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Libraries - An Investment in the Future by Kathleen Tooker

September is Library Card Sign-up Month - a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all. A library card is an important card for not just students but for everyone. It seems that some communities are forgetting how important a library is to the people in their community. I have read of cuts in staff in Beatrice, Lincoln, and Fremont as well as in many other libraries across the state. These cuts are often in addition to cuts in materials and/or hours. Yes, I understand that the economic downturn has hit everywhere but as Debra Kachel has put in in well in her editorial on

www.pennlive.com, "Let me use a metaphor that should resonate in a state where agriculture and agribusiness is a leading economic driver: By cutting funds for school libraries, Pennsylvania is eating its seed corn."

Well, Nebraska's economy is also based on agriculture and agribusiness (after all we are the Cornhuskers) and in some cases communities are eating their seed corn. We don't want our crop of students, young children, eager readers, job hunters, and information seekers hurt by the cutbacks to the library.

But, there is hope:

Last month I attended the grand opening of the Pawnee City's new public library. The band marched and city officials turned out in force to welcome this much-needed addition anchor to their community. It was great!

The Springfield Public Library which opened a new building only 10 years ago has received a generous donation for an addition that is set to open in the spring of 2012.



Valley Public Library has recently moved to a newly renovated building on Main Street that has given them much more space. A grand opening will be on September 24.

Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, recently celebrated their 90th birthday with two days of events that were very well attended by hundreds of community members.

The Abrahams Branch, Omaha Public Library, is closed for the rest of the year for renovation. The Florence Branch was renovated last year.

North Bend anticipates moving from their Carnegie library to a new library building in the spring of 2012. This community has worked very hard to secure funding as a library is seen as important to the quality of life.

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The Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library celebrated their 5th year anniversary in their library on September 18.

The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library hosted two days of celebration of their new addition and renovations last June.

I am sure there are many more communities that understand that you reap what you sow and see the value of supporting their library — that it is short-sighted to cut library funding as in the long run it will be more expensive than the money saved.

Recently the comment was made to me that libraries would not be around in the future. I launched into my spiel about how libraries are in the midst of a big change, but that they will still be here still serving the needs of their communities. After all, libraries are an investment in the communities future.

John N. Berry III, *Library Journal's* Editor –at Large, sums it up pretty well:

“Librarians need the building, as they always did, to work face-to-face with children growing up into citizenship in this democracy, immigrants arriving to engage in it, and older folks who need to upgrade and modernize their technology skills so they can continue to participate. They need the library as the place you enter without charges or fees; and get full access to information for any purpose for free.”

Blogger, Seth Godin, also says it well. “...take the world of data, combine it with the people in the community and create value.”



September 24 - Valley Public Library Grand Opening!!!

September 24—YART Meeting, Hastings

September 24—October 1 - Banned Books Week. For ideas to to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>

October 5 - Regional Library Systems' Pre-conference in Lincoln. Presenter: Karen Hyman. Register at:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/registration>

October 5-6 - NLA/NEMA Conference in Lincoln. Keynote speakers are Jamie LaRue, director of the Douglas County Libraries in Colorado, and Cassandra Barnett, school librarian at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

October 14 - Eastern Library System Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Florence Branch of Omaha Public Library

October 18 - Kapco Book Repair Workshop, Bellevue University (see page 8)

November 4 - CLICK meeting at the Waterloo Public Library, 9:30 am

November 9 - Critical Conversations, Embassy Suites, La Vista

November 9 - ELS/SELS Fall Colloquium with Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian. Embassy Suites in La Vista (see page 11)

November 18 - DIRECT Meeting, 9:30 am, La Vista Public Library

December 9 - ELS Board Meeting at the Valley Public Library, 9:30 am

Favorite Restaurants of the ELS Board of Directors

[Members of the Eastern Library System Board were asked what their favorite restaurant is and why - here are their delectable selections, in no particular order]

Gail Formanack

Our current favorite is Ryan's Bistro near 175th and Center in Omaha. We like it because it is close to our home, serves great food, and has live music we greatly enjoy (and recognize.) We highly recommend it.

