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RVLS Annual Meeting Takes Place in Catherland

The Republican Valley Library System Annual Meeting 2003-2004 was held on Friday, June 4, 2004, 11 a.m., at the Red Cloud Opera House & Gallery, Red Cloud, NE. Twenty-eight system librarians, media specialists, board members and others attended.

Library Commissioner Mary Nelson, Holdrege, and Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, addressed the system members with news of recent library occurrences.

The 2004-2005 Budget was presented and adopted.



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The 2003-2004 Golden Sower Award Winners Are...

Salt in His Shoes by
Deloris Jordan and
Roslyn Jordan

Skeleton Man by
Joseph Bruchac

Touching Spirit Bear
by Ben Mikaelson

The next RVLS
Board Meeting
will be held
Friday,
September 17,
2004, 10 am, at
the Republican
Valley Library
System, 2727
West 2nd Street,
#233, Hastings.



REPUBLICAN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH

Exceptional opportunity for creative, motivated M.L.S. professional to plan and direct 20 county, multi-type library system. Major emphasis on developing programs/services for small, rural public libraries. Residency within the System, valid driver's license, and extensive travel/consultation within System area required. Knowledge of technology and library software important. Public library experience desired, \$38,000 – \$43,000, plus benefits. Reply with application letter, resume and three current work-related references (include addresses/phone numbers) to Republican Valley Library System, c/o Vicki Perrie, 2727 West 2nd Street, Hastings, NE 68901. Search committee will begin reviewing applications July 1, 2004.

Annual Meeting (Continued from page 1)

RVLS ANNUAL MEETING

Election of System Board members was held. Nancy Cantin, Hastings Regional Center Medical & Patient Library, and Terri Johnson, North Platte Public Library, were elected to first terms on the board. Suzann Christensen, Hastings Middle School, Judy Grandstaff, Blue Hill Public Library, and Patty Hall, McCook Public Library, were elected to terms, as well; all three have served on the RVLS Board in the past. Vicki Perrie was elected to serve a second term as board president; Judy Grandstaff was elected to serve as vice-president; and Suzann Christensen will serve as secretary.

Outgoing board members Laura Cundiff, Clay Center Public Library, Cheryl Roblyer, North Platte Public Library, and Ruth Swingle, Hastings, were recognized and thanked for their service. Vicki Perrie, Superior Public Library, was recognized and given a gift for her service as 2003-2004 board president.

Susan Franklin, Administrative Assistant, shared highlights from the Annual Report.

Each library represented received a door prize. Among the door prizes were a cookbook donated by the Women's Red Cloud Chamber of Commerce and Cather's *My Antonia*, donated by the Red Cloud Opera House.

Following a lunch catered by Kylie's Kookies, the group embarked on a walking tour of Cather's Red Cloud.



RVLS NEWS

Connie Holliday is the new director at **Wilsonville Public Library**. Welcome to the System, Connie!

Indianola Public Library has changed its hours of operation to: Tuesday 1-6, Wednesday 4-9, and Thursday 1-6.

Wanda Langer retired from the **Auld Doudna Public Library** (Guide Rock) after 22 years of service. **Barbara Sholtz** is now the Director.

Congratulations, Wanda—happy retirement! Welcome to RVLS, Barbara!

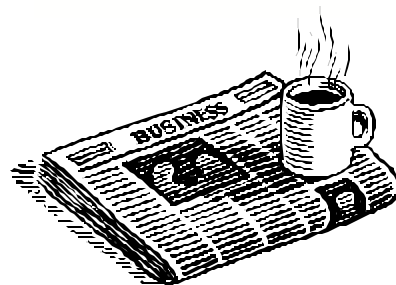
The **Holdrege Public Library System** has a new web site: www.holdregelibrary.org. The design of the site, using a red, white and blue color scheme, is also new. The site now includes a "Reader's Corner" page with links to best-seller lists, book reviews, online booksellers, TV book club sites, and library catalogs of other area public libraries (Kearney, Hastings, Lexington, and Alma). Other pages include "Research Tools" and "Best of the 'Net.'"

Over the past 30 years, Nebraskans have welcomed many new immigrants and refugees into our communities. These new Nebraskans come from a variety of locales such as Africa, Iraq, Mexico and Vietnam. The experiences of several of Lincoln's newest residents are documented in the video "**The New Nebraskans**" produced by Nebraska Educational Television. Copies of this 37 minute video are available for customer loan through Lincoln City Libraries interlibrary loan department. For additional information about the video, contact Sheila Jacobs at 402.441.8546 or s.jacobs@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us.

