

Panhandle Sun



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Regional Library Systems Awarded Grant For Book Club Kits

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded the Nebraska Regional Library Systems an Excellence in Youth Library Service Grant to devise reading group kits for children and teen book clubs. The project, which the Systems call "Connecting Kids with Books," was developed to give media specialists and public librarians an opportunity to easily obtain multiple copies of the same title, and supplemental materials and activities for the book clubs taking place in their libraries.

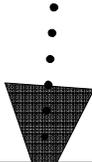
Each of the six Systems have already started purchasing materials for their kits based on input from System members. A book club kit will include 20 paperback copies of a book, one audio book (if available), author information, a summary of the story, discussion questions, and possibly some activities. The Panhandle Library System received excellent feedback from PLS media specialists and public librarians. Thank you for your suggestions! All the books selected for the Panhandle Library System are books recommended by PLS media specialists and public librarians. There are books for young children and some for upper high school. We can purchase additional kits, too, as we determine

library needs. Some librarians requested that PLS obtain the 2008-2009 Young Adult Golden Sower nominees. A few are included in this initial order.

PLS Children/Teen Book Club Kit Titles:

1. *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
2. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
3. *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
4. *Shadow Club* by Neal Schusterman
5. *Crispin* by Avi
6. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor
7. *Heat* by Mike Lupica
8. *Friend at Midnight* by Caroline Cooney
9. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
10. *Shattering Glass* by Gail Giles
11. *Golden Compass* by Phillip Pullman
12. *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer

The kits are currently being processed and assembled. They will be ready to borrow within the next few weeks. Please notify the PLS office to reserve one. If you have title recommendations for future kits please let us know. There is money available for a few more!



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PLS can...

Repair Your Damaged AV Discs With a High Quality Disc-Repair Machine

Panhandle Library System, through a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission, has purchased an EcoSmart Disc



Repair machine. We offer a disc repair service for our members. Here is how it works:

1. Charges for repairs and use totals will be figured on a quarterly basis for PLS members.
2. The quarters will go from January 1 to March 31; April 1 to June 30; July 1 to Sept. 30; Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.
3. For any member needing 10 or fewer individual discs repaired during a quarter, there will be no charge. The member will be responsible for bringing or mailing the discs to the PLS office. PLS will return the discs to the library.
4. Starting at disc number 11 during any quarter, the member will be invoiced at the end of the quarter at a cost of 25 cents per disc. This will go toward the cost of replacing supplies and mailing the items back to the library.
5. When the member sends or brings materials to the PLS office, they must specify whether only specific discs from a set are to be repaired, or they want the entire set run through the process and added to their total.
6. The discs and/or container must have a library identification sticker.

If you want to provide skip-free audio books and movies to your patrons, send us your discs!

PLS can...

Provide New Technology At Your Fingertips

The Panhandle Library System office has an MP3 player and an iPod for you to borrow!

Each contains a selection of digital audio books – just turn it on and listen!

Some libraries are beginning to offer downloadable audio books as part of their collection. This will give you an opportunity to find out how it works.

In addition, you may find that downloading and listening to podcasts of training sessions is a way to learn “on the go”!



The more we know about the technologies that our customers and students are using, the better equipped we are to find ways to provide the materials they want.

For those who aren't interested in the download process, but like the portability, another product is Playaways. PLS has Playaway books for you to check out. Each book is a self contained audio player that can fit into your pocket. Put on the ear buds, push play, and listen to the book! No downloading required. We have 10 titles, for adult and youth. The titles are: *The Fifth Horseman* by Patterson; *A Wrinkle in Time* by L'Engle; *Eragon* by Paolini; *Fall on Your Knees* by MacDonald; *Outsiders* by Hinton; *Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bryson; *Storm Rescue: True Stories of Survival* by Willis; *Time Traveler's Wife* by Niffenegger; and *You -The Owner's Manual* by Roizen. Try it out and see if you want to begin a Playaway collection in your library.

PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM UPCOMING EVENTS



Feb. 6, 2008: PLS Public Librarian's Meeting –
Central Panhandle Region
3:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Gering Public Library
Topic: Patron Privacy Issues

Feb. 8, 2008: College of DuPage; Soaring to
Excellence;
“People watching with a purpose: Meeting needs
before they need it”
10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (MST)
Webcast.

Register with Nebraska Library Commission at:
www.nlc.stat.ne.us and click on “Library Training”
or call 800-307-2665

Feb. 12, 2008: NLA Legislative Day; Lincoln
www.selsne.org/LegDay.08.pdf

Mar. 2-8, 2008 : Teen Read Week
www.ala.org

Mar. 7, 2008: Follett Workshop– Part 1: How to Use
the Reporting Module and Use Statistics to Your
Advantage; Part 2: How to Inventory Your Collection
With the New Panther Inventory Scanner
9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Lunch on your own
Gering High School Library, 1500 U St., Gering
Register by March 3 with the PLS office

Mar. 7, 2008: College of DuPage
Library Challenges and Opportunities; “Library
Spaces: Future needs:
10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (MST)
Webcast
Register with Nebraska Library Commission at:
www.nlc.state.ne.us or call 800-307-2665

Mar. 11, 2008: PLS Board Meeting
Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway,
Main Floor Conference Room
10:00 A.M.

Mar. 18, 2008: PLS Summer Reading Program
“Catch the Reading Bug”
9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own
Scottsbluff Public Library,
1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff
Register by March 12, 2008 with the PLS office

Mar. 19, 2008: NLA Paraprofessional 2008 Spring
Meeting
9:00 a.m. to noon (MST)
Videoconferences across the state
[www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/
paraspringmeeting.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraspringmeeting.html)

March 20, 2008: PLS Public Librarian's Meeting –
Southern Panhandle Region
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Goodall City Library, Ogallala
Topic: Behavior Problems in the Library

Mar. 25—29, 2008: PLA National Conference
Minneapolis, MN
www.placonference.org

PLS Member Library Spotlight- West Nebraska Family Research & History Center

1602 Avenue A, Scottsbluff

Phone: 308-635-2400 Website: www.wnfrhc.org

The West Nebraska Family Research and History Center is a gem of a library in our community. If you have not had the opportunity to visit with Floyd Smith, Founder and Executive Director of the Center, and to see all that the Center has to offer, you are truly missing out. Every year the Center holds an Open House around Christmas time to say "thank you" to its volunteers and library users. I attended their Open House this past December and was graciously welcomed, and instantly impressed. It was this visit that gave me the idea to "spotlight" a PLS library every newsletter. In this edition of the Panhandle Sun, I am honored to spotlight the West Nebraska Family Research and History Center.

The Center opened March 1, 2004 to coincide with Nebraska's birthday. It is incorporated as a non-profit company. The Center's primary purpose is to offer general assistance to people who need guidance tracing and understanding their family lineage and history. It provides equipment and materials to assist patrons in their quest.

The West Nebraska Family Research & History Center is run by eight dedicated volunteers. The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sundays by appointment; which is a lot of volunteer hours. It is amazing to see such dedication. One of the primary services the Center provides is access to local obituaries. Volunteers clip obits from the local newspapers and organize them by year, and then alphabetically. They have a complete set from approximately 1990, and some clipped from 1900 to 1989. They also archive newspapers from across the Panhandle, and have most since their opening in 2004.

Another big project they are working on is

organizing the many, many State genealogical newsletters that the Center received through a donation. The plan is to eventually bind the individual newsletters (like bound periodicals in academic libraries). The project has been started, but it is quite expensive. Anyone wishing to sponsor the binding of a newsletter (\$15.00 each), the Center will place the name of the person or organization on the spine of the book.

