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## Commission Sponsors Community Information Technology Workshops

**T**he Library Commission is sponsoring statewide workshops in cooperation with Nebraska's Library Systems and the Nebraska Department of

Economic Development's (DED) Global Community Initiative. For more than two years, Chris Hoy, DED Special Projects Coordinator, has promoted the Global Community Initiative by presenting a "Blueprint for a Rural Renaissance" to Nebraska communities. As a result of Hoy's presentation, more than 40 Nebraska communities have formed Community Information Technology Committees that are working to increase teleliteracy and employ information technology to bolster their community's economic future.

Since information technology tools can help librarians embed relevant library programs and services into daily community life, the Library Commission workshops are assisting librarians in positioning the library as a public information utility. Telephones, facsimile machines, dial-in library catalogs, videoconferencing, e-mail and the Internet are all information technology tools enabling librarians to retrieve and deliver information to



▲ Cindi Hickey assists participants at the Community Information Technology workshop in Scribner on September 12.

their customers' doorsteps.

Library Commission Information Technology Librarian Cindi Hickey facilitated two workshop sessions in Western Nebraska and two sessions in Eastern Nebraska. Future workshops are planned for Holdrege on October 11, Broken Bow on November 8, and Central City on November 9. The workshops include a discussion of the library as a public information utility, brainstorming and networking about librarians as leaders in their communities, and a World Wide Web Tour of Nebraska community sites and resources for Information Technology committees (including hands-on practice on the

Commission's mobile computer network.)

"Libraries, as the community's local gateway to information, have a critical role in the community's information technology planning," states Hickey. "Librarians have a vested interest in discussions about the community's information technology infrastructure and strategy for economic development... librarians are uniquely situated to be knowledgeable about and practiced with information technology. The librarian can be the community's guide as it learns about the role and benefit of information technology as a tool for economic development."

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## From the Director...

Nebrask@ Online: *The Best of Both Worlds*

A prominent Nebraska library director recently sent the following message via *Nebraska Online*: "Just a big thank you for *Nebraska Online* while it lasted; it has been an excellent resource for information for the library community as well as the general public. I just hope the connection through the Internet is as friendly!"

I know the writer was not intending to imply that *Nebraska Online* no longer exists, rather she was noting that a significant change was taking place and the familiar was being replaced with something very

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different. However, I suspect that a number of people view this change as the end of a service that many Nebraska librarians and others have come to take for granted as a means of communication and information.

When *Nebraska Online* was publicly introduced in October 1992, the Internet was just starting to emerge as a public phenomenon. The Internet's growth was accelerating at a prodigious rate, but it was still not readily available to the general public nor yet a household word. *Nebraska Online* offered an electronic communication and information service to librarians and the public at a time when the Internet was not yet ready for prime time. Grants from the Nebraska

Telephone Association and the Nebraska Energy Office permitted toll-free access regardless of location within Nebraska, allowing users an opportunity to explore, learn, and communicate.

Much has changed in the electronic communication and information environment since *Nebraska Online's* introduction in the fall months of 1992. **Nebrask@ Online** now offers the best of both worlds: it is a communications and information service available to all Nebraskans, and it is a fully integrated Internet-based service offering the richness of the World Wide Web environment.

I expect that **Nebrask@ Online** will continue to grow as a convenient, timely and valuable resource for unique information resources of Nebraska state government, that it will assure equal access to electronic information resources throughout Nebraska, and that it will enhance the role of Nebraska libraries as vital community information and educational resources.

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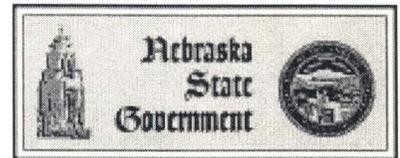
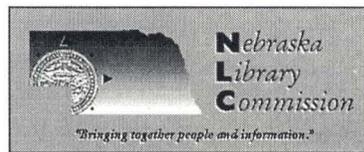
Rod Wagner

## Announcing the Nebraska Library Commission Home Page

The Nebraska Library Commission now has a World Wide Web Home Page on the Internet.

