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Nebraska library staff can access **Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education (CE)** information to track CE credit hours for Public Librarian Certification. See the Nebraska Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on CE Record Review, or www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/lookup.asp. Enter your name and password. NOTE: Passwords were e-mailed to all currently enrolled participants. If you did not receive a password or for more information, contact Laura Johnson, Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Coordinator, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us.

Position Open: **Panhandle Regional Library System Coordinator** (Senior Librarian, Scottsbluff). This Nebraska Library Commission employee provides coordination and training for a multi-type regional library system in a fourteen-county area in western Nebraska. Extensive travel required, some weekends and evenings. Evaluation of applications will continue until position is filled. For a detailed description see www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/jobbank/JobShow.asp?JobID=399. For more information contact Doreen

Kuhlmann, Nebraska Library Commission Business Manager, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, 402-471-4007, 800-307-2665, e-mail: dkuhlmann@nlc.state.ne.us.

Nebraska State Government Publications, a compilation of all state of Nebraska publications received by the **Nebraska Library Commission's Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse**, is available on the Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/stategovpubs.html. For a print copy contact Jennifer Wrampe, Nebraska Library Commission Documents Staff Assistant, 402-471-3217, 800-307-2665, e-mail: jwrampe@nlc.state.ne.us.

The **Nebraska Library Commission** recently issued **Dollars for Data** payments of \$250 to twenty-six unaccredited public libraries that completed the annual Public Library Statistical Survey using Bibliostat™ Collect. Since provision of public library data is a necessary element for meeting the standards outlined in the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines (www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/accred.html), these libraries are one step closer to achieving accredited status. For a list of libraries receiving the payments, see

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Announcements on the Nebraska Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us. For more information contact Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission Planning & Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us.

The **Nebraska Book Awards**, sponsored by the **Nebraska Center for the Book** and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission, recognizes and honors books written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relating to Nebraska. Submit nominations **by June 30**. For more information and entry forms see the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on Book Awards. Send the entry form, three copies of the book, and the \$40 entry fee to NCB Book Awards, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

The **Nebraska Library Commission Blog** offers timely conversations about activities, events, issues and topics related to Nebraska library services. Library staff, supporters, and customers are invited to comment on any information item by clicking on the comments hotlink at the end of the posting. Click the “text balloon” Blog icon on the left side of the Nebraska Library

Commission home page, www.nlc.state.ne.us, or directly at www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/nlc/index.html to start blogging. RSS feeds can be set up to provide an alert when new content has been added to the Blog. For information and to subscribe to RSS, click the orange and white icon on the right side of the Nebraska Library Commission Home Page (www.nlc.state.ne.us) or see www.nlc.state.ne.us/feeds/feeds.asp.

Readers across the state will celebrate **One Book One Nebraska** by reading *Crazy Horse: Strange man of the Oglalas*, by Nebraska author Marie Sandoz and by participating in local discussions throughout the year. See www.onebookonenebraska.org/2007/index.html for discussion questions, program ideas, and a calendar of events. Book Club Kits, www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/bookclubkits.html, are available from the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems. 2007 One Book One Nebraska is coordinated by Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center at Chadron State College and cosponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, Nebraska Regional Library Systems, and other organizations.

Nebraska library staff and supporters are invited to help



plan for the future of library services in Nebraska. The Nebraska Library Commission, Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries, and Nebraska's Regional Library Systems are seeking input in the development of the **2008-2012 Nebraska Library Services and Technology Act Plan for Library and Information Services**. The Institute of Museum and Library Services uses a population-based formula to provide funds to the Nebraska Library Commission for statewide library initiatives and services. The Nebraska Library Commission will host discussion sessions across the state to generate ideas for this plan for using these funds to help address statewide needs for library service. The first session is set for **April 18, 2007 at Alliance Public Library**, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, 3:30—5:00 P.M. MT. No registration necessary. For more information contact Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission Director, 402-471-4001, 800-307-2665, rwagner@nlc.state.ne.us.

