@nlc.state.ne.us> or from the Regional Library System Offices. ▲

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Computers Arriving and Training Begins

In the spring of 2002 the U.S. Library Program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded funding to 206 Nebraska public libraries for new computers, software, and Internet access. Additional public libraries qualified to purchase computers with local funds and to receive (at no charge to the library) software, training, technical support, software documentation, and upgrades. The Library Commission provided funding to help support these purchases.

Installation of computers and training provided by the Gates Foundation began Fall 2002, with Before Your Computer Arrives (BYCA) workshops held in eight sites across Nebraska. Three hundred and seventy library staff and supporters viewed a demonstration of the computers and learned about ordering the hardware. They also received media kits developed by the Library Commission (using Gates Foundation materials) to help spread the

word about expanded community public access to the Internet.

As computers arrive, libraries are receiving hands-on training concerning the operation of the computers at their individual sites, as well as attending training at nearby libraries. Wayne Public Library, Wisner Public Library, and Laurel Community Learning Center recently hosted group training sessions.

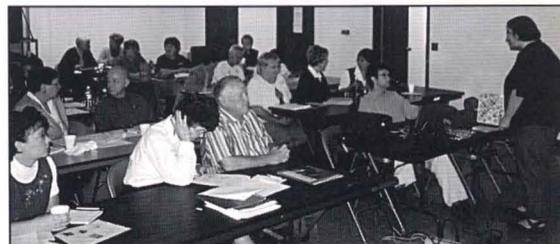
Lincoln City Libraries recently began construction of their Gates computer lab, to be located on the second floor of Bennett Martin Library. Photographs chronicling their progress are located on their Web site at

www.lcl.lib.ne.us/info/bmpllab.htm.

Library staff and board members participating in the Public Librarian Certification or the Public Library Board Certification program can receive credit for training provided by Gates Foundation staff. Send a message detailing the training title, date, location, and hours of attendance to Pam Scott, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail:

pscott@nlc.state.ne.us>. For information about the Public Librarian Certification, the Public Library Board Certification program, or continuing education credits contact Pam Scott, (contact information above).

For more information about the Gates Foundation project, including award amounts, see www.nlc.state.ne.us>, search on Gates or contact Pam Scott (contact information above) or Richard Miller, 402-471-3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲



Gates Foundation Trainer Gretchen Lorhammer leads a BYCA discussion at Keene Memorial Library in Fremont

Commission Accredits 169 Public Libraries

As of October 1, 2002, one hundred sixty-nine Nebraska public libraries were awarded accreditation for a three-year period. This accreditation, awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission, indicates that a library meets basic Accreditation Guidelines as adopted by the Library Commission and approved by the Nebraska Library Association. Forty-eight of these libraries meet at

least sixteen of the Advanced Accreditation Guidelines. These guidelines describe services and programs that provide enhanced library service for Nebraska communities.

Accreditation status entitles libraries to apply for state and federal grants for library improvement projects. Accreditation of public libraries is a cyclical process, with approximately one-

third of all libraries scheduled to apply for renewed accreditation each year. To view the accreditation status of Nebraska public libraries, see the Library Commission Web site

www.nlc.state.ne.us>, search on Accreditation Standings. For more information contact Kit Keller, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

E-Rate Form 471 Deadline Extended

The **filing date** for E-rate Form 471 has been **extended to February 6**.

Libraries must wait at least twenty-eight days after filing Form 470 before filing Form 471 (use form dated October 2000 or October 2002). Applicants must adhere to "allowable contract/vendor selection" date. Contact the Universal Service Administrative Company, Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), toll free at 888-203-8100, or see their Web site at www.sl.universalservice.org> for information or to download/print form.

Form 471 can be filed either electronically from the SLD site or with a print copy through the mail.

In addition, the Schools and Libraries Division has changed the calculation method that public libraries use to determine their discount this year. A description of the discount calculation change, including a sample calculation, is available on the American Library Association Office for Information Technology Policy Web site at www.ala.org/oitp/telcom/

www.ala.org/oitp/telcom/newcalc.html>. A template for libraries to use to obtain the necessary information from their local school district is available at www.ala.org/oitp/telcom/NSLPreq_print.html>. For more information or assistance in the E-rate filing process contact Pam Scott, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us> or Richard Miller, 402-471-3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

Task Force Formed

A Recruitment and Retention Task Force has been created to recommend strategies and actions to attract new workers to library service careers, and to train and support current library workers. The task force was created by the Library Commission based on a recommendation from the Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries. The recommendation was prompted by the need to fill current and expected job vacancies. National trends indicate that a high number of library workers will retire over the course of the next decade. The task force met at the Nebraska Library Commission in November and January.

