



Straight *talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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Hello! I'm Kathy Ellerton and I'm the new Northeast Library System Administrator. I'm excited about being here and hope to meet many of you soon and visit your libraries.

Libraries have played an important role in my life. I've worked in libraries in Montana, Colorado, Missouri and the Sultanate of OMAN. I've worked in many different areas including: children's, adults, reference, outreach, interlibrary loan, and once upon a time, I even cataloged!

Please do not hesitate to call me at 1-800-578-1014 if there is an issue you wish to discuss, an idea that intrigues you or an article you think needs to be placed in the newsletter.

Once again, I am happy to be here and looking forward to meeting you all!!



Summer Institute

This year's event will be held on one day, June 3, 2004. Take a moment and thank Lauran Lofgren, Wayne Public Library Director, for all the hard work she did in organizing this year's event.

Events are:

9:00-3:30 pm - Database Roadshow (Size Limited)

The Database Roadshow is presented by NLC staff and covers the databases available through NebraskAccess. This is a full-day session, with a break for lunch. The class size is limited to 20 pre-paid registrants on a first-come first-serve basis. Please notify the NELS office if you cannot attend so that someone else may fill your spot.

9:30-10:30am Cataloging Audiovisual Materials

Marilyn Liedorff from Wayne State College will offer guidelines for cataloging a variety of audiovisual materials.

9:30-10:30am - How to Write the Director's Report

This panel presentation will discuss the ever-present Director's Report to the Board of Trustees. Topics covered will include what information to gather throughout the month, what format to use, etc.

10:45-11:45am - Marketing the Library

This session will focus on ways to increase the visibility of the library in a community. What you can do inside the library, types of PR that are most effective, and building community support. Come with ideas that have or haven't worked in your own library.

10:45-11:45am - Print & Electronic Resources for School Librarians

A presenter from NEMA will have examples of resources that are designed to help the media specialist. Registration is limited to 20 to permit some hands on time at the computer.

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"What I like best is a book that's at least funny once in a while...What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone"...

J.D. Salinger

1:00-2:00 pm - Personal Safety in the Workplace

Police Chief Lance Webster of the City of Wayne Police force will present information on how to keep yourself, your staff and your patrons safe in today's chaotic world. Topics will range from security of personal belongings or physical safety to behavior in a crisis to identify theft, and beyond.

1:00-2:00 pm - Marketing Your Needs and Funding Sources for the School Librarian

In today's budget climate, school media specialists need to consider looking outside of regular funding channels to meet the needs of their students and teachers. This session, hosted by NEMA, will discuss how to "get the word out" and will present some untraditional ideas of where to look for funding.

2:10-3:10 pm - New Accreditation Standards

NLC personnel will discuss the new accreditation standards that become effective July 1, 2004. This session is important for public libraries and trustees as the standards are explained and questions can be answered.

2:10-3:10 pm - Book Talk - Juvenile and YP

Sally Snyder from NLC will discuss many of the new children's and young adult titles. This session will focus on

6th grade & older. Handouts will be available of titles for younger readers.

5:00 pm - Wine Reception

5:30 pm - Annual System Board Meeting & Banquet

A delicious meal of prime rib and turkey breast with baked potatoes buffet will be served by Chartwell's catering. Our keynote speaker for the evening will be announced soon.

Registration Form on page 10.



Wagons Ho!

Nebraska is rich in trails of all types— pioneer wagon trails, the first transcontinental railroad, the famed Lincoln Highway, and modern recreational trails. The Nebraska collection includes the following:

The Nebraska State Historical Society "**Chimney Rock: Landmark on the Overland Trail**"

www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/rock/moreinfo.htm

187 images of photographs, maps, artifacts, and documents related to Chimney Rock. Most are from the Chimney Rock Visitors' Center exhibit.

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Nebraska Public Library Accreditation

Now is your opportunity to provide input on the public library accreditation guidelines for Nebraska. View a draft of the revised "Guidelines for Accreditation for Nebraska Public Libraries" at the NLC website: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accred.html.

In July of 2002 the Library Commission developed a long range plan, "Making A Difference @ your library™ Nebraska Library Services and Technology Act Plan for Library and Information Services (published July 2002). One activity under Goal 2 reads:

2D: Evaluate the Public Library Accreditation program to address changing library and information needs.

