

Panhandle Sun



The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

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The Panhandle Library System subscribes to several professional journals, such as American Libraries and School Library Journal. These journals are available for member libraries to borrow. Most often the journals are used for reference and consulting purposes, when a member library is looking for a particular article or wants information on a topic. Currently, no member library requests current copies of our subscriptions on a regular basis.

However, I propose a change!

In July at the Panhandle Library System Annual Meeting in Sidney, I asked the group if they would like to borrow our journals on a rotating basis. I passed around a clipboard with journal titles and asked libraries to sign up for a particular title, if interested. Well, there was GREAT interest in initiating a journal rotation! Because not every member attends the PLS Annual Meeting, I wanted to promote this idea to all member libraries.

Here's how it will work...

The Panhandle Library System subscribes to American Libraries, Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, and School Library Journal. Member libraries may sign up to receive any or all journals. PLS will put together a list of libraries

based on geographic proximity and/or preference, for each journal. Once PLS staff has looked at the journal, we will pass the journal to the first library on the rotation list. The library will get a week to read the journal, and then pass it on to the next library on the rotation list.

Please contact the PLS office if you would like to participate in the journal rotation. Tell us which journal(s) you would like to receive on a regular basis.

1. American Libraries
2. Library Journal
3. Netconnect: A Supplement to Library Journal
4. Publishers Weekly
5. School Library Journal
6. Curriculum Connections: A Supplement to School Library Journal

By signing up to receive a journal, you agree to transfer that journal to the next library on the list in a timely manner.

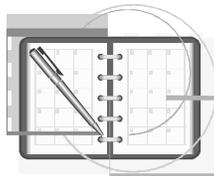
This may require that you pay postage fees, or you could hand-deliver the journal to the next library on the list.

The journal rotation will begin January 1st. Please contact PLS by December 1st to be a part of the journal rotation beginning January 1, 2009.

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Panhandle Library System Upcoming Events



October 15, 16, 17, 2008 NLA/NEMA Annual Conference

**This year's theme: "Vision for the
Information Age"**

Location: Cornhusker Marriot Hotel,
Lincoln, NE

Register here: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html>

October 24, 2008 PLS Public Librarians Meeting. Northern Panhandle

Location: Rushville Public Library,
205 Sprague Street, Rushville

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Library goals; Creative and
Collaborative Programming

Register with the PLS office.

November 13, 2008 PLS Board Meeting

Location: Gering Public Library
1055 P Street, Gering, lower level meeting room
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

November 19, 2008 PLS Public Librarians Meeting. Central Panhandle

Location: Bridgeport Public Library,
722 Main Street

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Topic: Friends Groups

Register with the PLS office.

November 10, 17, 24, 2008 Basic Skills: Public Administration

Location: Gering Public Library,
1055 P Street, Gering

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. each
day. Lunch is on your own.

Cost: \$35.00 due prior to first class

Register with the Nebraska Library Commission,
www.nlc.state.ne.us and click on "Library Training"

December 1, 2008 PLS Public Librarians Meeting. Southern Panhandle

Location: Sidney Public Library,
1112 12th Avenue, Sidney

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Book Discussion Groups & Using the PLS
Book Bags

Register with the PLS office

January 13, 2009 PLS Board Meeting

Location: Bluffs business Center
1517 Broadway, Main Floor Conference Room
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

February 6, 2009 Theresa Dickson Workshops: two topics: 1.) Serving Customers Over the Age of 50, and 2.) Supervising Friends and Peers

Location: Harms Advanced Technology Center 2620
College Park, Scottsbluff (across from WNCC in
Scottsbluff)

Time: To Be Announced

Natasha

Friend

Precise

Dynamic

Realistic, Story

Command of Language

Perfect, Lush, Bounce

Adolescence, Advocate

Buffalo, Wild West

Reader, Writer

Teacher

Friend

Panhandle Library System
Author Tour 2008
Laurie Bauer

The Panhandle Library System Author Tour
Young Adult Author, Natasha Friend
October 6–10, 2008



