



Straight*talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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TARGET Meets September 26th



TARGET, formerly known as RGLG will meet on September 26th at 10am at the Schuyler Public Library. This meeting is open to all librarians.

Topics: John Seyfarth will come and answer your computer questions. If you have a computer problem that's driving you buggy, send a quick email to: nelibry@megavision.com. John will compile everyone's questions into a program.

Youth Grants For Excellence Applications are due October 19th. Sally Snyder from the Nebraska Library Commission will answer any questions regarding grant ideas you may have and present some quick tips and tricks to polish up those grant applications.

4.0 Credit Hours are available. The meeting usually runs from 10am to 3pm with lunch on your own.

Blogging: The Rules

Are you a blogger? Are you aware that your online publication is subject to a range of state and federal laws? Blogging has become a veritable land mine of potential legal issues and the situation isn't helped by the fact that the law in this area is in a state of flux. Take a minute and check out the publication, "12 Important U.S. Laws Every Blogger Needs to Know", a guide free of legal jargon produced by the Aviva Directory. Topics covered include the legality of deep linking, proper use of images and copyright issues regarding content. The guide can be found at: www.avivadirectory.com/blogger-law.





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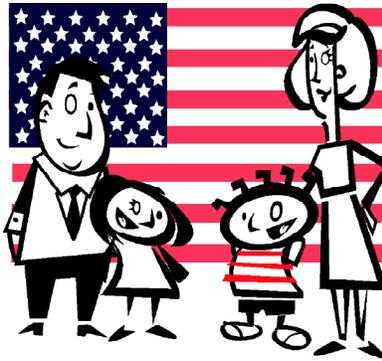
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Civics and Citizen Toolkit Available

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, in cooperation with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Government Printing Office is making free "Civics and Citizenship Toolkits" available to any U.S. public library that requests one. The kits which sell for \$49.95 are available by go-

ing to: www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov

Each library is eligible to receive only one toolkit, and the kits will be sent on a first-come, first-served basis until the supply runs out. The kit contains a variety of educational, self-study materials designed to help permanent residents learn more about the U.S. and prepare for the naturalization process and comes in a sturdy, cardboard portfolio-style box with handle. Materials include:

- * "Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants" and the same title in Spanish: "Bienvenidos a los Estados Unidos de America: Guia para inmigrantes nuevos"
- * Civics flash cards with U.S. history and government Q & As
- * "Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons"
- * "The Citizen's Almanac & Pocket size Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States"
- * A two-disk multimedia set on civics and citizenship
- * "A Promise of Freedom," a DVD
- * "Becoming a U.S. Citizen: An Overview of the Naturalization Process," a flash presentation
- * A report entitled, "Library Services to Immigrants: A Report on Current Practices"

Among the suggestions for using the toolkit are: create a special collection for immigrants; include the kit's materials in your community programming; include the materials in library in ELL, ESL, or citizenship classes; and use the kit as a promotional tool for your



Heuermann Foundation Grant Guidelines Available

Recently several Northeast Library System libraries received grants from the B.Keith and Norma F. Heuermann Foundation. The System office has the grant guidelines and if you are interested, please contact the system office at 1-800-578-1014.



2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute VISION STATEMENT

The 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute embodies a customer-centered library community that:

- Reflects our diverse population, fosters global discourse, and is a vital and active hub of cultural experience and exposure for its constituency.
- Targets the needs of current and prospective users in order to engage and connect them with resources, services and opportunities.
- Integrates innovative technologies with traditional information to create dynamic physical and virtual environments.
- Motivates a responsive, committed staff who enthusiastically supports the strategic vision of our library community.



Congratulations to the Northeast Library System graduates from this year's Nebraska Library Leadership Institute: Laura Bass, South Sioux City Public Library; Brad Hruska and Jill Owens from the Columbus Public Library!

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.

~~Theodore M. Hesburgh



NLS Playaways

These playaways can be checked out individually or in a group. Plus there is an FM Transmitter so your patron can play them in a car and a display case.

1 on 1 Yoga: advanced. 3 hrs.

1776 by David McCullough. 11.75 hrs.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson. 4 hrs.

Dark Tort by Dane Mott Davidson. 10 hrs.

Dead Famous by Carol O'Connell. 12.5 hrs.

Giver by Lois Lowry. 5 hrs.

Hard Truth by Nevada Barr. 11.75 hrs.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell. 3.75 hrs.

