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Come see the King! The King of Rock 'n Roll that is!
Elvis will swivel his hips, come swivel yours at
The Nebraska Regional Library Systems
sponsoring the

**NLA/NEMA
Banquet and '50's Style Sock Hop**

Good Golly, Miss Molly! Don't Be Cruel, Dream Along with Me while listening to the library band, the Bookends, play a couple of familiar hits. Then Rock Around the Clock and skin the cat with a DJ who will have you yelling Great Balls of Fire and Do You Wanna Dance? Eventually though we'll have to say Goodnight, Irene and get ready for Friday's sessions. Dress to impress in your fifties finery to participate in best-dressed and dance contests. There will be a cash bar.
Register at: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info on the registration form or see the Fall issue of NLAQ.

**Thursday, October 7th
6:30-9:30 p.m.**
Grand/Governor's/Executive, Holiday Inn

Mark your calendars . . .

For the Nebraska Regional Library Systems 2004 Pre-conference to NLA/NEMA, "**Ways to Construct an Evaluation**", on October 6th from 10:00 to 3:00. Lynn Bradman, PhD. Student at ISU and Social Science Instructor for Metro Community College in Omaha, will be our presenter. Lynn will provide you with the best practices in constructing an evaluation. Information will be useful for program evaluations, long range planning and for staff evaluations.

Registration fee: \$25

We hope to see you on **October 6th.**

Name _____
Library _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Registrations due **Friday September 24**. Please enclose the registration fee of **\$25** at the time of your registration. Mail registration and fee to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Email questions to jen-nip@alltel.net.

To give away to libraries only:

Two 72 drawer wooden card catalog cases. In good condition. However, the rods for the drawers will have to be furnished. The units are 61-1/2" high, 41" wide and 17-1/2" deep. Three wooden pull-out trays are located in the middle of each of the units. A 15 drawer wooden card catalog case is also available. It measures 14-1/2" high, 34-1/2" wide and 20-1/2" deep. These are to be given to libraries only and the requesting library is responsible for picking up the units. If interested, please contact: Sharon Mason, Calvin T. Ryan Library, UNK; phone: 308-865-8585 or e-mail: masons@unk.edu.



MPLA Road Trip in the Works

The 2004 Mountain Plains Library Association Conference will be held October 21-24 in Denver, Colorado jointly with the Colorado Association of Libraries. The conference theme is: *Libraries: All That Jazz*. Already in the lineup are authors Michael Willhoite, *Daddy's Roommate* and *Daddy's Wedding*, Connie Willis, winner of multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards, *Passage*, *The Doomsday Book*, *To Say Nothing of the Dog* and Avi, *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. If you have not had the opportunity to experience a national conference, this would be an ideal time to make plans. The Nebraska Regional Library System administrators think this would be a great time to consider a Road Trip. So, if you would like to attend MPLA this year, and would like the opportunity to network on the road, as well as at conference—let us know that you might be interested in a large carpool. If we have enough numbers interested, we're hoping to charter a bus. For information on the conference, you can go to:

www.cal-webs.org/conference.html.

If you are interested in the Road Trip, please contact Jenni Puchalla at Southeast Library System: jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063.

Interviewing? Good Questions Get Good Answers

Topics such as age and marital status are illegal, but you can ask plenty of questions to determine if a candidate could be an asset to your business. Get job candidates talking with:

Scenario-based questions: Ask candidates to react to a typical on-the-job situation to see if their work style complements yours.

Measurable questions: Probe to find out how a candidate solved a particular problem. Ask about deadlines, roadblocks, and specific results.

Process-driven questions: Replace general questions such as "How do you make decisions?" with more specific ones such as "Tell me about a time you had to make a critical decision, what went into the process, and what the outcome was."

Curveballs: Keep candidates on their toes with questions like "What was the worst job you ever had, and why?" "How do you handle differences with your boss?" "What would your references say about you?"