As part of this evaluation process, the Library Commission invites your input into the process. We would like to hear:

about your experiences in using and/or meeting the current guidelines
recommendations for changes and/or additions to the existing guidelines

Accreditation Issues:

- √ Are the guidelines relevant in the 2003 library and information environment?
- √ What guidelines are (or have been) useful to you and how?
- √ What changes would you like to see in the existing guidelines?

Guidelines for public libraries generally cover some basic topics. These include:

- √ Governance
- √ Funding
- √ Staff size & educational level
- √ Hours
- √ Collection size & currency
- √ Equality of access (age, disability, location)
- √ Policy requirements
- √ Board of trustees' requirements (by-laws, meeting frequency, orientation)
- √ Program and service requirements
- √ Outreach and public relations
- √ Minimum space requirements

Please send your comments to Kit Keller, Library Data Services Coordinator at: kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us. You can also mail them to Kit at the Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.



Pennies From Heaven

"Pitch in your pennies for Public Libraries" was a Canadian national promotional campaign for public libraries. Friends and other support groups selected a week that suited their calendar. Donation jars and cans were set out at the local hot spots and customers were encouraged to drop in their change. Over the years, penny drives in Mississauga have raised almost \$100,000.



"From the moment they are born, our children's lives are shaped by the education we provide them. Education expands eager young minds; a lack of education stifles and limits them. The chance to learn and to read and write should never be only the privilege of a few, royalty, or the rich, the first-born or sons. Education is the birthright of every human being - all the worlds sons and all the world's daughters.

Mrs. Laura Bush, in her remarks at the 32nd General Conf. of the U.N.s Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Oct. 3, in Paris.

Congratulations Gretchen!

Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) the LPTC/Winnebago Public Library will be able to extend hours and services in some new ways: Two people will be hired for full-time positions in the library. One will be a library/computer technician who will work in the Community Technology section and assist with teaching the new technologies to community members. The second person will be a children's librarian, who will be developing a variety of children's and young adult programs. The grant will also purchase equipment such as computers, wireless, net work cards, software, and cameras for digital processing.

Director Gretchen Healy stated, "This project will have a significant impact on access to information in Winnebago. We will be able to offer additional hours and programming for underserved groups in the community. Thanks go to the Winnebago Tribal Council, for contributing in-kind matching funds and their resolution of support,

to the library staff for their dedication and assistance with the grant, and to the staff of the postal substation in Sioux City for digging into their own pockets for money for postage to mail this grant on time."

IMLS' Native American Library Service grant programs provide opportunities for improved library services for an important, but often underserved, part of the nation's community of library users. The program offers three categories of grants to established libraries serving the needs of Indian tribal communities and Alaska Native villages: Basic, Professional Assistance, and the Enhancement grants. These grants are in the Enhancement category.

This year there were 37 applications received for a total of \$5,155,687. Thirteen were funded for a total of \$1,731,000. Total recipient match amount was \$869,991.

The IMLS is a federal grantmaking agency located in Washington, D.C. that fosters leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting museums and libraries.



Library Filtering Info

For those of you who need to install filters on your computer by July 1 to meet the CIPA requirements, check out this site: www.tnla.org/filter.html. The report includes information regarding blocking, costs, keyword, and where the software resides.



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Congratulations New Brunswick!

In the October 2003 issue of American Libraries, New Brunswick was rated number 4 for libraries in the under 1,000 population category. The HAPLR Index includes 15 factors. The focus is on circulation, staffing, materials, reference service, and funding levels.

Extension in Espanol

Extension in Espanol is a national clearinghouse for Spanish language educational resources operated by and for Extension professionals. Launched in 2003, it provides audio, video and print materials in Spanish and English; production assistance on materials in Spanish for regional or national audiences, resources for educating Extension faculty with Spanish-speaking clients; and a national forum for educators who work with Spanish speaking audiences. Web address is : extensionenespanol.net.

Red Hot!!

Hruska Memorial Public Library Friends are selling raffle tickets for a signed and numbered limited edition framed print of Mark Moseman's "Monarch". The lucky winner will be selected on April 17, 2004 at the Friends of the Library Annual Dinner.

Mark Moseman, born in 1945, is a native of Oakland, NE and earned a Bachelor of Architecture at the UNL and Masters degree from Syracuse University. Moseman grew up on farms less than two miles apart and attended country school. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. Contact the library at 402-367-3100.



A "little" humor...

A chicken walks into the library. It goes up to the circulation desk and says: "book, bok, bok, boook".

