



Straight *talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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Libraries, Learning & Life

is the theme for this year's annual meeting will be held on

Thursday, June 2, at Gardner Hall, Wayne State College. Once again, we will offer a variety of sessions to meet the needs of school media specialists, librarians and trustees.

Don't forget that the sessions are set up in a "menu" format so that you may come and go as you wish.

This year's sessions are:

* **Weed It and Reap!**" presented by Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System administrator. Kathy will discuss the importance of a weeding policy, why we weed, the CREW method, why it often doesn't get done, and what to do with the discarded items. Please bring one or two items you are considering weeding.

* **Computing Strategies You**

Can Use @ your library.

Digital imaging, burning CDs, uses of USB, security & filtering strategies, virtual CDs, wireless technologies and Printkey 2000 will be presented by John Seyfarth, Computer System Manager, Sump Memorial Library.

* **Database Roadshow (Size Limited)**

The Database Roadshow is presented by the Nebraska Library Commission staff and covers the databases available through NebraskaAccess. This is a full-day session, with a break for lunch. The class size is limited to 20 prepaid registrants on a first-come first-served basis. Please notify the NLS office if you cannot attend so that someone else may fill your spot.

* **"Dewey Dazed"**

Marilyn Liedorff, Wayne State College will present the many new topics and numbers in the 22nd edition of Dewey Decimal Classification. These range from geographic provisions to new numbers in fields such as computer science and engineer-

ing. Don't forget the 500 new subject headings in the 18th edition of SEARS. Marilyn will also take a few minutes to discuss any cataloging 'challenge' you brought with you.

* **Boom or Bust: "The Interview Process From Both Sides"**

Three librarians will reflect on their own personal interview successes, busts, and how they handle interviews at their own institution. Diana Johnson, Stromsburg Public Library; Deborah Larson, Boone Central High School and Stan Gardner, Wayne State College will highlight the differences in the process.

* **Library Reading Promotions on a Shoestring**

Lynne Wragge, a library media specialist from St. Joan of Arc, Omaha, will outline the monthly themes and promotions she has employed to foster a love of books and reading. The ideas presented will be simple, inexpensive, and student approved.

* **The Marilyn & Pat Hour**

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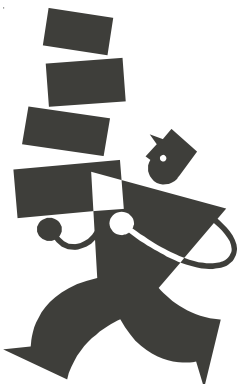
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Stumped over what new books are worth buying? Marilyn Liedorff and Pat Thompson, Wayne State College, will review both new juvenile fiction and non-fiction titles.

*** Google and Beyond... (Size Limited)**

Google is the preeminent tool for searching the web today, but most people don't get beyond the simple search box. Gayle Poirier, Wayne State College, will delve into some of the sometimes surprising things that you can do with Google as well as some of the things you can't do. She'll look at alternative search tools and discuss when to use Google and when some other tool may be more appropriate.

*** Gen X, Y & Millenials: Teaching Library Skills to Today's Students.**

Claudette Wielechowski, Shelby Public Schools, and company will share techniques in teaching library skills to today's students.

*** We Neve Have Time To Talk: Talk Tables**

Once again, *Talk Tables* will be set up in special rooms for School Media Specialists, for Public Librarians & Trustees and for Academic & Special Librarians to get together to just TALK.

Registration form can be found on page 15 or on the system's web site at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/northeast>.

Give-a-way Table

Do you have items that your library can no longer use, but maybe someone else can? Bring it to the annual meeting. There will be a give-a-way table set up in the Gardner Hall lobby where people can drop off or pick up items as they wish.

Dewey & Sears Drawing

An Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification Edition 12 and Sears List of Subject Headings - 16th Edition will be placed in a random drawing. If you have an older edition, don't forget to put your name in the hat.