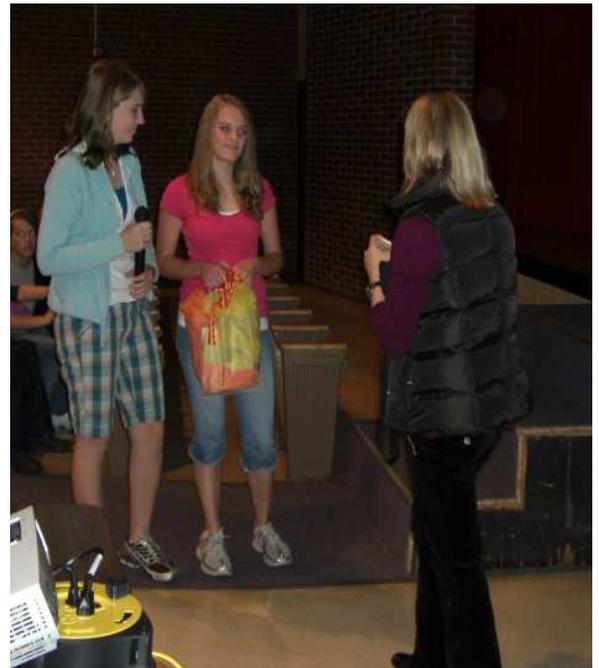
Monday, October 6- Natasha flies into Scottsbluff and goes out to dinner with the PLS Public Relations Committee



Wednesday, October 8—Students from Hyannis present posters to Natasha



Tuesday, Oct. 7—Natasha poses with the Bayard Tigers football team



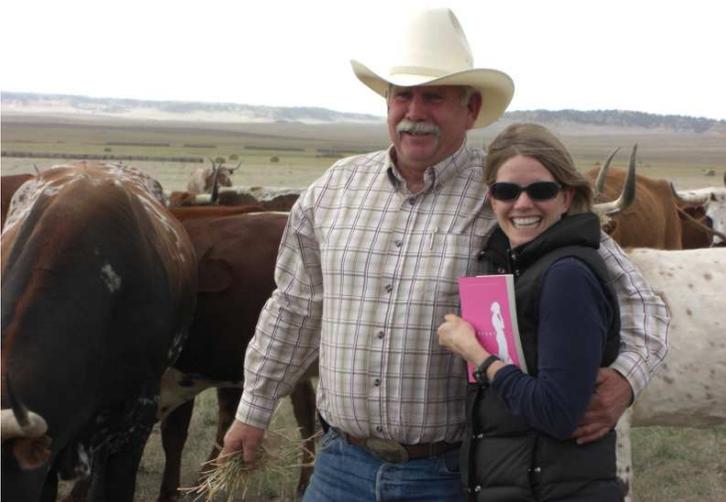
Wednesday, Oct. 8—Ogallala students present a gift to Natasha, and interview her for their podcast



Thursday, October 9—the crowd goes wild at Scottsbluff High School. They just LOVE Natasha!



Thursday, Oct. 9—Gering Jr. High School students pose with the posters they made for Natasha



Thurs., Oct. 9—A REAL Nebraska cowboy takes Natasha to his ranch. She reads to one of his steers.



Thursday, Oct. 9—The PR Committee poses with Natasha after her final evening performance at Scottsbluff High School

Fri. Oct. 10—NATASHA FRIEND FLIES HOME TO CONNECTICUT.

Have You Seen These Websites...



OpenSecrets.org

<http://www.opensecrets.org>

This is the Website of the Center for Responsive Politics. The award winning website is a “resource for campaign contributions, lobbying data and analysis.”

Pollster.com

<http://www.pollster.com>

“Charts, maps and award winning analysis of all national and state polls for the elections for President, Senate, Governor and US House, updated constantly.”

Glassbooth.org

<http://www.glassbooth.org>

This website helps you pick a presidential candidate based on the issues. Select the issues that are important to you, and take a quiz. “Glassbooth is a nonprofit organization that is creating innovative ways to access political information.”

Howcast

<http://www.howcast.com>

“Founded by veterans of Google and YouTube, Howcast shows consumers engaging, useful how-to videos and guides wherever, whenever they need to learn how.” Learn things like, how to carve a pumpkin, how to recaulk a shower, and how to deal with bullies.

Recipe Goldmine

<http://www.recipegoldmine.com>

This site has thousands of recipes, including recipes from popular restaurants. In some cases, they are the originals shared by the chefs themselves.

Borrow a Book Discussion Bag From the Panhandle Library System

PLS has many book bags available to borrow for use in your library. The following titles are available:

- *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak
- *Crazy Horse*, by Mari Sandoz
- *Crispin*, by Avi
- *Esperanza Rising*, by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *A Friend at Midnight*, by Caroline B Cooney
- *Frindle*, by Andrew Clements
- *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry
- *The Golden Compass*, by Philip Pullman
- *Heat*, by Mike Lupica
- *James & the Giant Peach*, by Roald Dahl,
- *Life as we Knew It*, by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- *Perfect*, by Natasha Friend
- *Rescue Josh McGuire*, by Ben Mikaelson
- *Restoring the Burnt Child*, by William Kloefkorn
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, by Mildred D. Taylor
- *The Shadow Club*, by Neal Shusterman
- *Shattering Glass*, by Gail Giles



DIGITAL TALKING BOOKS: A PROGRESS REPORT

The nationwide talking book program is transitioning away from analog cassette tape to flash memory digital cartridges. Planning for this move goes back a remarkable 17 years, so it is gratifying to announce that Library of Congress has recently signed four contracts related to digital conversion:

Plextor (Culver City, CA) will produce the digital players.