The librarian hands the chicken a book. It tucks it under his wing and runs out. A while later, the chicken runs back in, throws the first book into the return bin and goes back to the librarian saying: "book, bok, bok, bok, boook". Again the librarian gives it a book, and the chicken runs out. The librarian shakes her head.

Within a few minutes, the chicken is back, returns the book and starts all over again: "boook, book, bok bok boook". The librarian gives him yet a third book, but this time as the chicken is running out the door, she follows it.

The chicken runs down the street, through the park and down to the riverbank. There, sitting on a lily pad is a big, green frog. The chicken holds up the book and shows it to the frog, saying: "Book, bok, bok, boook". The frog blinks, and croaks: "read-it, read-it,



Plattsmouth Public Library has a traveling trunk for Lewis & Clark. The only costs would be the UPS charges. This will be on a first come first serve basis. For more information, contact Stephen Hunter, Director at 402-296-4154.



NLA Public Library Section 2004 Spring Meetings

This year's meetings are co-sponsored by: the Public Library Section; the Trustees, Users and Friends Section; the Special and Institutional Section; School, Children's and Young People Section, and the Nebraska Library Commission.

Choose one of the following workshops:

BEING A PROFESSIONAL PERSON - IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS

Presenter: Dr. Mary Bushing

This one-day workshop will cover these key concepts:

- √ Sociological construct of "profession" vs. professional behavior
- √ Characteristics of a professional person (integrity, respect, competence, service, etc.)
- √ Examination of how "being professional" plays out in various aspects of library operations
- √ Influence of professionalism on how the library is characterized by others - users, nonusers, local government, etc.
- √ Finding ways to be more professional in our approach to our work and positions
- √ Identifying ways to help others grow and become more professional

Mary Bushing is retired as an emeritus faculty member (Head of Information Resources in the library) from Montana State University, and is still teaching part-time in the College of Education School Library/Media Program and doing projects for the library. She has experience working in all types of libraries -- school, public (small and medium), special, and academic. Dr. Bushing presented several sessions at this year's MPLA conference in Incline Village.

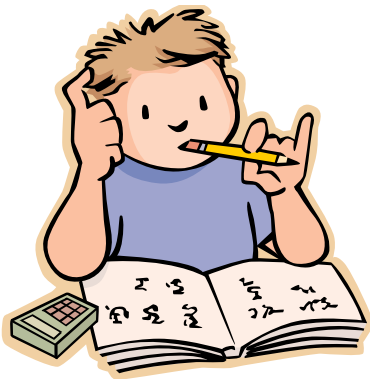
OR.....

TEEN SPACE: CAPTURING TEEN IMAGINATION IN THE LIBRARY

Presenter: Kim Bolan Taney

This one-day workshop will cover creating youth/adult partnerships, designing an inviting library teen space, developing a viable young adult materials collection, and marketing and customer service to teens.

Kim Bolan Taney is the Network Administrator and Patron Services Librarian at the Webster Public Library in New York. Her background and continuing passion is teen services. A graduate of Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, Taney continues to work as an independent young adult consultant, writing, speaking, and advising on issues related to young adult services and particularly to teen space design. Also, she is the author of "Teen Spaces: The Step-by-Step Library Makeover".



Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Library _____ E-Mail _____

Please check the day you will be coming:

- Monday, May 17th at Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave, Alliance, NE
- Wednesday, May 19th, Broken Bow Public Library, 626 South D Street, Broken Bow, NE
- Thursday, May 20th at Seward Public Library, 5th and Main, Seward, NE
- Friday, May 21st, at NE Nebraska Community College, Norfolk NE, **(TEEN SPACE ONLY: send registration to NLC for this session only)**

The tract I will be attending (please choose one):

- Being a Professional Person _____
- Teen Space _____

Registration Fee: \$15

Please make check payable to : NLA Public Library Section. Morning snack and lunch provided with registration.

Please send your registration to:

Joan Birnie,
 Broken Bow Public Library
 626 South D Street
 Broken Bow, NE 68822

\$Fundraising Ideas

Goldfish Race

Have some fun, race fish, and raise money at the same time. Two 10-foot long rain gutters are placed side by side. Caps are glued to each end so that they will hold water. A goldfish is placed in each gutter and is held at the end by a removable gutter-shaped gate. Two children are given 1 straw each and are instructed to blow behind the fish and into the water to encourage the fish to swim to the other end of the gutter. The winner gets to keep his/her fish. Can charge \$1 per entry or thereabouts.



