



Straight *talk*

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OMAHA or BUST!

It's that time of year: kids are going back to school,

Husker football games dominating casual conversation, and librarians, trustees and friends hitting the road for Nebraska Library Association's annual conference.

We all recognize the need for library directors and staff to attend the Nebraska Library Association's Annual Conference, but attending conferences is important for trustees as well.

Here is our top ten reasons for you to attend this fall's NLA/NEMA Conference.

10. It's a great opportunity to network with other trustees.

9. You can pick up some nice loot in the exhibit hall.

8. It's a good excuse to get

away from home for a couple days.

7. You can find out what the latest library trends are.

6. The delicious hotel food or visiting Omaha restaurants.

5. You can spend some 'quality time' with your director.

4. There are some great programs planned for trustees.

3. Christmas is coming and Omaha has great shopping.

2. This year's guest speakers are not to be missed.

1. **It's FUN!!!**

Once you've arrived at the conference, here are some quick tips to help you gain the most from attending this year's conference.

1. **Arrive slightly early.** This gives you the time to find a comfortable seat, get acclimated to the environment, and avoids the strain of rushing in.

2. **Remove yourself from**

home/office pressures.

With cell phones, pagers and laptops, we take the office with us wherever we go. As much as is practical, let the office function without you for a day.

3. **Bring business cards**, if you have them. It's a great place for meeting people and you will want to have business cards ready for those people for whom you would like to keep in touch.

4. **Introduce yourself to at least three new people sitting next to you.** You clearly have something in common with them. Break the ice and say "hello."

5. **Take a few notes.** It helps your comprehension to make a few notes. Write down questions as they arise, so that you will remember to ask them later.

6. **Participate.** You will remember more of the material if you participate in the discussion whenever practical. If you have a suggestion that works - or had a similar problem and

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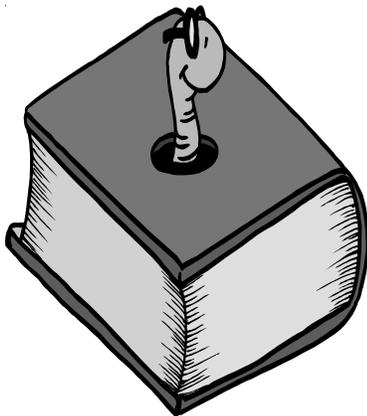
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solved it, please share your story with others so that they may learn from your experience.

7. **If you have a question, or need further clarification, just ask.** Chances are that if you have questions or something isn't clear, you are not the only one who is puzzled.

8. **Keep an "action items" list.** Throughout the conference, jot down ideas you may be able to implement when you return.

9. **Have lunch with someone you don't know.** Take an opportunity to talk about ideas with someone you meet at the conference.

(Adapted from the American Society of Association Executives)



Hannah Tsuchiya and Victoria Pollack from New York City led fifty children ages 2-12 in a demonstration and practice of ballet steps at the **Atkinson Public Library**.



These eager young readers were ready for fun at the **Albion Public Library**.



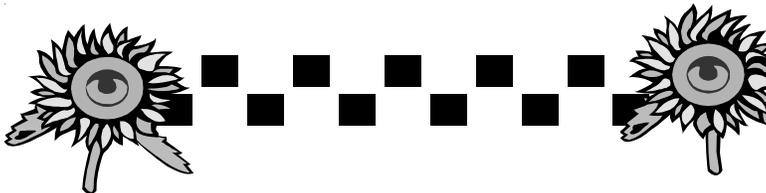
AASL Announces New Reading Grant

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce the newest addition to its grants and awards program - the AASL Innovative Reading Grant. Sponsored by Coughlan Publishing, the \$2,500 grant will support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for students that motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.

"Reading fluency is fundamental to overall student success and achievement," said AASL President Cyndi Phillip. "AASL is proud to offer this new funding opportunity to school library media specialists who teach these essential life skills to their students. The AASL Board of Directors approved the new grant earlier this year and we are looking forward to learning about the winning project at next year's Awards Luncheon."

The grant is designed to fund literacy projects for grades K-9 that promote the importance of reading and facilitate literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy. The selection committee will look for initiatives based on original ideas and methodology, which showcase innovative ways to motivate and involve students in reading. Projects need to demonstrate potential to positively impact student learning and growth of reading skills. Program proposals submitted must include a timeline, a budget and a statement of purpose, and should have potential for replication. Applications and detailed information will be available on the AASL Web site <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards> on September 1, 2006. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2007.