Recruitment and Retention Task Force members include:

- ▲ Jim Bothmer, Creighton University Health Sciences Library
- ▲ Gail Formanack, Omaha Public Schools
- ▲ Kevin Leapley, Republican Valley Library System
- ▲ Beth McNeil, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries
- ▲ Deb Robertson, Northeast Community College
- ▲ Rose Schinker, La Vista Public Library
- ▲ Wally Seiler, Alliance
- ▲ Ruth Seward, Lexington Public Library
- ▲ Susan Steider, Lincoln City Libraries

Steering Committee Members include:

- ▲ Becky Baker, Seward Public Library, representing Nebraska Library Association
- ▲ Nancy Busch, Nebraska Library Commission
- ▲ Karen Drevo, Norfolk Public Library, representing State Advisory Council on Libraries
- ▲ Becky Pasco, University of Nebraska at Omaha, representing Nebraska Educational Media Association
- ▲ Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission
- ▲ Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission

For more information, contact Rod Wagner, 402-471-4001, 800-307-2665, e-mail:

<rwagner@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

Commission Provides Bibliostat™ Collect and Bibliostat™ Connect

In fall of 2001, the Nebraska Public Library Statistical Report was available online for the first time via **Bibliostat™ Collect**. Training sessions were held across the state in conjunction with the Regional Library Systems. During that first year, 142 libraries submitted their statistical data online. The overall response to online data submission has been very positive. Public library staff members provided excellent suggestions for enhancements to the online survey. For more information about using Bibliostat™ Collect see the Frequently Asked Questions on the Library Commission home page at <www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/BibliostatCollectFAQs.html>.

This year, **public libraries must use Bibliostat™ Collect to report statistical data to be eligible for state aid. The deadline for data submission is January 31.** State aid award letters will be mailed to libraries on February 15.

A portion of the data submitted via Bibliostat™ Collect is reported to the federal government. That data is made available through **Bibliostat™ Connect**. Bibliostat™ Connect is a Web-based statistical tool that allows for simple, powerful analysis of library data. Library directors can use this program to create tables and graphs demonstrating how a library



Kit Keller (left) and Kathy Tooker (middle) help library directors use Bibliostat™ at a November training session at West Point's John A. Stahl Library.

compares with others in a variety of ways. No proficiency in using spreadsheets or databases is required. For an introduction to this product, access the tutorial on the Library Commission's Web site, <www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/UsingBibliostatConnect.html>.

Library directors can use their assigned Username and Password for access to both Bibliostat™ Collect and Bibliostat™ Connect. For more information about either of these products contact Kit Keller, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

Basic Skills Classes Held

Nearly one hundred Nebraska library staff members participated in the **Public Library Administration** class. The course, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and Nebraska's Regional Library Systems, addresses governance, cooperation, personnel, planning, policies and procedures. *The Nebraska Trustee Handbook* and *Nebraska Laws Pertaining to Libraries and Library Operations* are an integral part of the curriculum.

Public Administration is one of four basic skills classes that are a part of the public librarian certification program sponsored by the Library Commission. Library staff members with provisional certificates in the certification program are required to

complete all four basic skills classes within the initial three year certification period. Librarians are also encouraged to take the basic skills classes as a "refresher course" to keep up with changes in the library environment. Librarians taking the basic skills classes as a "refresher" receive six hours of continuing education credit.

The next class to be offered is Public Services, planned for the spring of 2003. For more information about the public librarian certification program and basic skills classes contact Pam Scott, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <psscott@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

Posters Promote Talking Books

Free posters from the Nebraska Library Commission are spreading the word that “Reading is for everyone: free talking books and magazines for individuals with visual or physical disabilities.” These posters help librarians alert the public to the Commission’s Talking Book and Braille Service. In addition to displaying the posters in libraries, library staff members are encouraged to distribute them to other community sites, such as senior centers or care facilities. Librarians can use the blank space on the posters to post the library’s location, hours, or other customized information.

Since the posters encourage individuals to pick up talking book applications at their library, application forms are available from the

Library Commission, upon request or from the Commission Web site, <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, search on Talking Book Application Information. Any resident of Nebraska who cannot see regular print or hold a book or turn its pages qualifies for free talking book service. Librarians can certify applications on behalf of visually or physically impaired Nebraskans. Individuals with a reading disability, such as dyslexia, also qualify for free service, although their application must be signed by a medical doctor.

No Nebraskan needs to forego the pleasure of reading because of visual or physical impairment. The Talking Book and Braille Service offers 51,000 book titles and 76 magazines, mostly on cassette. For more information contact Dave

Reading is for everyone

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Oertli, 402-471-4005, 800-742-7691, e-mail: <doertli@nlc.state.ne.us>.

Advisory Committee Seeks Nominees

The Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Library Commission’s Talking Book and Braille Service advocates for the needs of customers and makes recommendations concerning library policies, services, and programs. As a standing committee of the State Advisory Council on Libraries, its membership consists primarily of customers, but may also include librarians, educators, health care

providers, and other individuals who understand customer needs. The committee normally meets twice a year. Most recently, the committee focused on outreach efforts on behalf of the Talking Book and Braille Service, including radio and television Public Service Announcements and the development of posters for use in libraries, senior centers, and care facilities.