Door Prize

American Folktales: From the Collections of the Library of Congress edited by Carl Lindahl will be this year's special door prize. Drawn from the largest archive of American folk culture, The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, the first-of-its-kind two-volume set includes magic tales, legends, jokes, tall tales, and personal narratives — over 200 in all, many of which have never been previously transcribed or published. This will be drawn during the banquet and you will need to be present to win.





Top 10 List for Trustees

#10 - Give a speech about your library. Service groups are always looking for programs and the world won't know what your library has to offer unless you tell them.

#9 - Visit another library and steal a good idea.

#8 - Don't ever stop learning. It's hard enough to keep up even when you work at it. Seek out learning opportunities which will help make you a better trustee.

#7 Be Active! Being a trustee means more than attending board meetings every month. Write a letter to your legislator about state aid. Take the editor of your local paper to lunch.

#6 Spend your Money Wisely. Don't hoard it. Your funding bodies didn't give you tax money so you could put it in the bank. They are buying services from you.

#5 Never forget that it's the public's library, not the board's or the staff's. On the other hand, remember that the board governs the library, not the town board and not the Friends of the Library.

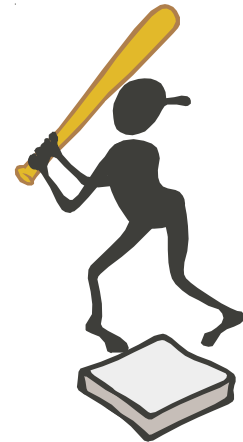
#4 - Pay your staff a decent wage. They work hard, often in less than ideal conditions. Generally, library pay rates are below standards, even for the local economy.

#3- Have a plan for your library. If you don't know

where you're going, it doesn't matter which road you take; it will be a long trip with an unsatisfactory ending.

#2 Embrace change. Welcome it. Create it. Make it work for the library.

#1 - Have FUN! As a trustee of the library, you should love what you're doing, and it should be obvious to others



Join the Major Leagues @Your Library

This year, players of the Join the Major Leagues @ your library® program, developed by ALA and Major League Baseball, will be able to step up to the plate online for a chance to win a trip to a game of the 2005 Major League Baseball World Series.

All of the program's baseball trivia questions will be posted for the first time on the Join the Major Leagues Web site and answers can be submitted on an electronic form. The questions will be available when the program launches to the public in April. Players will also be able to submit answers by mail.

Librarians are encouraged to plan their promotion of the program now. Free downloadable promotional materials are now available to libraries that register on the Join the Major Leagues Web site at <http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/jointhemajorleagues>. Tools include downloadable bookmarks, a poster and a toolkit, which includes programming ideas and customizable media relations materials.



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\$ Where's the Bucks? \$

Fundraising Strategies for Public Libraries 2005 Spring Meetings

Sponsored by the NLA Public Library Section
and NLA Trustees, Users and Friends Section



- May 10 – Kimball Public Library**
- May 11 – North Platte Public Library**
- May 12 – Kilgore Memorial Library, York**

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration**

10-12:00 – **\$ "Where's the Bucks" \$** Professional fundraiser Tom Jorgensen will present vital information on various aspects of fundraising for public libraries, including planned giving, endowment trusts, capital campaigns and annual fund drives. Mr. Jorgensen is President/Senior Counsel of Jorgensen Consulting, he offers 30 years experience as a development and stewardship director, consultant, presenter, publisher, and author.

12-1 - **Lunch**

1-3 **Consultation** Tom Jorgensen will do one-on-one consultations with librarians and/or round table discussions for multiple participants who share similar questions/concerns. Additionally, he will provide hands-on direction for those interested in drafting a measurable plan of action to pursue once they return to their respective libraries.

Registrations may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed ahead of time or accompany payment.