You can also increase your profits by selling small gold fish bowls, assuming you can get a goodly supply at a substantial discount. Arrange ahead of time to return any left over fish or bowls to your suppliers or local pet/hobby store or sell them at a reduced price at the end of the day.

A large bowl filled with gold fish will help attract customers to your booth. You'll need small nets to transfer your fish to the 'race course'. Check with your local pet/fish supply store for proper water conditions for the gold fish, both in the bowl and troughs.

Have plastic baggies on hand for winners to transport their prizes home, and of course straws (smaller ones are best). Make sure you have plenty of extra prepared water to accompany the fish.

Also make sure the troughs are properly braced to avoid being turned over. Use narrow tables, so contestants can gage both fish's progress. If space permits and you expect sufficient crowds, set up several troughs so more contestants can participate in each race. Make sure you leave room for the players beside each set of troughs.

You might also paint a different color stripe down the center of each trough, or give each child a numbered sandwich board (each outlined in a different color) and 'call' the race over a loud speaker. More players will increase your profit per race, but only if you can get sufficient players to cover the cost of the additional troughs. For six or more players per race, have a volunteer stationed at the end of every two troughs with flags to signal the winner.

(Taken from The Nonprofit Board Report, January 2004)

Play Ball!!

The Omaha Royals and the Nebraska College Savings Plan have agreed to provide prizes for the public library Summer Reading Clubs throughout Nebraska.

The Omaha Royals will provide two (2) free tickets to any child, pre-school to 12th grade,

that completes the requirements of his/her local public library summer reading program. In addition to receiving tickets for completing the program, the child's name will be placed in a statewide drawing for a \$1,000 College Savings Plan. The tickets are intended to be used by the child who completes the program and by a parent or caregiver who would attend the game with the child.

The tickets will be for the Saturday, August 14th, "Library Night" baseball game at Rosenblatt stadium in Omaha. At the game, two lucky children will have their names drawn for the College Savings Plan.

If you are interested in participating, call the NELS office at 1-800-578-1014 and let Rosemae or Kathy know. Jim Hervert, Nebraska College Savings Plan Program Director is willing to travel throughout the state and talk to groups in libraries about the importance of reading.



The Oregon Trail Museum Association at Scotts Bluff National Monument “The William Henry Jackson Collection”

<http://www.whjcollection.com>

511 images taken from their collection of 600 photographs, 67 paintings, and 400 drawings by pioneer artist William Henry Jackson. Jackson observed and illustrated the journeys of many travelers on the overland trails.

Omaha Public Library “Early Omaha, Gateway to the West”

<http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us/earlyomaha/>

738 images from the library’s photograph, map, and slide collection on early Omaha. Omaha is the site of the Union Pacific headquarters and point of eastern origin for the first transcontinental railway.

The Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer “Hall County Western Trails”

<http://www.stuhrmuseum.org/westerntrails/index.htm>

733 images of journals and photographs from wagon, rail, and automobile trips made by the Paine family from 1889 to 1920, Norman Reese’s remembrances of traveling to Hall County in 1860 at the age of 14, and Lincoln Highway photographs.

Love Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln “Westward Through Nebraska”

http://libr.unl.edu:2000/westward_through_nebraska/index.html

640 images from five texts on the westward movement through Nebraska along the Oregon Trail and the Union Pacific rail lines.

The Nebraska Library Commission “Nebraska Recreational Trails Past and Present”

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcwesterntrails/index.html>

450 images of three text documents on recreational trails. *Cowboy Trail Master Plan* (1997), the plan for a modern hiker-biker trail extending from Norfolk to Chadron, *Network of Discovery* (1994), a comprehensive trails plan for the state, and *Nebraska Nature Trails* by Ruth Fleming (1933), a WPA-funded guide to creating nature trails.

(Taken in part from What's Up Doc?, Jan-Feb 2004)



NEW at NELS

Please call the system office at 1-800-578-1014 to check out one of the following items:

The Librarian's Quick Guide to Internet Resources, 2nd ed. by Jenny Lynne Semenza.

This book explains Internet tools and lists more than 600 websites organized into 102 subject categories.

Calming Upset Customers by Rebecca L. Morgan.

This book will explain what you can do for an unhappy customer, how not to take customer anger personally and what you can do every day on the job to make a difference for yourself.