There are currently two vacancies on the committee. Contact Dave Oertli, Talking Book and Braille Service, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, 402-471-4005, 800-742-7691, e-mail: <doertli@nlc.state.ne.us> by **March 1**.

Commission Plans Toddler Time Videoconference

Nebraska public librarians and school media specialists (or anyone with library youth services responsibilities) are invited to attend an interactive Children’s Library Services Videoconference, entitled “Toddler Time” on January 31, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. CST at videoconference sites in Ainsworth, Chadron, Columbus, Hastings,

Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, O’Neill, and Wayne.

Participants will share information about recommended books and library activities for toddlers and will receive three continuing education credits. A registration form is available at <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/

videoconfregform.html>. For more information or to register contact Mary Jackson, 402-471-4006, 800-307-2665, fax: 402-471-2083, e-mail: <mjackson@nlc.state.ne.us> or Maria Medrano-Nehls, 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, fax: 402-471-2083, e-mail: <mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us>.

Continuing Education Grants Awarded

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded training and continuing education grants in 2002 totaling approximately \$28,288. The Nebraska libraries and organizations that received the grants address a goal listed in the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Services and Technology Act Plan for 2003-2007, "Nebraska library personnel will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to provide quality library and information services for all Nebraskans." Grants were awarded to projects providing training and education for Nebraska library personnel, helping to ensure that Nebraska libraries have skilled and knowledgeable information specialists to serve citizen information needs.

Grant recipients are:

- ▲ Atkinson Public Library
- ▲ Bassett, Rock County Public Library
- ▲ Battle Creek Public Library
- ▲ David City, Hruska Memorial Library
- ▲ Grand Island Public Library
- ▲ Kearney Public Library & Information Center
- ▲ Imperial Public Library
- ▲ La Vista Public Library
- ▲ Nebraska Library Association Paraprofessional Section
- ▲ Pierce Public Library
- ▲ Southeast Library System
- ▲ Wayne State College, Conn Library
- ▲ York, Kilgore Memorial Library

For more information see the Library Commission Web site, <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/connedgrants/0802grantsawarded.html>, or contact Pam Scott, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <pscott@nlc.state.ne.us>.

State Records Board Funds Wireless Network

The Nebraska State Records Board awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Nebraska Library Commission for a wireless training network to enhance statewide access to government information and other Library Commission services. Grant funds purchased twelve laptop computers, wireless networking hardware, a printer, and a projector for training aimed at small, rural communities throughout the state. Training will cover locating government information online, using public library statistical data online, and locating and evaluating authoritative online reference resources.

For more information, contact Kit Keller, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us>.

Statewide Database Program Update

With the clutter of information on the Internet, how do your customers select reliable sources? Nebraska librarians can point library customers to the online electronic databases provided by the Nebraska Library Commission for Nebraska libraries and citizens. Libraries across the state can offer these current information resources for their customers to use in the library, at school, or at home.

Since 1999, the Library Commission has provided electronic databases to Nebraska libraries free of charge, using state funding. The Commission renewed contracts with all five vendors for July 2002-June 2003. Nebraskans will continue to enjoy access to these high quality databases at no cost to their libraries:

- ▲ FirstSearch—base package, including WorldCat and ten other database indexes
- ▲ Wilson OmniFile Full Text Select—more than 1,600 full text journals and magazines
- ▲ Wilson Biographies Plus—more than 100,000 full text biographies
- ▲ Books In Print
- ▲ Kiplinger Forecasts
- ▲ Electric Library—full text magazine, journal, and newspaper articles; wire service stories; television and radio transcripts; photographs; maps; and reference books (licensed for public and academic libraries only)

Access these databases from the Library Commission home page, <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, click on Electronic Databases. Register for these databases at <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/dbreg.html>.

Electric Library recently became eLibrary, with a new interface, as well as expanded search options, curriculum integration support, and full-text content.

The H.W. Wilson databases, Wilson OmniFile Full Text Select and Wilson Biographies Plus, recently migrated to the redesigned WilsonWeb system, with improved Help and Information Center features.



Network Services staff present training sessions throughout the state to help librarians use these database

resources. These hands-on training sessions, the Database Roadshow, were conducted at twelve sites across Nebraska in 2002, providing training for more than 188 Nebraska library personnel. Planning for next year's Database Roadshow is underway. With nearly 300 Nebraska libraries receiving Gates computers and twenty-eight of these libraries gaining Internet connectivity for the first time, there will be a new group of database users across Nebraska. Watch the Library Commission Web site, <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, for announcement of the 2003 Database Roadshow dates.



