

Scottsbluff Welcomes Author Jan Brett!



Children's Author and Illustrator Jan Brett visited the Midwest Theatre on Nov. 14th to a large crowd

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PLS Summer Reading Program

♦ Wednesday,
March 26th, 2014 9:30 AM

At Gering Public Library 1055 P Street

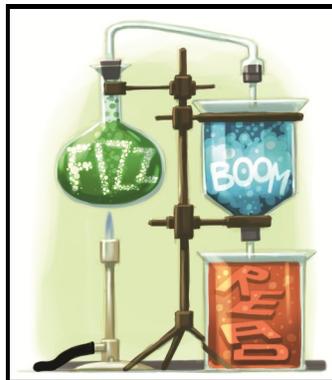
Time: 9:00-9:30 am Registration & Coffee 9:30am program begins

Program will end approximately by 3:30pm
LUNCH WILL BE ON YOUR OWN

Sally Snyder from NLC will present book reviews. Additional presenter to be announced!

CE Credits 5

Theme : FIZZ BOOM READ!



Register with PLS by Friday March, 21st 2014!

Names _____

Libraries _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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***Panhandle Library System
Scholarship Application***

The Panhandle Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities. Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior to or two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application received.
3. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and the number of applications received during the fiscal year.
4. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
5. Priority will be given to those events within the state.
6. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
7. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship request from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. The article is submitted to the PLS office.

Scholarship Committee
Panhandle Library System
115 Railway Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

***Panhandle Library System
Scholarship Application***

Name: _____

Library/School/Agency: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

Scholarship Activity: _____

Requested Amount: _____

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity.

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians Schedule 2014

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Registration dates</u>
1/27-2/7 Library Technology	12/20/13 - 1/17/14
2/10 - 3/7 Organization of Materials	1/3 -1/31
3/17 - 3/28 Library Governance	2/7 - 3/7
3/31 - 4/11 Leadership	2/21 - 3/21
4/28 - 5/9 Library Policy	3/21 - 4/18
5/12 - 5/23 Customer Service	4/4 - 5/2
6/2 - 6/13 Reference	4/24 -5/23
6/16 - 6/27 Management and Supervision	5/9 - 6/6
7/7 - 7/18 Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship *Instructor: Eric Green	5/30 - 6/27
7/21- 8/1 Communication	6/13 - 7/11
9/8 - 9/19 The Community and the Library	8/1 - 8/29
9/22 - 10/3 Programming & Outreach	8/15 - 9/12
10/20 -10/31 Collection Management	9/12 - 10/3
11/3 - 11/14 Readers Advisory	9/26 - 10/24
12/1 - 12/12 Library Finance	10/24 - 11/21

For further information, contact Laura Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator by phone, at 402-471-2694, or 800-307-2665 or Email: laura.johnson@nebraska.gov

“If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth.” CS Lewis

Around the Panhandle



Gering Public Library holiday open house on December 6th



On November 2nd the FFA (Future Farmers of America) from the high school came to help at the Paxton Public Library for a community project.



All aboard the *Polar Express*! Families enjoy the holiday event at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library on Thursday December 12th.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12th - Quarterly Meeting Library System

Administrators and NLC - Grand Island Public Library

March 11-15th Public Library Association annual meeting
in Indianapolis, Indiana - <http://www.placonference.org/>

March 26th - Summer Reading - Gering Public Library

July 7 - 18th - NLC Basic Skills (Online)

Intellectual Freedom & Core Values of Librarianship

*Instructor: Eric Green

Public Libraries Invited to Apply for Internship Grants — Applications due Feb. 18, 2014 Posted on December 17, 2013 by Kathryn Brockmeier

Posting date: Dec. 17, 2013 Application deadline: Feb. 18, 2014 Award amount: \$500 – \$1,000

The Nebraska Library Commission's *Cultivating Rural Librarians' Technology Skills* program offers support for internships through grants to accredited public libraries. In partnership with the Nebraska Library Association and funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, the internship grants increase awareness about library professions and education and the opportunities for employment in Nebraska libraries.