The Innovative Reading Grant is sponsored by Coughlan Publishing, whose companies include Capstone Press, Compass Point Books, Picture Window Books, Stone Arch Books and Red Brick Learning.



Libraries Transform Essay Contest

FOLUSA is pleased to announce a new \$1,000 award sponsored by the Lana and Michael Porter Foundation. This award will recognize an outstanding essay focused on how libraries transform communities.

Spread the word in your community! Entries are limited to one per person, however, multiple entries on behalf of the same library or Friends group are welcome.

The Friends group or library designated in the entry information must be a FOLUSA members with a current membership valid through January 31, 2007. The \$1,000 will be awarded to the Friends group or library designated on the winning entry, subject to verification of valid FOLUSA membership. For more information, visit www.folusa.org.



Teen Tips

How do you keep up with your local teenagers? Do you know what the latest fads are? Here are few tips to get

you started:

1. What did you do over the weekend? A simple question to jump start a casual conversation. Teens are more likely to say what's important to them during a casual conversation than a survey.

2. How did the home team do? Many teens are involved in sports and its an instant ice-breaker. Follow the local teams in the area newspaper or radio. You can keep up with the superstars in college or professional sports by visiting websites such as sports.yahoo.com or espn.go.com.

3. Keeping up with Mario. Teens love playing video games, attend gaming programs and search for cheat codes on the Internet. Discover what's popular by thumbing through gaming magazines such as Electronic Gaming Monthly or GamePro. Don't forget to visit websites such as: www.gamespot.com or www.gamerankings.com for the latest gaming news.

4. What is your favorite song? Teens are obsessed with music whether they own an iPod or not. Ask teenagers who they like to listen to. Read

Rolling Stone, Spin, Vibe, Black Beat and other music magazines. Visit music.yahoo.com to catch the latest music videos.

5. What movies do teenagers like? Keeping up with teen movies and TV shows will help you decide what series tie-ins to purchase and keep you updated on the latest anime craze. If you don't have time to watch Lost or American Idol, visit the site www.televisionwithoutpity.com for a recap. And you can always pick up the latest People or Entertainment Weekly for the latest scoop.

6. He did what? Celebrity gossip is a staple with teens. Take a moment and flip through Teen People or Word Up. Don't forget to check out popular blogs such as pinkisthenewblog.com or perezhilton.com. Of course, there is www.eonline.com for basic celebrity coverage.

7. Stay on top of the latest fads. www.ypulse.com is a valuable resource for keeping up with the latest in teen marketing and determining what's in and what's out.



TEA TIME

How about sharing a cup of tea at storytime? Books listed are for grades Preschool through Grade 4.

Mr Putter and Tabby Pour The Tea

by Cynthia Rylant

The first book in this series, where an elderly gentleman and an elderly cat find themselves very good companions over a cup of tea.

Ruby's Tea For Two

by Rosemary Wells

Ruby intends to have tea with her friend Louise, her little brother, Max, has other ideas.

Tea With Milk

by Allen Say

May must move from California to her parents' home in Japan. She is lost between cultures until she meets a Japanese man, educated at an English school, who takes his tea with milk and sugar, too.

Tea For Me, Tea For You

by Laura Rader

Pigs at Swinings Tea Room order one of everything and invite the tea sommelier to join them in this crayon-colored ode to friendship and tea.

Tea Party Today: Poems to Sip and Savor

by Eileen Spinelli

Tea things in sugarplum colors, a rainbow of children and dreamy settings in garden and seashore and fireside make for much cozy verse.



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Youth Grants for Excellence Applications Due Oct. 20, 2006

The Nebraska Library Commission announces that grants are available to accredited public libraries for special projects in the area of children's and young adult services. These grants are awarded to encourage innovation and expansion of public library services for youth and their parents or caregivers.

Accredited public libraries are eligible to apply for grants in the two areas of focus: Boys and Reading, or Early Childhood Reading Programs; as well as other listed areas of service to youth. (See the "youth grants intro" link below.) The Youth Grants for Excellence require a 25% match, of which at least 10% must be a cash match. The minimum amount that will be awarded per grant is now \$250, which means the minimum total project cost will be \$333, with your library providing at least \$83 (cash and in-kind) for the 25% match required.