LC Industries (Hazlehurst, MS) will produce the mailing containers.

SI International (Reston, VA) will develop training strategies for network talking book libraries.

Northstar Systems (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) will produce the digital cartridges.

Network talking book libraries will be able to purchase mailing containers and blank cartridges from these same producers. Our Nebraska Collection consists mostly of books recorded in our own studios and emphasizes Nebraska authors or books about the Great Plains. Also, Nebraska's Talking Book and Braille Service is one of the nation's largest network producers of volunteer-narrated magazines, with 20 magazines and newsletters of regional interest (143 issues) recorded annually.

Beyond offering our Nebraska books on flash memory cartridges, we wish to continue the ongoing task of selecting titles from a Library of Congress retrospective download site, where network talking book libraries can choose from among 10,000 titles. This first year, our allotment of cartridges from Library of Congress for this purpose was 1854. Next year there will be 8000 more retrospective titles on this site. Library of Congress will again provide us with cartridges, though fewer than this year. To take advantage of the wealth of titles on this site, we need to purchase additional cartridges. In addition, we would like to begin circulating our Nebraska magazines on flash memory in order to take advantage of this new medium.

It was reported that the Library of Congress budget for digital conversion was signed into law at \$12.5 million per year for 6 years; however, the budget has not yet passed the Senate and is currently subject to continuing resolution. The final outcome could be a three-year conversion, for which there is considerable support among federal legislators, or a four- year or six-year conversion. Once the federal budget is settled, we expect that new talking books from Library of Congress will arrive at our library on flash memory.

College of DuPage Continuing Education Teleconference Series 2008-2009

Again this year, the Nebraska Library Commission will underwrite participation for Nebraska Librarians with the College of DuPage Series of Library Teleconferences. This year there will be five programs:

- Soaring to Excellence: Reversing the Ratchet: Basic Technology Adoption Strategies for Library Workers - Friday, November 7, 2008, 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Central Time.
- Library Challenges & Opportunities: Information Literacy for Life - Friday, November 21, 2008, 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Central Time.
- Soaring to Excellence: Targeting the Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark - Friday, February 13, 2009, 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Central Time.
- Library Challenges & Opportunities: Diversity Beyond the Obvious - Friday, April 3, 2009, 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Central Time.
- Soaring to Excellence: An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics - Thursday, April 16, 2009, 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Central Time.

To register and for more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission web site at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/> and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage.

Picturing America Grants

Picturing America Grants are due October 31, 2008.

Conducted in cooperation with the ALA Public Programs Office, Picturing America is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) designed to bring

masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries nationwide. Through this innovative program, students and citizens will gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history and character through the study and understanding of its art.

Picturing America provides public libraries and schools (K-12, public, private, parochial, charter, and home school consortia) with a collection of 20 double-sided, laminated posters (24" x 36") depicting works of American art, related reading lists, and a 100-page resource booklet with information about the paintings, sculpture, architecture, and crafts reproduced.

In May 2007, the Picturing America pilot program awardees were announced. More than 1,500 schools received the collection for the January 2008 program launch.

In May 2008, 26,300 schools and public libraries were selected to receive the first round of the award, which will ship in September 2008.

Schools and public libraries are invited to apply online for the second round of Picturing America, which will ship in March 2009. Applications will be accepted online, with a deadline of October 31, 2008. The images in the Picturing America collection will remain the same; eligible institutions which applied during the first round will receive their Picturing America awards in fall 2008 and will not be eligible for a second award.

