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Kinder-carding

“Once the children from your Preschool Story Time go to Kindergarten, it may seem like they “disappear.” Many children in Kindergarten have NEVER been in the Library. This program, typically done at the end of January, may help you remedy both problems. It is aimed at the parents of children who are just beginning to read. The best way to reach those parents is through the children at school. Here is how it works:

- ◆ Visit every Kindergarten class in your school district.
- ◆ Take a special invitation to each child.
- ◆ Offer prizes if they come to the library before the end of their Kindergarten year.
- ◆ Make sure there is something in it for the parents.
- ◆ Inform the local media of your program.

Kinder-carding is a great opportunity to partner with some local businesses such as the newspaper, bank, stores, and restaurants. You will need printed invitations and prizes such as yo-yos, plastic book bags, pencils, and rulers



for the children. Coupons for free newspaper ads and free kids’ meals for the parents.

Print posters to hang in the library and around town. Highlight the fact that you are looking for Kindergarten students and their parents. Show pictures of the prizes and state that learning to read and getting a library card go hand-in-hand. Don’t forget to list your partner organizations in bold type.

Schedule your visit date and time with the Kindergarten teachers. Allow 30-45 minutes for the presentation. Take the invitations (with each child’s name hand written on them), samples of the prizes, a note that explains the program to parents, and a book or two to read aloud. Let the children know that they are special because they are in Kindergarten and that you are visiting only the Kindergarten classrooms.

Prepare the goodie bags. Tell all members of your library staff about the program. Make sure they know

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that the Kinder-carding program is only for Kindergarten-aged children. Obviously older children may get their cards, but only Kindergartners will receive the goodie bags. Children may get their cards and their goodie bags during their entire Kindergarten school year. It will be important to make a BIG deal of this with **every** Kindergartener that comes in to get a card. It may be the first time this child and adult have ever visited the library. Make it so much fun that it becomes a lifelong habit.

This Kinder-carding program was developed and first implemented by Deb Carlson and the children's library staff at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library. I learned about it in a session at the 2017 NLA/NSLA Annual Conference this past October.

Data Privacy Day

January 28, 2018

How much information about you is freely available to strangers? How much access do you grant social networks to your likes, hobbies and personal information? Data Privacy Day encourages you to ask these kinds of questions, and to look after, value and protect your privacy.

Protect Personal Information

- ◆ Delete your browsing history: Use the browser tools available to delete your cookies and history when you are finished using a public computer. This will help to maintain your privacy and keep your information more secure.
- ◆ Log out: Anyone can access public computers. Close all browser tabs and log out of your accounts.
- ◆ Remember me NOT: Make sure the "remember me" function is not enabled on a public computer.
- ◆ Look for the "s": Make sure sites are security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://" or "shttp://" which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "Http://" is not secure.
- ◆ Get Savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots: To protect your privacy, do not conduct personal transactions on Wi-Fi hotspots or public computers that request sensitive information such as bank account information, home address or your social security number. Wait to conduct these transactions on a private home computer.



Handouts

Go to <https://chooseprivacyweek.org/programs/promotional-materials-handouts/> for a printable tip sheet to share with your computer users.

Another website with useful resources is www.stopthinkconnect.org. STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ is the global online safety awareness campaign to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online.

Top 10 Cookbooks: 2017

Cookbooks are a popular resource this time of year. This year's list of outstanding cookbooks was published in *Booklist's* October 1, 2017, edition.

Appetites: A Cookbook. By Anthony Bourdain.
Globe-trotting author, TV host, and chef Bourdain rewards home cooks with excellent tips and a great variety of recipes, both familiar and exotic, with international flair.



Big American Cookbook: 250 Favorite Recipes from across the USA. By Mario Batali.
Ever-popular Batali enthusiastically celebrates iconic American cooking by region, with generally easily reproduced dishes that will delight people gathered for a family dinner or special event.

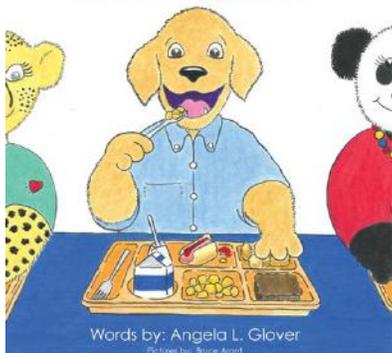
How to Bake Everything: Simple Recipes for the Best Baking. By Mark Bittman.
Bittman, the encyclopedist of modern cooking, inventories cakes, cookies, pies, breads, pastries, crackers, and flatbreads, shares myriad intelligent approaches to basic recipes throughout.