Juliet Dove, Queen of Love by Chris Coville. 7 hrs.

Learn Anywhere Spanish! 10 hrs.

Marie Antoinette by Antonia Fraser. 20.5 hrs.

Mattimeo by Brian Jacques. 13.5 hrs.

Maynard Moose: Sleeping Beastly and Other Tales by Willy Clafin. 60 min.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. 2.75 hrs.

Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler. 18.5 hrs.



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FREE TALKING BOOKS SO YOU CAN KEEP ON READING!

Individuals with visual or physical disabilities may qualify for free talking books from the Nebraska Library Commission. No one needs to forego the pleasure of reading just because they cannot see regular print or hold a book or turn its pages. Not when recorded books, magazines, and playback equipment are free to any qualifying Nebraskan.

The Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service, working with the Library of Congress, offers 60,000 book titles and 100 magazines, mostly on cassette. The book collection includes nationwide bestsellers, westerns, biographies, history, and romances. Our Prairie Lane Studios record books and magazines about Nebraska or the Great Plains.

A cassette player is loaned to each borrower. It has large buttons and can be adapted with finger extenders for the control keys and headphones for private listening. All materials are mailed to borrowers and returned to the Talking Book and Braille Service postage-free.

For information or an application form, contact: 1-800-742-7691. talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us.

If you prefer, an application form can be downloaded from: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/tbbs11.html>.

Contact: David Oertli, Director
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Check This Out!!

A Library Story: Building a New Central Library by Jennifer Vogel is a book illustrating the building of the new Minneapolis Central Library. Recommended for grades 4-7, this book demonstrates how a building's specific function influences the planning, with color photographs showing the library's highlights. The library is built from the underground garage to the rooftop garden and depicts highlights such as the alphabet-based electronic light sculpture on the elevators!



Mem Fox coming to NLA/NEMA!

Mem Fox, world renown storyteller will be presenting two programs at the annual NLA/NEMA conference in Kearney. The programs are:

Dirt Roads or Highways? Two Different Directions to Literacy. The route to literacy can be potholed and full of dull detours, or a joyful, scenic ride on a smooth road. The choice is important and its implications enormous.

and Reading Aloud So People Stay Awake, Stay Active and Stay With You. There's more to reading aloud than just reading aloud. The way we use our voices and engage the audience in participation has a huge effect on literacy development in children, let alone on our ability to keep adults in the palms of our hands.

PLUS: Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission; Pat Leach, Youth Services Coordinator of Lincoln City Libraries; and Becky Pasco, Coordinator of Library Science Education at UNO; will introduce you to some new books excellent for reading aloud to children of a variety of ages.

When: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Where: Ramada Inn, Kearney, Nebraska

Cost: \$50.00/person - Lunch included if registration is postmarked by October 10. Registration information can be found at: <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org/mem.html>. The Northeast Library System has several scholarships available for the entire conference and don't forget to apply. See page 12 for more information.

Mem Fox is Australia's most highly regarded picture-book author. Her first book, Possum Magic, is the best selling children's book ever in Australia with sales of over three million. Time For Bed is on Oprah's list of the twenty best children's books of all time.

"The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child, a book, and the person reading."

Mem Fox
Reading Magic

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Check Your Calendar

August 9 - **NEBASE Annual Meeting - East** at Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln.

August 16 - **Saving Nebraska's Treasures: Paper, Photographs, Books and other Paper - based Objects.** Contact Mary Jo Ryan at NLC for more information.

Sept 3 - **Labor Day Holiday.** Office closed.

Sept. 19 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Stromsburg Public Library at 10am.

Sept. 21 - **Nebraska Library Commission Meeting** at the Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln.

Oct. 4-6 - **Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival.** For more information, go to: <http://www.cune.edu/plumcreek>

Oct. 22-26 - **Thinking Outside the Borders: Library Leadership in a World Community** at the Cornhusker, Lincoln.

Oct. 24-26- "**Charting Paths to the Future**", NLA Annual Conference, Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center.

Nov 8-9- **Gates Technology Training** at Lifelong Learning

Center, Northeast Community College. Contact Jeannette Powell at 1-800-307-2665 to register.

Nov 9 - **Nebraska Library Commission Meeting** at NLC.

Nov 16 - **State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting** at Grand Island Public Library.



NEW @ NLS

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

Managing Change by Susan Carol Curzon, Neal-Schuman, 2005.