The Center's collection is broad, but particularly emphasizes the Panhandle region. There are family histories, county histories, town histories, and local school annuals from across Nebraska. The Center collects old phone books and city directories from various states.

They have:

- 906 Books
- 567 Directories / Phonebooks
- 212 Schools Yearbooks
- 1956 Cataloged Periodicals
- 4000+ Uncataloged Periodicals
- 47 Rolls of Microfilm
- 107 CD-ROMs
- 5 DVD/VHS videos
- 38,000+ People in the Panhandle Burial Index Database
- 23,000+ People in the Obituary Index
- 1434 Memorial Cards



The entire collection will be searchable via an OPAC sometime this year.

The collection is not limited to print materials. There are two PCs and one MAC with access to high speed internet service. Patrons can connect to Ancestry through the Nebraska Access databases and Heritage Quest online.

Coming May 2009 the Nebraska State Genealogical Society State Conference will be held at the Harms Advanced Technology Center in Scottsbluff. People from all over Nebraska and neighboring states will attend. They will definitely need to visit West Nebraska Family Research and History Center while they are here! *Margie Harrison*

Member Library Announcements



Curly Abel, Director of the Broadwater Public Library for forty years, passed away this past November. Curly started working at the Library in 1967. She was very dedicated to the Library and community and is dearly missed.

Karen Muzzey, Head Librarian with Minatare Public Library for over four years, passed away November 26. Karen was an avid library user. She started at the Library March 3, 2003. The Village of Minatare says, "we are lost without her".

Ann Caine, Director of the Morrill Public Library, plans to return to the field of occupational therapy. Her last day of work with the Library is January 31. Ann has worked as Director for over two years.

Marty McAndrew came to Gering Schools in August 2007. He is the Media Specialist for the elementary schools and works at Cedar Canyon Elementary. Marty moved to Gering from Beijing, China, where he taught English as a Second Language to diplomatic and international children in the third and fourth grades for ten years.

Naomi Loxtercamp has been appointed Director of the Broadwater Public Library. She worked as the Assistant Librarian with Broadwater Public since November 2003. Prior to working at the Library, Naomi taught for six years at Bridgeport Public Schools.

Brandee Harlow was hired as Assistant Librarian at Broadwater Public Library. She started work in January. Brandee replaces Naomi Loxtercamp who is now the Director of the Library.

Lori Hartman of Gering has been selected as the new Director of the Morrill Public Library.

Cindy Horrocks is the new librarian at Community Christian School in Scottsbluff. She started in August 2007. Cindy works at Community Christian School on Tuesdays.

Rushville Public Library had an excellent past year of community support and sponsorship. The library received a \$1,000 grant from Kinder-Morgan for Summer Reading, a \$500 community grant from Thrivent for building repairs, \$600 worth of books from the Libri Foundation, and a \$250 community grant from Wal-mart to purchase arts and crafts supplies. Diane Davis, Library Director, has been working hard implementing new programs for children, teen and adult patrons.

Chadron Public Library was recognized by the Nebraska Library Commission as one of sixteen public libraries to be accredited at the "Excellence" level. This is the highest accreditation level a library can receive in Nebraska. The library also opened its newly remodeled Teen Room. New programs for teens were offered at the Library this past year. Scott Kinney, Library Director, points out that teens enjoyed watching football games and playing video games on the new television, reading one of the many new graphic novels, and participated in the Library's Annual Teen Read Week Celebration.

The Panhandle Library System Scholarship Committee presented two member librarians with continuing education awards in 2007. Karen Beguin, Librarian at Kimball Public Library, received \$100 to attend the NLA/NEMA conference. Carole Matthews, Media Specialist with Hay Springs Public School, was awarded \$300 to attend the NLA/NEMA conference. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a short report at the Annual Meeting in July, or a brief article in the Panhandle Sun as a form of resource sharing. Congratulations Carole and Karen!



Scholarships/Grants Are Available!

