

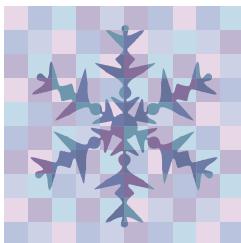
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## Thinking Outside the Borders

The Nebraska Library Commission motto "Bringing Together People and Information," was very appropriate for the *Thinking Outside the Borders Institute* held October 22-26 in Lincoln and concluding at the annual library conference in Kearney. Librarians from Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, and El Salvador joined with Nebraska librarians to learn about, and discuss, leadership issues of mutual concern. Although the librarians represented a cross-section of types of libraries – public, government, academic, and special, the issues raised were truly international. Funding, staffing, and equity of access were recurrent themes.

After spending a few days with Central and South American colleagues, I was left with two strong impressions. Librarians have a strong finger on the pulse of their countries. They understand well the cultural and political nuances impacting good library services. In addition, size doesn't have to matter – libraries are all about service. Fine librarians worldwide are astute at recognizing the services needed by their clientele and pursuing a method for meeting the need.

The *Thinking Outside the Borders Conference* proved to be a refreshing reminder that the world can be both big and small at the same time. The physical distances may be great, but within a profession, the issues are very similar.

Janet Stoeger Wilke, Dean  
Calvin T. Ryan Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney



## Lincoln, NE – Fascinating International Destination

Until recently, I had previously spent at most two hours south of the U.S. border. You know, one of those stereotypical trips to barter over some items that I really didn't need but felt I needed the experience. It took a three-day trip to Lincoln on October 22-24 to get immersed in the cultures, libraries and people of Mexico, Columbia, El Salvador, Brazil, Costa Rica, and Chile.

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I was a guest along with several Nebraska librarians and several librarians from the abovementioned countries at an international institute called "Thinking Outside the Borders: Library Leadership in a World Community". The Nebraska Library Commission sponsored this event in partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Mortenson Center for International Library Programs.

Laura Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator for NLC and Barbara Ford, director of the Mortenson Center worked extremely hard putting together a quality leadership institute. I was really impressed with the learning components. Here's a brief rundown:

Clara Budnik Sinay from Santiago, Chile, the Executive Director of the Democracy and Development Foundation, spoke on International Librarianship and related her experiences with public libraries in Chile where limitations on resources are overcome and the people in charge of the libraries are the main actors in transforming their communities by establishing points of service where the people live. Really connecting with a community requires emotional intelligence to share each citizen's needs.

We took a trip north of the U.S. border briefly to hear from Mary Ann Mavrinac, chief librarian, University of Toronto at Mississauga, as she presented the Campbell Leadership Descriptor. Mary impressed upon us that we are all in a learning mode and everyone is a leader regardless of position. What leadership qualities each of us possess can be uncovered by a fun process called the Campbell Leadership Descriptor. What are your strong suits in visioning, managing, empowering, diplomacy, feedback and entrepreneurialism? What is your personal style, level of persona energy, and multicultural awareness? Enquiring leaders need to know!

A couple U.S. presenters included Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian at the NLC, and Kathryn J. Deiss, Content Strategist at the Association of College and Research Libraries. Michael spoke on "Library 2.0: Creating a Borderless Library" and generated a lot of buzz about the latest buzzwords – MEEBO, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, RSS, iPhone, perpetual beta, and the list goes on. Kathryn spoke on "Personal Leadership and Communication". Among other things, she introduced us to the Ladder of Inference and "The User Is Not Broken: A Meme Masquerading as a Manifesto" part of a blog by Karen Schneider that you can find at <http://freerangelibrarian.com/2006/06/03/the-user-is-not-broken-a-meme-masquerading-as-a-manifesto/#more-954>.

The real stars of the institute were Germán Arias from Manizales, Colombia; Rocio Cazares from Puebla (not Pueblo), Mexico; Héctor Grenni from San Salvador, El Sal-

vador; Stelina Maria Martins Pinha from Brasilia, Brazil; Jaime Rendon Valencia from Medellin, Colombia; Andrea Gabriela Solís Blanco from Heredia, Costa Rica; and Milton Vargas Prieto from Bogota, Colombia.

