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PLS Coordinator's Message

The Panhandle Library System covers fourteen counties with over 16,000 square miles of area in between. There are 30 public, 88 school, 4 academic, and 7 special libraries that are PLS members – for a total of 129 member libraries. Over the past two months I have had an opportunity to visit 21 libraries. What amazes and pleases me, is the uniqueness of each of our libraries. Some of our communities, budgets, and facilities are fairly similar in size, yet the feeling you get when you walk through the front door of each library is special. There's a certain ambiance that seems to cater to the community. So many of the new, very big public libraries popping up around the country seem to forget to take into consideration the ambiance of its community, and then our public libraries start to look and feel the same. Perhaps with smaller libraries it is easier to showcase and emanate the character of the community. Whether small or large, school, special, public, or academic, the library serves a specific group of people. It is so important to always keep that group of people at the forefront of everything we do.

Nebraska is very fortunate to have six regional library systems that support all types of libraries through training, consulting, networking, and promotion. Just as it is important for each library to cater to its own service population, it is also essential that each System serve the unique needs of the librarians in its region. PLS consists of a ten member Board of Trustees who meets every other month to approve policies, plans, and the budget. Each Board member serves as Chairperson on one of the following committees: Annual Meeting; CE/Tech; Nominating; Public Relations; Scholarship/Awards. Any PLS member may join a committee, so our committees include library staff from the many diverse libraries in the Panhandle region. This is great! Just last week the committees met to get ideas rolling and to start planning PLS services. Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to complete the survey that was distributed via email regarding potential upcoming trainings and programs. Popular areas of interest include programming ideas for people of all ages, tech skills, grant writing, board and staff training, long range planning, and library assessment. We've already organized some relevant programs, and you can be sure that we will plan many others throughout the year!

Remember, the Panhandle Library System is YOUR regional system. The Board of Trustees and PLS staff are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact the PLS office for consulting and support. I'm in the process of making visits to all libraries in the System. If you would like for me to visit your library on a specific date please call to let me know. I am excited to be working and living in the Nebraska Panhandle and look forward to working with you as PLS Coordinator.

Margie Harrison

Panhandle Library System Upcoming Events

October 14 - 20, 2007 Teen Read Week

"LOL @ Your Library" ®

October 18, 2007 E-rate Training

Location: Alliance Public Library,
1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance

Time: 8:30 to 9 – Introduction to
E-rate for first timers

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Training

Presenter: Richard Miller

Register by October 15, 2007 with the

PLS office at: toll free 888-879-5303,

Phone: 308-632-1350 or

Fax: 308-632-3978

October 26 – 27, 2007 Nebraska Book Festival

Location: Downtown Lincoln

For details go to:

<http://www.unl.edu/NCB/>

October 24, 2007 NLA/NEMA Pre-Conferences

Location: Kearney, NE

October 25 – 26, 2007 NLA/NEMA Conference

Location: Kearney, NE

Registration and Information:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/>

Flyer: <http://www.2007nla-nema.info>

November 6 and 13, 2007 Basics Skills (Collection Development)

Location: North Platte Community College, North Campus, 80 and US Highway 83, 1101 Halligan Drive, North Platte, NE

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (CDT)

Lunch on your own both days.

Register with Nebraska Library

Commission at www.nlc.state.ne.us

and click on "Library Training" or

call 800-307-2665

November 7, 14, and 20, 2007 Basic Skills (Collection Development)

Location: Scottsbluff Public Library,
1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 for all three classes

Lunch is on your own all three days.

Register with Nebraska Library

Commission at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us>

and click on "Library Training"

or call 800-307-2665

November 12 – 18, 2007 Children's Book Week

The theme for this 88th annual observance is "Rise Up Reading"

Check out the Children's Book

Council web site at:

www.cbcbooks.org for more information, ideas, and free reproduced materials.

November 13, 2007 PLS Board Meeting

Location: Bluffs Business Center,
1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff

Main floor conference room

Time: 10:00 a.m.