John Seyfarth

My favorite is Le Voltaire at 156th and Dodge in Omaha. It is a small but very authentic French restaurant. The owner, Cedric Fishpain, takes his staff over to France frequently so the restaurant is really authentic. We have always gotten good food and service there. Indeed, I really enjoy all the wait staff, since they are so well trained. When we go there, I usually pick a night when Jennifer is available. She is a "live wire" and we always enjoy both sense of humor—she actually will come back on my puns. We usually go there for my birthday. It is fairly high end, but I believe you receive value with the food, service and ambience.



Lowen Kruse

Our favorite restaurant is Cracker Barrel. They have vegetables flavored in a down-home cooking way.



David Privett

Blue (or Baby Blue)...Sushi is our new-found passion, and we love everything we've had at Blue (two locations in Omaha.) Tied for second place is Vivace and Biaggies. We also love contemporary Italian.

Robin Bernstein

My favorite restaurant in Omaha is Lo Sole Mio. I enjoy the ambiance and it is the most authentic Italian food I have tasted (other than my own) in this area since I lived in Italy. If I had to pick my very favorite thing about Lo Sole Mio is it would have to be the roasted garlic and all the other fixings they place on your table when you sit down.

Rosa Schmidt

Currently my favorite restaurant is the Heartland Bakery and Café in Elkhorn. It is my favorite because my husband and I go there often for Sunday brunch on our way to a day filled with riding our Harley Davidson. They have both indoor and outdoor seating, some mornings there is live music and the buffet is great.

Tammy Lorenz

My favorite restaurant is Tony's Steakhouse on Hwy 275 about 10 miles from Norfolk. The food is always great and so is the service. He has the best steaks and prime rib. We have known Tony for many years and he goes out of his way to make sure everything is perfect.

Scott Berryman

La Mesa in Omaha is great. I like it for its regional ownership, rocket fast service, incredible salsa, consistently delicious Mexican food, and reasonable prices.

Gayle Roberts

Jade Garden has been my favorite Chinese restaurant for years and years. It is a comfy place with great food and good service. For special times we often go to Charleston's—my kids love it, so I love it because we are all together. It's even better if they pay!
(both restaurants are in Omaha)



Joyce Neujahr

I like 801 Chophouse, located in the old Paxton building in Omaha. This is a steakhouse with great ambiance and unique interior design. The cherry wood walls, alabaster light fixtures, oak flooring, tablecloths and linen napkins all add to the experience. USDA prime steaks and fresh seafood are both delicious, and the service is always top notch. It is pricey, so we only go on very special occasions. My husband is a cattleman/rancher and sold lots of cattle over the years at the old stockyards. He especially likes the photographs and references to those by-gone days when Omaha was "stockyards king."

Lupe Mier



Lil' Burro in Bellevue right under the Capehart water tower is tops. They make real cheese enchiladas like the kind you will find in South Texas (of course) and a really good Santa Fe taco plate at a low cost—has barbecue sauce. But the best meal ever is their Snapper Veracruz. First time I had this was in Mexico with a white rice and black beans. Here they use Mexican browned rice and regular refried beans. The fish is broiled to perfection and is slathered with a lovely tomato and olive sauce. Now if they only added capers to that sauce it would be out of this world. Yum.

Editor's Note: My favorite restaurant is Subway. It's inexpensive—you get to choose exactly what goes into your sandwich—when you get the \$5 sub you have both dinner and lunch the next day. (Nancy)



System News

O' Tannenbaum A Festival of Trees



Presented by
The Friends of the Bennington Library
GFWC Bennington Woman's Club

Friday, November 18 and
Saturday, November
19th, 2011
St. John's Lutheran
Church
322 North Molley, in
Bennington

The Festival of Trees is a display of over 25 decorated Christmas Trees from local businesses, organizations, family groups and individuals. If you would like to share a decorated tree at this event, please contact the Bennington Public Library or Leola Bonge, (238-2597 or jbonge2@cox.net) for more specific information. The decorated Christmas Trees are not sold. They are provided by the generous folks purely for your viewing enjoyment.