Guiding staff and organizations through budget cuts, personnel shortages, new technologies, reorganization and consolidation—is an absolutely necessary skill for today's librarian. Susan Curzon outlines the step-by-step processes and detailed instructions necessary for conceptualizing the issues; planning; preparing; decision-making; controlling resistance; and implementing changes.

The second half of the book features change scenarios such as controlling unruly students,

accepting a wealthy donor's useless collection and many more. The scenarios are great for staff training and discussion.

"Arizona Library Ditches Dewey" by Debra Lau Whelan, *School Library Journal*, July 2007, p. 14.

The new Perry Branch Library of the Maricopa County Library District staff decided to make their library as customer friendly as possible and decided against organizing their non-fiction collection according to Dewey. Instead the library used the same method as bookstores and organized materials by subject area.

The response was so positive that the Maricopa County Library District has decided to use the same method in the next new branch, Queen Creek Branch Library. And if the positive response continues, all branches of the district will use the same method.

"Noteworthy Books in Spanish for Adolescents" by Isabel Schon, *VOYA*, August 2007, pp.209-211.

This article gives a brief listing of some of the best books for teens in Spanish covering such topics as nutrition, contraception, history, graphic novels and fiction. If you would like additional titles, visit the Barahona Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents at: www.csusm.edu/csb.



Northeast News

There wasn't a open seat to be found on July 2nd at a Will Rogers sponsored by the **Schuyler Public Library**. Earl Bates from Omaha performed as Will Rogers and everyone had a very pleasant evening.

A repaired roof is in store for the **Elgin Public Library**. The library was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Heuermann Foundation.

The **David City's Boston Studio Project** was recently highlighted on the "Saving Nebraska's Treasures" NET Television program. The project of digitizing the Boston Studio Photos was one of the first of its kind in the state and can be viewed at www.nebraskamemories.org.

Congratulations to Karin Bunstock, the new library director at the **Ulysses Public Library**. Karin replaced Jan Crocker and is excited about the new position.

Also, congratulations go out to Melissa Baumert, the new director at **Clarkson Public Library**. Melissa took over from Denise Ross and is excited about working at the library.

Animal tracks, fossils and animal skulls can be found at the **Bloomfield Public Library**. Kids are able to handle some of the items and guess which animal makes what track as part of this summer's Get A Clue program.

It's been a busy summer at the **Hartington Public Library**. 156 kids attended the Summer Reading Program and the library recently learned it has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Heuermann Foundation for Accelerated Reading books.

Harry Potter fans crowded the **Wayne Public Library** at a recent party for the last Harry Potter book. Kids of all ages enjoyed various activities celebrating the release of the last Harry Potter book.

A new book drop is being installed at the **Clearwater Public Library**. The Summer Reading Program has just started and the staff purchased a Webkinz for a mystery prize.

The **Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library** sponsored the Fifth Annual Quilt Show as part of the town's Prairie Days celebration. Plus, Yvonne Hollenbeck will be reading cowboy poetry. Yvonne's latest book, "From My Window" was recently awarded the Will Rogers Gold Medallion Award.

A pair of new flags and stands were recently donated to the **Lied Randolph Public Library**. A major landscaping project is underway with Boy Scouts and adults planting various greenery. The plants were donated by individuals from the community.



Plum Creek Literacy Festival

This year's presenters include: Richard Peck, Laura Numeroff, Andrew Clements, Ted & Betsy Lewin, Peg Kehret and Robin Brickman. Richard Peck is scheduled to be Saturday's luncheon speaker. For more information regarding events and registration, visit their website at: www.cune.edu.

STAR WARS Flash Drives

The film's 30th anniversary has put new life in the Star Wars franchise and you can fill your Star Wars craving with a Star Wars mimobot USB flash drive from Mimoca. Dark Vader was the first, marking the first time the Dark Lord of the Sith will appear on a storage data device. Chewbacca, Stormtrooper and R2-D2 round out the series. Each are available in 1, 2, & 4GB capacities and will come preloaded with bonus removable Star Wars mimobot content like trailers, soundbites, avatars, and wallpapers! And if you aren't into STAR WARS, there are many other characters available at www.mimoco.com.



The Reviewer's Chair

It Was Me, Mom!

By Brigett Weninger

This is a very age appropriate tale of Miko, a little mouse, who throws a ball in the house and breaks his mom's vase. He tries everything to hide it and in the end tells his mom the truth and comes up with a good way to still use the vase.