The page has library-related information including: the Nebraska Library Directory, the Nebraska Library Calendar and Library Job Listings for Nebraska and the region. Commission services are also highlighted including: Government Information Services, with a link to the U.S. Census; Library Development Services, including Continuing

Education and Children's Services information; Network Services, with NEBASE, Internet Services, and Technical Services; Community Information Technology; and the Talking Book and Braille Service, with information about our collection of recorded books and magazines. *NCompass*, *NLCommunicator*, *N<sup>3</sup>* and *What's Up Doc?* are also available on the Home Page. Point your Web browser to <<http://neon.nlc.state.ne.us/nlc.html>> or access from "Library Net" on **Nebrask@ Online** <<http://www.nol.org/>>. ▲



## Library Commission Hosts Nebraska State Government Home Page

As part of a nationwide initiative to develop an Internet World Wide Web Home Page

for every state's government information, the Commission hosts and maintains the Nebraska State Government Home Page (in cooperation with the Nebraska Interagency Internet Group). Information includes: the Office of the Governor with the Governor's

press releases; State Job listings from the Department of Personnel; links to other state agencies, such as the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Department of Economic Development, Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Education; and links to State Funded Colleges and Universities. Point your Web browser to <<http://www.state.ne.us/>> or access from "State Net" on **Nebrask@ Online** <<http://www.nol.org/>>. ▲

## NCompass

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## Nebraskans Expand Their Horizons at Continuing Education Sessions

**L**ibrarians, board members, and trustees from across the state gathered at Lexington Public Library on July 17 and Neligh Public Library on July 21 for special

continuing education sessions entitled "Expanding Your Horizons."

Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, and featuring presentations by Commission staff, "Expanding Your Horizons" offered participants the opportunity to ask questions and discuss important issues centering around topics and services impacting libraries today.

Mary Jo Ryan took attendees through various exercises to help define "Community Networking", focus on its benefits, and encourage libraries to identify the roles they might play in its development.

Discussion on this topic was spirited and many useful ideas and strategies were shared as participants considered their next steps in the networking process.

Cindy Hickey provided an

overview of "Internet 101" to an appreciative audience and then followed with a hands-on session in which participants logged into the World Wide Web and discovered a wealth of information located at Internet sites in and outside Nebraska.

Ellen Van Waart's presentation on "Copyright 101" provided attendees the opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on issues relating to this often complex topic. Ellen also distributed an informative copyright policy guide for Nebraska libraries which summarized copyright law as it applies to various material formats.

Paul S. Hoffman completed the day with a session entitled "FirstSearch 101," in which participants were given a hands-on



opportunity to use this on-line tool for searching over fifty databases covering a variety of disciplines and fields. FirstSearch's ease of use and ability to enhance library service was noted by many participants.

Our thanks to those who attended and to the staff at Lexington and Neligh Public Libraries for hosting these sessions! For additional information on any of these topics, call the Commission staff listed. ▲

▲ Paul S. Hoffman of the Library Commission shows "Expanding Your Horizons" participants how to use FirstSearch.

## Twenty Volunteers Work in TBBS Recording Program

**V**olunteers record almost all of the tapes made in the two studios of the Nebraska Talking Book and Braille Service. Studio Manager Bill Ainsley says

16 magazines are recorded regularly along with books of a Nebraska or Midwestern flavor, and, "without the volunteers, the job just would not get done." Volunteer narrators spend more than 100 hours a month recording. People who have difficulty reading print (for medical reasons) borrow these tapes and playback equipment free of charge.

The Talking Book and Braille Service is particularly interested in increasing book production because surveys have indicated that borrowers want more books.

To ensure near-perfect produc-

tion, as the narrator reads, a monitor follows along with an identical copy and operates the recording equipment. Any errors are immediately corrected.

Additional volunteer narrators and monitors would increase the selection for borrowers. The Talking Book and Braille Service offers narrator coaching and monitor training. For more information on these important positions, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Diane Wells, 402-471-4033 or 800-742-7691, or e-mail <dwells@neon.nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲



▲ Volunteer narrator Tami Works, recording the news magazine "Capper's."