Golden Sower Nominees 2007-2008

Primary:

Catching the Moon by Crystal Hubbard
Effie's Image by N.L. Sharp
The Great Fuzz Frenzy by Janet Stevens et al
I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kaufman Orloff
Mr. George Baker by Amy Hest
Mrs. McBloom Clean Up Your Classroom! By Kelly DiPucchio
Nora's Ark by Natalie Kinsey-Wamock
Sakes Alive! A Cattle Drive by Karma Wilson
Tooth Fairy's First Night by Anne Bowen
Wallace's List by Barbara Bottner and Gerald Kruglik

Intermediate:

Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Munoz Ryan
Defiance by Valerie Hobbs
Heartbeat by Sharon Creech
The Liberation of Gabriel King by K.L. Going
The Penderwicks: by Jeanne Birdsall
Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park
The Scarlet Stockings Spy by Trinka Hakes Noble
The SOS File by Betsy Byars et al
The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco by Janice Repka
The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

Young Adult:

Black Storm Comin' by Diane Lee Wilson
Code Orange by Caroline B. Cooney
Code Talker: by Joseph Bruchac
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnerblick
Flush by Carl Hiaasen
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
The Perfect Shot by Elaine Marie Alphin
The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman
Surviving Antarctica by Andrea White
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Panhandle Library System has money available for scholarships.



If you or someone you know would like to attend a workshop, training or the NLA Conference, please complete the application form, which is inside this newsletter, and send it to the PLS office. The scholarship committee will then recommend who receives the scholarship.

Free Registration to Mem Fox

Each Regional Library System in Nebraska will have a drawing for someone to attend the Mem Fox NLA Preconference event free of charge. Send your name, library, phone, and email address to the PLS office by October 9th or call the office at 1-888-879-5303 to enter the drawing. Your name will be placed in a box and one name will be drawn on October 10th. PLS will register you for the Mem Fox preconference and notify you that you have won. If you have already registered and paid, the System will reimburse your registration fee.

C.J. Box comes to the Panhandle!

Popular mystery writer, C.J. Box, is performing and signing books at both the Gering Public Library and the Scottsbluff Public Library Wednesday, October 3rd. Box will be at the Gering Public Library from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and at the Scottsbluff Public Library from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Books are available for purchase: hard covers are \$25.00 and paperback books are \$8.00. Scottsbluff Public Library will also have raffle tickets available for some fun “outdoor-themed” items in real C.J. Box style. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

What's New at the Nebraska Library Commission

Free trial access is available through October 15, 2007 to fourteen Facts On File, Inc. databases. The URL for the trial is <http://www.fofweb.com/Demo>

- American History Online
- Ancient & Medieval History Online
- American Indian History Online
- Bloom's Literary Reference Online
- Curriculum Resource Center Junior Edition
- Ferguson's Career Guidance Center
- Health Reference Center
- Modern World History Online
- African American History Online
- American Women's History Online
- Curriculum Resource Center
- Science Online
- The World Atlas
- Personal & Business Forms

The trial username and password were distributed through the Trial mailing list. Contact Susan Knisely for price quotes or password information (sknisely@nlc.state.ne.us).

Place your Playaway orders through the Nebraska Library Commission and receive a 20% discount! The Nebraska Library Commission will collect order forms from Nebraska libraries and forward them to Playaway. Your order will be shipped directly to your library, but billing will be through the Nebraska Library Commission. For more information, including ordering instructions, links to order forms, and an extensive FAQ, see: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/playaway.html>. There is no minimum order - you can start your Playaway collection with as few as one title if you'd like! *Please note: K-12 school libraries will need to contact their Follett Library Resources sales representative to order Playaway digital audiobooks.*

Youth Grants for Excellence are being offered to accredited public libraries and other eligible agencies for special projects in the area of children's and young adult services. Applications will be accepted for projects in two primary areas of focus: Boys and Reading, or Early Childhood Reading Programs. Go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/youthgrants/youthgrantsintro.html to see other listed areas of service, for application forms, eligibility requirements, and additional information.

The Nebraska Library Commission is offering **grants to libraries for student internships**, with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Librarians for the 21st Century initiative. These grants are intended to introduce high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries, by providing a \$1,000 stipend for a student, to finance approximately 100 hours spent working with library staff on a variety of projects and activities. Go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/internship/mentoring-internship.asp

More NLC News →

Keep track of your continuing education credit hours online! To access the Nebraska Library Commission's database to see how many CE hours you have earned just go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/lookup.asp. Enter your name and password. The Nebraska Library Commission emailed passwords to all currently enrolled participants. Contact Laura Johnson with any questions. Email: ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us), Toll Free: 800-307-2665 or 402-471-2694.