The Red Rooster Cookbook. By Marcus Samuelsson.
Rock-star-chef Samuelsson throws everything into this stone soup of a book: his native Ethiopia, his adopted Sweden, the haute-cuisine precision of his European training, and the multiculti flavors of Harlem.

Smitten Kitchen Every Day: Triumphant and Unfussy New Favorites. By Deb Perelman.
Beloved blogger and cookbook author Perelman celebrates recipes that minimize home cooks' strife and maximize the enjoyment they can share with appreciative others.

To see the remaining five titles and complete reviews for all ten books, go to:
<https://www.booklistonline.com/Top-10-Cookbooks-2017-Annie-Bostrom/pid=9113317>.

Ethan Eats Hot Lunch



Schedule a reading or workshop for your school, library, bookstore, or museum!

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Check out Facebook, Instagram, and ethagoestoschool.com for up-to-date information regarding book events.

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“Libraries Rock”

Summer Reading Workshops

January 26, 2018
Hastings Public Library
314 North Denver Ave
Hastings, NE

March 9, 2018
Broken Bow Public Library
626 South D Street
Broken Bow, NE

Workshops will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Registration Fee—\$10.00—Lunch will be provided

We have a selection of new dies appropriate to this year’s theme.
Dies and Die Cutting Machines will be available at the workshops.

Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/YeaNzQtpOQbj9pkt2>

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**Central Plains Library System Board Meeting
October 26, 2017
Wilson Public Library
910 Meridian Avenue
Cozad, NE 69130**

Present: Tony Anderson, Dixie Codner, Judy Hagan, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson (on telephone), Shawna Lindner, Lori Long, and Matt Williams. **Absent:** Linda Nickel, Kathy Thomsen
Also Present: Denise Harders, CPLS Director; Christa Porter, Nebraska Library Commission.

Call to Order/Roll Call

- Judy Hagan called the meeting to order on October 26, 2017 at 10:08 a.m. Roll call followed.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Pat Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2017 meeting. Matt Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

- Dixie Codner made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved.

Correspondence:

- A thank-you to the CPLS Board from Sharon Osenga for the retirement gift of a Willow Tree figurine depicting a little girl reading; A thank-you from Sharon Axthelm from the Brady Public Library for the consulting visit and the CPLS book bag and ink pens; A thank-you from Katy O’Kief from the Valentine Community Schools for the Kindle Fire Tablet she won in the drawing during the CPLS Month of Weeding. She also appreciated some new books the System gave her.

Director’s Report:

- Denise provided the Board with a written overview of her activities since the last Board Meeting including services provided; Meetings, Workshops, and Webinars attended; Library Visits; and Office Work done. Denise reported that she had been at the Training Event held at the University’s Innovation Campus in Lincoln on October 24 and 25. Participating libraries in CPLS include: Ainsworth, Broken Bow, Loup City, North Platte, and Ravenna. Denise suggested purchasing various less-expensive components of the Library Innovations Studios to lend to libraries that do not have the space for the whole Studio set-up or those that do not qualify to apply for the grant. Libraries could borrow each item individually or all components at once. Pat Hughes made a motion to approve the System’s purchase of 2 or 3 makerspace components to be loaned to libraries in the Central Plains Library System. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

CPLS Board Meeting Schedule:

- January 2018—Conference Call,
- January 10 at 10:00 am.
- April 2018—In Person Meeting, April 18 at 10:00 am at the Kearney Public Library and Information Center.
- July 2018—Annual Meeting, Will look for a location and program closer to the date.

Proposed Workshops:

- E-Rate Workshops in Kearney and in McCook
- Summer Reading in two locations, one in January and one in March
- Possibility of workshop about Non-Profits such as Friends groups and/or Foundations
- Makerspace workshops
- More ideas to come

Financial Compilation:

- There were not any big changes from last year to this year. Tony asked about “Prepaid expenses” “Accounts Payable” and “Unearned Income” and Denise answered the best she could with Tim’s help.

Donation of 200+ History Books:

- Jeff O’Donnell donated over 200 history books. The majority are about the Old West with a few other military history books. Denise will send the list Kay prepared to the email list. The books will be given away first come, first served.

