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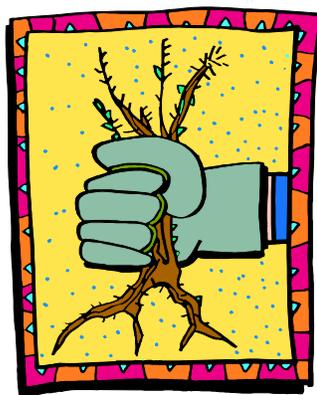
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Don't Delay—Weed Today!

Weeding...a word that strikes fear



in the hearts of gardeners and many librarians. In the garden, it is not difficult to see the benefits of weeding—

prettier flower beds; increased vegetable production; fewer annoyances such as stickers and bugs; and the pride of a beautiful yard.

The benefits are nearly the same in the library—a more appealing collection without ragged, dirty, old-looking books; increased circulation; current facts instead of outdated information; and the pride of having a library worthy of your patrons' trust. The time and space you save by having a well-weeded collection is a bonus. Items crammed onto overcrowded shelves make it irritating to find what you need. Shifting every time books come back is time-consuming and unnecessary. Shelves should never be more than 85% full (and 75% is even better). All collections, no matter the size, should be thoroughly weeded at least once every five years. That does not mean you should forget about weeding for the other four years.

One way to weed your collection is to use the CREW method. CREW is endorsed by the Texas State Library and the full manual is available, free of charge, at www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/crew. CREW stands for **C**ontinuous **R**eview, **E**valuation, and **W**eeding. This method promotes routinely removing outdated and unused materials and watching for areas in your collection that need new items. Weeding continuously and systematically allows you to know your collection's strengths and weaknesses and to use your budget to the best advantage.

The CREW manual gives very specific guidelines for weeding in all areas of the library. Based on Dewey Class, the manual addresses the importance of copyright date and the date of last circulation, in addition to the condition of the material.

This easily remembered acronym, **MUSTIE**, makes it easy to spot items that need to go:

M = Misleading (inaccurate information)

U = Ugly (worn out, beyond mending)

S = Superseded (newer edition available)

T = Trivial (no current merit or interest)

I = Irrelevant (based on your community needs)

E = Elsewhere (available through Interlibrary Loan)

Is it possible to weed too much? That question has to be answered locally. Generally, you should weed about the same number of books that you add. However, your available shelf space determines how much you can keep; and, it is important to remember that *every item* in the collection should be useful to the community served. Quality counts much more than quantity. It is better to have nothing on a particular topic than to provide outdated or inaccurate information. Use Interlibrary Loan, call the Reference Desk at the Nebraska Library Commission, or login to NebraskaAccess databases for current material.

Disposing of weeded material must be done according to the regulations of your funding entity (i.e. city, county, school district, college). Find out if there are restrictions on what can happen to items purchased with public money. Once you have that determined, there are five ways you can get weeded material out of your library. They include selling it, donating it, trading it, recycling it, or destroying it (be careful with this one...it is difficult to explain the headline "Librarian Burning Books"). If you decide to sell material from your library, there are businesses that are willing to do the work at no cost to you. One such business is Better World Books. You can view their program at www.betterworldbooks.com. They are offering a special promotion for new partners that sign up and ship before September 30, 2011. You will earn an additional 5% commission. Another company with a free library program is Thrift Books. Go to www.gotlibrarybooks.com for details. If you can't or don't want to sell the discards, consider donating them to a hospital, nursing home, correctional facility, or charitable institution.

The purpose of weeding is to provide your patrons with efficient and reliable library service. An unweeded collection forces the Library to store unused materials. Schools and communities don't need or want an archive for dated, historical data. Our library patrons deserve a vital source of current information and technology necessary for their lives in today's society. If you have questions about weeding, please contact the RVLs Office for help.

Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, if you want on the schedule please contact us, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

August, 2011—

Red Cloud Public Schools, Red Cloud

September, 2011—

Superior Public Library, Superior

June, 2012—

Dundy County Library, Benkelman

The new 2" letter and number die sets are now available. You may schedule the Ellison for your facility during any month from October 2011 through May 2012. Please email us at:

rvtasst@inebraska.com or

rvtadmin@inebraska.com

ARSL Annual Conference

September 8-11, 2011

Frisco, Texas

Head to Frisco, Texas, for the annual **Association for Rural & Small Libraries** Conference. Designed for library staff, trustees and volunteers of small libraries, the conference will focus on "how to." Conference attendees will find information that is helpful, practical and relevant. Featured presenters include Linda Braun, a nationally-known library technology consultant; Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes, creators of the wildly popular *Unshelved* comic strip; and Joe Bob Briggs, TV personality, film critic, author, champion of intellectual freedom. For registration information, go to <http://www.arsl.info/> and click on Conference at the top of the page.

Note from Denise: This is back in my old stomping grounds in North Texas. Frisco is just north of Dallas. It will take approximately 10 hours to drive; turn south at York and just keep going. This is a very nice area with LOADS of amazing shopping. Don't miss the Sam Moon store if you go!



Please
Help RVLS
save trees

RVLS is Going Green

In order to save resources, Valley-Talk, the RVLS newsletter, will be distributed by email. According to a recent survey on the RVLS website, most people would rather get an email instead of a letter. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please send Kay an email with "Email Newsletter" in the subject line.

If you would prefer to continue receiving a paper newsletter, do nothing and you will stay on our mailing list.



RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information: _____



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Summer Reading News

The **North Platte Public Library** summer readers received passports at their first meeting. As they traveled to a different continent each week they received a stamp in their passport for that continent if they return a reading slip. Several members of the community shared their travel adventures with the children.

Pictured is Kelly Bode who did an exchange program and an apprenticeship in Japan. She had the children taste pokey, rice crackers and Wasabi peas. She told a story using origami and then the children did origami. They did a relay after learning to use chop sticks.



Jennifer Fuller taught the children a fun game called Down,



Down, Down that comes from Australia and George the kangaroo visited to help distribute reading prizes.

The **North Platte Public Library** decided to add the suggested adult reading program, Novel Destinations, to their summer reading program line-up. Adults were encouraged to read whatever they wanted in any book format and then enter the weekly drawings for prizes.

The six program topics included Music Around the World by the Treble Makers, a string quartet with accompanying percussion, that includes library director, Cecelia Lawrence on cello; A Look Back at Japan by staff member, Terri Johnson; Tea from Around the World by Cecelia and her mother; and History of the National Park System by Rick Windham, local outdoor recreation writer, radio host and photographer. Prize drawing Winners were posted weekly in addition to a list of all submitted book recommendations.

All North Platte participants had a wonderful time celebrating the end of the Summer Reading Program: "You Are Here!" Young Adults attended a lock-in at the North Platte Public Library. Youth arrived at 7 pm and stayed until the doors were unlocked at 11 pm. Activities included the limbo, parachute games to "Save the World", Countries and their Capitals Bingo, Relay teams competing for the winner's circle (tossing from the balcony: hacky sacks and rolls of toilet paper into library book baskets – participants had to run down the stairs to retrieve whenever they missed the target), a movie about Africa, hide and seek in the unlighted main library area, Mexican Dominoes, and the wii. A good time was had by all – youth and adults!

Submitted by Mitzi Mueller, Terri Johnson, and Carol Eshelman

On June 25 the **Fairfield Public Library** hosted an animal program presented by the **Magical Paradise**



Exotic Animal Farm from Central City. The kids had an exciting hour and a half learning about different animals. There was such a wonderful response that



Magical Paradise will be back in Fairfield on August 27 for the Triple F Festival!!

Summer Reading News—continued



Raylene Stephens, Director at **C. B. Preston Memorial Library** in Orleans, reports their Summer Reading programs were held during June and they had an average of 20 children attending the five programs. The “One World, Many Stories”, theme took children to the continents and many countries. Stories and snacks were part of each weekly adventure as well as crafts. Special guests were a Nebraska Humanities speaker who presented “Music from around the world”, June Boehler displayed her treasures from Sweden and spoke about her visits to that country. The programs concluded by returning to the USA for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration complete with

hot dogs and soda. Thanks to Abby Bills for helping the readers visit Mexico. Abby served tacos in a bag and a piñata was enjoyed. The Library appreciated the support they received from the many local businesses who donated to the Summer Reading Program and to the parents for making an effort to get their children to the Summer Reading Program.