State Aid to be Distributed to Public Libraries in February

In 2002 more than \$260,000 was paid in direct state aid to 162 eligible Nebraska public libraries, with an average payment of \$2,248. The average payment made to libraries serving a population of less than 5,000 was \$973, \$1.06 per capita. The average payment to libraries serving populations of 5,000 and above was \$7,843, \$.23 per capita. To be eligible for state aid Nebraska public libraries must submit their Public Library Statistical Report online using Bibliostat™ Collect, a Web-based data collection tool, by January 31 (see related article on page 4). State aid award letters for 2003 will be mailed to eligible libraries on February 15. For more information, contact Kit Keller, 402-472-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

New Unicameral Resource Available

Nebraska Legislators, Past and Present is a new resource on the Library Commission Web site at <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/legislatorspast/index.html>. This resource provides basic information about state senators serving in the Unicameral since 1937, including their district, residence, term of office, and the dates of the *Nebraska Legislative Journal* that can be consulted for information on bills they sponsored. Search and alphabet button bar features facilitate quick searching by Senators' names. The Web site will be linked from the Library Commission's online catalog and will eventually be expanded to include legislators serving from Territorial times to 1937 (when Nebraska's one-house, Unicameral legislature was instituted).▲

Commission Provides Interlibrary Loan

The Nebraska Library Commission officially began providing Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service for Nebraska libraries July 1, 2001. Since that time, more than 11,000 ILL transactions have been completed for 127 public, 151 school, and 5 college library customers. We thank our partners, the lending libraries who have helped provide this service quickly and efficiently, notably: Bellevue Public Library, Bellevue University, Columbus Public Library, Creighton University, Grand Island Public Library, Hastings Public Library, Holdrege Public Library System, Lincoln City Libraries, Norfolk Public Library, North Platte Public Library, Omaha Public Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Wayne State College.

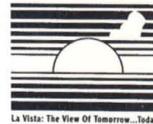
For more information or to place requests for this service, fill out an ILL request form at: <www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/ill/>, call 402-471-4016 or 800-307-2665 and ask for the information desk, e-mail: <ready@nlc.state.ne.us>, or fax: 402-471-6244. ▲

Libraries Encouraged to Apply for CDBG Grants

Libraries are encouraged to apply for 2003 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for library construction or for planning. Last year, the first year that libraries were eligible for this funding, St. Edward Public Library received a \$250,000 library construction grant. Information about this funding will be provided at January workshops.

For more information see the Commission home page Announcements at <www.nlc.state.ne.us> or contact Steve Charleston, 402-471-3757, 800-426-6505, e-mail: <scharleston@neded.org> for Planning and Rick Zubrod, 402-471-3762, 800-426-6505, e-mail: <rzubrod@neded.org> for Public Works. ▲

City of La Vista
Public Library



November 14, 2002

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Dear Mr. Wagner:

On behalf of the patrons of the La Vista Public Library and the entire La Vista community, I would like to send thanks for the generous state aid money the La Vista Public Library was awarded. With this money, the library was able to replace a typewriter (\$699.00) for staff when ours completely broke down. With the remainder of the money (\$1,698.49), the library purchased Soft Choice anti-virus software for the library's 51 computers. Without this money, the library would have been forced to wait until the following fiscal year to obtain these much needed resources or make drastic changes in the current year's budget.

Assistance such as State Aid moneys is a very important way the Public Library can continue to serve and provide for our community. The funding provided also enables the library to stretch our budget money and provide additional materials for the public.

Again, thank you for your generosity and for thinking of La Vista Public Library.

Sincerely,

Rose Schinker
Library Director

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Special Report: Fifty Ways the Nebraska Library Commission Helps Nebraska Libraries and Nebraskans

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1. Administers annual grants program to distribute approximately \$364,000 (FY 2002) in **state aid funds** to accredited public libraries. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/staid.html>.

2. Serves more than 4,600 individuals who can't see to read or hold a book through the **Talking Book and Braille Service**, including circulation of 13,915 items per month in FY2001, recording 170 magazines and books, as well as duplication and distribution of special interest items. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/tbbs1.html>.

3. Serves as the state agency responsible for systematically collecting, cataloging, and providing access to state government-issued publications (including digitization of select information), by operating the **Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse Service**. (The collection totaled \$122,847, with 1,498 circulated in FY 2001.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/clear.html>.

4. Administers federal grants program through the **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)**, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), providing \$364,600 in federal and state funding (FY 2002) for public libraries, regional library systems, and other library organizations. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/lsta/lstaapp.html>.

5. Operates a **World Wide Web** site providing information for library staff and citizens, employing a variety of finding tools including a Search function, a Commission Services Index, and the Electronic Library (a list of selected resources). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us>.

6. Provides a variety of **Continuing Education and Training** sessions to thousands of library personnel and others annually (2,618 in FY 2001) through training provided by Library Commission staff and contractors, training provided by the Regional Library Systems with Library Commission funding, and training provided through direct Continuing Education grants to libraries. (Grants totaled \$43,608 in FY

2002.) See

<www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/coned.html>.

7. Responds to numerous inquiries, providing reference and information services to state employees, library system staff, local library staff, and Nebraska citizens (**Reference transactions** totaled 4,010 in FY 2001). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/refserv.html>.

8. Provides administrative, technical, and training support for staff of 136 Nebraska libraries that are **NEBASE** members using **OCLC** (Online Computer Library Center) products and services and 633 libraries using **OCLC FirstSearch** databases. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/nebserv.html>.