Another change this year is the introduction of the short form for applications requesting \$250 - \$1,000 in grant funds. Applications requesting more than \$1,000 must use the long form. (See below for live links to forms.)

Applications and support materials must be received by the Nebraska Library Commission with the postmarked date no later than **October 20, 2006 or submitted electronically by 11:59 P.M. CDT on October 20, 2006. Faxes will not be accepted.** You will be notified by December 11, 2006 if you are awarded a grant.

The forms and information for the Youth Grants for Excellence are now available online at the following sites:

Introduction: Information and Guidelines www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/youthgrants/youthgrantsintro.html.

Application Forms and Instructions for Applying (online):

·Online short form: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/youthgrants/youthgrantsapplicationonlineshortform.html>

·Online long form: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/youthgrants/youthgrantsapplicationonlinelongform.html>

If you can't access the necessary forms and information online, contact Sally Snyder (e-mail [Sally Snyder](mailto:Sally.Snyder@nlc.state.ne.us) or call either 1-800-307-2665 or 402-471-4003) to request that a print packet be mailed to you).

Grant awards will be announced on December 11, 2006.



"If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas."
~~George Bernard Shaw



Check Your Calendar

Sept 14 - **Fall Colloquium - An Evening with Jamie LaRue** at The Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, from 5:30-9:30pm. Contact Brenda Ealey at 1-800-288-6063 for more information.

Sept. 14-16 - **Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival** at Concordia University, Seward. Visit the website: www.cune.edu for more information.

Sept. 20 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Albion Public Library at 10am.

Sept. 27 - **ESU/NLS School Media Specialists Workshop** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC.

Oct. 6-7 - **Nebraska Book Festival**, at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln. Contact Michael Cartwright at 402-465-2349 for more information.

Oct. 12-13 - **Joint ELS/SELS Annual Youth Services Retreat**. Judy Freeman presenting on reading aloud techniques, booktalking, etc. Contact Kathy Tooker at 1-800-627-7884 for more information.

Oct. 22-26 - **National**

Friends of Libraries Week.

For ideas and press releases, visit www.folusa.org.

Oct. 25 - NLA Pre-Conference: **Excursion to Historic Brownville, Nebraska: Book Town USA**. Contact Kathy Ellerton at 1-800-578-1014.

Oct. 25 - NLA Preconference: **Blockbuster Marketing with the Hollywood Librarian**. Contact Janet Greser at 1-402-471-2010 for more information.

26-27 - **NLA Annual Conference** at Qwest Center, Omaha.



**NEW
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NLS**

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

"The Revised Guide Book to Nebraska's Public Meeting Laws" by John Spatz, Nebraska Association of School Boards, 2006.

This guide addresses the latest changes made to Nebraska Open Meeting laws. In an easy to read format, every aspect of the law is discussed. This book is not to be used in the place of sound legal advice from an attorney.

"Handheld Computers Are More Than Personal Assistants." by Ann Bell, *Library Media Connection*, Aug/Sept, p.56-59.

eBooks, eAudio, eVideo are just some of the options available for your handheld computer. The article discusses what you can do with a handheld and what options are available.

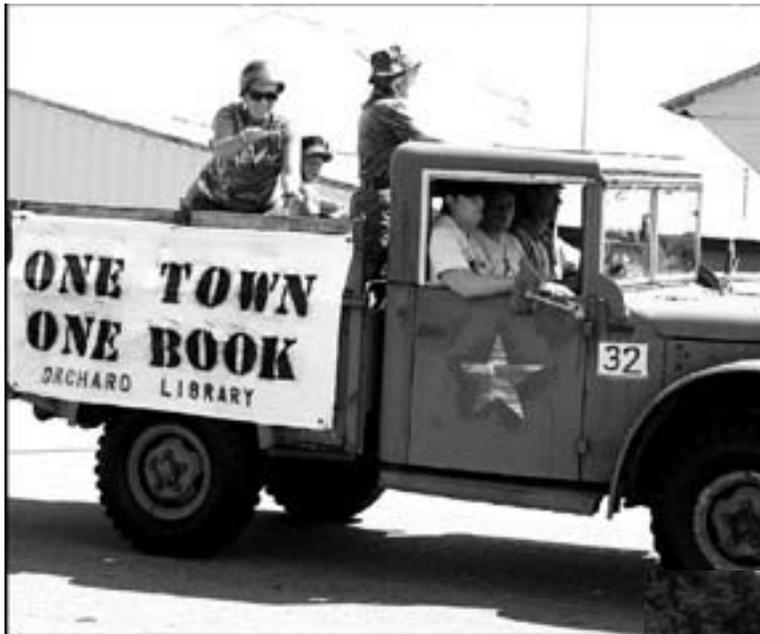
Always a River, Sometimes a Library, College of DuPage Video, 2006. 2 hrs.

