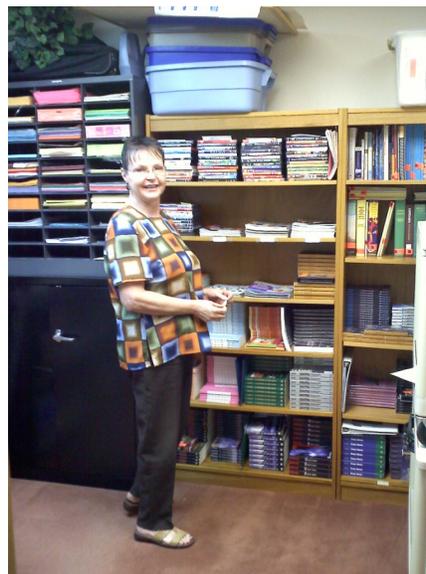


## Panhandle Library System Moves to New Location

The Panhandle Library System offices are now housed at 115 Railway Street in Scottsbluff. Heavy rains and a rising North Platte River caused flooding in our old offices and forced us to move to a new location.

PLS Board President Floyd Smith III assisted staff in unpacking and organizing our new offices. Four days and many hours later, the PLS offices are once again open for business.



Even though the new PLS offices are smaller than the old office, Floyd Smith and Jeralyn Clapper, PLS Administrative Assistant, were able to organize everything so we could get back to work.

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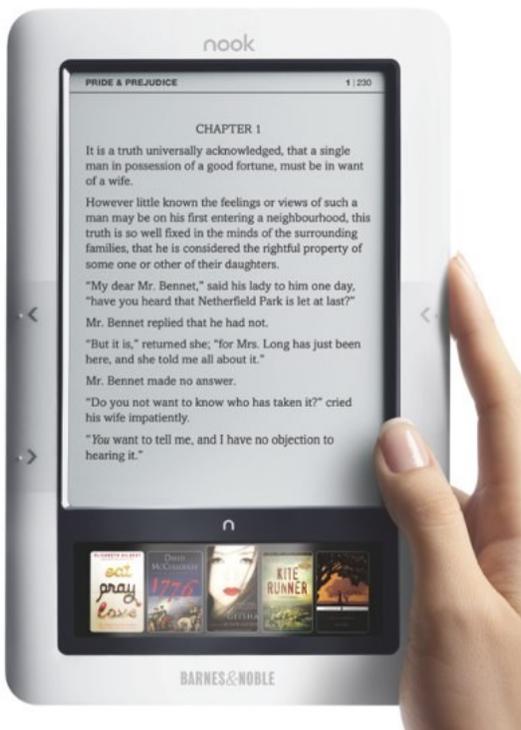
## E-Readers and Libraries: A Good Combination? Use a PLS E-Reader to Give It a Try!

Patrons and students in all types of libraries are using downloadable audiobooks and electronic books. The growth of Overdrive has made it possible for even small public libraries with limited budgets to offer this services. It is a natural progression for libraries to consider providing electronic devices for their patrons to borrow. There are several factors to think about when determining the feasibility of loaning E-Readers.

First and foremost, the E-Readers on the market today are designed for individual consumers to buy or borrow a book download it, and then read or listen to it. The hardware and file formats are not designed to be connected to various computers by multiple people. The user must authenticate the device, sometimes by connecting it to a specific computer, or otherwise, by entering a login and password. In order to loan a blank E-Reader to patrons to utilize Overdrive, after each use, it would need to be reset to factory settings. That means that each person that borrows that device must reload the Overdrive console and set up an Adobe ID. This arrangement is not user-friendly and is a workaround to make the E-Reader do something it is not intended to do. Other things to consider are cost, the wide variety of devices and file formats that are not compatible, and whether or not your patrons are requesting E-Readers to borrow.