## Meet the Newest Member of the Network Services Team

*J*eannette Powell recently joined the Library Commission staff as Network Services Staff Assistant. In this position, she handles some OCLC support calls and assists in

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coordinating network services training. She is reorganizing network services files and most recently helped plan and run the NEBASE Annual Meetings in Lincoln and Gering this past July. Her experience in libraries has come from working at the Legislative Reference Library, Love Library (UNL) and Bennett Martin Public Library in Lincoln. She has been in library work on and off for a total of 22 years and has performed a range

of duties that have included copy cataloging, interlibrary loan, processing state and federal documents and answering reference questions.

Jeannette is a Nebraska native from Superior. She has been married for 18 years and has three children and one granddaughter. Her favorite reading materials include historical novels and biographies of historical people. ▲



## Internet Librarian named Employee of the Year

*A*nnie Sternburg was selected as the Nebraska Library Commission's Employee of the Year. Sternburg is the Library Commission's Internet Librarian.

**"Annie has demonstrated her commitment to providing Internet services to library personnel throughout Nebraska."**

She was formerly a member of the Technical Support Team at Emporia State University and has trained faculty, staff, and students to use e-mail systems and the Internet.

Annie has co-authored user guides for electronic resources and for the installation and use of telecommunications software. This summer she held 18 workshops across Nebraska, teaching librarians how to use the Internet.

In the nominations it was noted that "Annie has demonstrated in

countless ways her commitment to providing Internet services both to Commission staff and library personnel throughout Nebraska. Through her work, Annie has consistently demonstrated a strong customer service ethic, an exceptional ability to produce quality instructional documentation, excellent teaching skills, and infectious enthusiasm." Congratulations to Annie for her Employee of the Year designation! ▲



## New Information Services Librarian at the Library Commission



**J**ulie Pinnell is the new Information Services Librarian at the Library Commission. Julie was hired in May to replace Cecelia Kopp who moved to North Platte to become Director of the Public Library.

Julie is a Nebraska native who was raised in the Sandhills near Rose. She moved to Ames, IA in high school and then received her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Biology from Iowa State University. When trying to decide upon a profession, Julie realized that she most admired her sister-in-law's library career. She went on to pursue her MLS at Iowa State University.

Julie worked previously at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Miller Nichols Library, and most recently at Johnson County Community College Library in Overland Park, KS. She and her husband Pete devote many hours to their two-and-a-half year old son, Joe. Because of her wonderful reference talent, she will be spending many hours at the information desk. Be sure to introduce yourself next time you talk to her! ▲

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## Talking Book and Braille Staff Member Named Manager of the Year



**C**larice Schmidt has been selected as the Library Commission's Manager of the Year. Clarice is part of the Talking Book and Braille Service at the Library

Commission, and was profiled in the spring *NCompass* as its newest member.

She oversees average daily circulation of 700 incoming and outgoing items with a staff of one full-time and four part-time employees. Clarice received her Associate Degree in Library Science from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Clarice is no stranger to libraries. She worked at Nebraska Wesleyan University Library for two years in

circulation and for 14 years as a cataloger.

In nomination remarks it was noted that Clarice "began her work at the Commission in the midst of changing systems and she experienced success immediately." Further comments note Clarice's dedication and hard work, her loyalty and trustworthiness, and the smooth operation of her area of supervision. Congratulations to Clarice on her recognition as Manager of the Year! ▲

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## Special Report...

### *Summary of the Nebraska Long Range Plan For Library And Information Services, 1996-1998*

**F**ollowing is a summary of the Nebraska Long Range Plan for Library and Information Service which highlights the Mission, Roles, Key Goals, and Relationships of the Nebraska Library Commission. Each year the Nebraska Library Commission reviews and revises the Long Range Plan with the assistance of members of the Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries, the six Nebraska Library Commissioners, and a variety of other library, state government, and Talking Book and Braille service customers. The complete Long Range Plan for Library and Information Services is available in print upon request from Sally Snyder at the Library Commission, 402-471-4003, or 800-307-2665, or through the Library Commission Home Page, <<http://neon.nlc.state.ne.us/nlc.html>>.