Rick Anderson explores the three ways the library profession is broken, and the four ways to fix it. He uses the Mississippi River as a metaphor for patron behavior, and gives us new and useful ways to think about our patrons.



During hot August afternoons, the doghouse was the cool spot at the **Pierce Public Library!**

NORTHEAST NEWS



▲
The **Orchard Public Library's** parade entry in Orchard's Q125 celebration. The float promoted the "One Town, One Book" title, *Once Upon a Town* by Bob Green.



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Top readers Bethany Focher and Danelle Topil entered the Butler County Fair Parade for the **Hruska Memorial Public Library** in David City.



▲
Jan Vrbicky (Asst. Librarian) doing story hour with her dog Josie at the **Clarkson Public Library**.



Libraries: Vital, Vibrant, Visionary

October 25-27

Qwest Center, Omaha

Mark your calendars for the premier library event of the year! The Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Educational Media Association cordially invite you to Omaha's beautiful Qwest Center to hear a wonderful lineup of conference sessions, visit our great exhibits, and have a great time with your colleagues! For more information go to the www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference and click on the 2006 conference. Early registration ends September 30.

Thursday Keynote: Stephen Abram, MLS.

Stephen is Vice President, Innovation for SirsiDynix. He is president elect of SLA and is the immediate past president of the Canadian Library Association and an SLA Fellow. He is also the past president of the Ontario Library Association. His topic is Web 2.0.

Web 2.0: the Library 2.0 in Your Future There is a global conversation going on right now about the next generation of the web. It's happening under the name of Web 2.0. It's the McLuhanesque hot web where true human interaction takes precedence over merely 'cool' information delivery and e-mail. It's about putting information into the real context of our users' lives, work and play. Concurrently, a group of information professionals are having a conversation about the vision for what Library 2.0 will look like in this Web 2.0 ecosystem. Some are even going so far as to talk about Web 3.0! Web 2.0 is coming fast and it's BIG! What are the skills and competencies that Librarian 2.0 will need? Hear what adaptations we'll need to make to thrive in this future scenario.

Friday Keynote: Nancy Pearl, MLS

Nancy is the former director of the Washington Center for the Book at the Seattle Public Library. She speaks to library and community groups across the country and reviews books regularly on NPR's Morning Edition, Wisconsin, Seattle, and Tulsa public radio stations. She is the author of *Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason* (Sasquatch Books, 2003); *More Book Lust: 1,000 New Reading Recommendations for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason* (Sasquatch Books, 2005). Among her many honors and awards are the 2004 Women's National Book Association Award, the 2004 Louis Shores Greenwood Publishing Group Award for excellence in the reviewing of books and other materials for libraries, the 2004 Media and Communications Award from the Ontario, Canada, Library Association, the Public Library Association's 2001 Allie Beth Martin Award. In 1998, Library Journal named her Fiction Reviewer of the Year. Many of us also know Nancy as the model for the Librarian Action Figure.

Nancy will give a talk entitled *The Pleasures and Perils of a Life of Reading*. Nancy will talk about her relationship to reading, how she came to write *Book Lust* and *More Book Lust*, and some of the perils she's discovered in her love affair with books. Along the way she will, of course, be recommending some good books to read.

Wednesday Events

Recruiting the Next Generation of Librarians at the Movies - Daylong preconference sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission,

Bus Tour of Historic Brownville - Daylong excursion sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.

Screening of the Hollywood Librarian Movie

Tour of Washington Branch Library sponsored by the NLA Diversity Committee.



Accommodations

A block of rooms is reserved at the Hilton Hotel , connected by walkway to the Qwest center. Conference rates are \$124 double, \$134 triple. Reserve online at www.hilton.com or call 1-800-HILTONS. Specify the conference rate and reserve early to ensure receiving the conference rate.



