

Straight *talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

Join the Edge Initiative

The Edge Initiative is a set of tools and benchmarks that will aid libraries in making strategic decisions and identifying areas for improvement in their technologic resources. Participants will be able to develop a snapshot of their current public technology usage, steps for improvement, and tools for working with local leaders to address community needs or issues. The national launch of the initiative is happening now.

There are 11 benchmarks in the initiative. Benchmarks 1-3 focus on community value through the programs and services the library has that enables its community to obtain value from using the library's technology. Benchmarks 4-6 focus on engaging the community primarily through strategic planning and best practices. Finally, benchmarks 7-11 focus on organizational management through planning, policies, and methods to make the library's technology accessible to everyone.

While most of the current real-world examples have been from large libraries, this is something that any library with technology resources can benefit from. A peer comparison feature is coming that will allow libraries to compare themselves nationally to other libraries of a similar size.

For libraries that do not or are unable to participate yet, there are still many resources that are available. There are specific resources for each benchmark as well as an [assessment workbook](#).

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Effort to get library built demonstrates community pride, cooperation

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WINSIDE — With a collection of books that tell thousands of stories, it's only fitting that the Lied Winside Public Library has its own tale to tell.

The beautiful 3,000-square-foot building was dedicated in 2003, although it still looks new and many of the town's older residents still call it the "new library."

It's little wonder. Before it was built, the town was always searching for a permanent home for a library.

At one time, the library was located in back of a store, then was in a little building that was part of the school, then in the corner of an auditorium. It may have even had some other locations before that.

In 1996, the fundraising efforts to construct a building began. Led by Daisey Jahnke, and with dozens of bake sales and benefits, the effort finally proved successful.

The figures help to shed some light on the efforts:

- * Total cost of the building was nearly \$167,000. It was completed at a tremendous savings because much of the labor was donated.

- * A Lied Foundation Grant provided \$75,000. Another grant was received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

- * The City of Winside pays for insurance and utilities on the building, which also includes a Centennial Room where the city council meets and other community functions take place.

- * The Winside State Bank dedicated all the bricks for the building.

JoAnn Field, the librarian, began working for the library in 1981 and remembers some of the earlier locations along with the fundraising efforts.

It was a great effort because it involved so many people and a lot of the leaders worked hard to make it a reality, she said.

Having a library with adequate space and a building designed to be a library has helped to make it optimum for the community. More than 400 library cards have been issued, nearly matching the town's population, with about 250 of them having been used at least once in the past year to check out materials, Field said.

The library includes four computers for the public, along with a laptop. The library also offers free wireless service, so some people come in with their tablets and other electronic devices to use it, Field said.

One of the greatest things about the library is the interaction with all ages of people, Field said. Lots of younger children come to use the computers or look at periodicals, while older residents also stop by for everything from making copies to checking out books.

Library & Information Services Certificate at Central Community College

If you have an interest in an great online Library & Information Services Certificate offered at Central Community College, I'd be happy to assisting you!

Some general information is that the LIS courses are delivered entirely online; therefore, you do not have any face-to-face meetings with the classes. The LIS Certificate is comprised of 18 credits; students begin with the Foundations course and end with the Capstone course. Our website lists the schedule of courses: www.cccneb.edu/lis

To get started on the CCC enrollment process, you'll need to do the following:

1. Apply for admission. It is free to apply and you may do it online at: www.cccneb.edu click on "Apply now"
2. If you have an AA degree or higher degree, an official transcript can be sent to: CCC Admissions, Attn: Heidi Wilshusen, PO Box 1027, Columbus, NE 68602-1027.

Once the enrollment process is completed, you'll be able to register for courses when registration is open later this spring for the Summer Semester. To register for a course, you would call 1-308-398-7412 and the college registrar's office will help you register. Below are the courses you'll take for the LIS Certificate.

Current costs for a NE resident: \$90 (\$80/tuition & \$10/fees) per credit hour, but I'd like you to apply for the Nebraska Library Commission grant funding for this program. You may be able to get your summer and fall courses paid for through the grant. The grant ends fall 2014, so there is still a little time to apply with the Commission to have a few semesters funded.

