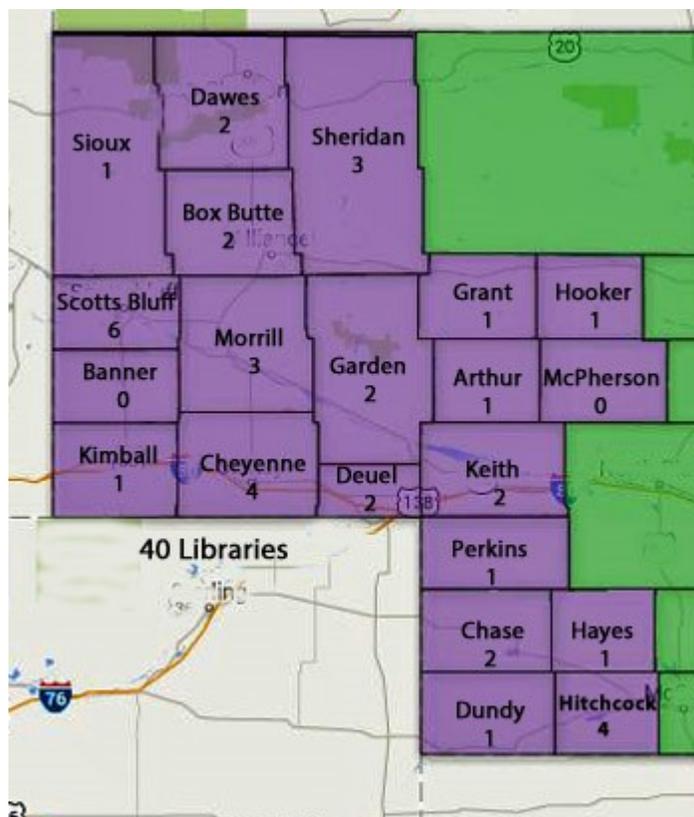


Panhandle Library System to get new name

As of January 1st 2015, the *Panhandle Library System* will be renamed the ***Western Library System***. This will include the addition of the seven counties of Hooker, McPherson, Chase, Dundy, Hitchcock, Hays and Perkins. The PLS office and Board voted for the change in the November 4th Board meeting. The name change is in part to make the new counties feel well welcome to the system in the new reconfiguration of the library systems for the state.

The middle systems of **Meridian and Republican Valley** are combining to create the ***Central Plains Library System*** and the Northeast System will be renamed ***Three Rivers Library*** and has incorporated the Eastern Library System of Omaha. The ***Southeastern Library System*** has decided to keep the current name.

Eric Green



The New Western Library System as of January 2015

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Halloween in the Panhandle



Gering Public Library



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

***Panhandle Library System
Scholarship Application***

The Panhandle Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities. Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior to or two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application received.
3. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and the number of applications received during the fiscal year.
4. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
5. Priority will be given to those events within the state.
6. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
7. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship request from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. The article is submitted to the PLS office.

Scholarship Committee
 Panhandle Library System
 115 Railway Street
 Scottsbluff, NE 69361

***Panhandle Library System
Scholarship Application***

Name: _____

Library/School/Agency: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

Scholarship Activity: _____

Requested Amount: _____

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity.

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians Schedule 2015

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Registration dates</u>
1/5 - 1/16	Customer Service*	11/28/14 - 12/23/14
1/26 - 2/6	Communication	12/19/14 - 1/16
2/23 - 3/6	Reference	1/16 - 2/13
3/9 - 3/20	Intellectual Freedom and Core Values of Librarianship**	1/30 - 2/27
3/23 - 4/3	Readers' Advisory	2/13-3/13
4/6 - 4/17	Library Governance	2/27 - 3/27
4/27 - 5/22	Organization of Materials*	3/20 - 4/17
6/1 - 6/12	Library Finance	4/23 - 5/22
6/15 - 6/26	Library Technology	5/8 - 6/5
7/20 - 7/31	Collection Management*	6/12 - 7/10
8/24 - 9/4	Library Policy	7/17 - 8/14
9/14 - 9/25	Programming & Outreach	8/7 - 9/4
9/28 - 10/9	The Community and the Library *	8/21 - 9/18
10/19 - 10/30	Management and Supervision	9/11 - 10/9
11/2 - 11/13	Leadership	9/25 - 10/23
11/30 - 12/11	Library Services to Children and Youth	10/23 - 11/20

* Required Classes

** Instructor: Eric Green

For further information, contact Laura Johnson, Continuing Education Coordinator by phone, at 402-471-2694, or 800-307-2665 or Email: laura.johnson@nebraska.gov

Upcoming Events

Nov 19th - Quarterly Systems meeting - NCL Lincoln

Nov 24th - E-rate workshop—Lied Scottsbluff Library 9am—Noon

Nov 27th - 28th Thanksgiving PLS office Closed

Dec 22nd -26th Christmas PLS Office Closed (subject to change)

Around the Panhandle



Author Craig Johnson entertains a local crowd at the Midwest Theater in Scottsbluff on October 4th.



The newly remodeled basement at the Chappell Public Library

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Panhandle Library System Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2014
Railway Office Plaza 115 Railway St. Scottsbluff, NE 69361

President Allison McBride called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Board members present: Roberta Boyd, Maryruth Reed, Kathy Terrell, Michele Parks, Stephanie Mika, Sue Shaver, Allison McBride, and Sara Brennemann. Also present were PLS Coordinator Eric Green, NLC representative Rod Wagner, NLC member Pat Gross, and Jeri Clapper. Rick Caudilla and Ruth Walker absent. Ruth added to District B as a revision to the agenda prior to adoption.

Mary Ruth made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 22, 2014. Motion was seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

o District Reports: Sue reported that she is no longer the librarian at Hemingford, and that her replacement is Jill Hurtt. o Committee Reports: No reports given for annual meeting, nominating, public relations, and scholarship committees. Technology plan for 2014-2015 was approved through email vote. o PLS Coordinator Report: Eric's report was presented in writing. Mitchell held an open house to show the community their newly remodeled library. Chadron public is working on purchasing a neighboring house for expansion. Chadron State has opened their coffee shop in the library. Goodall public library working on securing a site for their library. o NLC Report: Rod Wagner handed out and discussed the NLC report.

OLD BUSINESS

Tech plan approved via email as explained during the committee reports. o Audit Costs - Eric plans to talk with other CPAs in search of more affordable options for the audit. Financial Reports were handed out. o Reconfiguration of Library Systems/Articles of Incorporation/Letter - Discussion was held to determine what governing documents need to be looked at and revised. Eric will look in the files for the up to date Articles of Incorporation. Eric has visited with Denise Harder (director of Republican Valley) and are making plans to visit the newly added libraries. Eric was also asked to come up with the list of new libraries to join the PLS, in order for Allison to send welcome cards. Discussion was held on how to welcome the new libraries and inviting them to the regular meeting. Trev Peterson (lawyer) and Eric are to relate to the board what items need to be worked on. o Author Tour- Kathy is thinking about focusing on the fourth grade and is interested in the author Andrea Warren. Eric has talked with Sally about a youth grant to help with funding. Deb Carlson has also volunteered to assist. o Administrative Assistant- 3 applications were received. Executive committee with PLS coordinator will interview applicants.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Upcoming Events/ Announcements: A list of upcoming events was included in Eric's report. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 The next PLS meeting will be Tuesday November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Railway Office Plaza board room in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Sara Brennemann, Secretary

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President Roosevelt ?

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