9. Negotiates and administers statewide contracts (including setting up free trials) for **online electronic databases** and uses state funds to purchase selected databases for Nebraskans to use in all types of libraries, as well as in their homes and offices. (Statewide database purchases totaled \$348,182 in FY2002.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/databases>.

10. Provides training in the use of online database services, including eight **Database Roadshow** sessions with 86 participants in FY 2001. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/roadshow.html>.

11. Provides \$610,000 in funding annually for **Regional Library System** programs, services, and staff. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/index.html>.

12. Promotes resource sharing between libraries by direct provision of **Interlibrary Loan** service and distribution of \$131,000 in annual funding in the form of "lender compensation" payments to support Interlibrary Loan services among Nebraska libraries. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/ill.html>.

13. Collects, compiles, and publishes **public library statistics** for local librarians to use to compare their hours, income, budget, and other information, with libraries of similar size. The Commission purchases Web-based data software, **Bibliostat™ Collect** and **Bibliostat™ Connect**, to facilitate this process. (Costs for **Bibliostat™** software totaled \$16,000 in FY 2002.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/bibliostatinformation.html>.

14. Supports **special publications**, including: *©copyright Handbook*, (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/copyrightthdbk.html>); *Guide to Nebraska State Agencies* listing Nebraska State Agencies and their divisions, (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/guide.html>); *Intellectual Freedom Handbook*, developed in cooperation with Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Intellectual Freedom Committee, (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/freedom/intellectfree.html>); *Nebraska Trustee Manual*, developed in cooperation with NLA Trustees, Users, and Friends Section, (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/trustee/toc.html>); *Nebraska State Government Publications*, a yearly listing of state government publications, (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/

www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/annual/annual01.html> for the 2001 list); and *Nebraska Laws Pertaining to Libraries and Library Operations*, (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/liblaws/toc.html>).

15. Represents Nebraska libraries on the **Nebraska Universal Service Advisory Board**, as well as assists libraries in applying for **e-rate** funds through the Universal Service Fund (80 libraries received more than \$200,000 in FY 2001). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/erate/universal.html>.

16. Coordinates Nebraska's participation in the U.S. Library Program of the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** for Nebraska libraries to expand public access to computers, the Internet, and digital information in nearly 200 libraries. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/gates/gates.html>.

17. Administers the **Nebraskard** reciprocal borrowing arrangement, an extension of the cooperative efforts of Nebraska libraries encouraging Nebraska libraries to permit registered borrowers in good standing to borrow materials from multiple libraries, in addition to the borrower's home library. (50 libraries participated in FY 2002.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebraskard/nebraskard.html>.

18. Developed and administers **Public Library Board Certification** to encourage library board members to participate in continuing education (109 boards are currently certified). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/pubcert.html>.

19. Developed and administers **Public Library Accreditation** program to encourage development of library services (168 public libraries accredited in FY 2002). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/Accreditation/Accred_Dates.ASP>.

20. Coordinates and funds the delivery of training for library personnel through the **Basic Skills** program, enabling librarians to participate in the **Public Librarian Certification** program and encouraging their growth and professional development (180 Basic Skills participants in FY 2001). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/libcert.html>.

21. Supports recruitment and retention efforts with ongoing **Master of Library Science** scholarships to help Nebraskans participating in a graduate level course of study leading to a Master of Library Science degree (five scholarships funded at \$1,000 each in FY 2002). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/mls/aboutmlsgrants.html>.

22. Coordinates Nebraska's participation in **Western Trails Project**, a digitization collaborative between Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming (funded through a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services). Participants in the project will digitize and provide World Wide Web access to photographs, text, and maps about historic and modern trails in the western states. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/westertrails/>.

23. Participates in the **Federal Documents Depository Library Program**, providing access to information disseminated by the U.S. Government. (The collection totaled 169,988, with 169 circulated in FY 2001.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/feddep.html>.

24. Developed the **Libraries for the 21st Century** initiative in collaboration with the Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries and the Nebraska Library Association, resulting in \$651,000 in increased funding support for library service improvements (reduced by \$121,056 in the 2001-2003 biennium). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/lsta.html>.

25. Awards **Children's Grants for Excellence** for library services to children and youth to encourage innovative programs and partnerships. (Grants totaled \$40,000 in FY 2002.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/childrensgrants/aboutchildrensgrants.html>.

26. Organized and provides staff support for the **Youth Advisory Board**, helping identify needs and library services for children and youth. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/yab/yabmem.html>.

27. Led in the creation of **Nebrask@ Online**, the State of Nebraska's computerized gateway to state government information, now operating under the State Records Board through the Secretary of State's office as the official Web site for the State of Nebraska. See <www.state.ne.us>.

28. Appoints members and provides staff support for the **Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries**. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/stadv/stadv.html>.