The following new titles are available for check-out from the Nebraska Library Commission. Materials may be borrowed or reserved by calling toll free (800) 307-2665 or email: ready@nlcstate.ne.us

- ❖ *Children's Jukebox Second Edition: The Select Subject Guide to Children's Musical Recordings*
ML156.4. C5 R45 2007
- ❖ *Designing Your Second Life: Techniques and inspiration for you to design your ideal parallel universe with the online community, Second Life*
GV1469.25.S425 T37 2008
- ❖ *A Good Match: Library Career Opportunities for Graduates of Liberal Arts Colleges*
Z682.2 .U5 W38 2007
- ❖ *The Kovacs Guide to Electronic Development: Essential Core Subject Collections Selection Criteria...*
ZA4080.5.K685 2004
- ❖ *Mississippi Public Library System Accreditation Program Manual*
Z678.85.M57 2007
- ❖ *Overcoming Language Barriers: Solutions for Law Enforcement*
HV7936 .C79 S44 2007
- ❖ *Social Software in Libraries: Building Collaboration, Communication, and Community Online*
Z674.75 .I58 F37 2007
- ❖ *Something Musical Happened at the Library: Adding Song and Dance to Children's Story Programs*
Z718.1 .R345 2007

Would you enjoy working on a state library reference desk?

“Check out the Nebraska Library Commission Reference Staff activity on Twitter, twitter.com/NLC_Reference, to get an idea of the kind of questions that librarians at a state library answer every day”.

Nebraska Library Commission Blog
[\(www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/\)](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/)

CE Training Opportunities:

There are several ways to gain CE credits without ever having to leave your home or library. An excellent place to find online training is Opal (www.opal-online.org). Opal (Online Programming for All Libraries) holds events, such as book discussion groups, interviews, and library training in online chat rooms. Nearly all sessions are free and usually registration is not required. The Nebraska Library Commission is an Opal member and may host some sessions in the near future. Another great source for online training is Web Junction (www.webjunction.org). The Nebraska Library Commission also offers online courses which you can find by going to www.nlc.state.ne.us and clicking on "Library Training". Another option is through pre-record video sessions provided by the Nebraska Library Commission and the PLS office.

Online and Video and Training Available From the Nebraska Library Commission:

Online Training:

- *Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records - Session #5*
Oct.3- online Session 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (CT)
- *Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records - Session #6*
Oct.10- online Session 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (CT)
- *NEBASE Hour: OCLC Language Sets: Prepare for the Multilingual World*
Oct.10- online Session 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (CT)
- *Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records - Session #7*
Oct.17- online Session 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (CT)
- *Basic Skills: Collection Development – Online*
Nov.1- online Session 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (CT)

Video Training:

- *NetLibrary: Training*
- *WorldCat Search Strategies - What To Do When You're Stumped*
- *FirstSearch Administrative Module Basics*
- *Connexion Client v. 1.20 Enhancements*
- *OCLC ILL Subscription Pricing Q & A*
- *OCLC Online Service Center*
- *FirstSearch User Registration: Personalization Options for You and Your Patrons*
- *Connexion Client v. 1.30 Enhancements*
- *Connexion Client v. 1.40 Enhancements*
- *WorldCat Resource Sharing Training*
- *WorldCat Collection Analysis Service: What It's All About CatExpress Training*
- *NetLibrary eAudiobooks*