Keep in mind that while you are assessing the candidate, they are judging you, in part by the questions you ask. So use curveballs, but consider the implications before asking oddballs such as "If you could be any animal, what would you be?" or "What would I find in your refrigerator right now?"

—SAM'S CLUB Source



Database Roadshow Workshops Scheduled

August 11th @ Ord Township Library
September 23rd at Central Community College, Kearney

The seventh annual Database Roadshow will cover NebraskaAccess including the databases available and the Librarian's Toolbox, where librarians can go to find promotional and training information. The Roadshow will be divided into segments, with each focusing on a particular

database. During each segment we will discuss and demonstrate a database, and then the class will have hands on time to practice what they learned. Please bring any questions you may have and we will help you work through them during the hands on time.

- All sessions will run from 9:00-3:00
- There will be a one hour lunch break at *approximately* 11:30. **Lunch is on your own.**
- There is no cost to attend the Database Roadshow.
- Continuing Education credits of 5 hours can be earned by attending the Roadshow.

To register go to: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html>

A minimum of five registered participants are required to hold a Database Roadshow. If the minimum registration is not met five business days before the scheduled date of the Roadshow, that session can be canceled and those who have registered will be notified via e-mail. Please notify the Network Services Department at least 24 hours in advance if you have registered but can not attend a session. Call Jeannette Powell at 800-307-2665 or e-mail jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us to cancel.



IT'S ALIVE! @ your library(r) during Teen Read Week 2004

What is big and read and is for 12 to 18-year-olds? It is the intersection of horror, suspense, black and white movies from the '50s, and even modern concepts like genetic engineering. It's programming and reading and ways to increase adolescent literacy all rolled up into a weeklong celebration known as Teen Read Week. Teens will be reading for the fun of it as public libraries and school library media centers across the country celebrate Teen Read Week, October 17 - 23, 2004. They join hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores that are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "IT'S ALIVE! @ your library(r)."

Literacy is a topic of national concern, and falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today are still a serious issue. However, according to the National Education Association Web site, a 2001 poll conducted by Peter D. Hart & Associates indicates that "Teenagers, age 12 to 18, rated reading, math, and writing as the first, second, and third most important things people need to learn to be successful in life. Young people put this to practice, demonstrating a healthy amount of reading." Not only do they read, but the poll also indicates that they describe the experience as "relaxing * rewarding * stimulating."

A reading habit increases reading proficiency. One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect. Being around adults with a reading habit can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation's Report Card (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>), that indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of seventeen-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

Celebrate Teen Read Week with teens. There are many ways for teens and their librarians to discover that It's ALIVE! @ your library(r):

- * Join a book discussion group at the school or public library.
- * Attend a program where science fiction and modern science converge.
- * Stage a mystery night at the library.
- * Host an intergenerational B movies night for teens and their families.
- * Read what you want to read, just for the fun of it.

If your organization is celebrating Teen Read Week for the first time, YALSA has produced a manual, *Teen Read Week: A Manual for Participation*, that includes programming and marketing ideas as well as promotional hints and information on teen reading habits. More information about the manual is available at the ALA On-line Store, at www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog&_pn=product_detail&_op↑23.

WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Seasons : Clear and detailed technical discussions of seasons, solstices, and equinoxes. Includes the exact dates when spring, summer, fall, and winter arrive. Debunks misconceptions about seasons and the superstition "that it is possible to stand an egg upright on its end [only] on the date of the equinoxes (and/or solstices)." Maintained by scientist Eric Weisstein.

<http://scienceworld.wolfram.com/astronomy/topics/Seasons.html>

The Cherokee "Trail of Tears," 1838-1839 :

This site explores the effects of the 1830 Indian Removal Act and the 1838 Treaty of New Echola that forcibly evicted Cherokees from their homes to unsettled lands west of the Mississippi. This forced march caused the death of over 4,000 people, approximately one-fifth of the Cherokee Nation. Includes statistics, narratives of participants, maps of the various routes, a timeline, and information about parks and historical sites.