29. Supports **library advocacy** by providing training for library staff and supporters. For example, 120 people learned about expanding the base of support for local libraries at workshops held during FY 2001. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial/1900s/19901999/clap.html>.

30. Organized and provides staff support for the **NEBASE Advisory Council**. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/nac.html>.

31. Publishes *NCompass* (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/public/ncom/index.html>) and *NLCommunicator* (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/public/nlcom.html>) to provide regular **distribution of news and information** concerning Library Commission and library-related information.

32. Tracks **legislation** of interest to library staff and supporters, providing ongoing updates on legislation via the Web site during the legislative session.

33. Purchases a statewide **Motion Picture Video License**, at no charge to public libraries, for all 271 public libraries in Nebraska so that videos may be shown in the library facility as part of library programming. (Funding totaled \$16,810 in FY 2002.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/motionpicture.html>.

34. Operates **State Government Publications Online**, digitizing and posting key agency publications on the Internet and providing a comprehensive directory to all online Nebraska state agency documents. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/pilot/about.html>.

35. Analyzes the impact of federal LSTA funding on Nebraska libraries and communities by conducting a comprehensive statewide evaluation project, **Making a Difference @your libraryTM** (with Library Commission staff visiting most of the 271 public libraries in Nebraska in FY 2002). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/LSTAreports/2002-Eval> for the **Library Services and Technology Act Five-Year Plan Evaluation** report.

36. Supports the cost of library staff attending workshops facilitated by presenters with national reputations. For example, in conjunction with "2001 Read Aloud to a Child Week," registrations were paid for sixty Nebraska public library staff members for the **Turning On the Turned-off Reader Workshop**, facilitated by Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/public/archives-nlcom/sept01.html>.

37. Provides **specialized library service information** through regular communication via three electronic newsletters: *Interchange*, a bimonthly publication from the Talking Book and Braille Service (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/inter.html>); *N³: Nebraska Library Commission Network Services News*, a bimonthly publication from Network Services to promote and support libraries in their cooperative efforts to share resources and information (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/n3.html>); and *What's Up Doc?*, a bimonthly publication of new State and Federal Documents from the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse/Government Information Services (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/doc.html>).

38. Provides a **mobile computer network** for training and demonstrations across Nebraska. (\$25,000 to upgrade this network was awarded to the Library Commission in FY 2002 from the State Records Board.)

39. Provides leadership and support for programming and services for children and young adults including conferences, workshops, share fairs, book reviews, and cooperating with several states on the annual **Summer Reading Program** to purchase and distribute Summer Reading Program manuals to all public libraries and to school media centers, upon request. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/librarians.html#SRP>.

40. Supports the local library role in **Community Economic Development** by serving on the Nebraska Development Network Board of Directors, as well as training local library staff involved in local community development. See <www.state.ne.us/home/NDN/>.

41. Sponsored a variety of **distance learning training** sessions by purchasing multi-site licenses enabling participation at teleconference sites across Nebraska (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/Dupage/collidupage.html>) and offering

original programming for library children's service staff via the State of Nebraska video teleconference system (see <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/travelnearbro.html>).

42. Tracks information about **copyright** and provides Web access to the latest developments with ongoing updates. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/copyrighthdbk.html>.

43. Provides grant support (\$5,000 in FY 2002) to support **consumer health information** through the Web site maintained by the ICON library consortia, enabling access to consumer information on support and self-help groups, participating public libraries, and regional and national consumer health Web sites for consumers in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County, IA. See <www.healthhq.asp>.

44. Supports the **Nebraska Humanities Council** by housing their video collection and circulating that collection for them. Search the Library Commission catalog at <www.nlc.state.ne.us/webopac/html/opac.asp>.

45. Supports the **Nebraska Center for the Book** by serving on the Board of Directors and helping promote Nebraska's book culture and literary heritage through staff support and grant funding (funding totaled \$7,500 in FY 2002). See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/public/ncbn.html>.

46. Supports graduate level education in library science in Nebraska by partnering with **The University of Nebraska at Omaha Library Science Program** and **University of Missouri School of Information Science & Learning Technologies** to bring an off campus program to Nebraska. See <tiger.coe.missouri.edu/~lis/GreatPlains>.

47. Provides **general library development consulting** and supports cooperative library development efforts by encouraging communities to examine new and innovative service arrangements and providing staff assistance for planning efforts that examine different approaches to library service. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev>.

48. Supports the **National Issues Forums** by encouraging libraries to serve as local sites for bringing together a cross section of citizens for discussion and deliberation on major public policy issues. See <www.nifi.org>.

49. Supports Nebraska libraries in adding their holdings to the OCLC Online Union Catalog, WorldCat: the global database of library holdings, by encouraging libraries to use OCLC Cataloging Express Service (**CatExpress**) for copy cataloging. (Funding for new users totaled \$6,478 in FY 2002.) See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/catx.html>.

50. Celebrated 100 years of service to Nebraska library staff, trustees, and customers with the **Libraries for the Centuries Centennial Celebration**. See <www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial>.