The **Hastings Public Library** held a Summer Reading kick-off event on Saturday, June 4, with crafts, sidewalk chalk and balloons. A different program was presented every Tuesday afternoon—David Marsh with “Music from Around the World” and Linda Garcia-Perez telling “Traditional Hispanic Stories for Families and Children” (both Nebraska Humanities Council programs), as well as magician Adam White, a taekwondo demonstration, a sing-along, 4-H members showing animals and a presentation by the Hastings Jr. Community Theatre. These programs were very popular and the average attendance was 194! There also was a teen program every Tuesday afternoon following the other programs. The teen programs were all ‘60s themes to tie in with the “1968 in America” special exhibit at the Hastings Museum this summer. ‘60s music, dances and games, as well as craft sessions where the kids strung love beads and made macrame bracelets were presented.....Kathy Schultz



Deb Lawson, Library Director of **Hayes Center Public Library** reports on Summer Reading Activities: “Hayes Center Public Library participants had to roll the dice and answers questions about the book they had read. Then the book was laid flat on the desk and the depth is measured and recorded. For every inch the child read (or has been read to) their name went in a basket for a drawing. When their name was drawn out they were able to choose a photo of a book. Their prize was listed on the back. Everyone who read at least an inch received a prize. Prizes were a ten-dollar bill, a five-dollar bill, several twos, and marbles. Fifteen youngsters came in and measured books during the Summer Reading Program during June & July called “Read By The Inch”.

Sounds like a great way to encourage readers to participate!

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting
June 3, 2011 9:30
Red Cloud Community Center - 142 West 3rd Ave. Red Cloud, NE

PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Mo Khamouna, Jane Hilton, Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Dana Wade, Claudette Wielechowski.

ABSENT: Beth Falla, Mary Nelson, Sylvia Person, Nancy Sherwood,

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (System Administrator), Rod Wagoner (NLC Representative), Terri Eberly and Lara Strobl from Red Cloud's Auld Public Library, Peggy Lipker, from Superior Public Library, Sharon Steenbarger from Harvard Public Library and Kay Kloppenborg, RVLS administrative assistant.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: President Vicki Casper called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 4, 2011): Minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports from March 1st to May 31st including the Percent of Budget Used report, were reviewed. This fiscal year is the second year of the budget. It was noted that the e-rate reimbursement will be 80% and will bring the Utilities number into range. The reports were accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: Denise received a thank you from Terri Raburn, Panhandle System Director thanking Denise and Sharon from Meridian for coming to Scottsbluff May 23rd & 24th. Denise also received an invitation to a VIP reception and the grand opening of the newly remodeled Scottsbluff Library on June 20-21st.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Denise reviewed the statistics for March, April and May, noting that in the up-coming months the number of Magazine Articles suggested for reading would look different because she will be sending out an e-mail with a link to Nebraska Access Database, rather than actually sending a copy of the article to those that have requested it. The March, April & May workshops and visits were reviewed and Denise reported that she has 16 library visits scheduled for the next 2 weeks. She intends to visit all the Public Libraries in the RVLS system from May 31st to Sept. 1st. Plans are to re-instate Valley Visits beginning August 9th at an eastern location and August 11th at a western location. Topics of discussion will be varied, possibly e-readers, basic skills, etc. Denise will conduct a poll on the RVLS website to find out what topics folks are interested in. The NLC webinars were suggested by Denise as a convenient way to gain information as well. Four RVLS librarians, Jake Rundle, Hastings Public Library, Sarah Dockray, McCook Community College Library, Dixie Codner, Central Community College Library-Hastings, and Denise will be attending the Nebraska Leadership Training in Schuyler from July 10-14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office Copier: Denise reported on the savings and ease of using the new copier in producing the newsletter and other office functions.

Storytelling Kits: Thirty-two RVLS public libraries registered for the storytelling kits that RVLS was giving away and each library that registered received either their first or 2nd choice. The libraries have expressed their gratitude in receiving their storytelling kits.