<http://www.rosecity.net/tears/>

The Copyright (C) Primer: This "is an introduction to issues concerning copyright ownership and use of information. The interactive tutorial overviews the underlying principles behind copyright in the United States, outlines the requirements for copyright protection as well as discusses the parameters of use and access of copyrighted material." From the Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland University College.

<http://www-apps.umuc.edu/primer/>

On the American Trail : History, recreation, and scenic wonder come together in this site devoted to the long-distance trails designated as National Millennium Trails by the White House Millennium Council. Includes an interactive trail map, related links, and suggested reading. Also features a trail finder for planning outings on the Millennium Trails and other U.S. trails (browsable by trail; searchable by U.S. region, activity, and services). Trail listings include

points of interest, services, trail notes, contacts, and gear lists.

<http://www.altrec.com/features/ontheamericantrail/>

Paper Toys: "Paper stuff for kids and grown-ups." Discover the wonderful world of paper folding and construction. Find plans for creating paper castles, homes, cars, musical instruments, motorcycles, and flags. Models range from simple to ambitious. Browse through the models listed, find a schematic of the work, print it, and go!

<http://papertoys.com/>

Cheap Cooking: "You'll find frugal tips for cutting back on your grocery bill, cheap recipes and shopping hints, money saving tips and techniques, and a downloadable grocery list and price book." Recipes are browsable by type. Also includes suggested cookbooks, related links, and a free weekly newsletter.

<http://www.cheapcooking.com/>

Nationwide Gravesite Locator: This searchable database from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "contains more than three million records of veterans and dependents buried in VA's 120 cemeteries since the Civil War. It also has records of some burials in state veteran's cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery from 1999 to the present." Search results include military branch and rank, service dates, and location of the gravesite.

<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

First Ladies' Gallery: This site from the White House presents brief biographies of the current and past First Ladies. Some profiles include images. Also provides a link to information about life in the White House.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/firstladies/>

MedlinePlus: Interactive Health Tutorials:

"Using animated graphics each tutorial explains a procedure or condition in easy-to-read language. You can also listen to the tutorial." Includes tutorials on diseases and conditions, tests and diagnostic procedures, surgery and treatment procedures, and prevention and wellness.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorial.html>

Mexican Cuisine: This site has authentic Mexican recipes for main courses, vegetables, and desserts with easy to follow instructions. Features "typical" dishes such as pozole and chilaquiles. Includes photos. Recipes for regional dishes and the glossary are only available in Spanish; otherwise, most of the site is in English and Spanish. From Mexico Info, de la Universidad de Guadalajara.

<http://mexico.udg.mx/cocina/ingles/ingles.html>

GovLoans.gov: "Five federal agencies -- U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs -- have come together to create this single point of access for federal loan information on the Web." Browse or search for loans for farming, businesses, students, disaster relief, and more. Includes a glossary of loan terms and links to additional resources.

<http://govloans.gov/govloans/>

All About Birds: Information about bird watching, identification, and study of birds. The site features the browsable "Online Bird Guide," a "guide for bird species identifications and in-depth information, including sounds, video, and distribution maps." Also includes information about favorite birding locations, attracting birds, bird conservation efforts, choosing binoculars and scopes, and materials for educators. From the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/programs/>

allaboutbirds/

J.K. Rowling Official Site: Official information from J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series of books. This is the author's place to "communicate directly with Harry Potter fans." Move the cursor around her cluttered desk to see news, rumors, biography, fan sites, links, and more. Just "watch out for Peeves."

<http://www.jkrowling.com/>

Athens 2004 Olympics: Feature articles and activities related to the 2004 summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Covers Olympics history, athletes, and specific sports. Include crossword puzzles and quizzes on topics such as Olympic mascots and memorable ceremonies. From Fact Monster, a site designed for children by Infoplease.

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/04olympics.html>

NBCOlympics.com: News and information about the Athens 2004 Olympics from the U.S. network broadcasting the games. Features articles, video clips, and photos. Includes biographies of selected athletes, stories about specific sports, brief information about participating countries, some information about past games, and more. From NBC.