One Book—One Lincoln

Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely announced that he really enjoyed circling the parking lot, hunting for a parking place in order to attend a library event. Nearly 600 Lincoln readers, many with books in hand, hunted along with him, determined to attend the final **One Book—One Lincoln** program, a visit by *Plainsong* author Kent Haruf. **One Book—One Lincoln** is a community reading program co-sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries and the *Lincoln Journal Star*. The program encouraged all adults in Lincoln and Lancaster County to read and discuss the same book at the same time, creating a community-wide reading and discussion experience.

Lincoln readers embraced **One Book—One Lincoln**. 4,007 volumes of *Plainsong* were checked out of the libraries, including hard-bound, paperback, books-on-tape, and compact disc formats. More than 1,200 copies were sold in Lincoln bookstores. Forty-three discussion groups were held at the libraries, in residences, in schools, and in churches. Local community radio station KZUM ran three special one-hour *Booktalk* shows to explore the phenomena. Special adult library programs explored Plains music, photography, gardening, and writing. Haruf's presentation and reading was taped and broadcast on community television.

Most readers thought *Plainsong* was a good choice and that the library should plan another community reading project. Lincolnites are currently nominating books for fall. Barbara Hansen, Lincoln City Libraries spokesperson, summed up the experience with, "All-in-all, I don't think we could have asked for anything better." For more information see the library Web site, <www.lcl.lib.ne.us/info/obol.htm>. ▲

Left: Library Director Carol Connor welcomes the crowd to the Haruf program.

Center: Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely congratulates Lincoln City Libraries and the Lincoln Journal Star on the success of the One Book—One Lincoln community reading program.

Right: Author Kent Haruf addresses the audience.



Photos courtesy of Lincoln City Libraries.

Western Trails Project Underway



The Western Trails project is one year old. The Nebraska participants (Nebraska Library Commission, Nebraska State Historical Society, Omaha Public Library, Oregon Trail Museum at the Scotts Bluff National Monument, Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, and University of Nebraska—Lincoln Love Library) are moving steadily toward providing researchers with a Web-based collection of digitized resources on pioneer trails, railroads, highways, and recreational trails in Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, and Colorado.

Progress:

- ▲ Each participant submitted a detailed project proposal, several quarterly progress reports, and a year-one financial report.
- ▲ Three training events—**Introduction to Digitization, Introduction to Scanning, Introduction to Metadata**—were held in February and March. Cultural Heritage Institutions not directly involved in the grant were also invited.
- ▲ Participants completed their research and selection of items to scan.
- ▲ Western Trails grant funds and a grant from the Library Commission to the University of Nebraska—Lincoln Love Library have been used to purchase a server to host the Nebraska database of metadata and images created by participants.

- ▲ The Library Commission set up a scanning center for participants to use. The Gerald Ford Center in Omaha will also do scanning for participants.
- ▲ Several participants have scanned some of their items and the State Historical Society has completed scanning. One example is the image of a postcard (above) from the early 1900s of the Omaha City Auditorium at 15th and Howard Streets, from the Omaha Public Library collection.

Best Practices

One of the goals of the project is to develop standards and best practices that have lasting value for future projects undertaken by other Nebraska Cultural Heritage Institutions. Best practices groups include:

- ▲ Metadata
- ▲ Scanning
- ▲ Web Site
- ▲ Interoperability

For more information contact Beth Goble, 402-471-4017, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <bgoble@ncl.state.ne.us>. ▲