NEMA Scholarships:

For more information go to <http://nema.k12.ne.us/mem.dir/scholarships.html>

- **Continuing Education Scholarship-** to help media specialists and paraprofessional gain additional professional training in the field on a full or part time basis: \$800, due March 15.
- **Workshop/Conference Scholarship-** to help media specialists and paraprofessional gain additional professional training in the field: \$150, due March 15.
- **Presenter Scholarship-** for NEMA members who are asked to present at any national conference relevant to the field of school library media; \$200, due March 15.

NLA Scholarships:

For more information go to <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

- Louise A. Nixon Scholarship- to help recipients attend graduate classes or training to increase library skills: \$1,000, due April 15
- Duane Munson Scholarship- to help recipients attend graduate classes or training to increase library skills: \$1,000, due April 15

Student Internship Grants from the Nebraska Library Commission:

For more information go to <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Internships.asp>
NLC continues to offer grants to libraries for student internships. Each internship grant provides a \$1,000 stipend for a student to work approx. 100 hours with library staff on a variety of projects and issues. Grants are available until Oct. 31, 2008

Paxton And Rushville Public Libraries Receive Youth Grants

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded a total of \$50,000 in grants for 21 libraries to assist in providing improved services to children and teens, and to offer continuing education opportunities for children and young adult librarians. Two libraries from the Panhandle Library System received awards. Diane Jay, Director of the Paxton Public Library, received \$1,000 to implement an exciting program called "Movie Magic" to promote books and library services to children in grades 4 through 8. "Bridging the Gap" is the title of the program that Diane Davis, Director of Rushville Public Library, will offer with her \$2,400 award. She will use her award to provide materials and programs for boys ages 8 to 17. Congratulations to Dianne Jay and Diane Davis for their innovative ideas and dedication to library service!

Reta E. King Library Receives Grant to Host Louis and Clark and the Indian Country Traveling Exhibit

The Reta E. King Library at Chadron State College is one of seven libraries across the USA to host the *Louis and Clark and the Indian Country* traveling exhibit in 2008. *Lewis & Clark and the Indian Country* traveling exhibition is based upon a larger exhibition of the same name developed by the Newberry Library, Chicago. The exhibition is sponsored by the American Library Association in collaboration with the Newberry Library, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Sarah Lee Foundation, and support from Ruth C. Ruggles and the National Park Service. The exhibit will bring public audiences a new set of ideas about the encounters of Native Americans with the United States Corps of Discovery between 1804 and 1806, and will trace the dramatic impact of those encounters during the subsequent two centuries. The exhibit will be at the Reta E. King Library March 10-April 18. It is open to the public during library hours, which includes most evenings. Call 308-432-6271 or go to <http://www.csc.edu/library> for more information.

Celebrate One Book For Nebraska Teens 2008

One Book for Nebraska Teens 2008 is underway. Librarians and students across the state are encouraged to read and discuss *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. The Nebraska Library Commission is distributing book bags containing fourteen paperback copies and one DVD of the book, along with discussion questions and background information. To borrow the book bags, contact the Panhandle Library System office.

Nebraska Library Commission Sponsors Author Tour

The Nebraska Library Commission will bring children's author Ben Mikaelson to Nebraska for an April statewide author tour. Mikaelson will present programs for school children and the general public in Nebraska, in cooperation with the Regional Library Systems. Author Ben Mikaelson, has won the International Reading Association Award and the Western Writer's Golden Spur Award. In addition, his novels have won many state Reader's Choice awards, including the 1995 Nebraska Golden Sower award. Mikaelson is the author of *Rescue Josh McGuire*, Nebraska's 2007 One Book for Nebraska Kids selection. He lives in a log cabin near Bozeman, Montana, with a 750 pound black bear that he adopted and has raised for the last twenty-five years. For more information see his Website, www.benmikaelson.com.