So, what can your library do with the internship program?

- *Share your enthusiasm for library education and the library profession
- *Expand your programming
- *Bring in fresh faces
- *Show interns what happens behind-the-scenes
- *Partner with other library types to show the variety of work settings

Internship grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. A library may provide one 100-hour internship during the summer months that might last eight weeks, or two 50-hour internships during the school year that might last ten weeks, depending on the needs of the library and the scheduling needs and qualifications of the internship candidates. Library grantees will recruit, select, and hire their interns. Usually, interns are hired as contract workers and paid on a stipend rather than an hourly wage, but the terms of employment are determined by the library's governing body. Interns provide valuable assistance with library service activities and local library programming. Library staff help introduce interns to the joys of library service careers. Partnership projects involving collaboration between a public library and another type of library will be given special consideration. Reflection from one intern:

Web conferencing: NLC staff are available by phone and through e-mail to discuss general issues relating to the internship grant program. We also invite you to participate in a webinar to learn more about the program from previous grant recipients, ask questions, and listen to the questions and comments of other participants. NLC's NCompass Live will air Internships: Cultivating Nebraska's Future Librarians on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. Central time. In this session, participating libraries will share their experiences with the internship program, including successes and lessons learned. This session will also introduce the upcoming 2014 grant opportunity for internships.

To apply: Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is **Feb. 18, 2014**. More information is available on the Now Hiring @ your library[®] website, at <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/Internships.asp>.

As Nebraska's state library agency, the **Nebraska Library Commission** is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services — “bringing together people and information.”

The **Nebraska Library Association** is the cornerstone of the Nebraska library community. The Association advocates for its members, enriches their professional lives, advances the lifelong learning of all Nebraskans, and promotes all library interests in Nebraska. For more information, visit <http://nebraskalibraries.org>.

The **Institute of Museum and Library Services** is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit <http://www.imls.gov>.

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
10:30am Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Railway Office Plaza
115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

I. Call to Order by Floyd Smith - Quorum Check - Set Agenda

The July 19, 2013 PLS Board minutes were discussed and will be typed up by Allison McBride for approval at the November 12, 2013 PLS Board Meeting.

The PLS Board meeting began at 10:30am. PLS Board Members present were Floyd Smith III, Allison McBride, Roberta Boyd, Sara Brennemann, Kendra Caskey, Rick Caudillo, Michele Parks, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver and Beth Trupp. Also present were Eric Green, Debbie McCall, Pat Gross and Rod Wagner from the Nebraska Library Commission.

II. Election of Officers

Beth Trupp said that, ideally, she didn't want to continue as Vice President, since she has been for the last 5 years. She would like someone to step up and be Vice President. Roberta Boyd said that after much thought and considering the time sensitive nature of many of her work tasks, she feels unable to be president or vice president. Floyd Smith III asked if anyone else would consider being president. Floyd said he would be president if nobody wants to step up. Allison McBride said she would be Vice President. Roberta Boyd said she would be Secretary. Allison McBride was asked if she would be president and she declined because of some issues that still need to be addressed. Dixie Riley moved that the board elect Floyd Smith III for President, Allison McBride for Vice President and Roberta Boyd for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Kendra Caskey. The motion carried. Kendra said Floyd has done an incredible job as president. PLS Board officers for 2013-2014 are: President Floyd Smith III, Vice President Allison McBride, and Secretary Roberta Boyd. Other PLS Board Members are Sara Brennemann, Kendra Caskey, Rick Caudillo, Michele Parks, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver and Beth Trupp.