Building a Mentoring Relationship, workshops on expanding professional networks facilitated by Library Consultant Cindi Hickey, will be presented in April. Sessions are open to potential mentors and mentees, and are scheduled for Omaha on April 23, North Platte on April 24, and Alliance on April 25. For more information see the Library Training section of the

Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, or contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, e-mail: mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us.

National Library Week is April 15-21, 2007, a time to rediscover all that Nebraska's libraries, librarians, and library workers have to offer and why Nebraskans across the state **Come Together @ your library®**. For more information see the American Library Association Website, www.ala.org.

The **Nebraska Library Commission** established **21st Century Librarian Scholarships** to provide financial support to eligible Nebraskans seeking masters, bachelors, or associate degrees in library science or school library media. These scholarships are supported by a grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to recruit and educate the next generation of Nebraska librarians. **July 1** is the next deadline for scholarship application. To apply, see Nebraska Library Commission's Now Hiring @ your library® Website, www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org or click the the "coffee cup" icon on the left side of the Nebraska Library Commission Home Page at www.nlc.state.ne.us. This new section of the Commission



Website provides easy access to information about library education options, scholarships, job openings, library careers, mentoring, and recruiting. Nebraska and regional job listings have been repackaged and are now provided through a searchable job bank resource at www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/JobsAndCareers.asp. For information about the Library Commission's 21st Century Librarian Scholarship Program, contact Laura Johnson or Kit Keller, see contact information on previous pages.

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** is offering tools to help library advocates communicate the value of the public library and the library's technology services. The *Keeping Your Community Connected* video and brochures can be used to launch conversations with local government and community partners. For more information or to order these free tools, see www.gatesfoundation.org/UnitedStates/USLibraryProgram/RelatedInfo/CommunicatingValue.htm.

The live weekly radio program, **BookTalk**, is one way the Nebraska Library Commission works to promote libraries and reading. Lists of featured books and selected podcasts of programs are available on the Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/

[RadioProgramming/radioprogramming.html](#). BookTalk airs weekly on Lincoln community radio, KZUM, 89.3 FM, and audio-streams at www.kzum.org.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an easy way to receive an alert when new information has been posted on the Library Commission Announcements, Publications, Podcasts, or Blog. By subscribing to an RSS feed, you will know when new information is available without visiting the Website. For information and to subscribe, click the orange and white icon on the right side of the Nebraska Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us or see www.nlc.state.ne.us/feeds/feeds.asp.

The **Libri Foundation Books for Children** program donates children's books to small, rural libraries in the United States. Note: Grant application deadline is **April 15**. For more information and application forms see www.librifoundation.org/#GUIDE.

If you do not have access to the Internet World Wide Web, contact Mary Geibel, 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, e-mail: mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us for print information about the previous announcements.

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[Training]

Class	Date:Location
▶ NEBASE Hour: Introduction to WebDewey	Apr 4: Online Session
▶ Introduction to Searching eLibrary through NebraskaAccess	Apr 5: Online Session
▶ Introduction to Digitization and Introduction to Scanning and Principles and Best Practices	Apr 9: Lincoln
▶ College of DuPage, <i>The Best from the Web</i> Teleconference	Apr 13: Online Session
▶ Nebraska Library Commission Planning session	Apr 18: Alliance
▶ Building a Mentoring Relationship	Apr 23: Omaha
▶ Building a Mentoring Relationship	Apr 24: North Platte
▶ I Blog, You Blog, Weblog	Apr 24: Lincoln*
▶ Understanding MARC21 Bibliographic Records	Apr 24: Holdrege
▶ Building a Mentoring Relationship	Apr 25: Alliance
▶ I Blog, You Blog, Weblog	Apr 25: Lincoln *
▶ Vendor Day	May 1: Lincoln
▶ Books in Print with Reviews/ Fiction Connection	May 4: Online Session
▶ College of DuPage, <i>The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age</i> Teleconference	May 11: Online Session
▶ I Blog, You Blog, Weblog	May 22: Hastings
▶ I Blog, You Blog, Weblog	May 24: Omaha

* waiting list

Continuing Education (CE) Credits for the above training events are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian and Board Certification Program.

For more Information about any of the above training events or to register, see the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, on the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, click on "Library Training."



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