Public library programs for the general public:

- Ogallala, Goodall City Library: Becoming the Author of Your Own Life – April 14, 4:00 p.m.
- Hildreth Public Library: Becoming the Author of Your Own Life – April 15, 4-5 p.m.
- Holdrege Area Public Library: Becoming the Author of Your Own Life – April 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Mahoney State Park: Research—Finding the Heart of the Story – April 16, 7:00 p.m.

School visits (not open to the public):

Broken Bow, DeWitt: Tri-County Schools, Elgin, Fremont, Gretna, Hastings, Ogallala, Plainview

For more information about the tour, contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Children's Services Coordinator, 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665.

Eastern Library System Shares Multicultural Books With PLS

The Panhandle Library System now has ten multicultural reading group bags available for members to borrow- thanks to ELS. Each bag contains up to 21 books. These bags will be great to use in conjunction with the many cultural heritage events we celebrate throughout the year. Or you could start a multicultural reading group and read them all! Please contact the Panhandle Library System office to reserve a bag.

The following titles are available:

Amazing Tales of the West, by O'Donnell, 17 books

Braided Lives: An Anthology of Multicultural American Writings, 12 Books

Canicula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera, by Canter, 16 Books

Exoduster: Migration to Kansas After Reconstruction, by Painter, 21 Books

Fools Crow, by Welch, 7 Books

In Love and Trouble, by Walker, 16 Books

Mankiller: A Chief and Her People, by Mankiller, 8 Books

No-No Boy, by Okada, 14 Books

The Wedding, by West, 17 Books

Woman Warrior, by Kingston, 17 Books



ALA Book Award Winners



John Newberry Medal: *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick)

Newberry Honor Books: *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic/Scholastic Press); *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion); *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam/GP Putnam's Sons)

Randolph Caldecott Medal: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick (Scholastic)

Caldecott Honor Books: *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Ellen Levine (Scholastic/Scholastic Press); *First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Roaring Brook/Neal Porter); *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sís (Farrar/Frances Foster); *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity* by Mo Willems (Hyperion)

Michael L. Printz Award: *The White Darkness* by Geraldine McCaughrean (HarperTempest, an imprint of HarperCollins)

Printz Honor Books: *Dreamquake: Book Two of the Dreamhunter Duet* by Elizabeth Knox (Frances Foster Books, an imprint of Farrar, Straus and Giroux); *One Whole and Perfect Day* by Judith Clarke (Front Street, an imprint of Boyds Mills Press, Inc.); *Repossessed* by A. M. Jenkins (HarperTeen); *Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath* by Stephanie Hemphill (Alfred A.

Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books)

Mildred L. Batchelder Award: VIZ Media, publisher of *Brave Story*, by Miyuki Miyabe, translated from the Japanese by Alexander O. Smith

Batchelder Honor Books: Milkweed Editions, publisher of *The Cat: Or, How I Lost Eternity*, by Jutta Richter, illustrated by Rotraut Susanne Berner, and translated from the German by Anna Brailovsky Phaidon Press, publisher of *Nicholas and the Gang*, written by René Goscinny, illustrated by Jacques Sempé, and translated from the French by Anthea Bell

Pura Belpré Author Award: *The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano* by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Sean Qualls (Holt)

Belpré Author Honor Books: *Frida: ¡Viva la vida! Long Live Life!* by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand (Marshall Cavendish); *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*, retold by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Michael Austin (Peachtree); *Los Gatos Black on Halloween*, written by Marisa Montes, illustrated by Yuyi Morales (Holt)

Pura Belpré Illustrator Award: *Los Gatos Black on Halloween*, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, written by Marisa Montes (Holt)

Belpré Illustrator Honor Books: *My Name Is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel García Márquez/Me llamo Gabito: la vida de Gabriel García Márquez*, illustrated by Raúl Colón, written by Monica Brown (Luna Rising); *My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo*, written and illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez (Children's Book Press)

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award: *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* by Mo Willems (Hyperion)