Any child preschool to early elementary will enjoy this story and the cute cartoonish illustrations that are a hallmark of the 'Miko' series. It is recommended for any collection.

~~Heather Reid, homeschool teacher/parent, Omaha, NE

Butterfly, Butterfly

by Petr Horaceka

This is a simple story about Lucy who spots a beautiful butterfly and chases it around the garden, but when she looks for it the next day she can't find it. However as Lucy looks around she discovers a world filled of pink worms, brown spiders, green beetle and many more colorful insects.

This picture book of vivid colorful illustration with die-cut holes on some pages was a favorite with my 3-year old granddaughter. One possible drawback is the beautiful butterfly that pops

out on the last page, which may not stand up to a lot of usage over time. Preschool-1st grade will enjoy finding and naming the insects and talking about the vivid colors in this volume.

~~Pat Thompson WSC

Cave Detectives: Unraveling the Mystery of an Ice Age Cave

By David L. Harrison

Interesting book about how scientists use various methods to explore caves and determine how long ago these caves were used and by whom. This is a non-fiction book with many interesting facts. I really enjoyed this book. This book is not that long, but packs a lot of information into a few pages. Anyone interested in caves will enjoy this title. Grades 2-6

~~Marilyn Quance, WSC

Space Cat

By Doug Cushman

Space Cat and his robot are forced to crash land on an alien planet after their rocket ship is damaged. Not only must Space Cat repair his rocket ship but he must also find fuel in order to get home.

This book is good for any library collection and readers in grades K-2. Young readers will enjoy Space Cat's adventure. They will be delighted with cooking escapades of his robot which ultimately help to obtain in the fuel they need to return to their home.

~~Latricia Olson, Randolph Pub-

lic School

On the Head of a Pin

By Mary Beth Miller

A terrible accident at a party affects four guys and a girl. Helen loves Michael, a budding artist. Her parents discourage her from dating him. They meet secretly. Michael wakes up after the party is over and finds that Helen has left. Someone told him that she left with another guy. He has an abusive father, who kicks him out and takes his beloved younger half-brother and disappears.

Michael leaves to find a job to earn money to be able to marry Helen and to afford a lawyer to help him find his brother. Joshua has a sister that was almost totally handicapped by a near drowning accident. He feels guilty and promises God that he will become a priest, if his sister recovers. His friend, Andy fools around with his father's hunting rifle when it accidentally goes off. Victor Munger is a sadistic bully, who makes Joshua and Andy do some bad choices.

See how a tragic event affects and shapes the lives of these people. On the Head of a Pin would be more appropriate for high school students.

~~Claudette Wielechowski, North Platte, NE



My Pony Jack: At the Horse Show

By Cari Meister

This story is about a little girl and her horse, Jack. She tells how she gets Jack ready for the show. How they show in the ring and when they win just 2nd place how they are happy. This is a good book for Kindergarten readers up through 2nd graders.

This book is a good addition for any public library collection. This book had an easy story line and it was nice that there are definitions for the harder uncommon words. This is such a cute story and my daughter enjoyed this story a lot.

~~Angie Vavra, Pierce, NE

Mermaid Mary Margaret

By Lynn E. Hazen

If you like a book that teaches you new things and makes you happy this is the book for you. Once you start reading this story, you won't be able to lay the book down. You just can't wait to see what will happen next. Mary Margaret has always loved mermaids and fancies she might have been one once. Of course, Mary Margaret has an active mind and wonders about many things, but luckily a lot of her questions are answered on a wonderful trip with her Grandma to the Greek islands. This book is recommended for children between the ages of 10-14.

~~Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

The Night of the Burning

By Linda Press Wulf

It is 1920 in post-Great War Poland. The Cossacks have provoked the Christians into attacking the Jews and burn their homes and synagogue. Devorah, 11, and her younger sister are the only Jews to survive the attack on their Polish village. Devorah is determined to protect Nechama, as well as remember their family and traditions.

When Isaac Ochberg travels from South Africa to take 200 Jewish orphans back with him Devorah is afraid but her sister is determined to go. Devorah struggles to accept that her sister will no longer need her. When Devorah is adopted by a family not as affluent as her sisters' family she is first jealous until she finds something more important than wealth. This book is good for any 4th-6th grade reader.

This is a fictional story based on the history of the Polish Jews and their struggle for survival after the Great-War. It is well written and may encourage young readers to learn more about Europe and the Jewish struggles.