Goals & Goal Setting, 3rd ed, by Larrie A Rouillard.

Stretchy Library Lessons: Research Skills

Stretchy Library Lessons: Reading Activities

Stretchy Library Lessons: Library Skills

The Stretchy series by Pat Miller include lessons with activities that you can tailor to fit your time frame.

Elementary School Librarian's Survival Guide by Barbara Farley Bannister & Janice B. Carlile.

Includes ideas for organizing the LMC physically, maintaining discipline, communicating with faculty, students & parents, and teaching library skills.

Children's Book Activities Kit by Elizabeth C. Stull.

Includes over 200 exciting interdisciplinary activities based on 68 well known children's books

The Research Process, Books & Beyond, 3rd ed, by Myrtle S. Bolner and Gayle A. Poirier.

Avoid information overload and learn how to evaluate, document, and use it productively.



**LIBRARY / MEDIA TRAINING INSTITUTE - JUNE 3, 2004
(Thursday only)**

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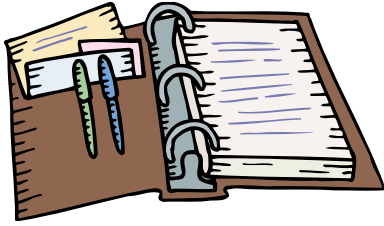
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LIBRARY / MEDIA CENTER: _____

		ATTEND	@	COST
9:00 - 3:30	Database Roadshow (Size Limited)	_____	\$5.00	_____
9:30 - 10:30	Cataloging Audiovisual Materiald	_____	\$5.00	_____
9:30 - 10:30	How to Wriate the Director's Report	_____	\$5.00	_____
10:45 - 11:45	Marketing the Library	_____	\$5.00	_____
10:45 - 11:45	Print & Electronic Res. for School Lib.	_____	\$5.00	_____
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH (no charge, let us know if you plan to attend)	_____	FREE	_____
1:00 - 2:00	Personal Safety in the Workplace	_____	\$5.00	_____
1:00 - 2:00	Marketing Your Needs & Funding Sources For the School Librarian	_____	\$5.00	_____
2:10 - 3:10	New Accreditation Standards	_____	\$5.00	_____
2:10 - 3:10	Book Talk: Juvenile & YP	_____	\$5.00	_____
3:10 - 3:30	BREAK			
3:30 - 5:00	TRUSTEE TALK TABLES	_____	\$5.00	_____
3:30 - 5:00	PUBLIC LIBRARY TALK TABLES	_____	\$5.00	_____
3:30 - 5:00	SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA TALK TABLES	_____	\$5.00	_____
3:30 - 5:00	ACADEMIC/SPECIAL LIB. TALK TABLES	_____	\$5.00	_____
5:00	Reception			
5:30	Annual System Board Meeting & Banquet	_____	\$10.00	_____
TOTAL COST TO ATTEND THE ABOVE SESSIONS & ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET				_____

Institute takes place betwen college sessions. Let us know if you wish a college map. All activities will be located in facilities along east side of campus. Questions? Call System office at 1-800-578-1014.

Deadline for registrations AND checks is Tuesday, May 25. Please mail completed form along with check made out to: Northeast Library System, 3038 33rd Ave., Columbus, NE 686010. (Keep a copy of this form for your records.)



April 16 - **Bienvenidos!** - World of Services for Hispanic Youth videoconference from 2-5pm.

April 18-24 - **National Library Week**

April 21 - **Basic Library Skills - Organization of Materials** at NECC - Lifelong Learning Center at 10am

April 22 - **Myths of Women's Madness on the Plains** by Nancy Johnson at the Neligh Public Library at 7 pm.

April 28 - **Visible Library: Promoting Library Value with Marketing & Advocacy** by Pat Wagner at NECC, Norfolk at 9:30.

April 29 - **Black Powder Weapons of the Trail** by Bruce Curtiss at the Neligh Public Library at 7 pm.

Apr 30-May 1 - **49th Annual Willa Cather Spring Festival** at Red Cloud, NE from 9am to 9:15pm.

May 5 - **Basic Library Skills - Organization of Materials** at NECC - Life Long Learning Center at 10am.

May 6 - **Musical Journey Across America: the Music of Lewis & Clark** at the Neligh Public Library at 7 pm.