- *Connexion Client v. 1.50 Enhancements*
- *OCLC Connexion: Client Interface for Cataloging Training*
- *OCLC Local Holdings Maintenance in the Connexion Browser*
- *Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records*
- *Screening OCLC ILL Requests: Deflection and Filtering*
- *Dewey Decimal Classification*
- *Connexion Client v. 1.60 Enhancements*
- *NEBASE Hour: WorldCat Cataloging Partners*
- *Find Your Family in WorldCat: Using WorldCat for Genealogical Research*
- *NEBASE Hour: Navigating NEBASE Membership*
- *Introduction to NebraskAccess - Recorded Online Session*
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- *NEBASE Hour: WorldCat on the Web*
- *NEBASE Hour: Connexion Client v. 1.70 Enhancements*
- *Introduction to Searching the WilsonWeb Databases Available Through NebraskAccess*
- *NetLibrary: A single source for full-text eBooks, eAudiobooks, eJournals and more*
- *Nebraska Memories: How Your Institution Can Participate*
- *NEBASE Hour: OCLC ILL Policies Directory*
- *NEBASE Hour: Introduction to WebDewey*
- *Introduction to Searching eLibrary through NebraskAccess*
- *NEBASE Hour: Cataloging with CatExpress*
- *Introduction to Searching Books in Print with Reviews and Fiction Connection Through NebraskAccess*
- *Introduction to WorldCat - What is it and how can it help me do my job?*
- *NEBASE Hour: Track Your Activity with OCLC Usage Statistics*
- *NebraskAccess Databases: The Whirlwind Tour*
- *NEBASE Hour: Streamline Your OCLC ILL with Custom Holdings & Direct Request*
- *Introduction to Searching HeritageQuest Online Through NebraskAccess*
- *NEBASE Hour: Connexion Client v. 2.00 Enhancements*
- *NEBASE Hour: WorldCat Local: Global Network, Local Results*

Copyright Law– Part 1

This article is the first of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians based on the questions from participants of the many workshops that I have presented over that last ten years. Any presentation or article I prepare must contain the following statement: I am not an attorney and this bibliography and article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

Why is understanding copyright law important? Copyright law protects the rights of the owner of nearly everything in our libraries and schools. We must understand copyright law and its exceptions such as “fair use” to facilitate the utilization of the library and educational materials by our patrons, teachers and students.

The first place to start with copyright law is a list of my favorite resources:

Copyright Catechism; Practical answers to Everyday School Dilemmas by Carol Simpson, Worthington, Ohio, Linworth Publishing, 2005

Copyright for Schools; a Practical Guide by Carol Mann Simpson
Second Edition, Worthington, Ohio, Linworth Publishing, 1997 and Fourth Edition 2005

Copyright Articles by Carrie Russell in School Library Journal

Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators by Dr. Kenneth Crews, ALA, 2005

Concept of Fair Use – Dr. Ken Crews
<http://www.copyright.iupui.edu/checklist.htm>

Nebraska Library Commission --
Copyright Handbook
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/copyright/copyright1.html>

Hal Davidson’s Classroom Copyright Chart and Copyright Chart
<http://www.mediafestival.org/copyrightchart.html>

When U.S. Works Pass Into Public Domain by Lolly Gasaway
<http://www.unc.edu/~unc/ing/public-d.htm>

Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States, January 1, 2007
http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle_Public_Domain.htm

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)

Copyright Law– Part 2

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

Copyright law has its base in the United States Constitution, "The Congress shall have Power . . . To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries . . ." (United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8) Title 17 of the United States Code incorporates the Copyright Law of the United States of America as enacted as Public Law 94-553, 90 Stat. 2541, on

October 19, 1976. To assist in the goal of promoting "the progress of science and useful arts", the Copyright Law not only protects the rights of the author or inventor, it contains provisions for rights of the users.

Often educators determine that since schools are not for profit institutions, thus they have carte blanche in using copyrighted materials. Educators do have expanded rights to use copyrighted materials as defined as Fair Use. "Fair use" has been interpreted to include those limited uses which are not likely to deprive a publisher or an author from income (Dr. Ken Crews). Educators must have an instructional objective aligned with the materials used in a face-to-face classroom setting.

The term Fair Use appears in Section 107 of the Copyright Law which follows:

Copyright Law of the United States Section § 107. Limitations on exclusive rights: Fair use Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 106 and 106A, the fair use of a copyrighted work, including such use by reproduction in copies or phonorecords or by any other means specified by that section, for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright. In determining whether the use made of a work in any particular case is a fair use the factors to be considered shall include-

- (1) the purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
- (2) the nature of the copyrighted work;
- (3) the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and

(4) the effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

The fact that a work is unpublished shall not itself bar a finding of fair use if such finding is made upon consideration of all the above factors.