To find out about Picturing America, including the artwork featured go to http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/educators.php?subPage=edu_apply

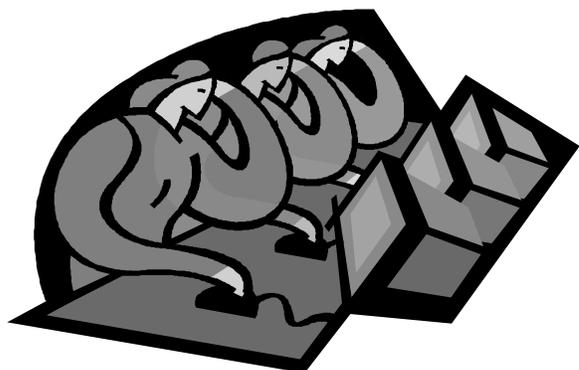


WIN A "GREEN COMPUTER LAB" FOR YOUR SCHOOL

INSPIRE your middle and high school students to be leaders in the Green Schools movement--and your school could win a state-of-the-art computer lab! The "Green Light Contest" essay competition, sponsored by PC Mall Gov, in partnership with HP, InFocus and T.H.E. Journal, is seeking entries from students in two categories: grades 5 - 8 and 9 - 12. In essays of 1,000 words or less students are asked to describe how they and their teachers can utilize technology to protect the environment, with the grand-prize-winning composition being awarded a 30-seat "green" computer lab for the author's school. Two additional first place winners (one from each grade-level category) will each receive a "green" laptop. Winning essays will be published in T.H.E. Journal and winners will be recognized at FETC, January 21 - 24, in Orlando, FL.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is December 1, 2008. Winners will be announced at FETC, January 21 - 24, 2009, and notified by mail no later than January 31, 2009.

Complete essay and submission criteria are available online at:
<http://www.1105info.com/t.do?id=1685344:15284187>



Public Librarians Awarded Stipend for Nebraska Library Association Conference

Winner in Each of Six Regional Library Systems Receives \$150 Biblionix Sponsored Stipend

The Administrators of Nebraska's six Regional Library Systems have each selected a recipient for the Biblionix NLA/NEMA 2008 Annual Conference Stipend.

The stipend of \$150 is offered to a small- or medium-sized public librarian in each library system in Nebraska. It is offered to defray costs for attending the NLA/NEMA Annual Conference. The 2008 conference is October 15-17 in Lincoln. This year's stipend winners are:

Eastern Library System: Rosa Schmidt, Oakland Public Library

Northeast Library System: Mary Anne Schwarten, Emerson Public Library

Republican Valley Library System: Judy Grandstaff, Blue Hill Public Library

Southeast Library System: Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library

Panhandle Library System: Kendra Caskey, Goodall City Library - Ogallala

Meridian Library System: Karrie Huryta, Ravenna Public Library

Administrator of the Southeast Library System. "It's fabulous to work with a vendor that caters to the small public library, particularly since the majority of communities served by libraries in Nebraska are rural -and small public libraries. Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Educational Media Association put together our annual conference with the hopes of attracting librarians and library supporters .



Continuing Education Grants Awarded to PLS and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems

Expect to see some great continuing education workshops in the near future.

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems were awarded a C.E. grant from NLC to have Theresa Dickson speak on "Serving Customers Over The Age Of 50," and "Supervising Friends And Peers." These workshops will take place in Scottsbluff on February 6, 2009 at the Harms Center. Further information is coming soon.

The Panhandle Library System also received a C.E. grant from the Nebraska Library Commission. Pat Wagner, with Pattern Research of Denver, will come to the Panhandle to conduct two training sessions for library directors, trustees, Friends groups, and library foundations on library governance. The title of the workshop is "Making Decisions: Who, What, How, When and Why." These workshops will be held in June. Stay tuned for further information!

Alliance Public Library Hosts An Evening With William Kloefkorn

Alliance Public Library invites you to spend an Evening with William Kloefkorn. Mr. Kloefkorn is the Nebraska State Poet and author of *Restoring the Burnt Child*, which is the 2008 One Book One Nebraska selection. *Restoring the Burnt Child* is the second volume in William Kloefkorn's four-part memoir which, when completed, will cover the four elements: water, fire, earth, and air.

The program will be held in the community room of the Alliance Public Library on October 28, 2008. It begins at 6:00 p.m.. The event is sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and Alliance Public Library Foundation. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. The Library will provide light dessert and refreshments.



Copyright Law— Part 5

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

Part V – Guidelines

In the copyright law, the amount that cannot be legally used is stated “more than small amount”. No specific percentages, number of pages, or amount of time are in the copyright law. However, guidelines (which are not law) have been developed through case law. The Nebraska Library Commission Copyright Handbook (http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/pilot/pubs/copyright_hndbk.pdf) has an abbreviated list:

Text -- 10% or 1000 words whichever is less

Music -- 10% or 30 seconds whichever is less

Video -- 10% or 3 minutes whichever is less

Illustrations/Photos -- Entire work – no more than 5 by one artist

Numerical Data -- 10% or 2500 fields whichever is less

These guidelines apply when an educator is preparing instructional materials for use with their students. The public librarian can also use these guidelines when preparing materials to be used with patrons. Be sure to cite any materials that are used. Remember, if Fair Use cannot be applied, permission may be requested from the copyright holder to use the material.