Geisel Honor Books: *First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (Roaring Brook/Neal Porter)
Hello, Bumblebee Bat, written by Darrin Lunde, illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne (Charlesbridge)
Jazz Baby, written by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie (Harcourt)
Vulture View, written by April Pulley Sayre, illustrated by Steve Jenkins (Holt)

Odyssey Award: *Jazz*, Live Oak Media

Odyssey Honor Audiobooks: *Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy*, Listen & Live Audio
Dooby Dooby Moo, Weston Woods/Scholastic
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Listening Library
Skulduggery Pleasant, HarperCollins Audio
Treasure Island, Listening Library

Sibert Medal: *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtin* by Peter Sís (Farrar/Frances Foster)

Sibert Honor Books: *Lightship* by Brian Floca (Simon & Schuster/Richard Jackson)
Nic Bishop Spiders by Nic Bishop (Scholastic/Scholastic Nonfiction)

Copyright Law– Part 3

This article is the third of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians.

Part III – Fair Use and the Public Librarian

The concept of Fair Use of copyright protected materials was introduced in Section 107 of the 1976 Copyright Act. (<http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html#10>) It states that the fair use of copyrighted work . . . for the purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright. Part 2 of this series discussed the four

factors used to determine fair use or refer to the website listed above.

Section 107 does not specifically name who may or may not take advantage of fair use. Therefore, both school and public librarians can take advantage of fair use. It is the user's responsibility to apply the four factors to determine fair use. Dr. Crews encourages the library community to apply the fair use concept to provide materials to their patrons. He states, "A central tenet of this analysis is that fair use is a flexible doctrine that Congress wanted us to test and adapt for changing needs and circumstances. . . . If most factors lean in favor of fair use, the activity is allowed; if most lean the opposite direction, the action will not fit the fair-use exception and may require permission from the copyright owner." (<http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/highered.htm>) If the librarian learns and applies the four fair use factors, this is acting in good faith and is very likely acting within the copyright law. (Dr. Crews, *Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators*, p. 59)

Librarian can probably meet the first fact -- a non-profit educational purpose. The remaining three factors of nature, amount and effect must also support the concept of fair use.

Please send an email to me if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. Phyllis Brunken pbrunken@cox.net I am not an attorney and this article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

Note: Effective January 1, 2008, Kenneth D. Crews, Director of the Copyright Management Center at Indiana University, has been appointed the Director of Columbia's new Copyright Advisory Office. The Copyright Center at University of Indiana website may no longer be available.

<http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/>



Show Movies @ Your Library

All Nebraska public libraries are covered by a statewide blanket license between the Nebraska Library Commission and Movie Licensing USA, Inc. for public viewing of motion pictures. With this license, motion pictures may be shown as part of various library services and programming at the library. Note: All public libraries are currently covered from **Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2008**. For more information about the license, contact Sally Snyder, Children's Services Coordinator 800-307-2665 You may also find additional information at www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/motionpicture.html.



Nebraska Dollars For Data & State Aid Awards

The Nebraska Library Commission awards a "Dollars for Data" payment of \$250 to unaccredited public libraries that submitted the 2006 Public Library Statistical using Bibliostat™ Collect. Provision of public library data is an important activity for all libraries so that both the Library Commission and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (<http://www.ims.gov>) have an accurate picture of public library service throughout Nebraska communities. Since this is a necessary step toward meeting the standards of service outlined in the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines, these libraries are closer to achieving accredited status.

The Nebraska Library Commission & the Panhandle Library System congratulate the following seven libraries in the Panhandle Library System that qualify for this payment:

- Arthur County Library
- Bayard Public Library
- Big Springs Public Library
- Sioux County Public Library
- Cravath Memorial Library
- Lewellen Public Library
- Minatare Public Library

State Aid Award Letters were also mailed in December to eligible public libraries. In order to be eligible, a public library must be accredited and meet the maintenance-of-effort requirement regarding local revenue. During the first quarter of 2008, the Library Commission will distribute over \$375,000 in direct state aid payments. This amount includes, in some instances, an incentive payment for additional public revenue received by the library, and an incentive payment for achievement of Enhanced and Excellent Accreditation status.