Payment for registration should be sent to:

Cecelia Lawrence, North Platte Public Library, 120 West 4th Street, North Platte, NE 69101
308-535-8036, 308-535-8296 (fax), lawrencecc@ci.north-platte.ne.us

Registration Deadline May 3

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Library _____ email _____

Please check the day you will be coming:

_____ Tuesday, May 10, Kimball Event Center, 614 E. 3rd, Kimball, NE

_____ Wednesday, May 11, North Platte Public Library, 120 West 4th Street, North Platte, NE

_____ Thursday, May 12, Kilgore Memorial Library, 6th & Nebraska Avenue, York, NE

Registration Fee: \$20.00 payable to NLA Public Library Section
(includes morning snack and lunch)



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Nebraska Library Leadership Institute - Apply Now!!

Could this institute be for you? Now more than ever, you should ask yourself this question and perhaps the answer will be a resounding yes!!

Why the St. Benedict Center? Out of the reach of cell phones, email, radio, television, the monastery allows you to focus. You get outside of your daily duties to take a broader, deeper look at your current position.

Individual and small group exercises challenge you to look honestly at the way you operate and teach you new, more effective approaches in the areas of team building, risk taking, managing differences and leading change.

Becky Schreiber and John Shannon will again facilitate the sessions. Together, Becky and John have facilitated state leadership institutes in Utah, Alaska, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Nebraska.

Application forms and more information are available at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/northeast/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2005. Participants will be notified by May 31, 2005. The registration fee of \$175 from the 30 selected participants is due by June 30, 2005.

Scholarships Available for NE Library Leadership Institute

The Northeast Library System is proud to announce scholarships for the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute. Five applicants will receive \$150 to use towards the Leadership Institute. For an application, contact Kathy at 1-800-578-1014.

Baseball Tickets Available for Summer Reading!

The Omaha Royals and the College Savings Plan are both going to offer the same prizes as last year. The great thing is the Royals are going to make 10,000 tickets available for the state so there should be plenty for kids that finish their reading programs.

Final details have not been worked out for when the tickets will be sent out. Contact Kathy or Shelia at the System office and tell her how many tickets you think you will need. Remember that you will be requesting tickets for both kids and the adult chaperone to accompany them (for example, two children means 4 tickets).





Columbus Public Library announced the recent addition of photo panels of the Segesser II skin paintings entitled "The Villasur Massacre". On August 13, 1720, a Spanish expedition, under Lt. General Pedro de Villasur, was massacred by Pawnees at the forks of the Platte. This was the most northeastern point ever attained by a Spanish expedition in the Great Plains.

Congratulations to **Hruska Memorial Public Library** in David City, **Orchard Public Library**, and **South Sioux City Public Library** for being award a LSTA grant.

A big Northeast welcome to Jan Crocker, the new director at the **Ulysses Public Library** and Barb Willoughby, the new director at the **Dakota City Public Library**.

Congratulations to Lynn Manhart, **Central City Public Library**, for her recent appointment to the Community Council of the Nebraska Information Technology Commis-

sion. The Community Council is involved in the support of two initiatives: the development of a statewide telehealth network and community IT development and planning.

The Teen Book Discussion Group sponsored by **the Neligh Public Library** will meet Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. Arthur Miller's play, *Playing for Time* will be the focus of discussion. Last month the teens read Miller's classic *Death of a Salesman*.

April 11 is the date set for the Scholastic Book Fair at the **Bloomfield Public Library**. Book levels will go from pre-K to 8th grade with some posters and giveaway prizes thrown in.

The Book Discussion Group of the **Lied Pierce Public Library** meets every second Thursday of the month. The next discussion will be Monday, April 11, 2005 at 7:00pm and Thursday, April 14 at 10:00am. We will be discussing "Un-daunted Courage" by Stephen Ambrose.



2005 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Flake, Sharon. Who Am I Without Him? A Short Story Collection About Girls and the Boys in Their Lives.

Gottlieb, Andrew. In the Paint: Tattoos of the NBA and the Stories Behind Them.

Heimberg, Jason and Justin Heimberg. The Official Movie Plot Generator: 27,000 Hilarious Movie Plot Combinations.

Kenner, Rob and Pitts, George. VX: 10 Years of Vibe Photography.

Klancher, Lee. Monster Garage: How to Customize Damn Near Everything.

Riley, Andy. The Book of Bunny Suicides.