#### **Mission**

The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services. As the state library agency, the Commission is an advocate for the library and information service needs of all Nebraskans.

#### **Roles**

The Nebraska Library Commission strives to increase access to resources and services for all Nebraskans regardless of economic status, geographic location, gender, age, literacy level, ethnicity, physical or mental disability, or other relevant factors.

In meeting its Mission, the Nebraska Library Commission has three major roles:

- ▶ To provide leadership, technical assistance and financial support for improvement of library and information services through the state's libraries of all types.
- ▶ To develop, coordinate and promote specialized statewide library and information services.
- ▶ To provide information and library services to state government.

#### **General Statutory Authority**

The Nebraska Library Commission's statutory authority is set forth under Article 4, Chapter 51 of Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. In addition to the powers granted in Chapter 51, state statutes provide that the Commission is the state agency designated to receive federal library program funds appropriated for the Library Services and Construction Act.

#### **Primary Functions**

- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Consultation
- ▶ Education and Training
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Resource Sharing
- ▶ Services to Special Populations
- ▶ Technology

#### **Key Goals**

##### **Goal 1:**

Provide library, reference and information services

##### **Goal 2:**

Improve the capability of libraries to deliver library and information services to Nebraskans

##### **Goal 3:**

Facilitate the sharing of materials and information through the maintenance of the resource sharing infrastructure and the development of networked electronic services

##### **Goal 4:**

Increase awareness of library and information services available through the Nebraska Library Commission, as well as those available through other Nebraska libraries and media centers

##### **Goal 5:**

Provide library and information service to Nebraskans who are visually impaired or physically disabled

##### **Goal 6:**

Improve the Operations, Facilities and Resources of the Nebraska Library Commission

## Relationships With Libraries And Other Organizations

The implementation of roles for promotion, development, and coordination of library services varies according to the needs of each type of library, priorities in statutes, and funding within which the Commission operates. All Nebraska libraries are eligible for participation in Commission programs within the requirements of state and federal statutes and regulations. However, the Commission has different relationships with and levels of responsibilities to the different types of libraries. Those relationships and responsibilities are described below. Within this planning document, the term 'libraries' shall include information centers, library media programs, and learning resource centers.

### State Government

The Commission supplies library and information services directly to state employees to assist them in their work. It coordinates its services with the library programs of the various state agencies. The Commission establishes and maintains working relationships with other state level agencies to ensure the effective use of state information resources.

### Library Systems

The Commission administers state appropriations for regional and urban library system programs. State level administration is in accord with "A Policy Statement Concerning the Nebraska Library Commission, Library Systems, and Public Libraries (Nebraska Library Commission, 1988)," and "Plan for Library Systems: A Development Guide (Nebraska Library Commission, 1988)."

### Public Libraries

The Commission assumes special responsibility for the development of local public library services. This responsibility includes administering a program of accreditation of public libraries, certification of public library personnel, and direct state aid to public libraries. The Commission encourages the expansion of public library service units and the strengthening of existing libraries in preference to the creation of new public libraries. The Commission, upon request, helps local libraries plan for and evaluate their services.

### School Library Media Centers

The Commission recognizes the responsibility of the Nebraska Department of Education for regulation and state level funding of school library media programs. The Commission encourages participation of schools in

resource sharing programs. The Commission encourages the improvement of library services to children in both schools and public libraries through consultation and promotion.

### Post-Secondary Libraries

The Commission encourages the participation of post-secondary libraries in state library networking, resource sharing programs, and continuing education programs. The Commission encourages the improvement of library services to students, faculty and others using post-secondary libraries through consultation and promotion.

### State Institutional Libraries

The Commission assumes special responsibility for the coordination and improvement of library services to the residents of state public institutions, as defined by the Library Services and Construction Act, through the state institutional libraries. This responsibility includes providing library staff training, consultation, and on-going funding for institutional library materials.

