



Straight*talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

With all the changes that have been happening during the systems reconfiguration process, a significant question was who is going to be the director for the Three Rivers Library System. As of right now a new director has not been hired, but the TRLS board hopes to have one hired in the first few months of 2015.

What I can tell you is that the new director will not be me. I have accepted a position as the Assistant Director of the Morton-Mandan public library in Mandan, North Dakota and will be starting there next month.

I have greatly enjoyed the two years I spent as Director of the Northeast Library System. The two years I spent with the Northeast Library System gave me so many wonderful opportunities and memories that I will take with me to North Dakota.

I wish everyone the best as you transition into the Three Rivers Library System.

~ Sarah Warneke

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What to expect in early 2015 for the new library system.

Bylaws and a six-month budget have been finalized. Other organizational policies and practices are currently being worked on. There will be changes to some of the programs and services that were offered by NELS as Three Rivers Library System works to meet the needs of a larger system area and a larger diversity in the member libraries.

Librarians are welcome to attend regional meetings and workshops in any of the four remaining library systems. However, the consulting services each office provides will only be available to its member libraries.

Since no director has been hired, Gail Formanack from Eastern Library System will be staying as a temporary, part-time employee to keep some limited services running until a director has been hired. The NELS office is now closed and services and resources will not be available from the office. **Any questions or mail should be directed to Gail at the ELS office until further notice.** The ELS office is located at 11929 Elm Street, Suite 18 Omaha, NE 68144 and the phone number is 402-330-7884. A new website is being set up for TRLS and can be found at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/>. Information on the website is limited as details for the system are still being developed by the board of directors.

The Library Commission is making changes to the email listservs for the current six systems. If you are currently subscribed to the NELS listserv, it's hope that you will be transferred automatically to the listserv for TRLS. If you aren't currently subscribed, you will be able to do so [here](#) once the new listervs are added to the available options.

As a reminder the board of directors for TRLS is:

Kathy Ageton, Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk; Rose Barcal, La Vista Public Library; Francine Canfield, Baright Public Library in Ralston; Laura England-Biggs, Keene Memorial Library in Fremont; Beth Foulks, Ponca Public Library; Laurant Lofgren, Wayne Public Library; Aimee Morlan, Weeping Water Public Library

Nebraska Native's Vietnam memoir chosen for 2015 One Book One Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (Nov. 10, 2014)—Nebraskans have new required reading material. The 2015 One Book One Nebraska selection is *Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting* (University of Nebraska Press, May 2013) by Beverly Deepe Kever, who was born and raised in Hebron, Neb.

Kever was the longest-serving American correspondent covering the Vietnam War and earned a Pulitzer Prize nomination for reporting. In *Death Zones and Darling Spies*, Kever describes what it was like for a farm girl from Nebraska to find herself halfway around the world, trying to make sense of one of the nation's bloodiest and bitterest wars.

"Kever is an excellent storyteller. . . . *Death Zones & Darling Spies* adds a woman's view to the many retrospectives on the Vietnam War—a war covered and perpetrated mostly by men," said Carolyn Johnsen in the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

Kever received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her doctorate from the University of Hawai'i, where she is currently professor emerita.

"It was an honor to work with Bev Kever on *Death Zones and Darling Spies*, and I'm pleased this fine book will reach new audiences around the state," said Bridget Barry, UNP acquisitions editor. "The University of Nebraska Press is proud of Bev and her accomplishments."

The One Book One Nebraska program promotes a culture of reading and discussion in Nebraska by bringing the state together around one great book by a Nebraska author. This year marks ten years of the program. It is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission.

"*Death Zones & Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting* by Beverly Deepe Kever was the committee's choice based on Kever's compelling prose and ability to analyze complex historical/political contexts to provide insight into America's military and financial involvement in Vietnam," said Rebecca Faber, chair of the One Book One Nebraska Selection Committee. "Her Nebraska background provided a tie to the response of Americans at home who were trying to comprehend a war like no other in which the United States had been involved."

Get your copy of *Death Zones and Darling Spies* from the University of Nebraska Press or wherever books are sold.

For more information about UNP, visit nebraskapress.unl.edu. For more information about One Book One Nebraska, visit onebook.nebraska.gov.

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Library Happenings



Shortly after reopening, Santa visited the Pilger public library



Kids read to each other during a holiday open house at the Rising City public library.



Leigh public library hosted a holiday craft night.



Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Spring 2015

January 12, 2015 – May 7, 2015

LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies

Patty Birch, Instructor

This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:

- Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)
- 21st Century Literacies
- Selection (All resources, for all age levels)
- Acquisition
- Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom
- Copyright

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at pbirch@esu16.org

LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

Ruth Carlock, Instructor

This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21st Century. It includes the following topics:

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- The MARC record
- Resource Description and Access Instructions

Suggested prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services

For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at rcarlock@cccneb.edu

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Erica Rose, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at erose@cccneb.edu

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson
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Northeast Library System Board Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

The Northeast Library System Board met Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at Leigh Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Judy Hagan, and roll call included board members Judy Hagan, Beth Foulks, Sara Lee, Judy Hilkemann, Mary Austin, Mary Anne Schwarten and Dee Johnson. Also present were Director Sarah Warneke, and Richard Miller arriving later from The Nebraska Library Commission.

The September minutes were approved. 1) Johnson; 2) Hilkemann MCU

Sarah reported grateful thank yous from libraries receiving grants

The financial report was not available. Shelia will prepare it Friday and send it out

Director Sarah Warneke shared a written Director's Report and talked of highlights from that report.

Judy reported on the 70 grants given out to system libraries. Sarah reported that receipts from grant purchases have been arriving in her mail.

Discussion on the office assets included dispersing the Accu-Cut dies and press to Atkinson and Ponca libraries. Office furniture and supplies will likely be left for the new system to use or dispense. Book kits will be turned over to the Nebraska Library Commission as well as other resource materials.

A pat-on-the-back was requested for Sarah Warneke. It was unavailable for the meeting. Sarah was also given a parting gift, as her position terminates the end of December.

Reports and handouts from the Nebraska Library Commission were presented Richard Miller.

Claims of the day were approved. MCU

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25. (M)- Johnson (2) Schwarten.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Foulks, Secretary

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

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

~ Walter Cronkite

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or concerns.

Sarah Warneke, editor

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