~~Diane Limoges, Eastern Township Library

Territory

by Emma Bull

We've all heard the story about the shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, Arizona. Author Emma Bull has taken

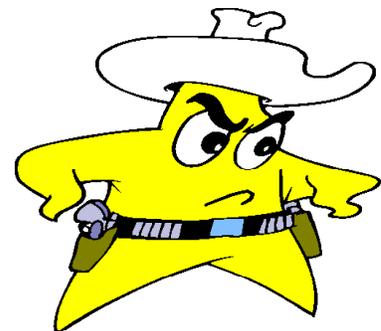
the American West and given it a magical twist. Tombstone is the site of one of the richest mineral strikes in American history, where veins of silver run like ley lines under the earth, a network of power that belongs to anyone who knows how to claim and defend it.

In Tombstone, Jesse Fox meets the tubercular Doc Holliday, whose inner magic is as suppressed as his own, but whose power is enough to attract the sorcerous attention of Wyatt Earp.

When a failed stage holdup results in two dead, Tombstone explodes with speculation about who attempted the robbery. The truth could destroy Earp's plans for wealth and glory, and he'll do anything to bury it. Meanwhile, outlaw leader John Ringo wants the same turf as Earp. Each courts newcomer Jesse Fox as an ally, and tries to isolate him by endangering his friends, as they struggle for magical dominance of the territory.

Recommended for high school and above and where there is a demand for fantasy.

~~Kathy Ellerton, NLS





Computer Hardware Confidence

**NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference Workshop
Kearney Public Library
Wednesday, October 24th
8:30 - 11:30 AM or 1:00 - 4:00 PM**



The Pre-conference will provide the participants with the skills to be more self-sufficient in handling hardware problems that they may encounter. The participants will be building a computer from parts and install an operating system during the session as well as becoming familiar with typical troubleshooting and remove & replace tasks. The goal is to provide the participant with enough confidence to tackle some of these problems without having to call out very expensive "geeks" to solve the problem.



The workshop is sponsored by the NLA Public Library Section and the NLA Information Technology and Access Roundtable. The instructor will be John Seyfarth from the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion.



The cost will be \$15.00 per participant. Please send form with check for the amount and a copy of this form filled out to John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial Library, 222 North Jefferson Street, Papillion, NE 68046. There is a limit of 15 participants per session. Questions can be directed to John by E-mail (jsyfarth@sumplibrary.info) or phone (402-597-2050).



Name: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____





NLA Scholarship Application

The NORTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM will make available **7** scholarships of varying amounts to help defray costs for **librarians, trustees & school library media specialists** wishing to attend the joint Nebraska Library Association / Nebraska Educational Media Association conference to be held at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney on October 24-26, 2007.

1. Applicants must **not** have received a Northeast Library System Scholarship to attend a state-wide N.L.A./N.E.M.A. Conference in the last **three** years.
2. Applicants must be currently employed in a Northeast Library System library or a trustee of a library board.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to no more than one person from each library or school district.
4. Applicants must attend at least one day of the Conference or Pre-Conference.
5. After the Conference, those awarded scholarships must submit a written summary (one page minimum) of Conference programs attended, prior to the next scheduled System Board meeting, November 19, 2006. Summaries will be shared with System Board members.

Continuing Education hours are available from the Nebraska Library Commission for attending the conference. Contact Kathy Ellerton at 1-800-578-1014 or Richard Miller at the Nebraska Library Commission at 1-800-307-2665 for more information.

If you qualify, don't hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity! Complete this form & mail it to the Northeast Library System office, 3038 33rd Street, Columbus, NE 68601 by September 15. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the early registration deadline.

NAME _____

LIBRARIAN _____ SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALIST _____ TRUSTEE: _____

LIBRARY OR SCHOOL YOU REPRESENT _____

ADDRESS & PHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

What sessions do you plan to attend? Conference schedule can be found at: <http://www.2007nla-nema.info/>

How will the information help you at the library? _____

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Is there another entity sponsoring your attendance at this conference **YES** **NO**
(Please circle the one that applies.)

How many days do you plan to attend this conference? Preconference only? One Day? Two Days?
(Please circle the one that applies.)