### Special Libraries

The Commission encourages the participation of special libraries in state library networking, resource sharing, and continuing education programs. The resources of the state's health, corporate, legal, and other special libraries are important to serving the information needs of Nebraska.

### Other Public and Private Organizations

The Commission enters into partnerships with other public and private entities for the purpose of accomplishing its mission, goals and objectives. For example, the Commission works with the Educational Service Units and the Nebraska Department of Education in an attempt to coordinate development of Internet services, information technology and training.

### *"The State Advisory Council on Libraries Challenge," 1994*

The State Advisory Council on Libraries challenges Nebraska Libraries to link every citizen of the state with information technologies by becoming a catalyst for community planning and aggressively obtaining funding. Libraries are challenged to partner to accomplish the goal of information access. Librarians are challenged to increase their knowledge and ability to use information technologies to serve their communities. ▲

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## Special Report...

### Library Commission Staff Reflect on the 114th American Library Association Annual Conference

**M**ore than 24,000 people attended the 114th American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Chicago this summer. Several Library Commission staff report below:

Surely one of the most passionate, entertaining, and thoughtful presentations of the American Library Association's annual conference was Clifford Stoll's presentation at the CIS/GODORT breakfast meeting. Stoll, author of *Silicon Snake Oil: Second Thoughts on the Information Highway*, challenged librarians not to become so enamored with the wonders of technology that books and periodicals are sacrificed. Through his lively but friendly banter, Stoll challenged the library profession not to neglect the information interests of people who lack technology devices and skills. Stoll, an astronomer and computer security expert, cautioned librarians to be wary of technology and to safeguard the public's interest in having available a variety of media.

Rod Wagner

My favorite session had to be "Class Act: Producing and Presenting Library Instruction." One of the speakers—Randy Burke Hensley, University of Hawaii-Manoa—delivered a rousing presentation on issues such as learning styles, selection of support material, choosing an effective teaching method, deciding on course content, and session design. Mr. Hensley also stressed the need to pay attention to the physical instrument through which training occurs: namely, our bodies. What are we conveying to our audience in what we say, how we say it, our movements, and our use of space? The speaker closed to loud applause.

Paul S. Hoffman

"Management Maps for Networked Information: Public and Academic Library Perspectives" was sponsored by Library Administration and Management Association's (LAMA) Systems & Services Section, Management Practices Committee and Public Library Association's (PLA) Technology in Public Libraries Committee. Discussion of implications of the networked information infrastructure on local management policies in public and academic libraries reinforced that the information world is customer driven. Librarians must become actively involved in the design and development

of information products to help close the gap between technological design and user skills. Likewise, librarians must design their own organizations from that very same perspective to match the organization's mission, goals and services with its users' skills and needs. Speakers were Paul Evan Peters (Coalition for Networked Information), Robert Carterette (Cleveland Public Library), Carol Parkhurst (UNevada, Reno), and Meredith Butler (SUNY Albany).

Cindi Hickey

The "Speaking Out Media Training Workshop" was fascinating and informative. Media trainer Sue Silk, president of Media Strategies, Inc., taught techniques on how to be an effective media spokesperson for libraries, including how to speak in sound bites, how to control the interview, and how to deal with bad news and make it better. Silk outlined the four main responsibilities of a public information spokesperson: to educate, to be quotable, to be prepared, and to be in control.

After learning all the details, the workshop participants had a chance to practice what they had learned in mock interviews with the press.

All I have to say is, "Twenty-five years of federal funding for libraries doesn't equal the cost of one aircraft carrier."

Joanne Corson

"Library and Community Information Services and the Internet: Funding and Politics" focused on the funding sources and politics involved in connecting communities, their libraries, and the Internet. The presentation included reflections on a local community library's experience with a FreeNet (Charlotte-Mecklenburg County NC), as well as on the Colorado State Library's Electronic Library project. Since the Commission is a partner in federal funding requests to support similar Nebraska efforts, the Colorado State Library staff insights on the impact of their funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration was of special interest. With all future funding from this source continually fluctuating due to ongoing Senate Appropriations Committee action, it seems like a good investment of time and money to learn from the experience of our neighbors.