These librarians from south of the border had the opportunity to come to the Mortenson Center for two months for a wide variety of learning experiences, and we think the highlight of their experience must have been their visit to Lincoln as well as their attendance at the Nebraska Library Association conference in Kearney. There is so much to say about each visitor, but to get the facts right I need to refer you to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson/2007NLA.htm> for their official presentations at NLA.

Missing from these powerpoint presentations are their heartfelt comments at the end of the program about their visit to Nebraska and our new friendships. As they now settle back into their localities and jobs, we will stay in touch in a number of ways. One off-shoot of this institute is the formation of work teams. I'm on a team with Nebraskans Jodene Glaesemann from Lincoln City Libraries and Maggie Tarelli-Falcon from Omaha Public Library as well as Jaime Rendon Valencia from Medellin, Colombia. We have ventured into the brave new world of MySpace to collaborate on leadership in teen services.

If you would like to find out more about our international adventures, take a virtual trip to the Thinking Outside the Borders wiki at <http://thinkout.pbwiki.com/> and the Mortenson Center site at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson>.

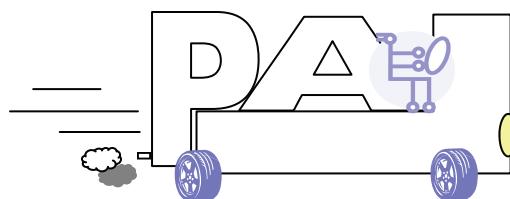
I look forward to my continuing association with these wonderful international librarians and who knows, maybe someday we will meet again but in the meantime they hold a special place in my heart!

Steve Fosselman  
Director, Grand Island Public Library

"Serving Your Spanish-Speaking Customers" Workshops will take place around the state over the course of the next few months. Places and times in our area are:

North Platte: February 7, 2008  
Grand Island: February 8, 2008  
Valentine: March 5, 2008

Plan now to attend and learn new strategies for serving this important part of our customer base!



# On Our Way to PLA 2008!

## OF COURSE THERE'S A BUS TRIP!

This will be the fourth annual Road Trip— we're heading up north for the Public Library Association 2008 Conference.

**March 24-March 29, 2007**

Use the bus trip to network with your peers, catch up on your sleep, finish that book, or watch a movie. But most of all, use the bus for the opportunity to attend a national conference for **FREE!** That's right, thanks to the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, and to a grant\* from the Nebraska Library Commission, there will be no cost for the bus ride. (Riders are responsible for their own hotel arrangements and conference registration.)

The PLA National Conference has a reputation for excellence and offers attendees more than a hundred high-quality educational programs, world-class speakers, a bustling exhibits hall, and countless networking opportunities and social events, making the conference one of the most popular and successful events for the public library world.

The 2008 conference promises more of the same in Minneapolis, a city that continually tops travel destination lists for its cutting-edge architecture, vibrant arts scene, award-winning theatre, tax-free shopping, and renowned restaurants.

Bookmark [www.placonference.org](http://www.placonference.org) and check back often for updated information on registration, conference programming, special events, travel, and insider tips on everything Minneapolis has to offer. **John Wood**, former executive with Microsoft and founder of Room to Read, will help kick off the conference with an inspirational account of how he left his corporate job to change the world. **Kevin Nealon**, of 'Hanz & Franz' fame, will do the closing keynote.



Early Bird registration ends January 18, 2008.

Pick-ups for the bus will be in Lincoln, Omaha, & South Sioux City.

## So sign up today to join Road Trip 2008!

**Please let us know your serious interest as early as possible, so that if we need to reserve a larger bus we can!**

**Sign up deadline: March 3rd, 2008**

Contact Jenni Puchalla, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505  
[jennip@alltel.net](mailto:jennip@alltel.net) or 800-288-6063/467-6188

\*This project was supported in part by a Continuing Education and Training grant, awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission.