E-readers: The e-reader kit is being circulated to the board members and has been to almost all members. There is a list of libraries that want to receive the kit as soon as the board members have finished reviewing it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bulk Loan Subsidy: RVLS's bulk loan subsidy (\$750) to McCook and Hastings Public Libraries will remain the same for the next year. Beside this \$750 each library that receives large print books pays \$50 which goes to the library they are borrowing the books from. It was discussed whether the borrowing libraries, could exchange their books more frequently than quarterly as long as they didn't exceed the 200 books per year.

Disc Repair Machine: With audio books and DVD's such a popular item, it was proposed that RVLS buy a Disc Repair Machine. RVLS member libraries could either send their damaged disc in to the RVLS office for repair, or could borrow the machine on a set schedule to repair their own damaged disc. The board agreed that this would be a valuable service. Denise had researched various makes of the machine and talked to libraries that actual own a repair machine. Claudette Wielechowski made a motion that RVLS purchase a disc repair machine, Tony Anderson seconded. The motion was approved. Denise will check to see if there are any special prices at ALA in June.

Retiring Board Members: Nancy Sherwood has moved to Omaha, and will no longer be on the RVLS board and Sylvia Person has chosen not to run for her 2nd term on the board. Members signed thank you cards which will be sent to these two ladies along with tokens of appreciation for their service and dedication to RVLS.

NLC Commissioner Report: No report, Steve Batty unable to be at the meeting.

NLC Representative Report: Rod Wagner said he enjoyed working with Denise and said he appreciated her energy and ideas. He thanked the board members for their dedication to their libraries. Rod also reported that the funding to the systems was originally proposed to be cut 10% then it went to 8%, and now is at 5.5%. Rod complimented Denise on her positive attitude toward the funding. He explained that the Federal Funding has been stable, but LSTA grant money has declined which will reduce the grant money available but there will be grants still available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Kay Kloppenborg, Recording Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 9, 2011, at Hastings Memorial Library, Grant, NE.

RVLS Board Meetings 2011-2012



**Friday, September 9, 2011
Hastings Memorial Library– Grant**

**Friday, November 4, 2011
Central Community College—Hastings**

**Friday, January 6, 2012
Tele-Conference**

**Friday, March 2, 2012
Tele-Conference**

**Friday, June 1, 2012—Annual Meeting
Location to be announced**

Republican Valley Library System Annual Meeting
June 3, 2011 11:00 a.m.
Red Cloud Community Center
142 West 3rd Ave. Red Cloud, NE

Welcome/Call to Order/Introduction of Attendees: President Vicki Casper called the 2011 annual meeting of the general membership of the Republican Valley Library System to order at 11:10 a.m. with 29 persons in attendance. Introductions were made. Vicki thanked Rod Wagner for attending the meeting and expressed appreciation to Teri Eberly and the Red Cloud Auld Library staff for hosting the event.

Minutes of the 2009-2010 Annual Meeting (Prepared by Secretary Nancy Sherwood and read by Kay Kloppenborg): Following the reading of the minutes, a motion was made by Judy Grandstaff and seconded by Vicki Perrie to approve the minutes as read.

Adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget: Denise Harders presented the 2011-2012 budget as approved by the RVLS board and answered questions. A motion was made by Jane Hilton and seconded by Mo Khamouna to adopt the budget as presented. Motion carried, 25-0.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Sylvia Person and Nancy Sherwood, were recognized by Denise Harders for their years of service as board members. Thank you cards and tokens of appreciation will be mailed to each of them.

Introduction of Board Nominees/Nominations From the Floor/ Election of New Board Members: A ballot with four names was distributed. There were no nominations from the floor. Teri Eberly moved that nominations be closed and Jane Hilton seconded, the motion carried. Voting proceeded. The four newly elected RVLS board members are Beth Falla (2nd term), Jane Hilton (2nd term), Jody Crocker and Felicia Cogley.

Administrator's Report: Denise Harders gave an overview of her activities from Jan. 2, thru June 2, 2011 and those of Sherry Houston's for the period of July 1 thru Nov. 30th, 2010. Denise's goal from Memorial Day to Labor Day is to visit all 46 public libraries in the system (she has 3 done already). Another of her goals is to resume scheduling Valley Visits in various locations across the system beginning in August 2011.