Have You seen These Websites...

Whichbook

www.whichbook.net



Whichbook allow readers a fun way to match books to their mood. Instead of looking for a crime novel, you can look for a book that is unpredictable, very romantic and a little bit sad. Or a challenging book that's also funny with plenty of sex. Whichbook will find titles which match your preferences.

Visual Dictionary Online

visual.merriam-webster.com/

When you know what something looks like but not what it's called, or when you know the word but can't picture the object, *The Visual Dictionary* has the answer. In a quick look, you can match the word to the image.

Barnes & Noble Media

www.barnesandnoble.com/bn-media/index.asp

If you're looking for video and audio programs with authors, this is the site for you. Barnes & Noble Media provides audio & video tapes of various conversations, FAQ's, and interviews with writers

What's Next: Books in a Series

ww2.kdl.org/libcat/WhatsNextNEW.asp

When you need help finding the next book in a series, this website is wonderful. You can search by author, title, or series.

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2007 – 10:00 A.M.
Bluffs Business Center Main Floor Conference Room
1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

President Diane Downer called the meeting to order. Board members present were: Terry Christensen, Lillian Diedrichsen, Diane Downer, Glenda Gamby, Vickie Retzlaff, Jane Schlager, and Ruth Walker. Members absent: Eileen Nightingale, Jim Soester, and Kathy Terrell. Visitors: Rod Wagner (NLC) and Sharon Ulbrich (Bayard Public Library). Vickie Retzlaff and Ruth Walker (2nd) made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved. Marjorie Harrison had fliers on the table about the open meeting law.

Round Table: Glenda Gamby: Information literacy with Composition students, ALA grant for Lewis & Clark Indian Country traveling exhibit March 5-April 18, 2008; Jim Soester: Crawford Public Library received an additional \$5000 when the budget was approved. Next meeting the round table will be the school librarians. Committee Reports: Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, July 18 with a Hawaiian theme – Life's a Beach. Location will be either Kimball or Sidney; Scholarship: Carol Matthews received \$300 and Karen Begin received \$100 to attend the NLA Convention; Public Relations: Authors under consideration by the committee were presented to the board. Isamu Fukui and Natasha Friend were the authors that were recommended finding more information about; CE Tech: Surveys, along with comments from past workshops, were compiled and the results were nine different topics of workshops that librarians wanted offered.

Rod Wagner gave the Nebraska Library Commission Report. Marjorie Harrison gave the Coordinators report. The budget report was given by Rod Wagner. The PLS System received a 2% plus \$500 increase in funds for the current fiscal year (beginning July 1). The revised total payment to the PLS for this fiscal year will be \$46,981. A motion was made by Glenda Gamby and Jane Schlager (2nd) to accept the revision on the budget. Motion passed with all ayes. Rod Wagner said that the NLC will work with the PLS on arriving at a lease figure before the PLS car is turned in on June 1, 2008. The system vehicle lease expenses would be supplemented by a grant. The current contract allows the car to be driven 15,000 miles per year. A motion was made Ruth Walker and Terry Christensen (2nd) to accept the system vehicle policy revisions. Motion passed with all ayes.

Marjorie Harrison passed out a paper showing the cost of printing and mailing the system newsletter. After discussion it was decided that a survey be emailed to all libraries to find out their thoughts on a print copy versus an email copy of the newsletter. A motion was made by Ruth Walker and Vicki Retzlaff (2nd) to file the audit report. Motion passed with all ayes. Board members looked at the PLS Plan of Service and after revisions were noted a motion was made by Glenda Gamby and Ruth Walker (2nd) to adopt the Plan of Service. Motion passed with all ayes.

The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2008 at the Bluffs Business Center Main Floor Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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