\*\*If space permits, each rider may bring a non-library affiliated guest, who, according to grant stipulations, would be required to pay \$100.

## Web Sites of the Month

**Chronicles of Earthsea:** "Ursula Le Guin's books include 'A Wizard of Earthsea' ... and many others. This is an edited transcript of her [2004] online Q&A, in which she answered readers' questions about anarchism, utopias, [and] Harry Potter." Also discusses the impact of Ishi (the last member of a California Indian tribe, who was written about by Theodora Kroeber, her mother) on her writings.

<http://books.guardian.co.uk/departments/sciencefiction/story/0,6000,1144428,00.html>

**Vote 2008:** PBS Online NewsHour's coverage of the 2008 presidential elections features in-depth interviews with candidates (video, audio, and transcripts), a blog with campaign updates, news and analysis, and candidate profiles. Also includes a primary and caucus calendar, lesson plans, and links to other PBS programs covering the election. Also provides podcasts and specific newsfeeds (RSS) for states and candidates.

URL: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/>

**Mexico for Kids:** This website for children explores the history, culture, government, geography, and biodiversity of Mexico through essays, games, recipes, and other activities. Learn about indigenous groups, music, holidays, food, traditions, myth and stories, rulers, branches of government, and more. Also available in Spanish, Italian, and French. From the website for the Presidency of the Republic of Mexico.

URL: [http://www.elbalero.gob.mx/index\\_kids.html](http://www.elbalero.gob.mx/index_kids.html)

**Monthly Reading Activities: A Month of Reading With the NEA:** Collection of ideas for monthly reading activities for children. Includes ideas for Newbery and Caldecott Awards for January, Black History Month in February, National Poetry Month in April, Christopher Robin's birthday in August, National Book Month in October, and the winter solstice in December. Also includes short lists of author birthdays and links to reading lists. From the National Education Association (NEA).

URL: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/year/>

**Library Use Value Calculator:** Use the online form to estimate the value of the library services you use each month. Services listed include materials borrowed (books, movies, audio books, museum passes), magazines used in library, interlibrary loan, children's programs attended, computer use, reference questions, and more. From the Maine State Library.

URL: <http://www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm>

### **Conservation Register: How to Care for ...:**

These fact sheets "give general advice on the care and conservation of a range of different materials or objects. Each fact sheet gives an overview of the materials involved, what can go wrong and why, [and] what owners and custodians can do to prevent and alleviate deterioration." Topics include archaeological materials, books, carpets, furniture, fashion accessories, oil paintings, prints and watercolors, and silver. From the British Institute of Conservation.

URL: [http://www.icon.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=9&Itemid=10](http://www.icon.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9&Itemid=10)

**A Victorian Christmas:** This attractive site features Victorian Christmas cards and illustrations, accompanied by Victorian-era excerpts from the Illustrated London News to capture the essence of a Victorian Christmas. The festivities depicted in the illustrations include seasonal decoration, Christmas music, arriving home for Christmas, Christmas Eve, presents, dinner, Boxing Day, the pantomime, parties, and New Year celebration. Each picture and excerpt is carefully documented, dated, and described. From the Scrap Album.

URL: <http://www.scrapalbum.com/vxhome.htm>

**Christmas-Cookies.com:** A database of nearly 400 Christmas cookie recipes. The site offers baking tips such as how to organize baking a large variety of cookies and how to store them, as well as links to sites that carry specialty baking supplies. Browsable and searchable.

URL: <http://www.christmas-cookies.com/>

# Youth Services Retreat



March 13, 2008

## Youth Services Workshops

1:00 PM–8:00 PM

6 NLC Continuing Education Credit Units

March 14, 2008

## Summer Reading Program Workshop

9:30 AM–3:30 PM

5 NLC Continuing Education Credit Units

### Day 1

1:00

1:15-2:15 p.m.