Section 107 has evolved into the Four Factor Fair Use Test:

- * What is the purpose and character of the use?
- * What is the nature of the work to be used?
- * How much of the work will you use?
- * What effect would this use have on the market for the original or for permissions if the use were widespread?

All four factors must be considered to satisfy the Fair Use Test.

Dr. Ken Crews has developed a very helpful checklist for determining if the Fair Use Concept applies. It is available online at

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

Copyright and Fair Use in Education, NLAQ NLA Quarterly, Vol. 34, No. 4, Winter 2003, page 25-30, <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/nlaquarterly/2003-4-Brunken.htm>

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.

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
Talking Book and Braille
Service
talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us
1-800-742-7691



*I dreamed I lay where
flowers were springing Gaily
in the sunny beam...*

Robert Burns

COME JOIN US IN BONNY SCOTLAND! July 19, 2008-August 1, 2008

The Regional Library Systems are sponsoring a trip to Scotland next summer. Highlights will include Burns Country, Culloden, Cawdor Castle, Stirling Castle and more. See full itinerary with pricing in the next newsletter.

Ann Seidl's **The Hollywood Librarian: a Look at Librarians Through Film**,

the first full-length documentary film to focus on the work and lives of librarians, will release nationwide in libraries September 29-

October 6. You can view the film's trailer at



www.youtube.com. The film's website is www.hollywoodlibrarian.com and there is also discussion on PLA's blog at www.plablog.org.

The Nebraska Center for the Book board selected *Restoring the Burnt Child*, by Nebraska State poet William Kloefkorn, as the title for **One Book One Nebraska 2008**. This is the second volume in Kloefkorn's four-part memoir which, when completed, will cover the four elements: water, fire, earth, and air. Support materials to assist with reading/discussion activities will be distributed in early 2008. See the Library Commission Blog, <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/>, for an ongoing discussion of library tools and programming ideas for One Book One Nebraska 2008.

Do you know...?

National Friends of Libraries Week is October 21-27. Show the community all the great things your Friends group does for the library, recruit new members and recognize your Friends for all their work and support. If your Friends group is not already a member of FOLUSA (Friends of Libraries USA), you may want to check out their website to see what the organization has to offer. The website is chock full of great information. PLS recently joined FOLUSA. In honor of National Friends of Libraries Week, FOLUSA will be presenting five awards of \$250.00 each to Friends groups. Go to: <http://www.folusa.org>.

ALSC and Candlewick Press is offering a \$5,000 "Light the Way" grant to "a library conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations." For more information, go to ALSC's site: <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alsc.htm> Scroll down and click on "ALSC and Candlewick 'Light the Way' with Grant." Application due date is Dec. 3, 2007

The 2007 Nebraska Book Festival takes place October 26-27 in downtown Lincoln. Activities include readings and presentations, book signings, food, music, and fun activities for children and adults. The Nebraska Book Festival is sponsored by the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Commission, Nebraska Secretary of State, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and University Press. For a schedule of events and more information go to <http://www.nebraskabookfestival.org>.

Banned Books Week 2007 is September 29-October 6. Check out the American Library Association's website (<http://www.ala.org>) for ideas on how to celebrate. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, tops ALA's 2006 list of most challenged books. The Nebraska Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee has started a blog to share information and spark discussion about committee activities and IF-related goings on. Check it out at <http://nlaif.blogspot.com/>. The blog also has information on Banned Books Week activities in Nebraska.

New social networking sites aimed at the baby boomer crowd are starting to emerge. The tagline for Eons

(<http://eons.com>) is "Lovin' life on the flip side of 50". Maya's Mom (<http://www.mayasmom.com>) is a social networking site for parents, and Multiply (<http://multiply.com>) boasts a way to "share your life with your friends".



The National School Boards Association released a social networking study titled, "Creating and Connecting: Research and Guidelines on Online Social-and Educational- Networking". Conducted by Grunwald Associates and underwritten by News Corporation, Microsoft and Verizon, the study provides in-depth statistics and a list of recommendations for educators. This report can be found at <http://www.nsba.org/site/docs/41400/4130.pdf>.

‘NEBRASKA LIBRARIES: CHARTING PATHS TO THE FUTURE’ IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR’S NLA/NEMA CONFERENCE

www.nla-nema.info/

Outstanding pre-conference workshops as well as two days of stimulating conference sessions will highlight the annual conference of the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association. The NLA/NEMA Conference will be held October 24-26 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney.