Shaw, Tucker. Confessions of a Backup Dancer.

Sleator, William. The Boy Who Couldn't Die.

Takaya, Natsuki. Fruits Basket series.

Woods, Brenda. Emako Blue.

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Dear Doctor Tech: I am tired of using popup blocking software. A friend told me that there is a new web browser that contains popup blocking software. Is that true?

Signed,
Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,

Over the last few months, over 27 million people have downloaded Mozilla's new browser Firefox. Firefox 1.0 has received glowing reviews from the tech world and is touted as more secure than Microsoft Internet Explorer. With features such as built in popup blocking, spyware blocking, tabbed browsing and a built-in Google search, Firefox has become a favorite browser.

Firefox is now available for download. The updated version fixes a couple minor problems and security issues for a safer and more stable browsing experience. The installation file is only 4.7MB and is a snap to install. You can also import all your current favorites from Internet Explorer so you don't have to bookmark frequently visited sites all over again. For more information about Firefox, go to: www.mozilla.org/products/firefox.

Please remember that you must continue to install Internet Explorer patches that Microsoft makes available through their Windows Update service. Internet Explorer is so closely tied to the operating system that you don't actually have to use it to be subject to any newly discovered vulnerability.

WSC Book Examination Center

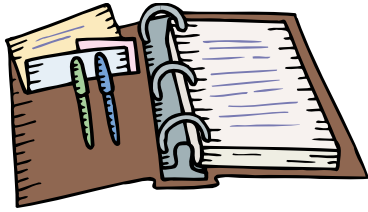
Have you ever dreamed of a collection of children's books on a specific topic or theme that you could have in your library, but the library simply could not afford to buy the books? Wayne State College library is willing to help you fulfill your dreams. Wayne State College has a collection of juvenile and young adult books with a copyright date of 5 years or less. Librarians, teachers, and parents from northeast Nebraska have reviewed many of these books and the review is printed on the inside cover.



Library staff will select items from the Examination Center Collection that will reflect your chosen topic or theme. The books will be boxed up and mailed to your library for you and your patrons to use for approximately two months. They will send up to 100 books at a time, which will come mainly from the Examination Center Collection which is copyrighted 2001 or newer. If they have limited books on a topic, we may supplement with books from the regular children/young adult collections.

For a library to take part in this collection borrowing project, Wayne State Library will need a signed form that states that will be responsible for any lost and/or damaged materials. Wayne State will need to be reimbursed for the postage costs of mailing the books to the borrowing library. The average postage cost for mailing 100 books is \$22-\$25. The borrowing library would be responsible for the return costs. If the borrowing library could pickup and return books, this would defray costs and give a few days longer for the books to be in your library.

If you wish to browse the collection, go to: <http://library.nscs.edu/search/> and search by the subject 'examination materials.



Check Your Calendar

April 10 - **NMRT Spring Meeting**, Tour of the Freedom Center of the Omaha World Herald at 12:45 pm.

April 12 - **Basic Skills: Public Services** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC at 10 am.

April 19 - **Basic Skills Class: Public Services** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC at 10 am.

April 29 - **Library Hot Topics**, College of DuPage Teleconference at 11 am.

May 4 - **Basic Copyright Management** at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln at 9:30 am.

May 6 & 7 - **Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Conference** at Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte. For more information, call 1-308-534-5040.

May 12 - "Fundraising" NLA Public Library Section / TUFS Joint Spring Meeting in York.

May 13 - **Nebraska Library Commission Meeting** at the Nebraska Library Commission from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm.

May 14 - **Turning the Pages of Romance** conference at Holiday Inn Downtown, Lincoln. Jo Beverly guest author For more information, contact Rebecca at: romance@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us.

May 18 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Gardner Public Library in Wakefield at 10 am.

May 26 - **Mayhem in the Midlands Mystery Conference** at Sheraton Hotel, Omaha. For more information, contact Sally Fellows at: sallyfellows1@cox.net.