Mary Jo Ryan

For more information about any of these topics, contact the Library Commission staff listed above. ▲

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## Special Report on Meetings...

### Nebraska Depository Libraries Meeting

The spring state and federal libraries depository meeting was held in Lincoln, with teleconference sites in Omaha, Norfolk, Columbus, Kearney and Scottsbluff.

A highlight of the meeting was a demonstration of GPO access. Handouts on searching the Federal Register, Congressional Record, U.S. Code and GAO reports are available from Beth Goble, 402-471-4017 or 800-307-2665, e-mail: <bgoble@neon.nlc.state.ne.us>.

Steve Jonas, Library Commission computer programmer, demonstrated the state documents database which is searchable via the Library Commission's online catalog on the Commission Home Page <<http://neon.nlc.state.ne.us/nlc.html>>, or under Library Net on **Nebrask@ Online**, <<http://www.nol.org/>>.

**Nebrask@ Online** access to legislative information for librarians (via Home Page addresses above) was also discussed. A report on the National Science Foundation planning grant highlighted efforts to study barriers to the implementation of an electronic library in Nebraska and to identify content to support education, economic development and life-long learning for Nebraskans. ▲

### Continuous Library Improvement Workshops

North Platte, Hastings, Norfolk and Bellevue were the sites for the second and final round of training sessions for the Continuous Library Improvement Program (CLIP). One-hundred librarians, trustees and CLIP team members from thirty-four libraries experienced hands-on activities and simulations to prepare them for strategic planning efforts in their libraries.

The CLIP workshops were facilitated by the Heartland Center for Leadership. For information about the CLIP program, contact Mary Jackson, 402-471-4006 or Ellen Van Waart, 402-471-4004 or 800-307-2665 at the Nebraska Library Commission. E-mail: <mjackson@neon.nlc.state.ne.us> or <evanwaart@neon.nlc.state.ne.us>. ▲

### Children's Advisory Board Meets

The first meeting of the newly organized Children's Advisory Board was held this spring. Representatives from school and public libraries throughout the state joined Library Commission staff Rod Wagner, Mary Jackson, Kit Keller, Jim Minges, Sally Snyder and Ellen Van Waart. Mary Jackson was named Chair.

The group confirmed the selection of the 1996 summer reading theme, *Peer-Amid Books* and recommended that Nebraska become a member of the Midwest Consortium for Summer Programs, a group of state and regional libraries who cooperate to produce summer reading materials and a manual at a lower cost

than commercial vendors. The Consortium's 1996 theme is *Get In the Game at Your Library* and the 1997 theme is *Thrills and Chills at The Library*. ▲



◀ Michael LaCroix, Director, Creighton University Reinert/Alumni Memorial Library, and Nancy Busch, Deputy Director, Nebraska Library Commission, pose with Elvis at the "Changing Face of Resource Sharing" Conference.

### Resource Sharing Conference

The Library Commission and the Nebraska Technical Services Round Table sponsored "The Changing Face of Resource Sharing" conference in May. Mary E. Jackson, a nationally recognized authority on interlibrary loan, document delivery, and resource sharing, spoke about "National Trends in Resource Sharing." A videotape of her presentation (titled "The Changing Face of Resource Sharing,") may be borrowed from the Commission's Reference Desk, 402-471-4016 or 800-307-2665. Updates on a variety of resource sharing projects in Nebraska were also presented. Elvis was there to promote and introduce the ILLINET program LVIS, (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing), to Nebraska. For more information about LVIS contact Jo Budler, Network Services Director at the Nebraska Library Commission, 402-471-4031 or 800-307-2665. ▲

### TBBS Staff Attend Western Conference

Talking Book and Braille Service staff Clarice Schmidt, Diane Wells and Dave Oertli recently traveled to Lead, SD for the Western Conference of Librarians Serving Blind and Physically Disabled Individuals.