Admission is \$1.00 per person with all proceeds going to the building fund of the Friends of the Bennington Area Libraries. Delicious soups and desserts, a bake sale, a raffle and gently used items in Grandma's Attic will also be a highlight. Plan to join us in November and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the Christmas season.

- Waterloo PL - celebrated harvest days with a Pippa White presentation. The library also celebrated the 5th anniversary of the new building along with a tribute to Donna Robinson, library donor and supporter.
- Offutt Library - held their first adult summer reading program this year, with great success.
- Valley Public Library's grand opening on September 24th.

Sump Memorial Library in Papillion celebrated their 90th birthday with a party and ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Cathy McMahon, youth services librarian, and a representative of the Omaha Stormchasers at the party.

Bellevue

The public library owns a wonderful collection of marionette puppets they are willing to lend out. Contact Alice Boeckman alice.boeckman@bellevue.net. Also check out Tammy (asst. children's librarian) on her blog - www.FlatTammy.blogspot.com.

They received a Moon Kit after submitting a proposal to the International Observe the Moon organizations. The astrobinoculars and tripod will be great for moon-gazing at our InOMN event on Oct. 8th, along with the telescope that Fontenelle Nature/Neale Woods will be bringing with them to our event!



**Youth Services Retreat
2011...great weather, great
programs, great librarians.**



Paula McClung & Brenda



Pat Leach & Kathy



Alice Boeckman visiting with Karen Drevo who portrayed her great-great grandmother, Maria Rodaway.



Eating ↑



← Learning

Congrats to Gordon!

Nebraska Library Association Election Results

Vice President/President-Elect: **Gordon Wyant**
Treasurer: Barbara Hegr
ALA Councilor: Brenda Ealey

C&U Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Sally Gibson
C&U Secretary: **Ben Brick**

Paraprofessional Vice Chair/Chair Elect: **Cynthia Vana**

PLTS Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Jessica Chamberlain

SCYP Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Sally Snyder
SCYP Secretary/Treasurer: Bethany Grabow

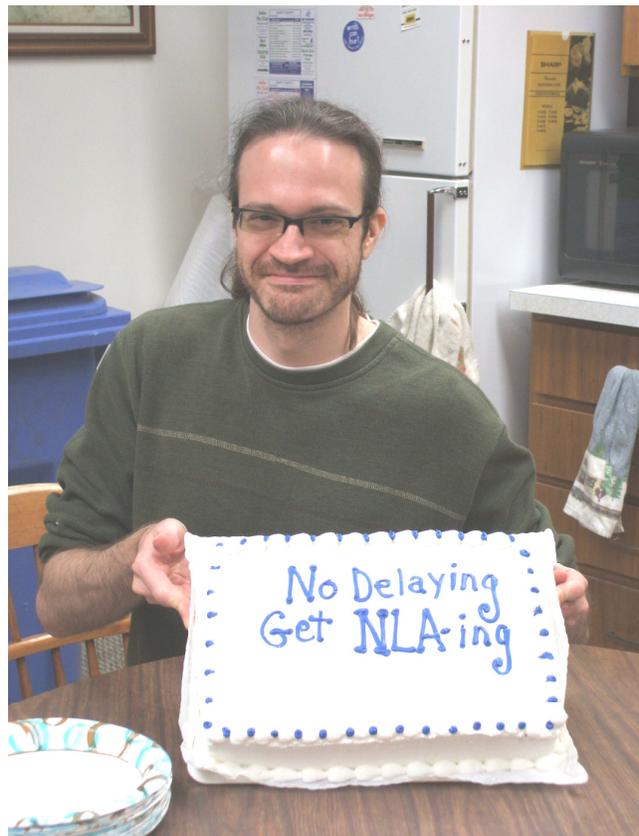
S&I Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mo Khamouna
S & I Secretary: Susie Dunn

ITART Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Becky Wymer
ITART Secretary : Christa Burns

NMRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Bethany Grabow
NMRT Secretary: Holli Beckmann

TSRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect: **Angela Kroeger**

YART Chair Elect: **Lindsey Tomsu**
YART Secretary: Melanie Feyerherm



Banned Books Week

by Frankie Hannan (ELS practicum intern)

Here he comes, Mr. Censor and he carries the book as if it was last week's trash. He approaches the circulation desk and drops the book with a flourish to draw everyone's eye. "I want to see the library director now! I am a taxpaying citizen and this," he points and sneers at the book, "is an abomination sitting on the shelf. It must be removed!"