**Northeast Library System
Board Minutes
July 18, 2007**

The Northeast Board met at the Ponca Memorial Library on July 18, 2007 and was hosted by the staff of the library. The meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Jones. Board members present were Ann Bachman, Michele Hastreiter, Sharon Jones, Dee Johnson, Jolene Klein, Lynn Manhart, Chris Chilcoat, Kathy Ageton, Elaine Tobias, Sally Stahlecker, Joyce Sullivan, and Kate Ostenrude. Kay Schmid was not in attendance. There were no alternates present. System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton, Administrative Assistant, Shelia Cermak, and Commissioner Pat Gross were present.

Introduction and greeting of new members was added to the agenda between minutes and correspondence. The minutes were approved as corrected to reflect the executive session. Inserted after Committee Reports should be; adjourned to executive session. Business resumed and the systems administrator's evaluation was accepted by board vote (MS: Ageton, Johnson; approved by roll call vote).

Kathy Ellerton shared NELS correspondence and communications she received with the board. Shelia Cermak gave the financial report a profit of \$72.99 was reported from the institute, no CDs are currently up for renewal, and the systems office received the quarterly payment from the commission (MS: Bachman, Johnson; the financial report was approved by roll call vote).

REPORTS:

Commissioner, Pat Gross, spoke on the leadership conference in Schuyler, the commission budget, and the need for disaster awareness. Mr. Gross was especially concerned that all libraries have a disaster plan. He also urged us to encourage funding for the Talking Book.

State Advisory Council-on Libraries Gretchen Healy: no report

Nebraska Library Commission: no report

System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton reported on a wide range of activities she has completed in the past two months. She presented the board with a list of travel and activities. The silent auction for the accu-cut earned 70.00. For more complete information, please contact the system office or visit the website at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/northeast>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel – no report

Budget – no report the budget will be reviewed as an agenda item

Continuing Education – no report

Strategic Planning – no report

Continuing Education – no report

Technology Committee - no report

Grant Committee – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The proposed budget is 113,535.38. There was discussion of the written report including



the possibility of off lease computers. Postage costs versus e-mail contact was discussed (MS Klein: Johnson; the budget was approved by roll call vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon Jones was added to the Budget Committee. Kathy Ageton was added to the Continuing Education Committee. Lynn Manhart was added to the Strategic Planning Committee. Kate Ostenrude was added to the Technology Committee. Chris Chilcoat was added to the Grants Committee.

An ad hoc committee was formed to amend the by laws. This committee is composed of Dee Johnson, Ann Bachman, and Joyce Sullivan. The item under revision will be the elimination of the Nebraska Christian College as a member of the Northeast System. Sharon brought up the possibility of canceling a meeting due to stormy conditions.

The System Administrator's evaluation was glowing. However, the evaluation itself is antiquated and needs to be revised. The Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the possibility of changing vacation issue time from 1/3 hour to 1/4 or 1/2 hour.

It was mentioned that the strategic plan needs to be reviewed every two years and requires a face-to-face meeting.

We will not have board shirts at this time.

We did not take a group picture because we were missing Kay.

Board members shared activities going on in their libraries.

A pat on the back was awarded to Herman Brothers of the Neligh Public Library.

A motion was made to accept the claims of the day (MS: Ostenrude, Bachman; approved by roll call vote).

Motion to adjourn (MS: Klein, Sullivan; approved).

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ostenrude





IMAGE IS EVERYTHING!

Pre-Conference to the NLA/NEMA Conference

Wednesday, October 24

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Holiday Inn, Kearney

\$25 (includes lunch)

Sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems and the Nebraska Library Commission

What will you learn?

- what marketing, fundraising, and development actually are
- what skills you have that can be used for marketing and fundraising
- what are the best practices for integrating marketing and fundraising
- how to gain the confidence required to be successful in this area
- how to use partnerships to support a marketing/fundraising plan
- how to evaluate your progress and create new goals

Who is the presenter?

This is a LAMA program (Library Administration and Management Association). The presenter is **Alexis H. Sarkisian**, winner of the 2004 Northwestern University Alumni Association Service Award. She has an undergraduate degree in communications, and an MS in education, which certified her as a school library media specialist. After working with East Chicago Public Schools as manager of instructional technology, she became community programming director with WMAQ-TV, NBC, Chicago, where she earned an Emmy Award for best information program series. She now owns her own consulting business which has an emphasis on library marketing and communications. One of her clients is the North Suburban Library System in Wheeling, Illinois. She is also an instructor in the GSLIS at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. She has implemented library marketing projects that won the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award.

Make checks payable to NRLS and mail to:

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