<http://www.nbcolympics.com/>

Favorite Teenage Angstbooks: This site is intended to be "a comfortable place for teen readers themselves, as well as to provide down-to-earth perspectives on YA [young adult] literature for the adults in their lives." Includes book reviews sorted by genre categories, interviews with authors, a message board (requires free registration), and links to related sites. From a publishing professional and editor.

<http://www.grouchy.com/angst/>

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Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/nelibrariescenturies.html>

Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries is a new Library Commission web site devoted to Nebraska library history. Nebraska has a long tradition of library service, beginning with military post libraries and continuing with literary society libraries founded during Territorial times, women's club libraries, Carnegie libraries, college and school libraries, and the modern libraries of today. The **Nebraska Library Commission Archives**, located at the Nebraska Library Commission, house materials about the history and operations of the Commission and the libraries it has served since the agency's creation in 1901. The collection includes Commission reports, newsletters, documents, photographs and artifacts. Some of these materials have been digitized. Others are available for research use onsite. As more materials are digitized Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries will add more links to the ones listed below.

Library Commission History

- [History](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/history.html) <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/history.html>
- [Centennial 1901-2001](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial/index.html) <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial/index.html> a decade-by-decade snapshot of the Commission and Nebraska Libraries created for the Commission's centennial celebration.
- [Biennial Reports](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/biennialreports.html) <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/biennialreports.html>

Nebraska Library History

- Carnegie Libraries (coming soon)
- [Nebraska Library History Web Sites](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/historywebsites.html) <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/historywebsites.html>
- [Nebraska Library Photographs](http://www.unl.edu/ImageColl/36443056/) <http://www.unl.edu/ImageColl/36443056/> posted by the UNL College of Architecture Library. Most are Carnegie buildings.
- [Nebraska Public Library Founding Dates](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html) <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html>

Questions regarding use of materials in the Nebraska Library Commission archives should be directed to Beth Goble, Government Information Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N. St., Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Telephone 402-471-4017, email bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us

The cutting machine schedules are now available on the system web page at:
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/Meridian/dies.html>

All of the audio book collections were reorganized in July. For a current listing of what titles are in each collection, please go to:
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/Meridian/audio.html>

2004 Pre-Conference for NLA/NEMA

Hispanic Voices @ your library™



Voces Hispanas @ su biblioteca™

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST

Morning Session: "Spanish That Works", Elisabeth Almann, 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Sessions:

Session I: Multicultural Consultant, Yolanda Cuesta, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Session II: Hispanic authors, Francisco Jimenez (Golden Sower Award nominee), and Luis Rodriquez, 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island

Registration deadline is Friday, September 24, 2004.

This is a firm date and late or onsite registrations will not be accepted.

Registration form -- please print and snail mail (faxes will not be accepted) to:

Jenni Puchalla, System Administrator Staff Assistant, Southeast Library System; 5730 R. Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505; 402-467-6188, 800-288-6063, E-mail: jennip@alltel.net

Registrant's Name:

Library or if Student school attending:

Member of NLA NEMA Library School Student Other

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

My fee is: (check one and make check payable to the **Paraprofessional Section**, if payment cannot be made by the deadline date please call the Registration Chair).

\$25 Member of NLA, Registration includes luncheon buffet

\$25 Member of NEMA, Registration includes luncheon buffet

\$25 Library School Student, Registration includes luncheon buffet

\$35 Non-member of NLA or NEMA, Registration includes luncheon buffet

For more information: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/preconf/2004PreConf.html>

Sponsored by: the Paraprofessional, Special & Institutional, School Children's and Young People's Sections of the Nebraska Library Association; Nebraska Educational Media Association; Scottsbluff Public Library; and the Omaha Public Library (South Branch). This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission and in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administering the Library Services and Technology Act through the Nebraska Library Commission.

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Annual Board and Business Meeting
Wilson Public Library, Cozad
June 3, 2004

Following the NHC program on *Living History: Bess Streeter Aldrich* and lunch, the annual meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Kristina Owen.