At some point in everyone's library career- a patron, city council, school board- someone will challenge material in the library's collection. As librarians we defend Intellectual Freedom. We celebrate this dedication every year during Banned Books Week; this year Banned Book Week is 24 September to 1 October 2011.

In the August 2011 edition of *VOYA*, there are tips to help librarians review the importance of Intellectual Freedom and engage their community in activities to celebrate that freedom. Recommended readings include:

First Amendment of the Bill of Rights:

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill_of_rights_transcript.html

Library Bill of Rights:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/index.cfm>

Free Access to Libraries for Minors:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/freeaccesslibraries.cfm>

Freedom to Read Statement:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/firstatement/freedomreadstatement.cfm>

Intellectual Freedom Manual:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/iftoolkits/ifmanual/intellectual.cfm>

Intellectual Freedom website:

<http://ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbookweek/index.cfm>

Top Ten Most Frequently Challenged Books:

<http://ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/index.cfm>

Macrae, C. (2011). Banned books week basics. *Voya* 34(3), 247.

One of the activities suggested in the article is to "Chain the Library." Invite members of your community to create paper chains representing banned/challenged books they have read. The article recommends involving your YA patrons in developing the paper links and helping to research banned book titles for participating readers. Paper chains may be displayed throughout the library. The article advises using cardstock for the links and having lots of staples handy.

Guest Article

by Brenda Ealey, director of the Southeast Library System

Figured it's time for a "wee" refresher on the topic of CIPA, filters and intellectual freedom. And, I know I'm hearing groaning from the audience — but this is an important topic, and I hope you'll do me (and yourselves) the favor of at least reading and even better considering, and asking questions if you have them. Intellectual Freedom is a foundational principle for librarianship. I'm getting the feeling that we familiarize ourselves with other legalities to a much better extent than we do for a principle highlighted in the Library Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics, let alone in the United States Constitution. I'm also getting the feeling that we may be approaching the point where we are letting laws like the Children's Internet Protect Act (CIPA) become our justification for censoring those things that make us uncomfortable, or those areas that might get us into those gut wrenching conversations on ethics. On the other hand, I realize it's a complicated issue and we are not attorneys, we're librarians. I'll give you an out that perhaps we've just misinterpreted our role. So, keep reading — here's what I know: The Children's Internet Protect Act (CIPA) requires libraries to filter the internet, IF they receive federal funds for Internet access — which would include grants and e-rate discounts. In order for libraries to comply with CIPA without infringing on 1st Amendment protected internet material it's suggested that:

*Choose the lowest default level of filtering possible, to minimize the amount of protected speech that will be blocked. The internet is NOT like public broadcasting. It has the same level of constitutionally protected speech as books and periodicals. One more time, **the internet has the same level of constitutionally protected speech as books and periodicals.** So, you can't discriminate based on the content of speech or expression. Limitations may be placed on time, place, or manner of access to library resources but they must be viewpoint neutral. You can't refuse to provide access based solely on the viewpoint expressed. Now, having said that, there are areas of speech that receive no protection or limited protection: Commercial speech, Obscenity, Fighting Words, Child Pornography, Defamation and Troop location at a time of war. Note — just because something is sexually explicit does not mean it's obscene — that's a decision made by the courts and the work must be considered as a whole.*