Charles Tremper, Director of the Non-Profit Risk Management Center, Washington, D.C., addressed the conference on legal issues surrounding volunteerism. Other conference topics included automation issues, reports from staff of Library of Congress/National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and commonality sessions on service to Native Americans and local machine repair. The conference drew librarians and volunteer coordinators from 18 states. ▲

## Special Report...

### Internet Training Update

In cooperation with the Regional Library Systems, I spent most of the summer traveling around Nebraska conducting Internet training workshops for librarians. Three workshops, ("Internet: Getting Started," "Internet Tools" and the "World Wide Web") are being held in each system.

The workshops have been very successful for many reasons. Not only did I get a chance to see the great State of Nebraska, more importantly I got a chance to meet hundreds of Nebraska's librarians. These librarians impressed me with their enthusiasm, humor, willingness to learn and outstanding teleliteracy skills. When

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In addition to meeting and working with librarians, I had an opportunity to work closely with the System Administrators of each system. They too, impressed me with their hard work helping librarians continue their education and making Nebraska's libraries

"Information Superhighway"—ready.

What else did I learn on my travels? I learned that you can get a cup of coffee in Seward for 20 cents, that Highway 26 from Ogallala to Scottsbluff and Highway 92 from Wahoo to Rising City are both very beautiful, that the remodeling of rest areas on the Interstate can be very inconvenient at times and that the System Administrators really feed you well.

Thanks to you all for making my summer very enjoyable. ▲

### Internet Provider List on Home Page

The Internet Provider List has been updated and is available on the Nebraska Library Commission Home Page at <<http://neon.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/provid.html>>. It is also available in print format. To obtain a print copy, contact Annie Sternburg at 402-471-6277 or 800-307-2665 or via Internet e-mail at <[astern@neon.nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:astern@neon.nlc.state.ne.us)>.

The list contains information about Dial-Up, SLIP/PPP and dedicated leased line Internet providers. It is updated continuously and any additions or corrections are welcome. Please send them to Annie Sternburg at the Library Commission. ▲

Annie Sternburg

## NEBASE Annual Meeting a Success

The NEBASE Annual Meeting was held in two locations: on July 10, 104 people attended the meeting in Lincoln and July 12, 17 people attended the meeting in

Gering. Sessions were a mix of members from full cataloging libraries and libraries which are selective users (NEON). Focus groups on resource sharing were held in both locations during the afternoon breakout sessions. At the NEBASE East Meeting, individuals divided into small groups for

discussion. Each group identified a recorder who recorded ideas on newsprint. At both locations group members voted for priorities by placing five green dots on the newsprint, creating a visual depiction of those items deemed of greatest importance. ▲



◀ Jo Budler, Library Commission Network Services Director, giving a presentation at the NEBASE Annual Meeting in Lincoln.

## Commission and State Advisory Council on Libraries Conduct Joint Meeting

The Nebraska Library Commission and the State Advisory Council on Libraries held

another joint meeting this summer at the Library Commission. Annie Sternburg, Commission Internet Librarian, demonstrated the Library Commission's Home Page and the Nebraska State Government Home Page. The Library Commission Home Page address is <<http://neon.nlc.state.ne.us/nlc.html>>. It contains information about the Library Commission and about libraries in the state. The Nebraska State Government Home Page address is <<http://www.state.ne.us/>>.

It provides easy access to basic state information via the Internet. Both are available through the **Nebrask@Online** Home Page at <<http://www.nol.org/>>.

The meeting included updates on the biennium budget, federal programs status, the Library Commission's Long Range Plan, revision of the public library guidelines, evaluation of the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse, and the National Science Foundation "Electronic Library Project." Separate business meetings were held following the updates.