May 27 - **Nebraska Libraries: It's A Small World After All** - NLA C&U Section/Technical Services Round Table Joint Spring Meeting at Doane College.

May 30 - **Memorial Day Holiday**. Office closed.

June 2 - **Northeast Library System Annual Meeting / Institute** at Wayne State College.



NEW @ NLS

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

Reference Tools for the Information Age: Con-

sumer Medical Resources, College of DuPage Teleconference video, 2005. 2 tapes.

What are the best reference tools, both in print and online? This teleconference covers a number of areas related to reference, and providing library staff with the best and current tools available, with a special focus on consumer medical information.

Nebraska Foundation Directory, Junior League of Omaha, November 2004.

This directory alphabetically lists foundations that give grants for projects in Nebraska. Fields of interest, limitations, grant ranges and contact information are listed.

Free Genealogy Guide



The Godfrey Memorial Library (Middletown, CT) has just released a new Godfrey Guide on African American genealogical resources. This 28 page guide is free.

It includes an essay on early African American newspapers and a lengthy bibliography of African American resources.

If you would like a copy of this Godfrey Guide just send your name and mailing address to:

Thomas Jay Kemp, Director
Godfrey Memorial Library
134 Newfield Street
Middletown, CT 06457-2534
Email: TKemp@Godfrey.org



Three LEAD Classes Available



The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation along with the Nebraska Library Commission are providing three online courses to you at no cost!

Improving Your Communication Skills: Presentation Skills for Librarians

Providing Excellent Customer Service in a Multicultural Environment (repeat)

The two classes listed above is open only to public library staff, public library board members and volunteers. A third class, listed below is open to staff at school libraries, academic libraries and special libraries too.

The Nebraska Library Commission received grant monies from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its mission to assist public libraries in the area of public access computing. These courses will provide you with additional learning opportunities. The two online classes are being offered through the Library Education @ Desktop (LEAD) program from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science. More information about the LEAD program is available at: http://web2.unt.edu/cmp_lead/.

A third class, **Reaching Teenagers**, is available too.

Normally the costs of the courses are \$ 7.00 each but because of the funding through the Gates Foundation, the Nebraska Library Commission is able to provide to provide the online courses to you at no cost.

What if I have never participated in an online course?

That's ok. Your Regional Library System office staff will provide you with assistance as a facilitator in the course.

Can completion of any of the courses be applied toward the Public Librarian Certification program or the Public Library Board Certification program?

Yes. If a participant has applied for the applicable certification program, the person will receive 2 hours toward the appropriate certification program whether it is Public Librarian or Board certification.

When will the class start?

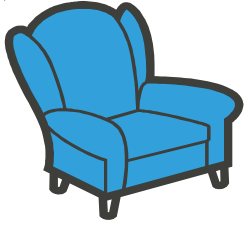
Any of the classes listed above will begin April 29, 2005. You will have until June 1, 2005 to complete the course. You can sign up for just one course or both.

When and where can I register for the course?

As soon as you can! Contact Kathy or Shelia at the Northeast Library System office at 1-800-578-1014, Pam Scott at the Nebraska Library Commission, or via the NLC website address of: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/libdevgatesfndonlinetrngreg.html>.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any other questions pertaining to this opportunity, contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission via email: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us or via phone: 800-307-2665.



The Reviewer's Chair

Adolf Hitler

By Liz Gogeryl

From Hitler's early childhood to his rise to power in Germany, this book is an in-depth look at the formation of a complex personality.

It features many pictures, maps, a glossary, and a books for further reading list.

I found this book easy to read. It includes many details that are probably included in books of harder reading level. I am please to see a biography of this caliber for younger readers.

Recommended for grades 4th and higher, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Karma Ragland, Atkinson, NE

Keesha's House

By Helen Frost

Teenage problems of many descriptions are lived throughout this story. Keesha found a place to live and others drift through each exploring the feelings of growing up. Most find it a difficult task. Written in poetic form, this book is captivating.

I was totally pulled into this book. The author moving from character to character with

each telling their story was wonderfully written. The interaction and the mood of each and was refreshing to read.