*Develop a procedure for disabling the filter for an adult that does not create an unreasonable burden. **An adult customer does not have to provide a reason for a request to disable the filter.** An adult does not have to run the site they want to go to by your librarian radar first — they just need to ask. And, we already know that this is a step that for many will never happen, as it's an extra barrier to get to what they want — and they won't ask.*

Develop a procedure by which any customer — adult or minor (under the age of 17) — may request that an inappropriately blocked site be unblocked. Now, here's the out for those under 17 in getting to "legit" sites for research, homework, or whatever within CIPA. In this case they again ask the librarian for help getting to a site that's been blocked, and they will provide information on what the site is. Now, again, for many in this circumstance we know they just won't ask, instead they'll be frustrated that they can't get to the resource they want to get to.

Notify customers of their right to request disabling or unblocking. Libraries are encouraged to let customers know if computers are filtered and that they can request that the filter be disabled. This might be explained in the internet policy or use agreement, or perhaps posted by the computer stations, lab, or on the library website — whatever.

Note: **There is nothing in the law that prohibits offering voluntary choices of greater filtering levels to library customers.**

Many libraries make the choice not to participate in programs like e-rate for discounts on the cost of internet service just so they are not put into the dilemma of protected speech and CIPA. Those are libraries that have decided they cannot justify discounts to the cost of internet with the price of limiting access, or providing a barrier to access, for library customers and staff. (I've included staff, since with CIPA all computers in the library, including staff or non-public computers, are to be filtered if you receive federal funds or discounts for internet service.)

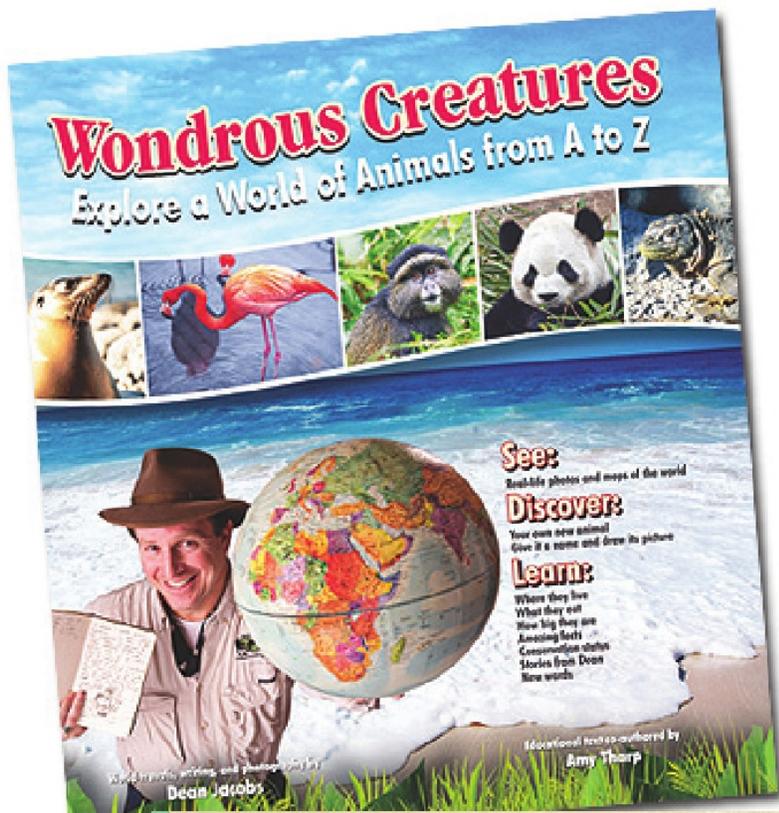
The American Library Association has information on their website:) <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/federallegislation/cipa/cipafaqs.cfm> that I have used frequently as a resource for information on this issue. It includes an FAQ and also a CIPA Legal FAQ which proves useful since we are librarians not attorneys. Perhaps a worthy activity for library staff, boards and friends this month is to review the Freedom to Read Statement which you can find online at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/ftstatement/freedomreadstatement.cfm>.

Dean Jacobs presents a new book and educational program!