Pre-Conferences

Mem Fox is coming to Nebraska!

Mem Fox is an internationally respected children's author and literacy consultant. She will present two programs:

- 1) *Dirt Roads or Highways? Two Different Directions to Literacy.* This talk is a full-on read aloud talk, and Mem will clearly show what happens to children socially, psychologically, educationally, and even physically if they are NOT read to.
- 2) *Reading Aloud So People Stay Awake, Stay Active and Stay with You.* In this program, Mem will read aloud and involve participants in this process. Participants will copy Mem and learn the reasons behind her approach and techniques used with a particular reading material.

Sponsored by Read Aloud Nebraska, NEMA, Nebraska Regional Library Systems and Nebraska Library Commission, supported in part by the United States Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Image is Everything: Making Partners and Money for Your Library

This session is designed to provide public, academic, special librarians and library staff with the knowledge, tools, skills and confidence to initiate or enhance a successful integrated marketing / fundraising / development component into their libraries using partnerships as one of their key tools. Presenter: Alexis Sarkisian - LAMA Institute

Sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems & the Nebraska Library Commission, supported in part by the United States Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Computer Hardware Confidence Pre-Conference Workshop

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. Presenter: John Seyfarth

Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association Public Library Section and ITART.

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff Nebraska

President Diane Downer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Lillian Diedrichsen, Allison McBride, Vickie Retzlaff, Jane Schlager, Diane Downer, Eileen Nightingale, Ruth Walker, Jill Ellis, and Jim Soester. Also present was Cherie Longmuir the PLS Coordinator, and Debbie McCall PLS Administrative Assistant. Kathy Terrell was absent from the meeting. There were no additions to the agenda. Lillian Diedrichsen moved to accept the minutes as written. Eileen Nightingale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jill Ellis reported that WNCC upgraded to the premier edition of Ebsco. Several new databases have been added at the college including: Grove Art on Line, Grove Music on Line, Spanish Encyclopedia, Columbia International Affairs on Line, Earthscape and 14 Facts on File databases. Deb Kildow and Connie Harimon will attend MPLA.

Jim Soester reported that Chadron Public Library is doing a movie series on detectives and cowboys. Rushville has received a children's book grant. They have done a weeding project on the basement. Crawford is refurbishing the library. They are doing it with a gift that was left to the library from a former teacher in Crawford.

The form for nominating board members for PLS is ready to be sent out. Allison McBride is not running for a second term. Jill Ellis is going off the board and Vickie Retzlaff is running for a second term.

The annual meeting will have Patty Morrison for the speaker. Her topic is "Just the Fun of It." It will be July 20 in the Harms Technology Building. It was

The Pat-on-the-Back Award was given to Dorothy Holloway.

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2007 - 10:30 a.m.
Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Lower Level Conference Room

Diane Downer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Board members that were present were Kathy Terrell, Diane Downer, Eileen Nightingale, Ruth Walker, Lillian Diedrichsen, Allison McBride, Vickie Retzlaff, Jane Schlager, Jill Ellis, and Jim Soester. Also present were Rod Wagner from the Nebraska Library Commission, Debbie McCall, PLS Administrative Assistant, and Marjorie Harrison, applicant for the PLS Director position. The agenda was approved. Jim Soester moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Vickie Retzlaff seconded the motion. Introductions were done since there were visitors.

Ruth Walker reported that both libraries at Mitchell Schools were getting carpet. Orders had been completed. Lillian Diedrichsen reported that she was finishing book orders. She would get over \$2,200 more for books from some grants. Allison McBride reported that she got a little more equipment at the end of the year budget. There are several openings at the Alliance Public School. Kathy Terrell has resigned her position at Gering Public Schools. She will be

the librarian at Morrill Public Schools. There is a possibility that a teacher will take over as librarian for the Gering Elementary Schools.

Diane Downer reported that the election was held and Vickie Retzlaff will be representing District D, Glenda Gamby, Academic and Special, Terry Christianson, School Media Specialist.

Jill Ellis gave the Annual meeting report. The speaker was confirmed. Jim Soester was asked to be Santa Claus.