Some school libraries have successfully adopted E-Readers into their collections. Kindles and iPads seem to be the most popular devices. One method of use is to purchase an individual title and add it to six Kindles. That is the maximum allowed by Amazon. Other libraries allow students to request particular titles be loaded on the E-Reader. An example of a successful program is a Kindle club, which allows student members to come into the library and use the device for leisure reading. One benefit of using E-Readers is privacy. No one can see the title, except the student with the device. Another plus is that students are reading books that they may not have chosen based on the size of the printed volume.

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The Barnes and Noble NOOK Wi-Fi uses a combination of technologies. There is a small color touch screen on the bottom of the device. It can connect to the Internet with Wi-Fi to buy or borrow books. The reading screen is like a regular book and you can only read in a lighted area. You turn the pages either with buttons or by swiping across the touchscreen on the bottom.

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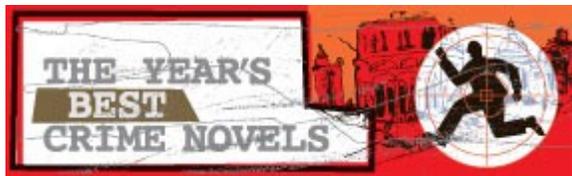
The Regional Library Systems recently received a Library Improvement Grant to purchase E-Readers for loan to member libraries. This will give librarians a chance to become familiar with the technology without having to invest money from their budgets. The Panhandle Library System has purchased two Nook reading devices. The Nook is compatible with Overdrive and there are a variety of books already downloaded onto the devices.

If you are interested in borrowing the E-Reader, contact the PLS office. You will receive a Nook kit and a folder full of information on E-Readers. The loan period will be two weeks. You will be responsible for postage to the next site.

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## The Year's Best Crime Novels: 2011

First published in May 1, 2011 *Booklist*

**The Anniversary Man**. By R. J. Ellory. 2010. Overlook, \$24.95 (9781590203279).

**Bury Your Dead**. By Louis Penny. 2010. Minotaur, \$24.99 (9780312377045).

**Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter**. By Tom Franklin. Morrow, \$24.95 (9780060594664).

**Gone**. By Mo Hayder. 2011. Atlantic Monthly, \$23 (9780802119643).

**Painted Ladies**. By Robert B. Parker. 2010. Putnam, \$26.95 (9780399156854).

**The Snowman**. By Jo Nesbo. Tr. by Don Bartlett. 2011. Knopf, \$25.95 (9780307595867).

**Spiral**. By Paul McEuen. 2011. Dial, \$25 (9780385342117).

**Started Early, Took My Dog**. By Kate Atkinson. 2011. Little, Brown/Reagan Arthur, \$24.99 (9780316066730).

**The Terrorist**. By Peter Steiner. 2010. Minotaur, \$23.99 (9780312373443).

**The Troubled Man**. By Henning Mankell. Tr. by Laurie Thompson. 2011. Knopf, \$25.95 (9780307593498).

## News From Panhandle Libraries

The Friends of the Sidney Public Library honored the librarians with cake for National Library Workers day April 12th.



**The Mitchell Public Library** was pleased to receive a donation from the Panhandle Shrine Club Baltes Trust to purchase five large animal and flower cushions. They will be used during summer reading, and rotated throughout the year as seating for children.

**The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library** celebrated their expansion and renovation with a Major Donor and VIP reception on June 20th. The library had their ribbon cutting and open house on June 21st. Congratulations to everyone at the library on a successful celebration.

**The PLS Office** would like to welcome Debbie McCall back as our new administrative assistant. Debbie's past PLS experience and sunny disposition make her a welcome addition to our organization.

**We wish Jeri Clapper** the best of luck in California. We will miss her.



Maggie Compton is the new director of the Rushville Public Library. Drop in and say hello if you are in Rushville. We wish Teri Whipple the best of luck in Georgia.

Gering Public Library staff is ready for Summer Reading sign-up day. The library has about 530 children signed up for the program.