Board Member Authorized to Sign Checks:

- Since Sharon’s official retirement on October 15, 2017, there is only one person authorized to sign checks for the System’s bank account.
- Two people were recommended: Pat Hughes and Dixie Codner. Tony Anderson made a motion to put both Pat Hughes and Dixie Codner on the signature cards for the Central Plains Library System’s bank accounts at Five Points Bank of Hastings. Shawna Lindner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Additional Office Staff:

- The QuickBooks program needs to have some minor problems cleared up.
- Kay is ready for fewer hours. She currently works 21 hours per week and would prefer to work 10 hours per week.
- The System Office needs an additional staff person that is proficient in Quickbooks and he/she would also take care of workshop registration and details.
- The new hire would work 10-20 hours per week, with the option of working from home.
- Matt Williams made a motion to advertise for a 10-20 hours per week office worker position. Dixie Codner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Other Business:

A discussion was held about what to do with the 2010 Ford Edge. The Board wants to sell the vehicle privately for around \$8,700. (Blue Book Price)

Denise informed the Board that in the last newsletter, she decided to increase the amount of a basic scholarship from \$100 to \$200. This decision was based on the fact that few applications had been received and NLA Conference is generally the most requested assistance for the Fiscal Year. We had \$5,000 in the Scholarship Fund and it was not being used. After some discussion, it was decided to offer \$200 scholarships for in-state activities and \$300 scholarships for out-of-state events.

Tony Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Hughes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Codner, Acting Secretary

Call for Speakers

The Call for Speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2018 is now open!

This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better! We are looking for speakers from small libraries or speakers who directly work with small libraries. Small libraries of all types – public, academic, school, museum, special, etc. – are encouraged to [submit a proposal](#). We're looking for seven 50-minute presentations and five 10-minute "lightning round" presentations.

Do you offer a service or program at your small library that other librarians might like to hear about? Have you implemented a new (or old) technology, hosted an event, partnered with others in your community, or just done something really cool? The Big Talk From Small Libraries online conference gives you the opportunity to share what you've done, while learning what your colleagues in other small libraries are doing. Here are some possible topics to get you thinking:

- ✦ Unique Libraries
- ✦ Special Collections
- ✦ New buildings
- ✦ Fundraising
- ✦ Improved Workflows
- ✦ Staff Development
- ✦ Advocacy Efforts
- ✦ Community Partnerships
- ✦ That grat thing you're doing at your library!



Big Talk From Small Libraries 2018 will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT) via the GoToWebinar online meeting service. Speakers will be able to present their programs from their own desktops. The schedule will accommodate speakers' time-zones.

If you are interested in presenting, **please [submit your proposal](#) by Friday, January 12, 2018.**

Speakers from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people will be preferred, but presentations from libraries with larger service populations will be considered.



Central Plains Library System has two libraries opening Library Innovation Studios in the first round of Grant Participants. If you would like to see or try out the equipment, you are invited to their Studio Open Houses.

Ainsworth Public Library
Studio Open House
December 3, 2017
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Loup City Library
Studio Open House
December 13, 2017
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.



 2017 Holiday Warehouse Sale
LA VISTA, NE

December 6 - December 16

Weekday Hours: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday Hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed Sundays

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse
8619 S 117TH ST
LA VISTA, NE 68128
(800) 762-9954

 This is a Build-a-Box event

A promotional graphic for the Scholastic Book Fairs Holiday Warehouse Sale. It features a dark blue circular background with a white bell icon at the top. The text 'Scholastic Book Fairs' is in small white font, followed by 'HOLIDAY WAREHOUSE SALE' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, 'BUY ONE GET ONE FREE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. A white banner at the top of the circle says 'FIRST TIME EVER!' in blue text. The background of the graphic is a vibrant pink with a pattern of white and blue geometric shapes.

Skip the lines. Pre-register online. <http://registration.scholasticbookfairs.com/events/>

Cover One Book Repair Service!

The System has purchased a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size and well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.



**Mail or bring your books to the Hastings System Office.
We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.**

Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.



- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc plus return postage.
- If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 50 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

Cutting Machines



These handy machines cut out letters and shapes from paper, felt, cloth, thin cardboard, magnetic sheets, and foam. CPLS owns two Ellison machines—one Original and a Prestige Space Saver—plus one Mark IV Accu-Cut Machine, and dies (including a 2" alphabet/numbers and two 4" alphabets/numbers). System members may check out the desired machine and/or dies for a month at a time. See the reservation schedule online at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/die-shapes/>. Call the Hastings CPLS office to reserve this equipment for your library.

CPLS News



Former CPLS Co-Director, **Sharon Osenga** was presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the Mountain Plains Library Association at the conference in Lake Tahoe in October. The award is given to the MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession, furthered significant

development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.