Board members present were: Kristina Owen, Gail Irwin, Darlene Catlin, Maxine Erpelding, K. Joan Birnie, Joan Davis, Linda Bowden and Stacy Vogel. Board member Rosalyn Lamb was absent. System members and guests were: Pam Scott from the Nebraska Library Commission, Mary Koch from Gothenburg Public Library, Karen Hanson from Wilson Public Library, Laura Martinson from St. Paul Library, Charlotte Rasmussen from Elba Public Schools, Bev Stivers from Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library, Callway, Craig Spanel from Callaway, Administrator Sharon Osenga and Administrative Assistant Christie Behle.

System Highlights: Administrator Osenga reported on Resource Sharing, Consultation, Continuing Education, Scholarships, the System Web Page and looking forward to next year. A budget will not be put together until the end of this fiscal year. It will be presented to the board for approval at the next board meeting.

NLC Update: Pam Scott report included:
Personnel Workshop in Cozad on July 20th.
LTA Program Update
Western Council Project Update.
Statewide Motion Picture Licensing
Grant funding
Trustee survey
Need for internet filters for public libraries by 7/1
E-rate update
Public Library Accreditation Guidelines

2004-2005 Election Results:
The following were elected to 3 year terms:
Pam Miska, Ravenna Public Library
Judy Coan, North Loup Library
Two-year term:
Mary Koch, Gothenburg Public Library
One-year term:
Penny Jeffrey, Oconto Public Library
Terms were staggered this year in order to attempt to reach the balance of 1/3 of the board going off each year as stated in the System By-Laws.

System Awards: Bev Stivers read the nomination letters for Craig Spanel. Craig received the Helping Hand Award for his volunteer services to the Sprouse Memorial Library in Callaway.

Donna Block from Cody-Kilgore Schools was awarded the Leadership Award. Donna was not present to receive the award. Sharon will mail it to her.

System Business: Stacy Vogel moved to approve the April and May bills and Gail Irwin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The budget update for the current fiscal year was approved as presented.

Sharon asked for input on distribution of the Summer Reading Program College Savings Plan baseball tickets for Library Night on August 15th. The system received a limited amount of tickets. The board decided that public library's should send the names of students who finish their SRP and plan to attend the game to the System Office by August 1st. Sharon will distribute the tickets. If too many requests are received, the names will be put in a "hat" and Sharon will pull out winning names.

Joan Davis reminded the board to reply promptly to Sharon's e-mails and requests.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:
The following were recognized for their years of service to the System with a gift: K. Joan Birnie, Linda Bowden, Darlene Catlin, and Rosalyn Lamb. All of these outgoing members have indicated their willingness to serve as substitute board members this next year.

Kristina Owen mentioned the NEMA Training Institute in Burwell on June 25th.

Sharon handed out door prizes supplied by Pam Scott.

The board thanked Karen Hanson for hosting the meeting.

The next board meeting will be August 26th at the Garfield County Library in Burwell at 10:00 a.m.

President Owen adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Behle
Administrative Assistant

Meridian Library System Annual Report 2003-2004

Resource Sharing:

- ◆ Two cutting machines visited 24 libraries and media centers. They are booked through the next five months.
- ◆ All eleven audio books sets were booked for the year (3 months/library). All sets are booked through the 2004-2005 year. Major additions this year include the Lemony Snicket and Little House series books.
- ◆ The Golden Sower books were booked for the year. The 2004-2005 books are scheduled for the next four months.
- ◆ The Follett PHD was loaned three times to libraries for inventory.
- ◆ The System has 8 library journals that rotate among member libraries. Lists vary from 5-20 libraries. Routing allows libraries to be informed of current issues while saving the cost of subscribing.