Wondrous Creatures

Explore a World of Animals from A-Z

Available
September 1, 2011



Inside...

Animals:

Real life photos, taken from journeys exploring the world!

Habitats

Real world examples and stories about the places where animals naturally or normally live.

Fun Facts

Discover what animals eat, how they adapt to the environment, and cool information.

Conservation

Learn about how animals are surviving in our world.

Journal Entries

Experience a personal voice while learning about animals from around the world.

World Maps

Maps of the world that show where animals live.



Available at www.deanjacobs.org (Hard cover \$17.95 plus shipping & tax.)

ACCOMPANYING THE BOOK is a whole new presentation for elementary students that will help create a solid foundation for habitats, and the animals that live there.

Students connect to scientific concepts about the environment with photos and first hand stories of exploring these various ecosystems.

The program also includes a fun and engaging writing exercise.



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Website: www.deanjacobs.org
Email: dean@deanjacobs.org

Dates are still available in August, September and early October 2011.

Dean is heading for the Amazon in November 2011.

Resources for Youth Services & School Librarians

Top Web Sites

AASL (American Association of School Librarians) has posted 25 Top Websites for Teaching and Learning. Also available is a press kit with materials for promoting the web site. Available at www.ala.org, click on Divisions, AASL, then Guidelines and Standards.

Books in Series

Courtney Pentland, Omaha Burke High School librarian, had a good idea that was published in *Library Media Connection*, September 2011. When series books do not contain a list of the order in the books, she suggests placing a small sticker in the front or the back of the book indicating the number it is in the series. You can find series information on a database offered by Nebraska Library Commission. Go to nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/booksinseries.asp.

Books on the Go

To boost book circulation, some libraries create "Book Bundles," four to six books on popular topics bundled together with yarn and a cute tag with topic noted, like "Hello Kitty," "Let's Dance," "Princess Power," "Monster Mash," "Puppy Love," "Important," "Shoes," "and so on. Try it! [Seen in *Library Sparks*, August/September, 2011]

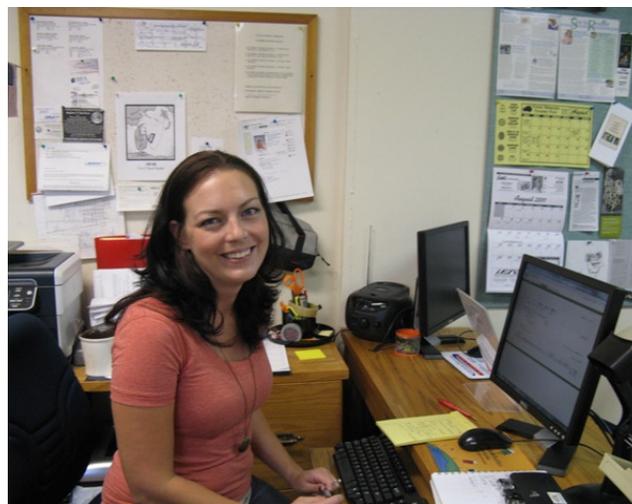
Most Fun Site Not Only for Kids

The most fun site would have to be Dav Pilkey's at www.pilkey.com. Dav, the author who writes Captain Underpants books kids love and some people love to challenge, has created a site with loads of information, all in a fun format. Videos such as teaching how to draw the characters in his books, Groovy Games, biographical information that will make you laugh, and Duh, with a free video maker, music andWhen Hamsters Attack!



Mead

Vera Kuhr (director) is showing off the newly reorganized public library. She offered the library as a bloodmobile headquarters recently.



Yutan

Angie Watson (director) at her desk at the Yutan Public Library. Recently they had a program on nutrition at the library. Angie came in to borrow the projector for the presentation and I (Nancy) found out that it was my daughter-in-law presenting. She is the dietician for No Frills Supermarkets. Angie said, "I learned a lot of stuff I wouldn't have guessed about whole grains and milk.:"

In the News... by KT

E-Readers are Everywhere!