May 12 - **Basic Library Skills - Organization of**

Mark Your Calendar

Materials at NECC - Lifelong Learning Center at 10am.

May 19 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Pender Public Library at 10am.

May 20 - NLA PLA Spring Meetings present '**Being a Professional Person - it is not all about the Credentials**' by Dr. Mary Bushing or **Teen Space: Capturing Teen Imagination in the Library** by Kimberly Bolan Taney at Seward Memorial Library at 10am.

May 21 - NLA PLA Spring Meetings present "**Teen Space: Capturing Teen Imagination in the Library**" by Kimberly Bolan Taney at NECC Lifelong Learning Center at 10am.

May 26 - **Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew Member** at Ramsey Theatre, Wayne State College at 7pm.

June 3 - **Annual Library/ Media Training Institute** at Wayne State College at 9am - 5:30pm.

June 15 - **Database Roadshow 2004** at Seward Memorial Library at 9am.



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THE VISIBLE LIBRARY: Promoting Library Value with Marketing & Advocacy

Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Denver, will conduct six interactive workshops throughout the state to assist Nebraska libraries in increasing visibility within their communities through creative and strategic marketing. Participants will discuss the ways in which they are already marketing their libraries, the roles research and customer awareness play in marketing, and how the library's marketing plan aligns with its strategic plan. Participants will bring real-life marketing materials to share and evaluate with the group and will be given time to complete a draft of their own marketing plan.

Registration Fee: \$15 (includes lunch)

CE Hours: 6

Participants are asked to bring examples of their marketing to share (e.g. photos of displays, flyers, brochures, press releases, etc.)

Please indicate which date/location you will be attending, then mail with registration form and \$15 per person to : Northeast Library System, 3038 33rd Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601-2334. Make checks payable to: **Regional Library Systems.**

NAME: _____

Library _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone #: _____



I will attend the workshop at:

- _____ Gering Civic Center, 4/19
- _____ Doane College, Crete, 4/26
- _____ Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, 4/27
- _____ Northeast Community College, 4/28
- _____ Ord Township Library, 4/29
- _____ Ella Missing Center, Arapahoe, 4/30

Sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Libdrary Systems and funded through a 2003 NLC Continuing Education & Training Grant.



Northeast Library System Board Meeting March 17, 2004

Northeast System Library Board met Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the Norfolk Public Library. Board President Kathy Bretschneider called the meeting to order. Guests present were Richard Miller and Kit Keller from the Nebraska Library Commission, Bob Trautwein, Columbus; Wanda Thompson, Clarkson; Ted Smith, Norfolk; Deb Robertson, Northeast Community College; Stan Gardner, Wayne State College; Commissioner Pat Gross.

Roll call was taken with all members present except Zurobski. There were no alternates present.

All Board members introduced themselves to the new System Administrator Katherine Ellerton.

Additions to the printed agenda:

Acceptance of Jolene Klein onto the Board. (MS: Healy, Leader); motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed: (MS: Munson, Leader). Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Communications:

Financial Report (Rosemae Schafer)

Checking balance: -\$0,040.01; savings balance: \$30,435.19

Bretschneider reported she submitted bills for phone/fax/mileage she incurred in the absence of an administrator as requested the Board. This will go to City of Battle Creek for expenses incurred to them.

Motion to approve budget report: (MS: Zwingman, Von Seggern).

Roll call vote: unanimous approval.

Reports:

Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission: New guidelines will take affect July 04; must be approved in May; will be phased in over time; good discussion was held with numerous questions addressed. Keller advised us to go through the guidelines with our library's data and get back to her with questions.

Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission: Miller and Pam Scott attended Nebraska Clerk's school and addressed library issues with city clerks; League of Municipalities mid-winter session: had booth there; not trying to go to Nebraska Association of County Officials; cataloging basic skills classes held soon; Commission budget: 1/2% cut in state aid, 1% in operations-this is the suggestion from the budget committee.

Commissioner Pat Gross: encouraged us to contact our senators.

Gretchen Healy, State Advisory Council: LSTA received additional funding, first Librarian Technical Assistant class will be held this fall through Metro Community College by Dr. Becky Pasco; NebraskAccess now available; LB879: state tax credit can be given by Foundations now pending in legislature.

System Administrator's Meeting: this was attended by Ellerton.

Ellerton requested libraries send recommendations of periodical subscriptions to office; reported on Summer Reading and Omaha Royals program.