C.A.R.D.S. Update

We at C.A.R.D.S. (College Access Resource Distribution Service) are here by informing you that in order to keep our costs to you, our patrons, at the lowest price, we have had to discontinue our 800 phone number.

We will keep our Wayne State College phone number (402)-375-7450 which you are most welcome to use. Staff should be available M-F 7:30 – 4:00 to answer the phone and take your requests or our answering service will pick up your messages during the evenings and week-ends. We welcome you to leave a message with your number asking us to call you back to get details so that the larger cost of the call will be on C.A.R.D.S. We will again ask that you let us know when you receive and when you return all referral materials.

Another avenue of contacting us is through the C.A.R.D.S. e-mail which is: cards@wsc.edu.

E-mail will be checked each working day

Our costs will stay the same as last year with all available WSC materials Free, WSC owned materials, but not available costing \$1.00, subject & reference request costing \$1.00, and referral requests costing \$2.00.

Just to remind you that you can access the Conn Library card catalog at

When the WSC screen comes up place your curser on the word Academics which is in the middle of your screen, a drop-down menu will appear and at the bottom of that menu is Library, which you can click on and bring up Conn Library homepage. On the left of the homepage screen you will see under the heading of Research Tools, the WSC Online Catalog, which when clicked on will bring you into the electronic catalog. You can search the catalog a variety of way through the dropdown menu. Please be advised that you can search our Examination Center by doing a subject search with the words Examination materials. Accelerated reader level books can be found by putting in the subject search of accelerated reader. Reviews of Examination materials can be found at by using the subject search of WSC book review.

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Sincerely,
C.A.R.D.S. staff

Marilyn Liedorff
Jenny Kieser
Pat Thompson



The kids are lined up in a row at the **Ulysses Public Library**.



The local veterinarian visited the **Hartington Public Library**.

A monkey picture frame made by a participant at the **Stanton Public Library** Summer Reading Program.



Who is the copycat? This young lady and her friend were part of the pet person lookalike contest at the **Central City Public Library**.



Salvador Henry, the Pug, listens to a story about another Pug who was unloved at the **South Sioux City Public Library**. Children at story time were able to pet Sal after they learned a few things about Pugs.



The Reviewer's Chair

Goodbye Charley

By Jane Buchanan

During World War II a young girl grows up over an eventful summer. She is forced to face the realities of life, friends, family relationships, war, death, and the proper living environment for wild animals. This book is similar to other juvenile books about World War II, family relationships, trials of growing up and raising wild animals.

This was a delightful book that is highly recommended. Also would be a good read-aloud book. Recommended for ages 10-14 in both public and school libraries.

~~Janet Davis, Atkinson, NE

The Quail Club

By Carol Marsden

Oy is now in the fifth grade and feels less like an outsider. She is part of the quail club, five girls hatching and caring for baby quails. When their teacher announces that there will be a talent show Oy decides to do one of her traditional Tai dance. Liliandra, however, wants Oy to do an American dance with her. If she refuses Liliandra will kick her out of the quail club. After much mental stress Oy decides to follow her and her families wish of doing the Tai dance. Will she be left

without any friends because of her decision or can she make Liliandra understand and possibly convince her to join Oy in her dance.

This is a fun little book that shares the trials and friendships as well as holding on to traditions while at the same time learning new things.

~~Diane Limoges, Eastern Township Library

Hooray for Fish

By Lucy Cousins

This is a wonderful book for young children that compares different fish using very typical "Cousins" illustrations—colorful and simple—and very little but well used text. Any child would love to open the pages of this book and talk about it. The last page full of all the fish in the whole book is especially fun. I recommend this book for any collection.

Heather Reid, parent, Omaha, NE

Sumi's First Day of School Ever

By Soyung Pak

This is a good book to use with children, to teach them awareness of others. Sumi is a little Korean girl. This is her first day at a new school. She doesn't know anyone and she doesn't know any English. Fortunately she has a compassionate teacher, and finds a new, kind friend. Children all over the world should read this book. This book is recommended for ages 5-7 in both school and

public libraries.

~~Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

Defiance

By Valerie Hobbs

Toby is an 11 year old who lives with an overprotective mom. He just wants to enjoy his summer in the country. He also feels he must hide the newest lump he found on his side. Lumps mean more hospitals and more chemo. Despite a depressing subject this is an uplifting story. I didn't want it to end. Recommended for age 10 and up in any library.