A May bake sale at the Hastings Wal-Mart netted \$203.25 for the **Clay Center Public Library**.



A May 27 reception at the Hastings Public Library celebrated **Marji Prettyman's** retirement after 23 years of service to the **Adams County Bookmobile**. Happy retirement, Marji!



Send us news of your latest programs, projects, and accomplishments at rvlsasst@tcgcs.com or call 800-569-4961.

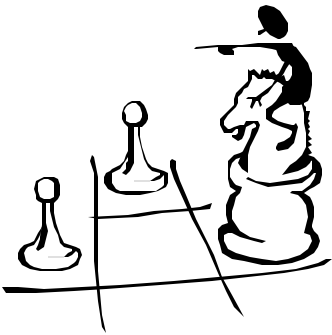
Excalibur & Mad Hatter Awards Seeking Nominations

The Public Library Section's Excalibur committee is seeking nominations for the 2004 Excalibur award to be made at the NLA/NEMA annual convention. Go to www.nol.org/home/NLA/PLS/excaliburform2004.pdf for the nomination form and details (deadline August 1).

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If you know a hardworking, deserving media specialist or children's librarian, please consider nominating him/her for the Mad Hatter Award. The Mad Hatter Award is presented each fall at the NEMA/NLA Convention to a children's librarian who has made an outstanding contribution to children and librarianship. Go to [www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html) for nomination form and complete eligibility details (deadline: August 31).





## Attention Conference Goers!

Grab your calendars and mark the following dates:

The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association invite you to attend "Virtual Places, Physical Spaces - Nebraska Libraries Now", October 6-8, 2004, at the joint NLA/NEMA 2004 conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Midtown and Howard Johnson Riverside Inn in Grand Island Nebraska. Visit the conference web site at: [www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/](http://www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/) for more information.

## Gates Printer Cartridge for Sale

HP4100RYO printer cartridge, \$79. Please contact Laura Cundiff, 402-762-3861.

## It's Your Move

**Theresa Jehlik**, Training and Continuing Education Coordinator for the **Omaha Public Library**, has compiled **FAQ pages for the new Medicare Drug Card** that becomes available to seniors in June. She has generously shared with us this information she prepared for their library branches. For a Word document containing Theresa's help pages, please

email [rvlsasst@tcgcs.com](mailto:rvlsasst@tcgcs.com). Thanks, Theresa!

**www.librarylaw.com**, the site of *The Library's Legal Answer Book* co-author, offers law-and-library related information, links, and resources.



## We're all in this personnel thing together, aren't we?

Municipal clerks, Board members, Librarians: Mark your calendars for a public library-related personnel workshop coming to your part of Nebraska in July 2004. Maggie Stine and Jack Schultz, two attorneys with labor expertise from the law firm of Harding, Schultz & Downs, will present a jam-packed workshop at four locations across the state. If you have ever been kept up nights by worrying about: performance evaluations; recruitment and hiring; wages and benefits; conflicts of interest; disciplining; termination; volunteers; board powers; grievances; the "open meetings" law; "At will" employees; personnel policies, etc., then this is the workshop for you. Come one, come all: city, township, or village clerks; library board members; and library directors. You will learn and be able to share information with others in your community about how to handle personnel issues.

These workshops are sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, in cooperation with the Regional Library Systems, and supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, as administered by the state of Nebraska. Workshops will be offered at the following four Nebraska locations:

Tuesday, July 20, 2004 – Wilson Public Library, 910 Meridian, Cozad

Friday, July 23, 2004 – Platte River State Park, 14421 346th St., Louisville

Monday, July 26, 2004 – Schuyler Public Library, 1123 A St., Schuyler

Thursday, July 29, 2004 – Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave., Alliance

Each workshop will run from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. local time, either Central or Mountain.

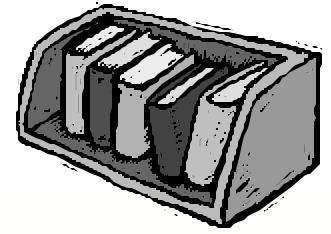
Cost to attend: \$10 for first person registered from each town; \$5 for each additional person from the same town. For example, if your city clerk, a library board member, and the librarian attend, all three will participate and have lunch for \$20. Lunch will be provided onsite.