Personnel Committee: changes were discussed with additions suggested; committee will revisit these with a report at next meeting.

Budget Committee: budget for next year will remain about the same; monies we have left over this year will be able to be kept; this gives us about a \$10,000 cushion. Committee proposed to give Bretschneider a \$1,000 stipend for taking care of administrative issues during the absence of administrator. This would



go to her personal expenses. (MS: Cooper, Von Seggern); roll call vote: unanimous approval.

Continuing Education:

Gates Transition: March 22

Summer Reading: March 31

Pat Wagner: April 28

Annual Institute: June 3

WSC: offering a total of six courses for undergraduate and graduate credit.

Strategic Planning: Commission will do outcome based evaluation training for us.

Nominating Committee (Deb Robertson, Linda Leader, Stan Gardner, Kathy Bretschneider):

persons who must be replaced on the Board: Munson, Wilcox.

Robertson handed out proposed nominations ballot to complete Board. All on ballot had accepted position if voted in. These will be mailed out.

Unfinished Business:

Executive session: (MS: Lofgren, Munson): in at 12:31p.m.

(MS: Lofgren, Zwingman); out at 12:46p.m.

New Business:

Acceptance of Klein to System Board: (MS: Healy, Cooper); unanimous approval.

Legislative Day (Bretschneider): good attendance, Ted Smith reported on bill that is on floor th at would help library buildings and upgrade technology services but it stated it would probably not pass this year.

Pat-on-the-Back Awards: Clarkson Public Library patron and Kathy Bretschneider;
(MS: Healy, Lofgren); unanimous approval.

Local library activities: these reports took place during lunch.

Other business:

Gardner passed around binding samples. WSC is now doing binding.

Claims of the day: (MS: Healy, Cooper); roll call vote: unanimous approval.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:05p.m. with lunch following meeting.





**Golden Sower Award
Nominees 2004-2005**

Grades K-3

Best, Cari. **Goose's Story**
Illus. by Holly Meade. Farrar,
Straus & Giroux, 2002. ISBN
0374327505

A young girl finds a Canada
goose with a badly injured foot
and looks for her each day to
see how she is doing.

Blake, Robert J. **TOGO**. Illus.
by the author. Philomel, 2002.
ISBN 039923381

In 1925, Togo, a Siberian
husky who loves being a sled
dog, leads a team that rushes
to bring diphtheria antitoxin from
Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.

Hurst, Carol Otis. **Rocks in His
Head**. Illus. by James
Stevenson. Greenwillow, 23001.
ISBN 0060294035

A young man has a lifelong love
of rock collecting that eventually
leads him to work at a science
museum.

Lakin, Patricia. **Clarence the
Copy Cat**. Illus. by John
Manders. Doubleday, 2002.
ISBN 0385908547

Clarence, a cat who does not
want to hurt mice or any other
creatures, does not feel wel-
come anywhere until he discov-
ers the Barnstable Library.

Lithgow, John. **Micawber**. Illus
by C.F Payne. S&S, 2002.

ISBN 0689833415.

Micawber, a squirrel fascinated
by art, leaves a museum with
an art student and secretly
uses her supplies to make his
own paintings.

Lovell, Patty. **Stand Tall,
Molly Lou Melon**. Illus. by
David Catrow. G.P.Putnam's
Sons, 2001. ISBN 0399234160

Even when the class bully at
her new school makes fun of
her, Molly remembers what her
grandmother told her and feels
good about herself.

O'Neill, Alexis. **The Recess
Queen**. Illus. by Laura Huliska-
Beith. Scholastic Press, 2002.
ISBN 0439206375

Mean Jean is the biggest bully
on the school playground until a
new girl arrives and challenges
Jean's status as the Recess
Queen.

Root, Phyllis. **Rattletrap Car**.
Illus. by Jill Barton. Candlewick
Press, 2001. ISBN 0763609196

Various disasters threaten to
stop Poppa and the children
from getting to the lake in their
rattletrap car, but they manage
to come up with an ingenious
solution to each problem.

Smith, Will. **Just the Two of
Us**. Illus. by Kadir Nelson.
Scholastic Press, 2001. ISBN
0439087929

Celebrates the dignity, integrity,
and honor of being a father.

Teague, Mark. **Dear Mrs.**

**Larue: Letters From Obedi-
ence School**. Illus. by the
author. Scholastic Press, 2002.
ISBN 0439206634

Gertrude Larue receives funny
typewritten and paw-written
letters from her dog, Ike,
entreating her to let him leave
the Igor Brotweiler Canine
Academy and come back
home.