III. Reports

a. District Reports: District A (Sue) No report, asked to report at the next board meeting. District B (Floyd) Floyd Smith III reported Beth Trupp has retired from the Gering Public Library. Floyd said Eric will cover the RDA training in his report. Other District Reports Kendra Caskey reported that tomorrow, September 11, 2013, at 5:00p.m. the Goodall Library is holding a public meeting in the Ogallala city park that is the planned location for their new library. They will be using their architectural plans to stake out the spaces. Kendra said they received a USDA loan option in the amount of \$2.4 million dollars but will also need to raise one million dollars by December 31, 2014. Richard Miller from the Nebraska Library Commission and Eric Green, PLS coordinator, will be attending this event. Sara Brennemann reported the Grant County Library held an open house for their new computer lab. There has been a 20% increase in patron use at the library, and it is felt this is due to the computers. Sara also said they are having a huge bake sale on Halloween with all kinds of goodies.

Floyd reported that the Garden County Schools have purchased Alexandria, and he spent a few days helping them move their collection onto Alexandria. They now have one central database which the students can access from home.

b. Committee Reports:

i. Annual Meeting (Beth & Allison) No report.

ii. Nominating (Dixie & Sue) No report.

iii. Public Relations (Floyd & Kendra) The PLS sponsored author tour was cancelled for this year due to budget issues. Floyd said we can apply for a grant to have an author tour next year.

iv. Scholarship (Roberta & Michele) Roberta reported receiving one application but wanted clarification of budget allocation prior to any committee action.

v. Technology (Sara & Rick) Sara reported that they have started working on the new technology plan, as it has to be completed annually and the old one has expired. She also asked Eric for his assistance with this project. In addition, the PLS office will be getting new computers this year. There was a brief update on the rebuilt computer project. Floyd said he will limit the rebuilt computers to four. Sara will locate the rebuilt computer form that will be sent to small libraries in need of these computers.

c. PLS Coordinator Report: Eric Green

The coordinator's report was presented in written form. Eric provided clarifications and highlights before asking for questions from the board. Eric reminded the board that he now qualifies to be a signatory on checks. Also, new officers will need to sign the check card.

d. Nebraska Library Commission Report: Rod Wagner

The NLC report was presented to the board in written form. Rod introduced Pat Gross and informed the board that Governor Heineman had just reappointed her to the Nebraska Library Commission for three more years. He informed the board that a task force has been formed to develop recommendations to the Commission about reconfiguring the regional library systems due to budget allocations. Members from our area are Vickie Retzlaff, director of the Grant County Library and Deb Carlson, current chair of the State Advisory Council on Libraries. He also mentioned that the national ARSL conference being held in Omaha was closing registrations at 470.

V. Old business

a. Review Financial Documents / Set Budget

Issues regarding the problems with creating a budget were discussed. Deb McCall, PLS assistant, was not available to answer board members' questions about discrepancies in financial information provided at the Annual Meeting on July 19, 2013; but she was at the budget meeting held by the executive committee on July 11, 2013. That committee's tentative budget was not approved because of the discrepancies. Floyd and Beth have gone through the bank statements item by item finding errors consistently. Rod Wagner again offered the expertise of NLC business manager Sue Biltoft. It was moved by Kendra and seconded by Dixie that we have Sue Biltoft review and correct PLS financials records and prepare a report for the executive committee. She would also meet with one board member, the CPA, Eric and Debbie to review findings in detail so board has exact figures to present an exact budget at the November meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

VI. Executive Session Board went into executive session until 12:43 p.m.

VII. New Business

a. Annual Meeting Review / Evaluations

Annual Meeting evaluation summary was provided in writing and reviewed by the PLS Board. They indicate that the meeting went well.

b. Any Other new business No additional new business was forthcoming.

VIII. Upcoming Events / Announcements

9-17-2013 Munson book exhibit at Lied Scottsbluff Public Library with free lunch.

9-17-2013 Job- A-Like at Hay Springs High School Library.

IX. Adjournment

The PLS Board Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Railway Office Plaza Conference room.

Secretary,

Roberta Boyd

I shall not live in Vain

“If I can stop one heart from breaking,

I shall not live in vain;

If I can ease one life the aching,

Or cool one pain,

Or help one fainting robin

Unto his nest again,

I shall not live in vain.”

Emily Dickinson

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