

Western Nebraska Community College Improves Library



WNCC Interim Library Director, Marrillene Wood in front of the newly-remodeled circulation desk.



The newly-enclosed testing center

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PLS Summer Reading Program

◆ Wednesday,
March 26th, 2014 9:30 AM

At Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street

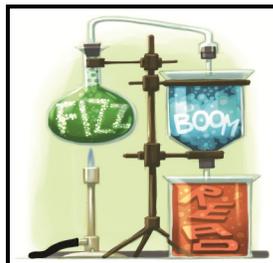
Time: 9:00-9:30 AM Registration & Coffee; 9:30am program begins

Program will end approximately by 3:00pm
LUNCH WILL BE ON YOUR OWN

Sally Snyder from NLC will present book reviews. Jody Crocker from McCook Public Library will present on craft ideas! Also please bring your own craft ideas to share.

CE Credits 5

Theme : FIZZ BOOM READ!



Register with PLS by Friday, March 21, 2014!

Name _____

Library _____

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-served 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 about the event attended 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>
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	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:

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“Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.”

[Mark Twain](#)

“Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results.”

[Anonymous](#)

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
10:00am Tuesday, November 12, 2013
Railway Office Plaza
115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

I. Call to Order ~ Quorum Check ~ Set Agenda

Floyd Smith III, President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

PLS Board members present were Floyd Smith III, President, Allison McBride, Vice President, Roberta Boyd, Secretary, Sara Brennemann, Kendra Caskey, Rick Caudillo, Michele Parks, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver and Beth Trupp. Also present were Eric Green, Coordinator, Debbie McCall, Administrative Assistant, Rod Wagner, Director, Nebraska Library Commission and Pat Gross, Nebraska Library Commissioner Member.

II. Review & Approve Minutes from September 10, 2013 Board Meeting.

Motion made by Allison McBride to accept the September 10, 2013 minutes as written
Seconded by Sara Brennemann. Motion passed.

III. Reports

a. District Reports: District C (Dixie), District D (Sara), Other District Reports

Dist. C: Dixie Riley said the Chappell Memorial Library held an open house several weeks ago to show off their new basement. Dixie said there were also four other events in Chappell at that time. Dixie said she didn't contact any other libraries.

Dist D: Sara Brennemann said the Grant County Library held a bake sale for the computer center and that it is going well as more and more people are using the center. Sara said Grant County Library joined Overdrive. Sara said she didn't contact any other libraries for news.

Dist. A: Sue Shaver said she sent an email to Janet Pickering, Media Specialist at Chadron High School, and Janet said they have joined the consortium groups with ESU 2 for the purchase of e-books and have an I-pad program which is mostly fiction. Sue said Hemingford Public Library held a stuff the tote campaign to help provide students with necessary school supplies. Sue said Hemingford Public Library also held a Harvest Moon Fall Festival on October nineteenth to try to raise enough money for a handicap door with an automatic door opener and then fix-up the outside, and also held a silent auction. Sue said they are about half way there. Sue said on November second Maxine Graham from Hemingford Public Library moved to be near her children. Sue said Maxine worked at the library for a long time.

Sue said Hemingford Schools have so many activities going on. The library is very busy with testing and SSR period, and the library is still busy and active. Sue said Hemingford Elementary School Library held it's annual Scholastic Book Fair in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences.

PL: Roberta Boyd reminded everyone that Jan Brett will be here tomorrow night, November 13 and the doors will open at 5:15pm. Roberta said 250 copies of Jan Brett's book have been sold, and they have 60 books left. Roberta said they ordered another 50 books. Roberta said Jan Brett's web page is very nice. Pat Gross said she represents the Panhandle through the Nebraska Library Commission Board, she is one of 6 on the board. Pat said she likes coming to our Board meetings to let people know what is going on in the Panhandle.

Pat also said she likes to be informed of what is going on in the Panhandle such as Dalton Public Libraries wine tasting, the PLS Sun, local papers etc, so she can report to the Commission at her Board meetings. Pat said she likes to receive emails from Panhandle libraries as to what is happening. Pat said she went to Washington in May to advocate for all the libraries in the Panhandle.

PL: Kendra said she is still focused on their new library. She said there are two locations that can be developed into their new library. One is a park and one is an empty school building to be torn down. Kendra said she thought the cost would be 2 to 2 1/2 million dollars. Kendra said she has to raise 1 million dollars by the end of 2014. Kendra said they have about \$34,000.00 in their foundation from grants.

b. Committee Reports

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

ii. Nominating ((Dixie & Sue) Dixie said people in their areas will need to help to nominate.

iii. Public Relations (Floyd & Kendra) No report.

iv. Scholarship (Roberta & Michele)

Roberta Boyd said there was a scholarship application approved for Leita Liesh from Kimball Public Library for 100.00. Leita will send her article to the PLS office to be published in the PLS SUN.

v. Technology (Sara & Rick)

Sara Brennemann handed out a rough draft of the Technology report for 7-1-2013 – 6-30-2014. Eric Green said he ordered two new Dell computers and a Dell laptop for the PLS office, and they will be paid for by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Eric also said PLS will start filing for E-rate. Sara asked if anyone knows about Library Thing. Floyd Smith III said it's on the PLS web site. Pat Gross said it's a wonderful form of all sorts of things such as book reviews, you can post things, you can find resources for programming, clip art etc. Floyd said there is software you can purchase at a special price on Library Thing. Floyd also said Margie Harrison updated the PLS computers from windows XP to Windows 7 on Library Thing at a low cost. Sara asked the PLS Board to get the Technology Plan approved and sent onto the Commission, and then we need to start on the Technology Plan for next year. Floyd said for TheBoard to read and go through the Technology plan and email your suggestions to Sara then the Board can approve it through e-mail. Sara said the refurbished computers' form is on the PLS website, but so far no one has asked about the computers

c. PLS Coordinator Report: Eric Green

Eric read his report during the meeting

d. d. Nebraska Library Commission Report: Rod Wagner

Rod Wagner read his report during the meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. Financial Documents / Budget

Floyd said the budget amount was proposed in July but not approved. Debbie McCall answered questions about the budget for the PLS Board. Some items need to be added to the budget. Kendra Caskey said this budget is a working budget.

V. Executive Session

The PLS Board went into executive session

VI. New Business

a. Review and approve 7-19-2013 are tabled to the PLS Board Meeting at the January 14, 2014 PLS Board Meeting.

VII. Upcoming Events / Announcements

E-rate training.

VIII. Adjournment

The PLS Board Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm. Secretary, Roberta Boyd

The newly remodeled Bridgeport Public Library



New changes to Kimball Public Library



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Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Kimball, Morrill,
Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux

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Upcoming Events

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

March 11th - PLS Board Meeting

March 26th - PLS Summer Reading - Gering
Public Library

April 13-19 - National Library Week!

[http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/
celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek](http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek)

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