Grades 4-6

Bunting, Eve. **The Summer of
Riley**. HarperCollins, 2001.
ISBN 0060291419

Shortly after he gets the
perfect dog, Riley, eleven-year-
old William must fight for his
dog's life after Riley is taken
away because he chases and
injures an elderly neighbor's old
horse.

Carbone, Elisa. **Storm War-
riors**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2001.
ISBN 0375806644

In 1895, after his mother's
death, twelve-year-old Nathan
moves with his father and
grandfather to Pea Island off
the coast of North Carolina,
where he hopes to join the all-
black crew at the nearby life-
saving station, despite his
father's objections.

Creech, Sharon. **Ruby Holler**.
HarperCollins Pub., 2002. ISBN
0060277327

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins
Dallas and Florida have grown
up in a terrible orphanage, but
their lives change forever when

an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Giff, Patricia Riley. **Pictures of Hollis Woods.** Random House, 2002. ISBN 0385326556

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Griffin, Peni R. **The Ghost Sitter.** Dutton, 2001. ISBN 0525466762

When she realizes that her new home is haunted by the ghost of a ten-year-old girl who used to live there, Charlotte tries to help her find peace.

Gutman, Dan. **The Edison Mystery.** S&S, 2001. ISBN0689841248

Thirteen-year-old Robert "Querty" Stevens uses the time machine he finds in his backyard to visit Tomas Edison's workshop in 1879, and there helps develop the electric light-bulb, but then he needs his sister's help to return to his own time.

Peck, Richard. **Fair Weather.** Penguin Putnam, 2001. ISBN 0803725167

In 1893, thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from Illinois farm to

Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition, which, along with an encounter with Buffalo Bill and Lillian Russell, turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Loser.** HarperCollins, 2002. ISBN 00600001933

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Donald Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Tolan, Stephanie S. **Surviving the Applewhites.** HarperCollins, 2002. ISBN 0066236037

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Yep, Laurence. **When the Circus Came to Town.** HarperCollins, 2002. ISBN 0060293268

An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a Montana stagecoach station to regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face.

Young Adult

Auch, Mary Jane. **Ashes of Roses.** Henry Holt, 2002. ISBN 0805066861

Sixteen-year-old Margaret Rose Nolan, newly arrived from Ireland, finds work at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory shortly before the 1911 fire in which 146 employees died.

Bauer, Joan. **Stand Tall.** Putnam, 2002. ISBN 039923473X

Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.

Cappo, Nan Willard. **Cheating Lessons.** Atheneum, 2002. ISBN 068984378X

When her team is announced as finalists in the state Classics Bowl contest, Bernadette suspects that cheating may have been involved.

Carvell, Marlene. **Who Will Tell My Brother?** Hyperion, 2002. ISBN 0786808276

During his lonely crusade to remove offensive mascots from his high school, a Native American teenager learns more about his heritage, his ancestors, and his place in the world.

Clements, Andrew. **Things Not Seen.** Philomel, 2002. ISBN 0399236260



When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend, Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Crowe, Christ. **Mississippi Trial, 1955.** Fogelman Books, 2002. ISBN 0803727453

In Mississippi in 1955, a sixteen-year-old finds himself at odds with his grandfather over issues surrounding the kidnapping and murder of a fourteen-year-old African American from Chicago.

DeFelice, Cynthia. **Under the Same Sky.** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. ISBN 0374325014

While trying to earn money for a motor bike, fourteen-year-old Joe Pederson becomes involved with the Mexicans who work on his family's farm and develops a better relationship with his father.

Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot.** Knopf, 2002. ISBN 0375825478

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Murphy, Claire Rudolf. **Free Radical.** Clarion, 2002. ISBN 0618111344

In Fairbanks, Alaska, in the middle of the summer Little League baseball season, fif-

teen-year-old Luke is stunned when his mother confesses that she is wanted by the FBI for her role in the death of a student during an anti-Vietnam war protest thirty years ago.

Weaver, Wil. **Memory Boy.** HarperCollins, 2001. ISBN 0060288124

Sixteen-year-old Miles and his family must flee their Minneapolis home and begin a new life in the wilderness after a chain of cataclysmic volcanic expulsions creates dangerous conditions in their city.





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