Hall Davidson’s [Copyright Chart](http://www.halldavidson.net/chartshort.html) summarizes the guidelines for teachers in a reproducible chart.

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For an excellent overview of guidelines for fair use check out the [Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia](#)

(<http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/mla/Guidelines/Other%20Guidelines/Fair%20Use%20for%20Multimedia.aspx>) developed by the Music Library Association along with over 50 agencies and associations that included the American Library Association, U. S. Copyright Office, Recording Industry Association of America, and the National Educational Association

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.

Apply For A Library Improvement Grant

The application for the [2009 Library Improvement Grant](#) is now available on the Nebraska Library Commission’s website.

Grant funds are provided under the Library Services and Construction Act program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Accredited Nebraska public libraries, certain state-run institutional libraries, and Nebraska Regional Library Systems are eligible to apply, as are other organizations in partnership with these entities.

In order to be funded, proposed projects must meet one or more of six “LSTA Purposes” as identified in the application materials. Applications need to be postmarked no later than **December 29, 2008** or hand-delivered to the Commission by 5 PM (CT) on that date. Electronic applications must be sent no later than 11:59 PM on that same date.

For questions email [Richard Miller](mailto:Richard.Miller@nlc.org) or contact him by phone at 800-307-2665 .

Panhandle Library System
Board Minutes, Friday, July 25, 2008
Security First Bank, 705 Jackson Street, Sidney, NE

President Vickie Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Board members present: Kendra Caskey, Terry Christensen, Diane Davis, Glenda Gamby, Vickie Retzlaff, Dixie Riley, Jane Schlager, Floyd Smith III, Kathy Terrell, and Beth Trupp. Also attending the meeting were Margie Harrison, Debbie McCall and Rod Wagner.

The minutes from the last meeting, May 13, 2008, were approved.

The committee reports and the Nebraska Library Commission's report were given during the Annual Meeting.

Budget report:

Margie Harrison increased the board mileage amount for this fiscal year.

Internet and telephone amounts will be the same for this fiscal year. Margie Harrison pointed out some budget line items that were either over budget or way below budget.

The coordinator's Travel budget line recently received a reimbursement check from the Nebraska Library Commission, so we did not over spend that line item.

Wii gaming supplies were purchased and will be reimbursed. The newsletter bill was received in July, which is why we under spent that line item. Next year, at the end of the fiscal year, the ending bank balance will need to be zero.

Author Tour:

PLS will hopefully receive a grant from Wal-Mart. Two library friends groups donated money for the upcoming Author Tour. Dixie Riley suggested that we apply for a grant through the Buckley Trust in Chappell. Natasha Friend's airline ticket cost more than the previous author's airline ticket.

Slate of officers:

Vickie Retzlaff, President; Glenda Gamby, Vice President; Terry Christensen, Secretary; Jane Schlager, Treasurer; Kendra Caskey, Diane Davis, Dixie Riley, Floyd Smith III, Kathy Terrell, and Beth Trupp. Motions were made for each officer by unanimous vote. Terry is Secretary but Debbie McCall will type the minutes and Terry will approve them.

Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission will conduct Margie Harrison's evaluation in September.

Old Business:

Provisions were made to the PLS Policies and Procedures and were approved by the board. A motion was made by Glenda Gamby and Dixie Riley (2nd) to adopt the Policies and Procedures. All voted yes.

Bonding insurance:

The PLS board approved to add an additional 40,000.00 to the current employee dishonesty insurance policy, which will cover all check signers and Debbie. The cost is \$233.00 annually. A motion was made by Floyd Smith and Kendra Caskey (2nd) to increase the employee dishonesty insurance to 40000.00. There were 10 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Wii Loan Agreement:

The Wii gaming loan agreement was discussed and three modifications were recommended. 1). change the loan period to 3 weeks, 2). include a date due on the agreement, 3). include a statement indicating the borrower must sign the agreement prior to borrowing the Wii.

Projector Loan Agreement:

The projector loan agreement was discussed and one modification was recommended. 1). ensure that the PLS Coordinator will loan out the projector as it fits her schedule.

The PLS Annual Report was given to the board and was based on the goals of the Panhandle Library System.

Debbie McCall received a pay increase of 2.5% retroactive to July 1, 2008.

PLS upcoming events were highlighted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next PLS Board meeting will be September 9, 2008 at the Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway, Main floor conference room at 10:00 a.m.

Terry Christensen
Secretary

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