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Thinking Outside The Borders: Library Leadership In A World Community

will provide fifteen Nebraska librarians with the opportunity to join their international counterparts for several intensive days of learning, study, and building cross-cultural relationships. Participants in the institute (October 22-26, 2007, in Lincoln and Kearney) will hear library leaders speak about their own leadership styles, and about communication—international and personal. Lodging, meals, and local transportation will be provided.

Applications are due June 1

for this joint project of the Nebraska Library Commission and the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois and the Illinois State Library, funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). For further information and application instructions, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/think/intro.html or contact Laura Johnson, Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Coordinator, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us.

Saving Nebraska's Treasures will air on NET Television on **July 26** at 9:00 p.m. CT. The Nebraska Library Commis-

sion, Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS), and Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) partnered on a \$249,837 grant awarded by the Partnership for a Nation of Learners (a collaboration of the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting) to produce the show and accompanying training. Workshops will be held 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. CT on:

- June 14—Organic Materials (wood, cloth, bone, leather, horn)
 - July 12—Inorganic Materials (iron, silver, copper, alloys, stone)
 - August 16—Paper (books, prints, letters, manuscripts, maps)
 - September 11—Digitization (preparing materials for inclusion in the Library Commission's "Nebraska Memories" project)
- For more information about the distance learning workshops or to request a satellite link in your community, e-mail: treasures@nebraskahistory.org or call 402-471-3272.

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 Ne-

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braska, or relating to Nebraska. **Submit nominations by June 30.** For more information and entry forms see www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/ncbawards.html. 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** recently awarded twenty-five grants of more than \$340,000 in federal dollars to eligible library service organizations. This augments local support for library programs and services and will be used to improve access to information resources throughout Nebraska. For the list of **2007 Grants Awarded**, see Announcements on the Nebraska Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us. Grant applications for the next round of Library Improvement grants (formerly LSTA grants) will be available October 1. This year, **funding for high school or college student internships** will be available as part of this process. Eligible applicants are invited to apply for internship funds as part of a larger grant or to apply only for internship funding. 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.

Nebraska Library Commission 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 "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. For information about the Library Commission's 21st Century Librarian Scholarship Program, contact Laura Johnson or Kit Keller, see contact information above.

The Library Commission developed **One Book One Nebraska Kids** to encourage young people across Nebraska to read and discuss the same book. This year's selection, *Rescue Josh McGuire* by Ben Mikaelson, is aimed at fourth to sixth graders and is about a boy who risks a lot to try to rescue a bear cub. A book bag containing fifteen paperback copies of the book (along with discussion questions, activities, and background information) is available from the regional library system offices



and Nebraska Library Commission Information and Reference Services, 402- 471- 4016, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ready@nlc.state.ne.us. For more information contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Services, 402- 471-4016, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us.

Nebraska Library Commission has scheduled **Database Roadshows** across the state. The focus is *Wilson Magazines and Biographies* and *WorldCat* databases. Participants will receive in-depth information about these featured databases and hands-on practice. Roadshows will be held 9:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. on:

- July 10—Hastings College
- July 18—Wayne State College
- July 24—Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln
- July 31—ESU #13, Scottsbluff
- August 22—Metropolitan Community College, Elkhorn

For more information and to register, click on the Library Training icon on the Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on Roadshow.

Applications for **Continuing Education and Training Grants** are now available. These grants will be awarded by the Library Commission for projects providing continuing education and training for Nebraska library personnel and supporters. **Deadline: August 1.** For more

information see www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/conedgrants/aboutcegrants.html, or contact Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission Library Development Director, 402-471-3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us.

The **2007 Nebraska Book Festival**, scheduled for October 26 and 27, is moving to downtown Lincoln. Events will be staged in three locations on Centennial Mall near 15th and P Streets, including the Nebraska History Museum, Lincoln Children’s Museum, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UN-L) College of Journalism and Mass Communication in Andersen Hall. The Nebraska Book Festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, and Nebraska Library Commission. For more information contact Michael Cartwright, 800-307-2665, 402-471-4006, e-mail: mcartwright@nlc.state.ne.us, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

Accreditation applications will be **mailed on July 15** to public libraries scheduled for renewal in 2007 and to eligible unaccredited libraries. Deadline: September 1. For more information contact Kit Keller, see contact information above.



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Join the conversation on the **Library Commission Blog**, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/ for more details and further discussion about:

▶ **Be careful with Harry.** “The publisher of the new Harry Potter novel has strict rules for libraries handling the book this summer. Among them: Libraries must limit the number of employees who handle the books before the July 21 release and provide names and contact information for each branch manager, according to the contract from Scholastic Inc.”

▶ **Training in your neighborhood.** “Please let us know when you’re interested in topics being presented in your area, especially if you have a computer lab and are interested in hosting workshops. Just rest assured, we’ll get out your way just as soon as we can.”

▶ **Mayor Promotes Volunteerism.** “Points of Light, see www.pointsoflight.org, supplies a toolkit with a sample proclamation, media release, and statistics on volunteering. Printing companies have gifts for volunteers. We would enjoy hearing about ideas and resources that have worked for you.”

▶ **Why Blog?** “Simply put, blogs have the potential to get the word out about your mission, services, and goals in a way that traditional marketing materials may not... What a testimonial to the power of the written word and a free Blogger account!”

▶ **Favorite book for the summer reading program.** “What is your favorite title for this summer’s reading programs? (Either for “Get a Clue @ your library®” or for the teen theme “YNK @ your library®”)

▶ **Recruiting the Next Generation of Nebraska Librarians @ the movies...** “let us know what you think of the PSA (see it at www.nowhiringatyourlibrary.com) and be sure to volunteer to help us get free placement of the PSA in movie theatres this summer.”

▶ **Have you ever wondered where all of Nebraska’s public libraries are located and what they look like?** “Now you can see the locations along with pictures of the libraries on Flickr (www.flickr.com). A couple of people have already marked different libraries as their favorites and someone has even blogged about the Clarks Public Library picture. Has anyone been checking out your library?”

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Class	Date: Location
▶ Introduction to WorldCat— What is it and how can it help me do my job?	June 1: Online Session
▶ NEBASE Hour: Track Your Activity with OCLC Usage Statistics	June 6: Online Session
▶ I Blog, You Blog, Weblog	June 12: Scottsbluff
▶ RSS: A New Way of Communicating	June 12: Scottsbluff
▶ I Blog, You Blog, Weblog	June 13: Scottsbluff
▶ RSS: A New Way of Communicating	June 13: Scottsbluff
▶ NebraskAccess Databases: The Whirlwind Tour	June 28: Online Session
▶ Database Roadshow 2007	July 10: Hastings
▶ Basic Serials Cataloging	July 17: Lincoln
▶ Database Roadshow 2007	July 18: Wayne
▶ Database Roadshow 2007	July 24: Lincoln
▶ Introduction to Searching HeritageQuest Online through NebraskAccess	July 27: Online Session
▶ Database Roadshow 2007	July 31: Scottsbluff
▶ Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records	Aug 3: Alliance
▶ NEBASE Annual Meeting 2007— East	Aug 9: Lincoln
▶ Cataloging Sound Recordings	Aug 16: Lincoln
▶ Database Roadshow 2007	Aug 22: Elkhorn

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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