There was a Book Repair workshop in April. A video was made that can be checked out. There was a Technology Tune-up workshop in March.

Pat-On-the-Back Awards were given to Laurie Bauer, Kleo Dredla, and Wally Seiler. The Advocacy Award and Leadership Award needs to have applications sent in.

Cherie Longmuir printed the Coordinator's report. It was read at the meeting.

The Budget Report was gone over. Jim Soester moved that the left over funds be used for an author tour and additional programming. Jill Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried with ten yes votes and no no votes.

The PLS car is at Diane Downer's house.

Rod Wagner reported that Nebraska Library Commission has prepared the Five-Year report. They are now preparing the Five-Year plan that is due in June. It is for the LSTA money. There is a training portal on the Nebraska Library Commission web site. The Library Commission offers several grants. Keep these grants in mind when you have a project. One Book - One Nebraska is going well. A book needs to be selected for 2008. The budget is looking better for the funds for the Commission.

The search for the new Director is going well.

Upcoming events were printed out. Debbie McCall's hours are 9:15-4:30 Monday through Thursday.

Vickie Retzlaff thanked the Panhandle Library System for the grant for the summer reading program. They will be working with Arthur County to do the program. Karla Schwartz will be doing the program. The program will be on June 20, 2007.

Crawford has bought Play-a-ways. The library will provide the batteries for the first time and one extra. They have fifteen titles plus a few others that have been donated by patrons.

The next meeting will be at the Harms Advanced Center on July 20.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Ruth Walker
Secretary

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
Friday, July 20, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.
Harms Advanced Technology Center, Scottsbluff, NE

President Diane Downer called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present were: Terry Christensen, Lillian Diedrichsen, Diane Downer, Glenda Gamby, Eileen Nightingale, Vickie Retzlaff, Jane Schlager, Jim Soester, Kathy Terrell, and Ruth Walker. The theme for this year's Annual Meeting was "Christmas in July." Diane opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and introduced the board members. Diane reported that Marjorie Harrison, the new Panhandle Library System Director, will begin her first day in the PLS office on July 24.

President Diane Downer presented the slate of officers for 2007-2008. President: Diane Downer; Vice-President: Vickie Retzlaff; Treasurer: Jane Schlager; Secretary: Lillian Diedrichsen. All present voted yes.

Vickie Retzlaff recognized departing board members Jill Ellis and Allison McBride. Rod Wagner gave a Nebraska Library Commission report. After Rod's report there was a break for an ice cream social. Then it was on to Committee Reports: Public Relations – Lillian Diedrichsen; Continuing Education/Technology – Jim Soester; and the Annual Meeting Committee was recognized by Diane Downer. Ruth Walker gave the Scholarship Committee report and she announced the PLS Awards. The recipients of the Library Advocacy Awards were Kristen Wiebe and Wally Seiler. The Distinguished Leader Award went to Pat Gross. The meeting adjourned to listen to speaker Patty Morrison.

The meeting continued following lunch. Vickie Retzlaff made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8 meeting. Lillian Diedrichsen seconded the motion.

Kathy Terrell made a motion to approve funds for the Summer PLS/NEMA Institute to be used for food costs and other needs. Ruth Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried with 10 yes votes; 0 no votes.

A motion was made by Ruth Walker to increase Debbie McCall's salary as the state employees receive which includes a 3% cost of living raise; vacation time which accrues at 7.5 hours per month; and sick leave which accrues at 8.33 hours per month. Eileen Nightingale seconded the motion. The motion carried with 10 yes votes; 0 no votes.

Jim Soester recommended that Debbie McCall be recognized for her exceptional work between PLS directors. She received a round of applause from the group.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bluffs Business Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Lillian Diedrichsen
Secretary



The Panhandle Library System Board has two new members! Terry Christensen and Glenda Gamby joined the PLS Board in July. Terry is Media Specialist for three elementary schools in Alliance and has been with Alliance Public Schools for 26 years. Terry is also secretary of the Alliance Public Library Board. Glenda is Public Service Librarian with Chadron State College at the Reta King Library. Previously she served on the PLS Board from 1983 to 1989 and served as president from 1988 to 1989. We welcome Glenda and Terry to the PLS Board.

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