The link to that information is: <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.ne.gov/Scholarships.asp>

Please let me know if you have further questions and I'm happy to assist you in your educational plans!

Thank you,

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NORTHEAST NEBRASKA RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Presents



Publishing & Marketing Workshop



For Writers, Authors,
and those aspiring to be

Monday, March 31st
7:00pm

RC&D Office
702 E. Park Ave (East Hwy 20)
Plainview, NE

Presented by Nebraska Author D. R. Haskin

Mr. Haskin has published 4 books, 2 of which made Amazon.com's Best Seller List. This workshop will inspire and encourage participants, while providing insights on publishing with valuable tips for marketing the book once it is published.

Cost - \$25 per person
Pre-register by March 25th by calling
Northeast Nebraska RC&D at 402-582-4866
Space for this workshop is limited, so be sure to register early!

Library Happenings



Connie Baker puts some finishing touches on a wall at the new Antelope County History Archive.



Construction continues on Wausa public library's building project.



Randolph public library celebrated Valentine's Day by having a photo booth full of props and costumes for kids to use.



Stanton public library hosted a chocolate and tea tasting party.

Guidelines for Nebraska Libraries Considering Newspaper Digitization Projects

Nebraska Library Commission

Considerations before Starting a Project

Has it already been digitized? : Check the Nebraska Newspapers: Digitizing Nebraska's History website <http://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/>

Copyright: If the newspaper is still protected by copyright (published in 1923 and later), permission in writing is required from the legal owner. Permission may depend on how the library plans to make the images accessible (i.e. limited access via a library computer or public access via the web).

Digitization Process

It is strongly recommended that the library outsource the project to a vendor instead of doing it with library equipment, staff or volunteers. The best practice is to digitize from silver halide microfilm, not print. The Nebraska State Historical Society has reels of many historical Nebraska newspapers.

If the needed issues have been microfilmed, a vendor may be able to get a clean silver halide copy from the Historical Society for digitization purposes. We recommend that you contact the Historical Society first about options.

If the needed issues are not available on microfilm, the project should include having a vendor film them before digitizing.

If possible contact several vendors for quotes and references. It is recommended that vendors provide a written quote indicating that the work will be done according to the following:

- Scanning at 300-400 dpi resolution in 8-bit grayscale

- Production of uncompressed TIFF images and JPEG 2000 derivative images

- De-skewing of pages that are off by more than 3%

- A separate image file for each page (if microfilm has two pages as one image)

- Creation of a logical naming convention for image files so that consecutive pages can be easily retrieved

- OCR (Optical Character Recognition) files and indexing for the images to make them keyword searchable. Ask the vendor what the accuracy percentage will be.

- Back-up services: who is responsible once the images have been delivered if the hard-drive crashes or files become corrupted? If the vendor does not keep a copy for future access, the library should have back-up plan.

Deliverables

It is recommended that libraries require vendors to provide the following products:

- A searchable database of the OCRd images on a hard drive that can be used on a library computer.

- Uncompressed TIFF images and JPEG2000 images that the library can use in the future.

- Copies of any microfilm produced by the vendor for the project.



NELS Summer Reading Workshop



March 24, 2014

\$25

Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

3.5 C.E. Credits

10:00-10:30

Registration and refreshments

10:30-11:30

Sally Snyder from the Nebraska Library Commission will share books that relate to this year's theme for a variety of ages and interests.

11:30-12:00

Lunch

12:00-1:30

Mrs. Science of Science Reconnect in Palmyra will demonstrate science activities that you can do with common household items as well as examples from her program events.

1:30-2:30

Mary Matuszewski from Lincoln city libraries will share some craft and hands-on activity ideas.

2:30-3:00

Closing, evaluations, & drawings

Contact the office or [click here](#) to register.

Registrations must be received by **March 14, 2014.**

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Antelope County History Archives

A new special library is coming to the Northeast Library System. The Antelope County Historical Society in Neligh is putting the finishing touches on a new building. In addition to the museum collection, the new building will also have a library collection called the Antelope County History Archives.