July/August 2011

## Upcoming Events

**July 8th** - NLC Commissioners Meeting from 9:30 to 12:00 at Nebraska Library Commission in the Meadowlark Room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665, or at: [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**July 10th-14th** - Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, at the St. Benedict Center in Schulyer, NE. For additional information, contact Kathy Tooker at 800-627-7884 or [ktooker@windstream.net](mailto:ktooker@windstream.net).

**July 11th – 22nd** – Basic Skills: Library Governance class. Register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). Earn 2 CE/Hrs., registration is \$10 due prior to first class. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html). For additional information, contact Laura Johnson at 402-471-2694 or 800-307-2665 or [laura.johnson@nebraska.gov](mailto:laura.johnson@nebraska.gov)

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – Genealogy and Land Records Symposium, Beatrice. For additional information, contact Kelly Morgan at 402-228-8244 or [kmorgan@southeast.edu](mailto:kmorgan@southeast.edu)

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – Introduction to Metadata. Register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=10542>). Earn 6 CE Hrs. This is an onsite workshop at the NLC offices in Lincoln. For additional information, contact Emily Nimsakont at 800-307-2665 or [Emily.dust.nimsakont@nebraska.gov](mailto:Emily.dust.nimsakont@nebraska.gov).

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** – Panhandle Library System’s Annual Meeting at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library from 10am to 12:30. For additional information, contact the PLS Office at 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or [terri.raburn@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.raburn@nebraska.gov). See flyer on page 6. **Don’t forget to sign up for a committee at the Annual Meeting. We need you to help make 2011-2012 a fun and successful year!**

**August 1st – 12th** – Basic Skills: Leadership class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **PLS/NEMA Workshop** – “Show Me the Money!” The fun starts at 9am at ESU 13, 4215 Avenue I, in Scottsbluff. For additional information, contact the PLS Office at 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or [terri.raburn@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.raburn@nebraska.gov). See flyer on page 7.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Accreditation applications are due at the Library Commission.

## An Important Announcement

**Due to budget cuts and the need to lower costs, the Panhandle Library System has made the decision to suspend our printed Panhandle Sun newsletter in favor of an online version. Starting with our September/October edition, we will be sending newsletter links to each library via email. We will also continue to make the newsletter available on the PLS website. If your library does not have internet access, please contact the system coordinator to make arrangements for alternate delivery. You can reach Terri Raburn at (308) 632-1350 or by email at [terri.raburn@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.raburn@nebraska.gov).**

JOIN US FOR  
**'UNDER CONSTRUCTION'**  
PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING  
Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011



**REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

Annual Meeting

9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Lunch @ 12:00 P.M.

**LIED SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

1809 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361



**DRAWINGS & SHARING**

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**Registration Form**

Cost: \$8.00 per person (includes lunch & handouts)

Attending Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**CE Credits: 3 hours**

Library / School: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**



Mail to PLS Office, 115 Railway St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361



Fax (308) 632-3978 or Phone (308) 632-1350

# PLS/NEMA Workshop – 2011 “Show Me the Money”



Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Location: ESU 13, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Earn 5 CE/Hrs

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and coffee

9:30 - 10:30 **Grants - \$ Getting Money for Libraries \$**

10:35- 11:35 **The Best Books of 2011...So Far!** Presented by Sally Snyder, NLC

11:40- 12:00 **ESU 13 Media Services** – Sandy White will hold a VERY SHORT Q & A session with SLMS to get stakeholders input for ESU 13 accreditation next year

12:00 -12:45 Lunch

12:45 – 1:30 **Scholarships - \$ Money for Learning \$**

1:35 – 2:35 **Alexandria: Making Your Library More Accessible**

2:40 - 3:30 **Make & Take Event**

Prize Drawings

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Register by July 26, 2011 with the PLS office. Toll free: 888-879-5303, Phone: 308-632-1350

Fax: 308-632-3978, Email: [terri.raburn@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.raburn@nebraska.gov) or Mail to: Panhandle Library System, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

**Cost: \$15.00** (includes lunch) **Pay in advance or at the door**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/LIBRARY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER CONTACT INFO: ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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