The 2011 Pew Internet and American Life study shows that 47% of all adults are now getting their local news and information on a cell phone or a tablet computer. It is no surprise that the largest percentage using mobile devices for information is younger adults.

Local news and information are not the only electronic devices being used in place of actual print resources. The same study reports that e-reader ownership has doubled from 6% to 12% between November 2010 and May 2011. The study goes on to say that this marks the first time ownership of devices such as the Kindle and the Nook has reached double digits.

A recent Heloise column printed a letter from a woman who was elated with her e-reader as she could enlarge the print and was now able to read books with ease. This illustrates that e-readers are now everywhere.

Long an advocate of downloadable audio books, I have now included downloading e-books to an e-reader and forget that I am not holding a print copy in my hand. Most people who state that they just love the feel of a print book in their hands should just give an e-reader a try. Print books aren't going away, but e-books place in the market will continue to grow.

Libraries in Nebraska think so too as 30 new subscribers have joined the Overdrive consortium offered by the Nebraska Library Commission bringing the number of libraries offering audio and e-books to their customers to 96. Eastern Library System public libraries who recently joined are: Ashland Public Library, Bancroft Public Library, Hooper Public Library, Karlen Memorial Library (Beemer), and North Bend Public Library.

Eastern Library System has two e-Readers we will loan to a library to try - a Color Nook and a Kindle. Contact the System office for more information.

Don't We Wish?

Tajikistan

Local government officials have been ordered to enroll at public libraries and read more books. Khatlon Province Deputy Governor for Ideology Sitora Sherova noted at a June book exhibition in Qurghonteppa that most visitors to libraries are school children and students. Librarian Rohatoy Yusufova said that Sherova ordered librarians to sign up all local officials, including the regional governor, at the library, recommended what they should read and take books to their offices. _ Radio Free Europe [Taken from *American Libraries*, July/August 2011]

QR Codes

In addition to bar codes, there are now QR codes, a matrix two-dimensional bar code first developed by the automotive industry. QR codes are a simple and easy way to provide library information that can be scanned by a smart phone or tablet app. QR codes on retail products and promotions are a great way to link information with the consumer. They are also being used in libraries as a simple way of providing more information or even links to additional sites. Try adding one to your business card, home page, or anywhere you want to add more information.

A QR code can be made in a couple of minutes. Two of the many sites where you can generate a QR code are www.qrstuff.com or qrcode.kayma.com.

Kathy →



Nancy →



Eastern Library System
Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2011 - UNO, Criss Library

Present: Rosa Schmidt, Jan Therien, Marie Reidelbach, Scott Berryman, Robin Bernstein, Tammy Lorenz, Joyce Neujahr, Gail Formanack. Alternates: Lupe Mier, Sam McMullen. Guest: Richard Miller. Ex-Officio: Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer.

The minutes of the April 14, 2011, meeting were reviewed. Jan moved and Rosa seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports for April, May, June, July, 2011, and the annual treasurer's report for FY 2010-2011 were reviewed. All were approved to be filed for audit.

Correspondence: Thank-you notes were read from the Literacy Center, Leadership Institute participants, and Barbara Dean.

Executive Directors Report: See written report. Kathy highlighted several items:

- Upcoming fall colloquium in cooperation with Southeast Library System
- Presenter Fair in January
- Meetings of librarians in Sarpy county, and possibly Burt county

Committee Reports:

Nominating: All candidates were re-elected or newly-elected.

Fundraising: This has been a very good year for fundraising and the need will continue.

Continuing Education: The Annual Meeting was very well received. A new venue for next year's meeting will be considered.

Technology & Advocacy: No report.

Report from the Nebraska Library Commission: Richard distributed a written report and highlighted several items including new resources at NLC.

New Business:

A. Election of officers:

President – Jan nominated Robin Bernstein., Gale seconded. Motion carried.

Vice-President – Marie nominated Rosa Schmidt, Robin seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary – Robin nominated Gayle Roberts, Jan seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Jan nominated John Seyfarth, Marie seconded. Motion carried.