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council will be a videoconference on December 8. ▲

## News of Nebraska Libraries and People...

**Troy Strom** has been appointed City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer at Ashland. Troy is a member of the Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries and recently served as the City Administrator at Fullerton. ▲

The **Columbus Public Library** and the **Lexington Public Library** are among 60 libraries chosen to participate in the **Library Leadership Fundraising Training Project** of the American Library Association, funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. Columbus and Lexington were chosen from among 325 applicants. Each participating library will develop a fundraising project to be implemented during the grant period, ending November 30, 1996. ▲

**Ron Norman** was re-elected Chair of the **Nebraska Library Commission**, and **Tom Harvey** was re-elected Vice-Chair of the **Library Commission** at the Summer Commission meeting. The next meeting of the Commission is November 9 at the Library Commission. ▲

The **Eastern Library System's new address** is 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144. The **Meridian Library System's new address** is 3423 Second Avenue, Suite 301, Kearney, NE 68847. ▲

The **Shelby Public Library** was recognized by the **Prairie Hills Girl Scout Council** for its sponsorship of a Cadet Girl Scout Troop. The group meets in the library, makes crafts for the **Summer Reading Program**, and assists with other library activities. ▲

"**Toward the Next Century: Libraries and Media Centers in an Electronic Age**," the 1995 **NLA/NEMA Nebraska State Convention** is scheduled for October 25-27 at the Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn in Kearney. Pre-registration packets were mailed to association members in August, with registration due October 1. For more information contact Sharon Youngberg, Calvin T. Ryan Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE 68849-2248, 308-865-8587. ▲

**Phyllis Brunken** has been selected by the Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) Board as the first NEMA executive secretary. **Roger Adkins** will serve as president-elect; **Marilyn Scahill**, treasurer; and **Liz Frerichs** and **Joie Taylor**, board members-at-large. ▲

**Patricia Sheridan**, Librarian at Hruska Meat Animal Research Center, was named **Outstanding Science Librarian** by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Sigma Xi Science Honorary. ▲

**Beth Goble**, Library Commission Government Information Coordinator, and **Cindi Hickey**, Commission Information Technology Librarian, provided "hands-on" training at Omaha North High School. **Omaha Public School media specialists** toured a variety of World Wide Web sites, including **Nebrask@ Online**, the Nebraska State Government Home Page, the Library Commission Home Page, as well as other state and federal government resources. ▲

The **McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center**, was featured on **KETV Channel 7 News** this summer. **Nancy Woelfl**, library director, showed some of the library's print and electronic resources and explained services to the public, as well as students and health professionals. ▲

The **Southeast Library System**, located in Lincoln, is **seeking applications for Library System Administrator**. Application deadline: October 1, 1995. Position open: January 1, 1996. For more information, see "Library Job Listings," under Library Net on **Nebrask@ Online** <<http://www.nol.org/>>, contact the Library Commission Job Hotline at 402-471-4019 or 800-307-2665, or call the Southeast Library System at 402-486-2555. ▲

New library directors include: **Cathy Whorton**, Morrill Public Library; **Judy Lichti**, Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley; **Jan McNerny**, Bartley Public Library; **Sara Lee**, Central City Public Library; **Jeanne Hauser**, Omaha World-Herald Library; **Stephanie Quick**, Kennedy, Holland, Delacy & Svoboda Law Library in Omaha; **Lorin Lindsay**, Peru State College Library; and **Denise Matulka**, Lincoln Regional Center Library. ▲

New libraries include Special Library: Baird, Holm Law Offices, 1500 Woodmen Tower, Omaha, NE 68102, **Anne Baumgartner** and **Mary Stultz**, Librarians and Public Library: Faith Memorial Library, Box 40, Wallace, NE 69169, 308-387-4537, **Donna Hahn**, Director. ▲

**Cindi Hickey**, Library Commission Information Technology Librarian, was a featured speaker at the **Ainsworth Information Technology Fair**. She introduced participants to the World Wide Web through "hands-on" Web searching, using the Commission's mobile computer network. ▲

Plans are being finalized for construction of the **Wilson Public Library** in Cozad. Funding will be provided by the **Cozad Library Foundation**. A recent contribution by **Katherine and Lloyd Wilson** was the catalyst for the project. ▲

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