Make checks out to the Nebraska Library Commission. Payment must be received by July 10 to complete registration. Each person participating in either the Public Librarian or Board Certification process will receive 5 CE credits. Continuing Education (CE) Credits are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian or Board Certification Program.

Send payment with registration form (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1579.html>), including preferred location, to: Jacque Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, Suite 120, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Call her at 800-307-2665 or 402-471-4037, fax: 402-471-2083, or e-mail reservations to [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us). Payment must be received by July 10 to complete registration.



# On the Bookshelf



The following items have been recently added to the RVLS Professional Collection:

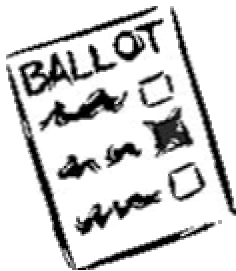
- ◆ *Joe Janes and Colleagues: Preparing for the Future of Digital Reference* College of DuPage Teleconference Video (4/16/2004).

If you would like to borrow any (or all!) of these items, please contact the System office at 800-569-4961 or [rplsasst@tcgcs.com](mailto:rplsasst@tcgcs.com). If you would like to see list of all available items, go to [www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/professional.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/professional.html).



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**Anita Kit**, board president at **Dundy County Library** (Benkelman) reported after the primary polls closed that the vote establishing a permanent tax for Dundy County Library passed. The tally was 270 for and 246 against; the turnout was 43% of the voters. The board had spoken to every civic group and put fliers on windshields, among other strategies, to get the measure passed. The vote will provide \$13,800 for the 2005 budget year.

**C.B. Preston Memorial Library's** (Orleans) hours have changed to:

Monday 3-8

Tuesday 3-6

Wednesday 4:30-6:30

Thursday 3-6

Saturday 9-noon

**Susan Franklin's hours** at RVLS will be 12-5:30 for the summer months.







## *Mark Your Calendars*

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For the Nebraska Regional Library Systems' 2004 Pre-Conference to NLA/NEMA, "Ways to Construct an Evaluation," on October 6th from 10am to 3pm. Lynn Bradman, Ph.D. Student at ISU and Social Science Instructor for Metro Community College in Omaha, will be our presenter. Lynn will provide you with the best practices in constructing an evaluation. Information will be useful for program evaluations, long range planning and for staff evaluations. We hope to see you on October 6th. More information to follow.

# RVLS Calendar

## **July 2004**

- 1—Closing date for RVLS Administrator Job Applications.
- 20—"We're all in the personnel thing together, aren't we?" Workshop, Wilson Public Library, 9:30-3:30, 910 Meridian, Cozad.
- 23—"We're all in the personnel thing together, aren't we?" Workshop, Platte River State Park, 14421 346th Street., Louisville.
- 26—"We're all in the personnel thing together, aren't we?" Workshop, Schuyler Public Library, 1123 A St., Schuyler.
- 29—"We're all in the personnel thing together, aren't we?" Workshop, Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave., Alliance.
- 30—Storytelling, Poetry & Prose OLIO, Norfolk Public Library, 308 Prospect Avenue, Norfolk.

## **August 2004**

- 3—Database Roadshow 2004, North Platte Community College, 601 W. State Farm Road, North Platte.

## **October 2004**

- 6—Regional Library Systems' 2004 Pre-Conference—see details on left sidebar!
- 6—Hispanic Voices @ your library™ Preconference, 9-4:45, Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island. For more information or to register, contact Janet Greser, [jgreser@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jgreser@nlc.state.ne.us).
- 6-8—NLA/NEMA Joint Conference, Grand Island, NE. Find details at <http://www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/>.

## **November 2004**

- 4—Read Aloud America Presents Mem Fox, Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnum Street. More information to follow in next newsletter. Contact Mark Clausen, [mclause@npsne.org](mailto:mclause@npsne.org) for more information RIGHT NOW!





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Four Nebraskans graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia's School of information Science & Learning Technologies with Master of Arts degrees in Library Science. Congratulations to Susan Franklin (RVLS and Hastings College), Jodene Glaesemann (Nebraska Library Commission and Lincoln City Public Libraries), Casey Kralik (Joslyn Art Museum), and Marty Magee (University of Nebraska Medical Center)!