With a reading level for grades 7th and higher, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Karma Ragland, Atkinson, NE

Blues Journey

By Walter Dean Meyers

The blues are a distinctly American music form. African music formed the basis for all blues. The two major elements of the blues are the pentatonic scale and the "call and response" form of singing. The book is written in a "call and response" format. The artwork in shades of blue and brown create a blues atmosphere for the reader.

This book does contain a Blues Timeline and glossary at the end of the book and a brief history and explanation of the blues introduces the book.

Music educators could incorporate this book into their curriculum.

With a reading level for grades 3rd and up, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Laticia Olson, Randolph Public Schools

Squeak's Good Idea

By Max Eilenberg

Squeak the elephant has a good idea that takes lots of planning, but in the end is well worth it!

This book has several qualities that pre-readers and first-time readers will enjoy. The simplistic text, the familiar subject matter, and the colorful cute illustrations are among these qualities. Young readers will have fun with this story. It can easily be used as an interactive read or create discussion on planning ahead and being prepared for independent ventures.

With a reading level for ages 0 to 7, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Linda Hughes, West Point NE

Why Do Horses Neigh?

By Joan Holub

This is a nice little book that should appeal to youngsters who are "really into" horses. It should be title "Everything you always wanted to know about horses, but didn't know to ask." It covers everything from "How can people tell their horses apart?" to "How do horses get to know each other?" to "Who are some famous horses?" to "How do I tell a horse what I want it to do?" It is informative, but not boring or long. The illustrations are cute and the photography adds to the book.

I learned some things from this book. An excellent little book for very young students



undertaking a first research project. Also, a good title for a non-fiction book report. A good choice for those with short attention spans, or high interest, low level readers.

I recommend this book for 3rd grade and up, although this book says on the cover for ages 6-9, grades 1-3, reading alone. I can't see too many 1st or 2nd graders being able to read this on their own.

I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-MeMe Smith, Schuyler Public Library

Witch's Wishes

By Vivian VandeVelde

While trick-or-treating, Sarah and her mean obnoxious older brother come across an old witch climbing out of a dumpster. The witch was on her way to the All Hallows' Eve Ghastly Gala A-Go-Go when she almost collided with a news helicopter. The witch has no choice but to dive down and she ended in the dumpster behind the local grocery store. Sarah approaches the witch and asked her if she was okay and gave her a band-aid. This action prompts the witch to grant Sarah (who was dressed like a fairy princess) magical powers for one night (her costume wand will grant wishes).

At first these powers are harmless enough, but then her wishes begin to wreak

havoc, like when she wishes that everyone could have a dog. The witch tries to undo all the damage, but it takes her several reruns of the night before she gets things right again (similar to Bill Murray in the movie *Groundhog Day*).

Vande Velde's style will appeal to readers in grades 2-5, the chapters are short and dialogue between the witch and her broomstick will keep young readers turning the pages. This book would be a good addition to any school, public, or home library.

-Richa Perkins, Schuyler Public Library

So B. It

By Sarah Weeks

Heidi lives an unconventional life with her mentally disabled mother and their neighbor Bernadette. Bernadette takes care of Heidi's mother – not for pay, but like a family member.

Heidi just wants to know who she is and whether or not she has a family somewhere. The word "soof" plays an important part in the story. It is a wonderful story, but a trifle unbelievable. Heidi is only twelve years old, but she travels clear across the United States, by bus, alone.

With a reading level for ages 10 to 16, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

Hector and the Noisy Neighbors

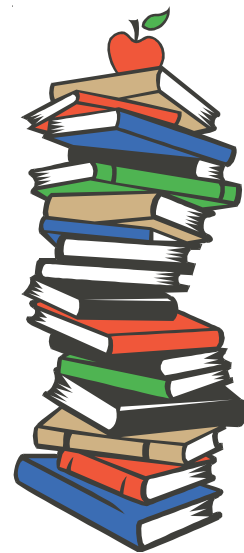
By David Gavrill

A fun book! It was read to a group of preschoolers and they loved acting out the noises, a trombone, drums, crashes, hammering.