A Collection of Artifacts, Documents, Maps
Photos & Publications

News of Nebraska Libraries and People

- ▲ The University of Nebraska–Lincoln recently received a \$276,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a two-year project, “A Virtual Archive of Whitman’s Manuscripts.” The collaboration between **Ken Price**, Hillegass chair in 19th century American literature in the department of English, and **Katherine Walter**, special collections and preservation chair in University Libraries will create a finding aid to an estimated 70,000 Walt Whitman manuscripts in more than sixty institutions. For more information see the University Web site, <www.unl.edu/pr/2002/1002/101602anews.html>.
- ▲ The **Holdrege Public Library System** recently received monetary gifts in memory of Barbara Johnson, former Head Librarian. Barbara, who died September 25, 2002, served as Film/A.V. Program Coordinator, Library Services Coordinator, and Library Development Consultant for the Nebraska Library Commission from 1964 to 1995.
- ▲ **Deb Robertson**, Director of the Library/Resource Center at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, was recently selected to attend a New Mexico Leadership Institute sponsored by the Mountain Plains Library Association.
- ▲ **Ron Heezen, Omaha Public Library Director**, resigned this fall to return to Texas.
- ▲ **Ruth Strassler** recently retired as Director of the Neligh Public Library.
- ▲ **Nebraska Library Commissioner Wally Seiler**, of Alliance, received the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Trustees, Users, and Friends **Citation Award** at the 2002 NLA Conference. Wally was honored for more than twenty years of service on the Alliance Public Library Board of Trustees, administration of the Alliance Public Library Foundation, leadership in building the new library, and a host of other volunteer efforts.
- ▲ The **South Sioux City Library** recently received a \$200,000 grant from the **Peter Kiewit Foundation** for construction of a new library facility.
- ▲ **Butherus Maser & Love Funeral Home** recently donated fifty books and videos to **Lincoln City Libraries** to strengthen resources to help Lincoln’s citizens better understand and cope with the emotional, personal, and family issues that surround the death of a loved one.
- ▲ **Wayne State College Conn Library** was selected as a pilot site for “Research Revolution: The Laboratory and the Shaping of Modern Life.” This film viewing, reading, and discussion series aims to increase public understanding of twentieth century scientific discovery and technological transformations.
- ▲ **Sandra Donovan** of Bellevue Public Library, Public Library Representative; **Pat Hughes** of Hastings College, Academic Representative (returning); and **Marjorie Shaw** of LaVista Public Library, NEON Representative, will serve for three-year terms on the NEBASE Advisory Council.
- ▲ New Library Directors include: Culbertson Public Library, **Dana Wade**; Grand Island Veteran’s Home Library, **Janice Rihn**; Lincoln Correctional Center Diagnostic & Evaluation Center, **Earl West**; Greenwood Public Library, **Karen Frank**; Neligh Public Library, **Kate Ostenruder**; Omaha Veteran’s Administration Medical Center-Learning Resource Center, **Marty Magee**; Oxford Municipal Library, **Becky Hoffman**; Ravenna Public Library, **Pam Miska**; Sargent Township Library, **Rebecca Sohrweid**; Tecumseh Public Library, **Susie Kerner**; and Valley Public Library, **Frankie Kirkwood**. ▲

Grants Awarded for Children’s Services

\$42,705 in Nebraska Library Commission grants for innovative public library projects for children and young adults was awarded to the following public libraries:

- ▲ Atkinson Public Library
- ▲ Battle Creek Public Library
- ▲ Callaway, Nigel Sprouse Public Library
- ▲ Central City Public Library
- ▲ Gibbon Public Library
- ▲ Gretna Public Library
- ▲ Lexington Public Library
- ▲ Pierce Public Library
- ▲ Randolph Public Library
- ▲ Seward Public Library
- ▲ South Sioux City Public Library
- ▲ Springview, Keya Paha County Library
- ▲ Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library
- ▲ Wayne Public Library
- ▲ Wymore Public Library
- ▲ York, Kilgore Memorial Library

For more information about the projects see the Library Commission Web site, <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, search on 2002 Children’s Grants Recipients or contact Mary Jackson, 402-471-4006, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <mjackson@nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

Stress-free Spanish Language Collection Development

If your library would like to establish or expand a Spanish language collection, OCLC Spanish Sets can meet your collection development needs. OCLC Spanish Sets are preselected sets of books and videos for adults and children containing current bestsellers in Latin American Spanish. Libraries who wish to order Spanish Sets do not have to be members of OCLC. The sets are available to both OCLC member and nonmember libraries.

OCLC Spanish Sets make it easy and affordable to start or develop a Spanish language collection, allowing you to serve your diverse and growing community without outgrowing your budget. Librarians receive significant savings on material costs, full-level cataloging for all materials, and delivery right to the door. Physical processing is available for an additional charge.

Four OCLC Spanish Sets are available:

- ▲ Books for Adults (20 titles per set) - \$295/set
- ▲ Books for Children (10 titles per set) - \$95/set
- ▲ Videos for Teens/Adults (5 titles per set) - \$74.50/set
- ▲ Videos for Children (3 titles per set) - \$45.50/set

Adult book sets contain newly published titles. Libraries can choose to receive fiction, non-fiction, or mixed sets. Children's book sets contain popular and classic titles that provide recreational and educational reading. Video sets contain popular new releases selected from pre-release lists. Videos for adults are American feature films with Spanish subtitles. Children's videos are dubbed in Spanish.

A new Spanish set in each category will be created every other month from prepublication sources to guarantee that libraries receive the newest materials possible. Sets do not duplicate titles, and each set "retires" upon shipment. Sets will

be shipped in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Order a single set, a few sets, or create a standing order to build the collection at a steady rate. Full-color bookmarks and tabletop posters (in Spanish and English) accompany each order. Orders for new Spanish Sets include a Spanish Dewey Schedule Poster, free of charge, thanks to OCLC Forest Press.

The OCLC Language Sets service also provides sets of current popular fiction and nonfiction titles in Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Panjabi, Russian, Tamil, Urdu, and Vietnamese. Custom Collections, based on a library's specific collection development criteria, are also available. For more information about Language Sets options see the Language Sets Web site at <www.oclc.org/languagesets> or contact Christa Burns, 402-471-3107, 800-307-2665, e-mail: <cburns@nlc.state.ne.us>.

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The Nebraska Library Association (NLA) recently announced that Nebraska Library Legislative Day has been scheduled for February 13, 2003 in Lincoln, see <www.nol.org/home/NLA>.