~~Janet Davis, Atkinson, NE

Boston Jane: The Claim ***By Jennifer L. Holm***

Jane Peck is a veteran in the Washington Territory. She has found a place for herself working in a hotel until her cabin is ready on her claim. Suddenly her world is turned upside down when Sally, an old pain in her side schoolmate, arrives. Sally tries to do everything she can to make Jane's life miserable, but through the wit that has brought Jane this far the story unfolds. You will enjoy the connections to wilderness life this book makes. The story moves along and the author makes you want to know what the so called friend, Sally will do. This book is recommended for ages 10-18 for all libraries.

~~Karma Ragland, Red Cloud, NE



Shock Point

By April Henry

As Cassie walks up her driveway, she notices a van that she does not recognize sitting in the driveway. As she walks by the van, a hand suddenly comes out, covers her mouth and starts dragging her into the van. As Cassie fights to get away, she screams for her mom. She is shocked to see her mom standing on the porch, talking to Cassie's stepdad who is saying "This is the best thing for her, and the only way to cure her use of drugs." Cassie stares in disbelief, because she has never used any drugs. As Cassie tries to figure out what is going on, she ends up in Mexico at a "make or break" you camp.

This was a great book that has a good mystery to it and girls and boys will find hard to put it down.

~~Marilyn Liedorff, Wayne State College

Keeping up With Roo

By Sharlee Glenn

Gracie and her Aunt Roo were very close. They played as sisters until Gracie started school. When Gracie brought her first friend over she was ashamed of Roo. Finally her friend was curious and they played with Roo and all were happy. This book has an interesting story line with interesting pictures. This would be an excellent book for with school or public libraries.

~~Sharon Kinnan, Oakdale, NE

How Do I Love You?

By Leslie Kimmelman

Meet the adorable mommy alligator and her lovable child. Together they count the ways that they love each other. From silly dances, to playing in the rain, to pictures they draw, they each count their love. The pictures are fantastic and add much to the book. This counting book would be a great addition to any library.
~~Carol Tramp, Wynot Public School

A Snout for Chocolate

By Denys Cazet

Barney the dog had the chicken pox and needed to stay home from school. Grandpa and Grandma were to take care of him. Grandma sends Grandpa out to wash windows, but Grandpa decides to climb his ladder to Barney's window to tell him one of his anti-itch stories. This would be a good book to read to class if someone has the chicken pox. Therefore the other children would understand what their classmate was going through.

Recommended for Kindergarten through 2nd grade in both school and public libraries.

~~Sarah Klinetobe, O'Neill, NE

The Great Expedition of Lewis and Clark

By Judith Edwards

What more could you ask for? This is an exciting adventure story and real history in one

book. The story is a true recording of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as written in Private Reuben Field's diary. Many tales are told of meeting with Indian tribes and their experiences with trading. The men were gone two years and four months and were welcomed home as heroes.

This is an interesting book and a good way to learn history. Recommended for ages 10-14 in both public and school libraries.

~~Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

Stinky Smelly Feet: A Love Story

By Margie Palatini

Have you ever known someone whom you liked or loved so much that you could overlook their shortcomings? Such is the case with Dolores and Douglas. Douglas had the most awful case of stinky, smelly feet. Dolores and Douglas went on a picnic and decided to let the grass tickle their toes. When Douglas removed his shoes, Dolores fainted. Douglas tried everything to make his feet smell better, he took a bath, he washed his shoes and then threw away all of his shoes. He still had stinky, smelly feet, but Dolores loved him anyway. The pictures are funny and are the perfect accompaniment to the story. Recommended for third grade and up in both school and public library.

~~MeMe Smith, Schuyler Public Library

Judy Moody Saves the World

By Megan McDonald

Judy Moody and her class learn about the environment and the destruction of the rain forest. They have a bottle drive to recycle. The class collected 100 bottles which meant that they helped plant 100 trees in the rain forest. This book is good, because it teaches kids to recycle.

~~Felicia Keiser, 7th grade



The **Cedar Rapids Friends of the Library** hosted a picnic for the Summer Reading Program participants last Saturday at the Park Pavilion. There were 18 youth in attendance.