Hector the rabbit likes peace and quiet, but a new neighbor Rutherford the pig moves in next door. Rutherford is very noisy and Hector is upset. But it all ends well – a surprise ending!

With a reading level for ages 4 to 8, I recommend this book to both school and public libraries.

-Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE





Northeast Library System Board Meeting

Minutes – March 16, 2005

The Northeast Library System Board met on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Columbus Public Library. President Marilyn Liedorff called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Guests present were Bob Trautwein, Columbus PL Director, Deb Robertson, Duane Munson, and Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Ann Bachman, Carol Becker, Lucy Cooper, Dee Johnson, Jolene Klein, Marilyn Liedorff, Luran Lofgren, Linda Risinger, Sandy Zurovski and Vernel Zwingman. Absent were Gretchen Healy, Kathy Jacobs, and Laurie Rehnstrom.

Alternates approved were Duane Munson for Laurie Rehnstrom and Deb Robertson for Kathy Jacobs.

An executive session was added to the agenda following the Committee Reports.

The minutes were approved with one correction. The date of the meeting was changed from February 19 to January 19.

There was no correspondence to share with the board.

Shelia Cermak presented the financial report, with \$2,136.51 in checking; \$36,273.78 in savings, and \$41,767.40 total in CDs. A 15 month CD at TierOne will come due on April 27, 2005. Motion to reinvest the amount in a 15 month CD with the best rate available on April 27. (MS: Bachman, Risinger); roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Motion to approve financial report (Munson, Cooper). During discussion it was shared that some member libraries are wondering what are we doing with excess funds in CDs. It was explained the funds were kept in case of severe cuts by the state. It was felt by the board that it is important to address the extra funds to members of the system and was decided to address the issue at system annual meeting. Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

There was no report from the State Commissioner or the State Advisory Board.

Richard Miller presented information from the Nebraska Library Commission:

- Continuing Ed and training grant – app available 5-16; app due date 8-1; announce 9-2.
- LTA courses – Kudos to deb Robertson for her efforts. Scholarships available through commission. Had handouts with detailed information about classes. Online registration for the core course.
- Gates training grant about 12,000. Maybe some online coursework coming. Waiting approval from Gates
- Trustee page – on website. Intended for trustees. Have added some new information, partially due to the questionnaire done earlier
- Erate update – RALs coming soon. Call Pam or SLD with any questions you might have.
- Youth Grants – Atkinson, Central City, Hartington, Neligh, Norfolk, Lied Pierce, Ponca, Randolph, Schuyler, Stromsburg, Tilden, Wayne
- LSTA grant – David City, Fremont, Orchard, Systems, S Sioux City



- Legislative day – proposing additional \$60,000 for systems, \$500,000 additional databases, \$250,000 for state aid to public libraries. Budget hearing last Monday, went well. League of Municipalities concerned about library boards. Adding system staff to health still stuck in committee.
- 4 lesson plans on network services website for NebraskAccess – in librarians toolbox. For use with students and patrons.
- Karen Drevo – workshops about Nebraska memories

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

- SRP workshop was held in Columbus. 53 attended and 6 were refunded. All presenters did a great job. The board was provided preliminary financial report, evaluations and pictures. The evaluations provided some good ideas for next year (when the theme is "Paw, Claws, Scales and Tales.")
- The system technology plan has been approved by the state. It will be put on the website. System has received approval on its 2005-2006 471 request.
- Annual meeting is being planned. Workshops and meals have been scheduled and Duane Munson and Dennis Drevo have been contacted to sell books. It will be a one day event again. A winter workshop is in the planning stages.
- Accucut directory – the response has been very positive. The system is still collecting dies lists. When complete the Panhandle System wants to model this effort by NELS.
- New librarians in the system are:
 - o Dakota City – Sue Mueller
 - o Walthill – Joyce Swanson
 - o Ulysses – board meets March 30
 - o Clearwater – Connie Bellingtier
- LSTA grant for the regional systems was approved. It will provide USB ports for laptop, external hard drives for system data backups and flash drives. A 25% match is required, NELS portion is \$93.62.
- Legislative news
 - o LB 217 has passed the first reading
 - o LB 28 has passed first reading
 - o LB 374 has not come out of committee



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee hasn't met.