Other Business:

Denise encouraged librarians to attend the Word Press Training with Michael Sauers, live, in Kearney on June 16, 2011 at UNK's Calvin T. Ryan computer lab.

There was a discussion regarding the buying of a disc repair machine for use by the entire RVLS system which was widely favored. Denise will look into this.

Attendees were invited to the 15th Annual Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival in McCook, June 10-11.

Adjournment/Lunch: The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m. Attendees enjoyed the lunch prepared for the group by Kiley's Kookies & Cream.

Nebraska Library Commission Report: Rod Wagner gave the group updates on the topics of the Young Nebraskans that won the writing competition and were presented Letters About Literature award certificates, and highlighted the Student Scholarship Grants and the 18 Public Library Internships awards. He also addressed Marketing Computer-Based Services in Libraries and gave an update on the BTOP program and the Celebration of Nebraska Books and the 2011-2012 One Book One Nebraska titles, The Last Newspaper Boy in America and Unwind. Also the One Book One Nebraska nominations for 2012 close on June 15th, 2011. Upcoming NCompass Live programs for June were announced. Rod reported on the Grants for Small Town Libraries established by Shirley Kreutz Bennett's donor-advised fund with matching grants from the Nebraska Community Foundation. He announced that Accreditation Guidelines are to be revised. Rod closed by thanking the Denise Harders for her enthusiasm and fresh ideas, the RVLS board, President Vicki Casper, and all those in attendance who serve the people of Nebraska.

The Group enjoyed the tour of the home of Willa Cather and the history revealed in the tour of the Red Cloud Opera house.

Kay Kloppenborg, Recording Secretary



AASL Minneapolis Bus Ride

It's not a barrel of monkeys, but it will be a bus full of school librarians! Have you ever attended an **American Association of School Librarians** National Conference? If not, now's your chance! The conference this year is a mere hop, skip, and a jump away!

AASL is in Minneapolis October 27-29. You don't want to miss this opportunity to glean ideas for your program from school librarians representing states across the country!

To help with expenses, NEMA, UNO & UNK are chartering a bus! Here are the details:

Depending on the number of people hopping on, the bus will start in Kearney or Lincoln with a stop in Omaha, before driving us in padded comfort to a fabulous conference! It will leave Lincoln around noon Wednesday, October 26 and return late October 29. This will give everyone an opportunity to recover before heading back to school on Monday.

If there are a minimum of five passengers who would like to board the bus in Kearney, the trip will begin there, keeping passenger pick-up points in Lincoln and Omaha.

Space is limited for this once in a lifetime opportunity. In order to hobnob with fellow school librarians all the way to Minneapolis, you will need to **reserve a seat**. Please send your checks for \$95 to:

Karen Buckley
Pius X High School
6000 A Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

For more information on the conference itself, please visit the website:

<http://www.aasl11.org/>

Valley Visits

Valley Visits are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The Visits start at 9:30 a.m. and wrap up by 11:30 a.m. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and all are welcome to join us.

August 9 - RVLS Office, Hastings

August 11 - McCook Public Library

Topic: ALA 2011. Including outreach ideas, web tools for everyone, recommended children's non-fiction with activities. Win prizes from New Orleans.

October 6 - Visit during NLA/NEMA in Lincoln.

Details to be announced later.





NLA/NEMA Annual Conference

October 5-7, 2011

Lincoln, NE



Nebraska Libraries have been Cultivating Community Connections for more than a century. Please plan to join us as we celebrate library accomplishments and contributions to our state as well as look to the future with three days of fantastic programming.

Early Bird Registration ends August 31, 2011.

Registration and Program information is available at:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/home>

Keynote Speakers



Jamie LaRue has been the director of the Douglas County Libraries, headquartered in Castle Rock, CO, since 1990. He is the author of *The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges*, and has written a weekly newspaper column for over 23 years. Jamie's keynote will focus on "Taking the Community to the World" based on a comment "The job of the 20th century library was to bring the world to the community. The job of the 21st century library is to take the community to the world"

Cassandra Barnett has been an elementary and secondary school librarian for 33 years, and is currently at Fayetteville High School Library in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She has presented at state and national conferences on topics such as storytelling, collaboration with teachers, supporting classroom book clubs, and national standards and guidelines for school libraries. She is very active in the American Association of School Librarians and has served in a number of capacities including president.