Staci MacDonald, from Central City, brought her miniature horses to show. She takes them to area nursing homes where the elderly enjoy the visits. Mark and Tracy Zentner brought Maci's full size horse to show and also gave pony rides to the excited kids. They also brought a chicken that they have been caring for at home.

Crystal Hohn brought Clark, the chameleon from Mississippi, and told about him as they watched him try to blend in to hide from all the prying eyes. Kim Schilousky showed several different turtles (painted, snapper, box, and Mississippi box) and some California snails. She left the bull snake home as some of the "Friends" didn't want to be in the same place as a snake.

The Friends then served a lunch of hot dogs, chips, kool aid, and "Dalmation" cupcakes: Rita Watts, Veronica Pfiefer, Kim Schilousky, and Renee Rutten. Library Director Marilyn Schuele also had some animal books on display for the youth to look at and check out. As an ending to the Summer Reading Program fun for the year drawings were held and each child went home with a stuffed animal to remember their year of reading about "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" at the library.



Rebecca Dahlman poses with Shiloh the dog at the **House Memorial Library** in Pender.



NORTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM

Board Minutes

July 19, 2006

The Northeast Library System Board met on July 19, 2006 at Lied Pierce Public Library. The meeting was hosted by the director of the library, Dawnn Tucker and was called to order by President, Lauren Lofgren.

Board members present were: Michele Hastreiter, Kay Schmid, Joyce Sullivan, Kate Ostenrude, Dee Johnson, Jolene Klein, Linda Risinger, Sally Stahlecker, Lauran Lofgren, and Sharon Jones. Members not in attendance were Marilyn Liedorff and Ann Bachman. Also in attendance: System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton, Gretchen Healy, and System Administrative Assistant, Shelia Cermak. No alternates were named. Approval of minutes from the May and Annual meetings (MS: Klein, Schmid); motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Financial: As of July 6, 2006, balances in checking: 7,806.62 and savings: 7,234.59.

Roll call with full approval to accept the financial report.

State Advisory Council: Gretchen Healy reported on the meeting; a full set of those minutes can be accessed via <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/stadv/minutes/mainminutes.html>

Nebraska Library Commission: A representative from the NLC was not in attendance. For the latest information on what's happening at the Commission, please visit the Nebraska Library Commission's website at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us>.

Administrator: Kathy Ellerton reported on the following:

Annual meeting, held June 1, 2006 – attendance was down, perhaps due to the date, but the day went relatively smooth.

Trustee manual revision: There will be one more meeting and the group will be down to final revisions.

Meeting with new directors at Verdigre Public, Walthill Public, Osmond Public, and NICC-Santee Campus.

Dreamweaver software: Will be held in Hartington in September and is intended as a roving workshop for small groups.

Upcoming projects: System membership directory, RGLG meeting, basic skills classes, board alternate pool, and a joint system workshop with ESU 1, 7 & 8 on September 27 at the Life Long Learning Center in Norfolk.

Attended the following professional activities: NE Library Leadership reunion, working on NLA bylaws, and NLA pre-conference planning meetings

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget committee met in June to work on the system's 2006-2007 budget for the year. It was agreed that the NELS will have a review done this year and an audit done next year, rather than an annual audit; the rising cost of full audits was a factor in making this change. We will be looking at possibly using a different auditor next year. Motion to approve the annual budget (MS: Schmid, Johnson). Approved by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drug free workplace policy: Kate Ostenrude and Shelia Cermak will work on revising the system's current drug policy to update the document.

By-laws: The by-laws need to be updated and the strategic planning committee was assigned this task (MS: Michele Hastreiter, Linda Risinger,) Approved.

Grants committee: It was voted and approved (MS: Ostenrude, Hastreiter) to form a new standing committee named as the system's Grants Committee. Members of this new committee are Kay Schmid, Linda Risinger and Jolene Klein.

Strategic Planning: Members are Sharon Jones, Joyce Sullivan, and Marilyn Liedorff. Dee Johnson agreed to serve if Marilyn declines.

Budget: Michele Hastreiter was added to the budget committee.

Pat on the back awards: Marilyn Liedorff, Wayne State College, was nominated for the award for the wonderful job she did as the board's president for the past two years. Allen Hall was nominated for the award for devoted service to the Neligh Public Library.

Claims of the day: motion to approve (MS: Klein, Schmid) Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Next Board meeting is at Albion Public Library on September 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Johnson

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