B: Appointment of board alternates: Robin moved to replace Tammy Lorenz with Mary Jo Mack as a board alternate. Lupe seconded. Motion carried.

C: The budget for FY 2011-2012 was presented. Discussion was held on adjustments to the budget from last year and the Executive Director's donation to the receipts in lieu of taking the month of January off. Gail moved and Marie seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

D: Employee Contracts: Jan moved and Marie seconded to approve the employee contracts for FY 2011-2012 including a 1.5% increase. Motion carried.

E. Committee Assignments: A sheet was passed around for board members to sign-up for a committee. Kathy thanked the board and remarked how valuable committee support is.

F: Review Personnel Policy: tabled.

G: Review Voting Procedures: Discussion was held on the existing voting procedure for ELS board members. A suggestion was made to send out a request for nominations for the board to the ELS membership and then have the existing board members vote with the option to suggest additional nominations. This would mean a change in the Bylaws.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Meyer, ELS Administrative Assistant

Next meeting:

October 14, 2011

Omaha Public Library, Florence Branch

Kapco Book Protection offers

(sponsored by Eastern Library System & Bellevue University)

October 18th - 9 am-Noon
Bellevue University
Freeman/Lozier Library
1000 Galvin Road South



Librarians will have a time to gather, learn repair tips and receive hands-on experience to cultivate the skills necessary to protect, preserve and repair books.

At the workshop you will:

- Be greeted by Kary Barth, Kapco representative.
- Learn invaluable tips to take back to your facility to keep your investments circulating.
- Be eligible for a drawing for a Kapco kit worth \$89.
- Receive 3 continuing education hours for public librarians.

Name: _____

Library: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Send registration to:
 Eastern Library System
 11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
 Omaha, NE 68144

or fax your registration to:
 402-330-1859

This workshop is FREE!



The Nebraska Regional Library Systems
are hosting a

*Chocolate Basket
Raffle*

You can buy tickets through your System office or at the Nebraska Regional Library System booth at the 2011 NLA/NEMA Conference. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. You do not need to be present to win. Checks can be made to: NRLS

- Chocolate Wine
- Totally Chocolate Cookbook
- Chocolate Chip Cookie Scented Candle
- Perlier Dark Chocolate Hand Cream
- Chocolate Scented Stamp Pad
- Chocolate Treats Tray
- Organic Spicy Hot Chocolate
- Droste Cocoa
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory DVD
- Like Water for Chocolate DVD
- Godiva Chocolate
- Baker's Chocolate



- Trudeau Toledo Chocolate Fondue Set
- 2012 Chocolate Mini Day-to-Day Calendar
- Lindor Truffles
- Assorted Chocolate-Themed Erasers
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- Chocolate Fudge Brownie Coffee



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**October 22, 2011,
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- Nebraska Book Award Winners
- *Local Wonders*, A Play with Songs
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- 2012 One Book One Nebraska Announcement

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The 2011 Fall Colloquium

Embassy Suites, La Vista

November 9, 2011

5:30-6:30 Social Hour with cash bar

6:30-7:30 Dinner

7:30-8:30 Presentation by Jo Budler

8:30-9:30 Time for Questions and
Discussion

Negotiation, Collaboration, Risk-Taking, and Politics

Featuring Jo Budler, Kansas State
Librarian

Prior to her appointment in Kansas, she served as the Ohio State Librarian, and earlier as the deputy state librarian for the Library of Michigan. Jo is a former Nebraskan and was the director of Network Services and NEBASE at the Nebraska Library Commission. She holds a master's in library science and a master's of fine arts in Writers' Workshop, both from the University of Iowa.



She received national attention in the eBook arena for negotiations with OverDrive regarding fees that she felt were "unreasonable, unsustainable and unacceptable" which has resulted in exploration of a beta product with another vendor.

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Portabella mushroom marinated and grilled topped with roma tomatoes, mozzarella, basil chiffonnade and pine nuts and resting atop Italian herb butter couscous. Served with a side of asparagus or vegetable medley.

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Saturday, November 26
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Barnes & Noble Book Store

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