The museum will be located at 410 L St. (Highway 275) in Neligh. The current website is <http://www.jailmuseum.net/> but that will change when the new building is named. The museum will also have a phone number once the new building is open.

Rescheduled Winter Workshop

The Winter Workshop has been rescheduled for April 28 at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. Registration will open in mid-March. If you had registered for the cancelled date and will be attending in April, please re-register when the new form opens.

A new flyer with updated dates will be released when registration re-opens.

Edge Initiative Cont.

Available resources also include templates, tools, and tips for improving the library's technology resources, case studies from libraries of multiple sizes using computers to meet community needs, and training to help guide librarians in using their initiative results for planning, advocacy, and outreach to build technology services.

More information about the Edge Initiative can be found at <http://www.libraryedge.org>.

Library & Information Services Certificate Cont.

Here's what your plan of study could be. If you'd rather take 1 course at a time, it would take longer, but you can do that as well.

Summer 2014:

LIBR 1010 – Foundations of Library & Information Services (1st course in program)

LIBR 2100 – Reference Resources & Services

Fall 2014:

LIBR 2250 – Leadership & Management in Library & Information Agencies

Spring 2015:

LIBR 2150 – Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies

LIBR 2210 – Cataloging & Classification

Summer 2015:

LIBR 2940 - Library Science Capstone Practicum (last course in program)



Upcoming Events

March 19: NELS board meeting, South Sioux City public library

March 24: Summer reading workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Mid-March: Registration opens for rescheduled Winter Workshop

April 2: Target meeting, David City public library, 1-4pm

April 28: Rescheduled Winter workshop, Lifelong Learning Center.

June 18-22: Chautauqua Festival, Norfolk

July 17: Nebraska Library Leadership Institute reunion, Love Library, Lincoln

If you have a book review, piece of news, or photo that you would like to share with your fellow Northeast Nebraska libraries, email it to Sarah at the NELS office.

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Northeast Library System Board Minutes Draft

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Virtual Meeting

The Northeast Library System Board met *online* Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Judy Hagan, and roll call showed board members Judy Hagan, Beth Foulks, Dawnn Tucker, Dee Johnson, Judy Hilkemann, Sara Lee, Tim Sebade, and Mary Austin present. Also present were Director Sarah Warneke, and Shelia Cermak. Richard Miller from The Library Commission joined us later.

The November minutes were approved. (M) – Johnson, (2) Lee.

Director Sarah Warneke shared several cards. A report from Rita McLean of the Wayne Public Library telling about her attendance at the ARLS in Omaha in September was included in the packet.

The financial report was reviewed by Shelia Cermak. The audit has been completed with no issues. Shelia pointed out several comparisons to 2012. The report was approved by roll call. (Austin-abstained due to last of print materials)

Director Sarah shared the Director's Report. Winter Workshop plans are underway. The Summer Reading Workshop is mostly set. Two accreditation workshops will be held, one in Randolph and one in Columbus. Sarah will be attending the 2014 ALA conference in Las Vegas.

President Judy Hagan encouraged libraries to attend Advocacy Day on February 5 in Lincoln. It is a good chance to talk to the senators, and also receive CU credit.

Richard Miller shared a report from the NLC. He will send the report out via email.

The budget committee plans to meet in February. The strategic planning committee will also need to meet in the near future as the Strategic Plan is up for renewal. The updated Technology Plan has been completed and was provided in the packet.

Unfinished business included a call for volunteers for the nominating committee. If no volunteers come forward, an appointment will be made from among the current board members.

Motion was made by Foulks and seconded by Johnson to table the discussion about a by-laws change based on population. A face-to-face discussion seemed appropriate.

Claims of the day will be paid. (M) – Hilkemann; (2) – Johnson. (Austin-abstained due to lack of materials.)

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM. (M)- Hilkemann (2) Johnson.

The next meeting will be March 19th at the South Sioux City Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Northeast Library System serves the counties of Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Dakota, Dixon, Holt, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Stanton, Thurston, Wayne and Wheeler.

“It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it.”

~ Oscar Wilde

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