On the Bookshelf

The following audiobooks were recently added to the RVLS Collection:

- ***Bel-Air Dead*** by Woods, Stuart
- ***Chasing Fire*** by Roberts, Nora
- ***Fifth Witness: A Lincoln Lawyer*** by Connelly, Michael
- ***Heaven is for Real*** by Burpo, Todd
- ***I'll Walk Alone*** by Clark, Mary Higgins
- ***Jungle*** by Cussler, Clive
- ***Love You More*** by Gardner, Lisa
- ***Mystery*** by Kellerman, Jonathan
- ***Once Upon a Time: There was You*** by Berg, Elizabeth
- ***Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love*** by Levin, Larry
- ***Save Me*** by Scottoline, Lisa
- ***Sixth Man*** by Baldacci, David
- ***Started Early, Took My Dog*** by Atkinson, Kate
- ***Toys*** by Patterson, James
- ***Weird Sisters*** by Brown, Eleanor
- ***Stay a Little Longer*** by Garlock, Dorothy
- ***Texas! Chase*** by Brown, Sandra

A complete listing of our available materials is on our web page libraries.ne.gov/rvls under Services

Technology Planning Summer Camp



This 2-day workshop will be held August 22-23, 2011 in 4 locations across the state—Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. Speakers will be based in Lincoln, and their presentations will be broadcast to the 3 other locations.

Join your colleagues as we learn about the importance of technology planning for your library. Topics will include:

- Sustainability
- Advocacy
- Using TechAtlas to create your Technology Plan
- Filtering—What is it? Should I do it? How to do it?
- Myths about CIPA
- Basic introduction to E-rate
- Demonstration of ADA software

We have an exciting program planned—see the full details at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/tpsc/>.

Technology Planning Summer Camp is open to all public libraries in the state. Up to 3 people from each library can attend—library administration, staff and board members are invited. Participants who attend all sessions will receive 9.5 C.E. Credits.

Funding for this event is being provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in conjunction with the BTOP grant, Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities.

NLA/NEMA Conference

Regional Library Systems' Pre-Conference Workshop

Shortcuts to Greatness, or 10 Things that Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't Presented by Karen Hyman

What makes a library great?

Are there shortcuts to greatness?

Come and find out what great organizations know that you could borrow, adapt or shamelessly copy to jumpstart your library's move to the next level.

October 5, 2011

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Cornhusker Marriott

333 South 13th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

\$20

3 Continuing Education Credits

Register at the NLA/NEMA Conference Website:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/registration>



About Karen Hyman: She has worked in public libraries, as a State Library Consultant, and as Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative where she developed services for 600 member libraries. Her chief inspiration is her role as a library user which “clears the vision wonderfully.”

This program is funded by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems and a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission and funded in part with state funds allocated through the Nebraska Legislature.

RVLS HAPPENINGS

On May 28th, Jane Hilton, Director at Elwood Public Library was featured in the Lexington Clipper Herald in their "get to know your neighbor series".

Picture courtesy of Lexington Clipper Herald.



Recent personnel changes in RVLS Congratulations!

Terri Eberly recently became the **Director of Auld Public Library in Red Cloud**. Former director **Nancy Sherwood** retired and moved to the Omaha area. Thanks for serving on our board. **Enjoy—Nancy!**

Melissa Whitefoot is the new Director at **Fairfield Public Library**.

Amy Baskerville is new in the library at **Eustis Farnam School**.

Sky Seery, formerly at North Platte Public Library is now employed at **Mid Plains Community College**, in North Platte. **Sarah Dockray**, Area Coordinator of Library Services for the college, has left her position in North Platte, to live out-of-state.

Perkins Library, Hastings College Effective in the Fall, Susan Franklin will be promoted from Assistant Professor of Library Science & Public Services Librarian to Associate Professor of Library Science and Public Services Librarian. Congratulations on your well deserved promotion, Susan!

Four people from the **Republican Valley Library System** participated in the **Nebraska Library Leadership Institute** held at the **St. Benedict Center** in Schuyler, NE, July 10-14.