Training and Consultation:

- ◆ Consulting topics included weeding projects, board training on the Patriot's Act, E-rate, filters and suggested reading lists.
- ◆ System Administrator's completed and published a *Librarian's Survival Handbook* that contains all of the basic information new library director's need.
- ◆ July 10-14—Second Library Leadership Institute at Schuyler in cooperation with NLC.
- ◆ August 12—Gates Public Training Strategies at Ord
- ◆ October 29th—Regional Library Systems Preconference with Cate McNeely: Steps to Create Your Library of the Future at NLA/NEMA, Omaha.
- ◆ November/December—Two Basic Skills: Collection Development classes in Kearney and North Platte in cooperation with NLC.
- ◆ January 9th—Print Reference Workshop in Holdrege in cooperation with RVLS.
- ◆ January 30th—Book Repair Workshop in Cozad.
- ◆ February 13th—Online Reference Workshop in Kearney in cooperation with RVLS.
- ◆ March 26th—Summer Reading Program Workshop in Oconto.
- ◆ April 2nd—Developing Confidence with Computer Hardware and Software in Gibbon.
- ◆ April 29th—Pat Wagner Marketing Training in Ord—cooperative project of Nebraska Regional Library Systems.

Scholarships:

- ◆ One scholarship to the Summer Reading Program Workshop.
- ◆ One scholarship to the Developing Confidence with Computer Hardware and Software Workshop.
- ◆ One scholarship to the Marketing and Advocacy Workshop.
- ◆ Six scholarships to the Teen Spaces Workshop.

Youth Service Grants:

- ◆ \$500 to Oconto Public Library for Great Graphic Novel Program.
- ◆ \$500 to Burwell Jr-Sr High School Media Center for Discover a Changing World Program.
- ◆ \$500 to Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library, Callaway for Homework Helpers and Hot Reads Program.
- ◆ \$500 to North Loup Public Library for the Lad and Lassie Lapsit Program.

Promotion:





































































- ◆ Nebraska League of Municipalities Annual Conference—Systems participated as a sponsor and had a display table.
- ◆ League of Municipalities Midwinter Conference—NLC & Systems shared a display table.
- ◆ NLA Library Legislative Day in Lincoln
- ◆ Nebraska Regional Library Systems brochure and Power Point Loop Program.
- ◆ Meridian Monitor newsletter is published six times per year and sent to 300 library personnel and supporters. Information covers local, state and national library issues as well as practical information and advice.

Web Page:

- ◆ Board meeting minutes added.
- ◆ Workshops flyers added in .pdf format.
- ◆ Cutting machine scheduled added.
- ◆ Information on the loan of the system laptop, projector and Follett PHD added.
- ◆ Current newsletter added.
- ◆ The web page also includes information on the cutting machines, audio book collections, and professional collection and has links to other web sites of interest to system members.

Staff Development:

- ◆ Worked as a part of the statewide group on the Library Technical Assistant Degree through the community college system.
- ◆ Member of the State Advisory Council on Libraries.
- ◆ Chair of the Mountain Plains Library Association Professional Development Grants Committee.
- ◆ Program committee chair for the 2004 NLA/NEMA Conference.
- ◆ September—MS-Access Class.
- ◆ September 30-October 1st—Outcome Based Evaluation Training at NLC.
- ◆ October 20th—NLC Grant Training.
- ◆ November 4-9th—MPLA/Reforma Conference at Lake Tahoe.
- ◆ February 3rd—Gates Training in Hastings.
- ◆ February/March—MS-Excel Class.
- ◆ February 24-27—Public Library Association Conference in Seattle.
- ◆ May 19th—NLA Spring Meeting in Broken Bow.

																									
	The Oconto Public Library is hosting the “Lewis & Clark Traveling Trunk Show” on Saturday, August 21, at 10:30 a.m. The show will feature two reproduction trunks from the Lewis & Clark expedition filled with all manner of items used by the explorers and found by them during their travels. A storyteller will tell about the items and demonstrate their uses. Captain Clark himself will also be making an appearance. All ages are welcome. The Library would like to thank the Custer County Foundation for their generous grant to make it possible for us to host this show.																								
																									
																									
																									
																									
																									
																									
																									
																									

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wherever you wish to go.
--Julie Andrews*

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