A special thanks to the CPLS for the \$200 scholarship I received to attend the 2017 Read Aloud Nebraska workshop on Nov. 3, 2017 in Seward, NE.

I attended the following breakout sessions that covered a wide variety of topics: How to Read Aloud, Betwixt and Between, Non-Fiction for Young Readers, Connecting Stories with the Outside World and Reading Aloud Musical Fun. I plan to use several of the ideas learned at the Atkinson Public Library. I attended two interesting keynote author speakers Bruce Arant and Jill Esbaum. I loved the options of classes available but had a hard time choosing which one to attend. I came back enthused and just placed a large book order of books that were recommended at the sessions.

Thanks!
Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library Director

The \$200 scholarship I received from [the System] to attend the recent NLA/NSLA Annual Conference is greatly appreciated.

I feel that it is important to keep current on what others are doing and seeing if I could tweak and incorporate some of these ideas at our library. Networking is also valuable. And I feel that I gained from many of this year's conference sessions.

Thank you again for this scholarship.

Keri Anderson, Library Director,
Hoesch Memorial Library, Alma

Thank you for the scholarship to attend the NLA/NSLA conference in Kearney this year. It was my first library conference and WOW, I was not expecting to be so overwhelmed by the presenters and exhibitors. The keynote speakers were absolutely fabulous. I especially enjoyed the programs for summer reading and early childhood development. I also enjoyed the maker space demonstrations and plan to implement some of the smaller projects into my story hour programs. Thank you again.

Waneta Storm, Klyte Burt Memorial Library

Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over 1,000 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

The Child by Barton, Fiona

Paradise Valley by Box, C.J.

Some Kind of Hero by Brockman, Suzanne.

Seeing Red by Brown, Sandra

Down a Dark Road by Castillo, Linda

The Late Show by Connelly, Michael

Not a Sound by Gudenkauf, Heather

Closed Casket by Christie, Agatha

She Rides Shotgun by Harper, Jordan

Crime Scene by Kellerman, Jonathan

Every Last Lie by Kubica, Mary

The Iron Marshall by L'Amour, Louis

The Last Place You Look by Lepionka, Kristen

Any Dream Will Do Macomber, Debbie

Undaunted by Palmer, Diana

The Breakdown by Paris, B.A.

The Reason You're Alive by Quick, Matthew

Two Nights by Reichs, Kathy

The Ultimatum by Robards, Karen

Sleeping In The Ground by Robinson, Peter

Collared by Rosenfelt, David

Exposed Scottoline, Lisa

Once in Lourdes by Solwitz, Sharon

Emma In The Night by Walker, Wendy



View the list of titles on our website under Services and then call or email the System office to borrow or reserve

CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$200.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.
Only one scholarship per person per year.
Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year.

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

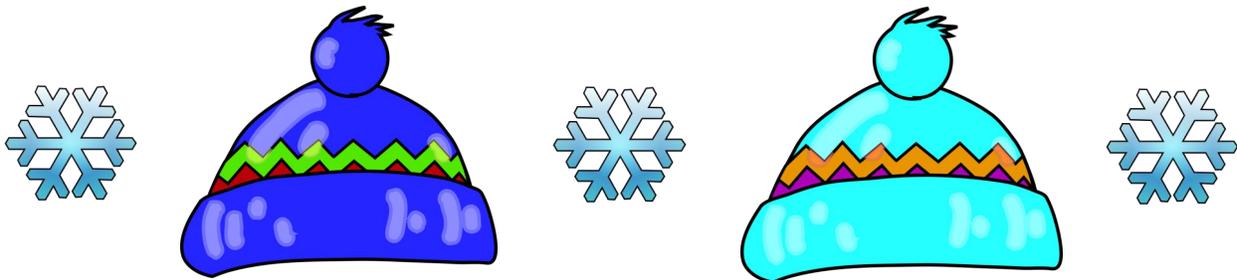
Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:

Send your request to: Central Plains Library System
2727 W. 2nd Street # 233
Hastings, NE 68901



Teaching Tolerance provides free resources to educators—teachers, administrators, counselors and other practitioners—who work with children from kindergarten through high school. Educators use this material to supplement the curriculum, to inform their practices, and to create civil and inclusive school communities where children are respected, valued and welcome participants.

To see Lesson Plans, Film Kits, and more, go to: <https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources>.