#### Youth Services Workshops

##### Welcome and Introductions

**Graphically Speaking**—Susan Steider, Lincoln City Libraries

Learn the difference between comics and manga; how to make decisions when looking for and ordering them and recommended titles.

2:30 -3:30 p.m.

#### Social Networking on the Internet: YouTube, Facebook, My Space

Kathy Ellerton, Northeast Library System, Columbus

What you need to know and how to use these sites (hands-on computer lab).

3:30—4:00 p.m.

#### Drive to Grand Island Public Library

4:00—5:00 p.m.

#### Tour of Grand Island Public Library

Tour of the newly expanded and remodeled library with particular emphasis on the children and young adult departments

5:30 p.m.

#### Check-in and Dinner

6:45 p.m.—?

**Gaming**—Shannon White, Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln

What you need to know about gaming in libraries. We will be having a gaming tournament featuring different gaming systems.

**Anime movie: Spirited Away by Hayao Miyazaki.** This is a wondrous fantasy about a young girl, Chihiro, trapped in a strange new world of spirits. When her parents undergo a mysterious transformation, she must call upon the courage she never knew she had to free herself and return her family to the outside world. Rated PG 125 minutes. This film won the Best Animated Film Award by the New York Film Critics Guide, Winner of the Golden Bear Award for Best Picture by the 52nd Berlin International Film Festival and Winner, Best Animated Feature by the National Board of Review.

Time can also be spent using the cutting machines, pool and/or hot tub.

### Day 2

#### Summer Reading Program Workshop—Catch the Reading Bug!

9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Marcy Retzlaff, Norfolk Public Library and Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission

Bring your manual, craft kit and your own good ideas to share with the group!

Cutting machines will be available both days. Bring your own paper.

# REGISTRATION

Registration must be received by **March 6, 2008!**

**Step 1:** Fill out the information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2:** If you are NOT staying overnight, Check ONE of the following:

\_\_\_\_ Day 1 only (3/13/2008), \$20

\_\_\_\_ Day 2 only (3/14/2008), \$20

\_\_\_\_ Both days (3/13-14/2008), \$30

**Step 3:** If you are staying over night, choose one of the following:

\_\_\_\_ Private room, \$100

\_\_\_\_ 2 people/room, \$78 per person

If you would like to choose your roommate, list name below,  
Otherwise , roommates will be assigned.

**Step 4:** Mail a copy of this registration form to: Meridian Library System, 1015 Central Ave, Suite B, Kearney, NE 68847.

Be sure to mail payment with your registration.  
(Add step 2 and Step 3 together for payment amount.)

Registrations must be received by **March 6, 2008!**

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

- The Leadership Institute is located on Hwy 34 just 3/4 mile east of the Hwy 14 and 34 junction. The address is 1609 E Hwy 34, Aurora.
- Day 1 begins at 1:00 P.M. Room check-in is at 5:15 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 P.M. If you're not staying overnight, you will be finished around 8:00 P.M.
- Each guest room has two standard-size double beds. Bedding and towels are provided.
- Day 2 begins at 8:00 A.M. with breakfast for those that spent the night. The Summer Reading Program Workshop begins at 9:30 A.M. for everyone. (Don't forget your manual and craft kit!) Lunch will be served at noon and you should be on your way at about 3:30 P.M.
- Pool/hot-tub is open 24 hours for overnight guest.

## The 2007 YALSA Teens' Top Ten

**New Moon** by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2006).

**Just Listen** by Sarah Dessen (Viking Children's Books, 2006)

**How to Ruin a Summer Vacation** by Simone Elkeles (Flux, 2006).

**Maximum Ride: School's Out – Forever** by James Patterson (Hachette Book Group USA/Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2006).