The graduates are:
Jake Rundle, Hastings Public Library,
Dixie Codner, Central Community College,
Denise Harders, RVLS Director,
Sarah Dockray, Mid-Plains Community College.

New Service Provided by RVLS

The System Office now has the **ECO AUTO-SMART** Fully Automatic Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full service machine to both clean and repair your valuable discs. We are practicing now and will be ready for your damaged discs soon. Save those discs that won't play. As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them! Watch your email and the RVLS Website for more information.



These folks attended the RVLS Board Meeting on June 1, 2011. Left to right: Jane Hilton, Rod Wagner, Claudette Wielechowski, Vicki Casper, Vicki Perrie, Dana Wade, Denise Harders, Sky Seery and Terri Eberly. Kneeling in front row :Mo Kahmouna, and Tony Anderson.

Photo courtesy of . Harriett Yost Zade, Editor/Manager, Red Cloud Chief Newspaper



Celebration of Nebraska Books

Saturday, October 22, 2011

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Lied Center for Performing Arts

Lincoln, NE

This event will honor winners of the 2011 Jane Geske Award and 2011 Nebraska Book Awards. The book choice for the **2012 One Book One Nebraska** statewide read will also be announced. In conjunction with the celebration highlighting the **2011 One Book One Nebraska** (*Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* by Ted Kooser), the Nebraska Repertory

Join the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries Group



If your public library has been thinking about joining the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group, now would be a great time to act. Get your participation paperwork in by **August 31, 2011** and you can begin the setup process in October, and expect patron access to begin in mid- to late-November!

The Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group is currently 66 libraries strong. Collectively, these libraries own and share access to 3,183 digital downloadable audiobook titles and 1,789 digital downloadable eBook titles, with additional titles being added all the time. Browse the collection for yourself at <http://nebraska.lib.overdrive.com/>.

Cost:

New participants pay a one-time \$500 setup fee, plus an annual participation fee that goes toward purchasing content. The annual participation fee is based on the following formula:

\$0.13 per population served (using legal service area population), with a minimum cost of \$500. (This means that libraries with a legal service area population of 3,846 or less will pay the minimum \$500.)

Pricing is limited to libraries with fewer than 50,000 population served.

Participation Term: October 1 through September 30

Libraries may join mid-term, but annual participation fees will *not* be prorated.

Contact for more information or to place an order:

Susan Knisely
Nebraska Library Commission
susan.knisely@nebraska.gov
800-307-2665

Mark Your Calendar



August

- August 5 Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Library Services to Children and Youth
- August 9 Valley Visit, Landmark Center, Hastings (See page 9)
- August 11 Valley Visit, McCook Public Library (See page 9)
- August 13-14 Superior Public Library Book Sale
- August 18 Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Communication
- August 22-23 Technology Planning Summer Camp, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte (See page 11)
- August 31 Deadline: Join Nebraska OverDrive Libraries Group (See page 14)
Deadline: Early Bird Registration for NLA/NEMA Annual Conference (See page 10)

September

- September 5 Labor Day—RVLS Office Closed
- September 8 Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Reference
- September 8-11 ASRL Annual Conference, Frisco, Texas (See page 2)
- September 9 RVLS Board Meeting, Hastings Memorial Library, Grant

October

- October 5 Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship
- October 5-7 NLA/NEMA Annual Conference, Lincoln (See page 10)
- October 6 Valley Visit, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln (See page 8)
- October 10 Columbus Day—RVLS Office Closed
- October 22 Celebration of Nebraska Books, Lincoln (See page 14)
- October 26 Registration opens for Basic Skills Module-Collection Management
- October 27-30 AASL National Conference and Exhibition, Minneapolis (See page 9)

A New Look for the RVLS Website

The RVLS Website will be sporting a new look soon! In order to make it more user-friendly, the overall theme will be different and several changes will be made to the existing pages. Some recently implemented additions include:

- “Review of the Day” link provided by Booklist in the upper right corner

- Office contact information more visible in the upper left corner

- Clickable “Categories” list to help you find the post you want

Watch for the exciting changes in the near future!

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Nuckolls
Perkins
Phelps
Red Willow
Webster

**"This will never be a
civilized country until we
expend more money for
books than we do for
chewing gum."**

Elbert Hubert, *The Philistine*,
June 1907