Cather Gift Sets



The National Willa Cather Center has made finding a gift for the Cather enthusiast in your life easy! Purchase one of our pre-made gift bundles for an average savings of 15% per bundle. These bundles have been specially selected to cover a variety of friends and family on your holiday list. Select from a *My Antonia* set, a Cather-inspired holiday set, a Cather kitchen collection, a "December Night" gift set, and more! Gift bundle prices are already discounted.

[Shop now to save!](#)

Grant Opportunity

The United for Libraries Friend Conference Grant enables one member of a Friends of the Library group at a public library to attend the ALA Annual Conference. Applicants must be first-time attendees, and must be active in their public library Friends group. The winner will receive a grant of \$850, plus full ALA Annual Conference registration.

Requirements for application:

- The applicant must be a member of a Friends of the Library group in a public library.
- The applicant must be a first-time attendee of any ALA conference (Midwinter or Annual).
- The applicant must include a recommendation from a board member of the Friends of the Library group, and/or the library director.
- The applicant must include a one-page summary of their activities in the Friends of the Library group.

The applicant must complete an official release form.

[Download the application](#)

Applications must be received by **January 15, 2018**.



2018 Conference Rates

Now is the time to start considering how you might budget for the 2018 NLA/NSLA Conference, on October 4-6, in Lincoln. Early Bird registration fees will be the lowest in a number of years. Full Conference registration will include a Friday Night Golden Sower Gala as well as FREE Preconferences for all attendees. Please encourage your Board Members and elected officials to attend with you. **Registration will open this spring (tentatively March 2018).**

Preconference Workshops	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	ON-SITE
Conference Attendee	FREE	FREE	N/A
Member – Workshop Only*	\$15	\$15	N/A
Non-Member – Workshop Only*	\$30	\$30	N/A
Full Conference Registration	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	ON-SITE
Member	\$100	\$125	\$175
Member (Student)**	\$60	\$85	\$135
Non-Member	\$200	\$225	\$275
Non-Member (Student)**	\$160	\$185	\$235
Commissioners & Trustees	\$50	\$50	\$75
Elected Government Officials	FREE	FREE	FREE
Single-Day Registration	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	ON-SITE
Member	\$60	\$85	\$135
Member (Student)**	\$40	\$65	\$115
Non-Member	\$160	\$185	\$235
Non-Member (Student)**	\$140	\$165	\$215
Commissioners & Trustees	\$35	\$35	\$60
Community Partner ***	\$25	\$25	N/A
Friday Night Golden Sower Gala	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	ON-SITE
Conference Attendee	FREE	FREE	N/A
Gala Only	\$35	\$35	N/A

The Central Plains Library System will have a limited number of “full ride” scholarships which include registration and 3 nights of lodging. Watch for the next newsletter that will be delivered to your email box on February 1 for the application form.

Public Library Statistical Survey

The Nebraska Library Commission collects statistical data about public libraries using Bibliostat Collect™ to facilitate the annual Public Library Survey. All libraries interested in being accredited **must** complete the statistical survey each year.

This Survey is open now and will close on **February 16, 2018.**



Central Plains Library System

Mark Your Calendar

- December 3.....Library Innovation Studio Open House, Ainsworth, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- December 6 – 16.....Scholastic Warehouse Sale, La Vista (see page 8)
- December 7.....Nebraska OverDrive Libraries Basic Training, Online. Register at:
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=16838>
- December 13.....Library Innovation Studio Open House, Loup City, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- December 25-26.....CPLS Office Closed—Christmas Holiday
- January 1.....CPLS Office Closed—New Year’s Day
- January 10.....CPLS Board Meeting, 10:00 am. Conference Call
- January 15.....CPLS Office Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 22 – Feb. 2.....Basic Skills—Communication, Online. Mary Jo Ryan
- January 26.....Summer Reading Program Workshop, Hastings (see page 4)
- January 28.....Data Privacy Day (see page 2)
- February 12 – 23.....Basic Skills—Customer Service, Online. Christa Porter
- February 16.....Public Library Statistical Survey **DUE** (see page 15)
- February 19.....CPLS Office Closed—Presidents’ Day
- February 23.....Big Talk From Small Libraries (see page 7)
- March 5 – 16.....Basic Skills—Library Governance, Online. Denise Harders
- March 9.....Summer Reading Program Workshop, Broken Bow (see page 4)
- March 11.....Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 19 – 30.....Basic Skills—Library Technology, Online. Holly Woldt
- March 30.....CPLS Office Closed—Good Friday

The Internet is marvelous, but to claim, as some do, that it’s making libraries obsolete is as silly as saying shoes have made feet unnecessary.

~Mark Y. Herring



We're On the Web

libraries.ne.gov/cpls