**Firegirl** by Tony Abbott (Hachette Book Group USA/Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2006).

**All Hallows Eve (13 Stories)** by Vivian Vande Velde (Harcourt, 2006).

**Life As We Knew It** by Susan Beth Pfeffer (Harcourt, 2006).

**River Secrets** by Shannon Hale (Bloomsbury, 2006).

**Bad Kitty** by Michele Jaffe (HarperCollins, 2006).

**Road of the Dead** by Kevin Brooks (Chicken House, 2006).

TTT is a "teen choice" booklist, put together as part of YALSA's Young Adult (YA) Galley Project, which facilitates access to advance copies of young adult books to national teen book discussion groups. These groups evaluated books published between January 2006 through April 2007 and then created a list of 25 nominations. Teen voters across the country then cast ballots for their three favorites, creating the 2007 Teens' Top Ten. Final nominations for the 2008 Teens' Top Ten vote will be posted in April at [www.ala.org/teenstop10](http://www.ala.org/teenstop10).

## Books Honored by Nebraska Center for the Book

The 2007 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB), recognizes and honors books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or concerning Nebraska. This year's winners are:

- **Children/Young Adult:** *Tomorrow the River*, Dianne E. Gray, Houghton Mifflin Company
- **Cover/Design/Illustration:** *Things We Don't Know We Don't Know*, Matt Mason, The Backwaters Press
- **Fiction:** *The Floor of the Sky*, Pamela Carter Joern, University of Nebraska Press Flyover Fiction Series
- **Fiction Honor:** *The Cleanup*, Sean Doolittle, Bantam Dell, a Division of Random House, Inc.
- **Nonfiction:** *The National Grasslands*, Francis Moul, Photography by Georg Joutras, University of Nebraska Press Bison Books
- **Nonfiction Honor:** *Toast to Omaha: A Cookbook*, Junior League of Omaha, Quebecor Books
- **Poetry:** *Things We Don't Know We Don't Know*, Matt Mason, The Backwaters Press

## National Book Award Winners

Fiction: Denis Johnson for *Tree of Smoke*

Non-Fiction: Tim Weiner for *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*

Poetry: Robert Haas for *Time and Materials*

Young Adult: Sherman Alexie for *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

## **Public Libraries and Tech Soup**

(<http://www.techsoup.org>)

by John Seyfarth

Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

I have found a great source for public libraries to obtain software and some hardware at great prices, called TechSoup. When I first got on, I was a little suspicious, you know, if it is too good to be true, it usually is. But in this case, many software companies donate software for public libraries in the U. S. and Canada, and for non-profit organizations to TechSoup. Well, being a risk taker, I had to test it! So I needed some upgrades for my software collection, specifically MS Office 2007® and MS Windows Vista®. They don't take POs so I had to put it on my credit card and get reimbursed later. But the price was fantastic; Office 2007® was \$20 per set, and Vista Business® was \$10 per set. I ordered 15 of each on Friday, and receive my CDs/DVDs on Wednesday the next week. This resulted in a savings of about \$1140 over what I could obtain the same software from our normal Nebraska software vendor, and I thought they had a great price!

Well, what do you need to do to get involved? First, go to <http://www.techsoup.com>. Click on the **blue** tab marked **TechSoup Stock**. On this screen, there is a link right under the **Welcome to Techsoup Stock** that is labeled **Join Techsoup**. Click on it. Read the page, and at the bottom of the page there is a “caramel” color button labeled, **Continue to Join TechSoup**. Fill out the forms, and follow the screen prompts. Most public libraries are not 501(c)(3) organizations, but you don't have to be. Once registered, and your registration is approved (usually by return E-mail) then you can order items that public libraries are permitted to purchase. If you have any questions, the support persons available by phone (415-633-9300) are most helpful. Also, be sure and read TechSoup's limitations and rules, and be aware that each of the software donor companies also have restrictions that apply.

## **We the People Bookshelf Grant**

**deadline January 25, 2008**

The We the People Bookshelf, a collection of classic books for young readers, is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) We the People program, conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office.

Each year NEH identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme. This collection of theme-related books is the Bookshelf. In addition to introducing young readers to good literature, the Bookshelf promotes understanding of abstract or general ideas through the power of particular stories.