Budget Committee. Dee Johnson spoke for committee which met on February 28. 1. Proposed budget for next year. Based on zero growth. Will be altered if state provides additional funding.



Budget will need to be voted on at May meeting. 2. Surplus funds available now (before June 30). \$22,456.00 Handout explains how committee recommends spending including advance payment of subscriptions, improving professional library, and replacing the copier in the office. Remainder goes to grants for system members and a small amount left in savings for emergencies. The administrator explained benefits overage ... due to accrual of benefits across fiscal year during probation period for new administrator. Mileage and newsletter printing also underfunded. Motion to approve the budget committee proposal (Reisinger, Robertson). There was extensive discussion on how to use the funds. Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Continuing Education is meeting later today.

Strategic Planning hasn't met.

Nominating Committee. Linda Risinger reported that there are three positions open this year Ann Bachman; Kathy Jacobs; Jolene Klein. Bachman and Klein agreed to run again. It was suggested to place something in next newsletter about contacting Linda if interested in serving on board. Kathy Jacobs has served two terms as secretary and according to by-laws cannot do so for a third term.

Technology Committee hasn't met.

With committee reports completed it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 11:37 a.m. (Risinger, Johnson) Executive Session was ended at 11:50 a.m.

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nebraska Leadership Institute will be held again July 25-29, 2005. Motion to provide 5 \$150 scholarships for people to attend the institute that costs 175.00. (Lofgren, Zwingman); roll call vote with unanimous approval.

PAT ON BACK AWARDS

Bonnie Adamson – does Newman Grove genealogy. Very helpful – takes care of all of it. Approved by bord.

Thanks to Bob for hosting and lunch.

The board members reported on activities from their libraries.

Being no other business, the claims of the day were presented for approval. (Lofgren, Johnson); roll call vote with unanimous approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Robertson – tickets to NE Neb home and garden show available

ADJOURNMENT at 1:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Lauran Lofgren

Secretary Pro Tem

Library/Media Training Institute - June 2, 2005

NAME _____ TOWN _____

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER _____ PHONE _____

Please check & return entire form. All sessions take place in Gardner Hall. I plan to attend the following:

		ATTEND	@	COST
9:00 - 3:30	Database Roadshow (Size Limited)	_____	\$5.00	_____
9:30-10:30	Weed It and Reap!	_____	\$5.00	_____
9:30-10:30	Dewey Dazed	_____	\$5.00	_____
10:30-10:45	BREAK			
10:45-11:45	Reading Promotions on a Shoestring	_____	\$5.00	_____
10:45-11:45	Computing Strategies @ Your Library	_____	\$5.00	_____
12:00-1:30	Annual Meeting & Banquet (no charge, please let us know if you plan to attend)	_____	FREE	_____
1:30-2:30	Gen X, Y & Millenials:Teaching Library Skills...	_____	\$5.00	_____
1:30-2:30	Boom or Bust: The Interview Process....	_____	\$5.00	_____
2:30-2:45	BREAK!!			
2:45-3:45	Pat & Marilyn Hour	_____	\$5.00	_____
2:45-3:45	Google and Beyond....	_____	\$5.00	_____
4:00-5:15	Trustee Talk Tables	_____	\$5.00	_____
4:00-5:15	Public Library Talk Tables	_____	\$5.00	_____
4:00-5:15	School Library/Media Talk Tables	_____	\$5.00	_____
4:00-5:15	Academic/Special Library Talk Tables	_____	\$5.00	_____

Institute takes place between college sessions. Let us know if you need 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 24. Please mail completed form along with check made out to: Northeast Library System, 3038 33rd Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601. (Keep a copy of this form for your records.)



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~~Tim Steeves

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