The theme for the Bookshelf is announced at the beginning of each academic year in September. The first four themes were “Courage,” “Freedom,” “Becoming American,” and the “Pursuit of Happiness.”

Applications for the “Created Equal” Bookshelf are being accepted online September 10, 2007, through January 25, 2008. Applicants will be notified by March 31, 2008, whether or not they will receive a Bookshelf. “Created Equal” programs will be conducted in libraries between May 1, 2008, and April 30, 2009.

Titles selected for the We the People Bookshelf might highlight important chapters in American history; or express universal themes that are integral parts of American culture. The books are intended to represent the rich texture of the American heritage, a tradition that has incorporated ideas and texts from around the world.

NEH awards the Bookshelves to libraries across the country for use in programs primarily for young people. U.S. public and school (K-12) libraries are eligible to apply. In return for receiving a Bookshelf, libraries organize programs that highlight the theme and encourage young readers

to explore the selected books.

The American Library Association (ALA) collaborates with NEH to deliver this program. ALA staff and libraries help to select the books, and work directly with the nation's libraries to disseminate information and to encourage libraries to take part in the "We the People Bookshelf" grant program.

For more information see <http://www.wethepeople.gov/bookshelf/index.html>



### **Library Vendor Discounts Renewed**

Highsmith recently agreed to renew the discount it offers to Nebraska libraries on products ordered from current Highsmith and Upstart catalogs. This discount, which is good through October 31, 2008, consists of:

- \* 15% off current catalog price with a minimum order of \$50.00 or more
- \* Stock shipments will also qualify for free delivery
- \* Shipping and handling will be added to non stock items.

Note: This discount is not valid with other discounts, bids, 3M security products, Edupress, Mindsparks, Interact, Learning Well brands, sale catalogs, and orders already in progress. Additional charges for inside delivery, lift gate service, or prior notification may be added to the invoice.

Please reference discount number 89933 on any purchase orders to Highsmith. This will ensure that all discounts will apply.

Save time and place your order at <http://www.highsmith.com>. Insert your discount number in the promotion code field and your discount will be applied automatically.

DEMCO recently agreed to renew the discount it offers to Nebraska libraries. Discounts are based on prices shown in DEMCO's annual catalog published each January. This discount, which is good through December 31, 2008, consists of:

- \* 15% on library, office and technology supplies (consumables)
- \* 15% on learning materials
- \* 15% on furniture and equipment (non-consumables)

In order to ensure you receive your special discount, please indicate Discount # C87023 on all orders.



### **NLA/NEMA Awards**

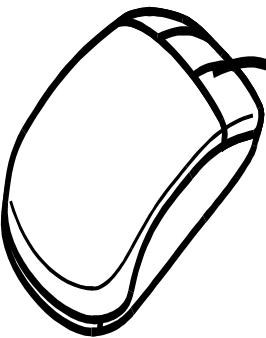
- Paraprofessional of the Year: Angela Kroeger, UNO
- PLS Excalibur Award: K. Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library
- NLA Presidential Award: Scott Childers, UNL
- NMRT Mentor of the Year: Carol Connor, Lincoln City Libraries
- Mari Sandoz Award: Alex Kava
- Meritorious Service Award: Sandra Hartman, Falls City
- C&U Distinguished Service Award: Jan Boyer, UNO
- SCYP Mad Hatter Award: Marci Retzlaff, Norfolk Public Library
- S&I Distinguished Service Award: Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library
- S&I Promotion Award: Beth Goble, NLC
- NEMA Meritorious Service Award: Sharon Osenga, Meridian Library System, Kearney
- NEMA Distinguished Service Award: Sue Divan, YRTC, Kearney
- NEMA Sound Off for Media Award: Jeanne Bergsten, Kearney
- NEMA Presidential Award: Information Power Committee

# Blogs. . . . Wikis

Are you curious about these web tools?  
Want to learn more about them but  
don't have a clue where to start?  
Begin here:

ESU10, 76 Plaza Blvd., Kearney  
Wednesday, January 16, 2008  
9:00 a.m. to Noon and  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Free (lunch on your own)

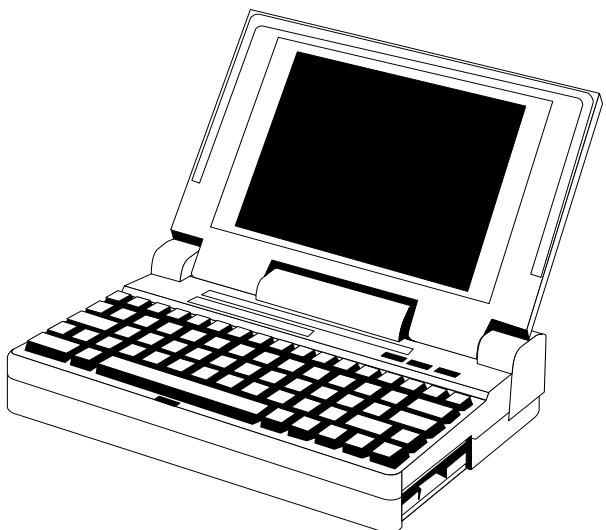
Presenter: Michael Sauers,  
Nebraska Library Commission



In case of inclement weather, workshop may be postponed. If in doubt, call the system office before traveling.



Please call 800 657-2192  
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**Nebraska Regional Library  
Systems Present:**

# **Automation Vendor Day**

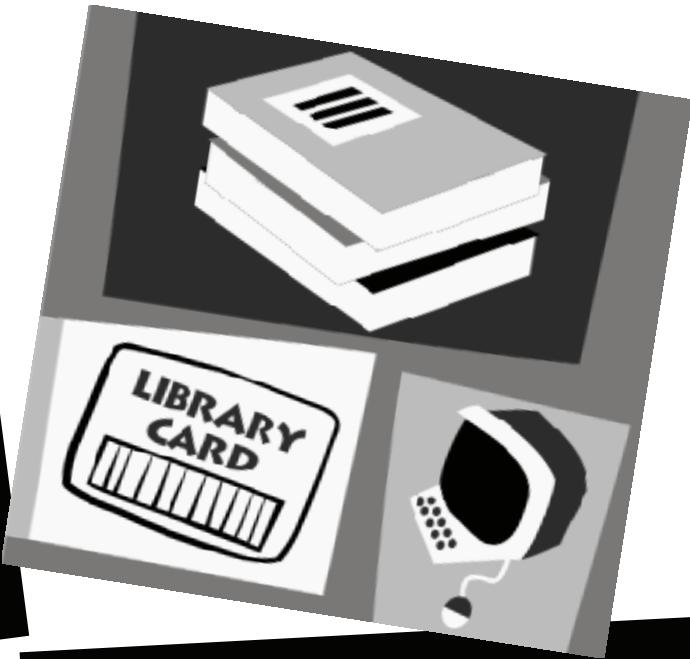
**Friday January 25, 2008  
Seward Memorial Library  
233 S 5th St, Seward NE  
Registration Fee: \$10  
Includes lunch**

#### **Schedule:**

- 9:30—10:30 a.m. Clark Charbonnet,  
Biblionix**
- 10:40—11:40 a.m. Troy Mohrman,  
Polaris**
- 11:40—12:45 p.m. Lunch**
- 12:45—1:45 p.m. Online Nebraska Library  
(ONELibrary Consortium)**
- 1:55—2:55 p.m. Follett**
- 3:00—4:00 p.m. 3M: RFID**

**Send registration form with  
fee by Jan 20th to:  
Meridian Library System  
1015 Central Ave, Suite B  
Kearney, NE 68847**

In case of inclement weather, event may be postponed. If in doubt, please call your System Office before traveling.



#### **This Workshop is for you if:**

- You are considering automation**
- You are considering changing your automation vendor**
- You want to learn about RFID (radio frequency identification)**

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**and click on Scotland tour.**

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