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A library should be like a pair of  
open arms.

~ Roger Rosenblatt



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# VALLEYTALK

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## Have No Fear—Technology is Here!

There was a time when people came to the public or school library for help with equipment because librarians were the experts. They could thread the film projector, change the bulb in the overhead, and splice the broken tape in an audiocassette without breaking a sweat. We all know that times have changed. It is a given that no individual can be familiar with every new technology that appears...after all, new devices and software programs are being developed and released as you read this. However, our patrons and students still look to us for help.

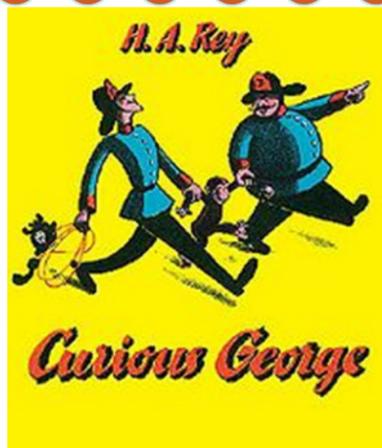
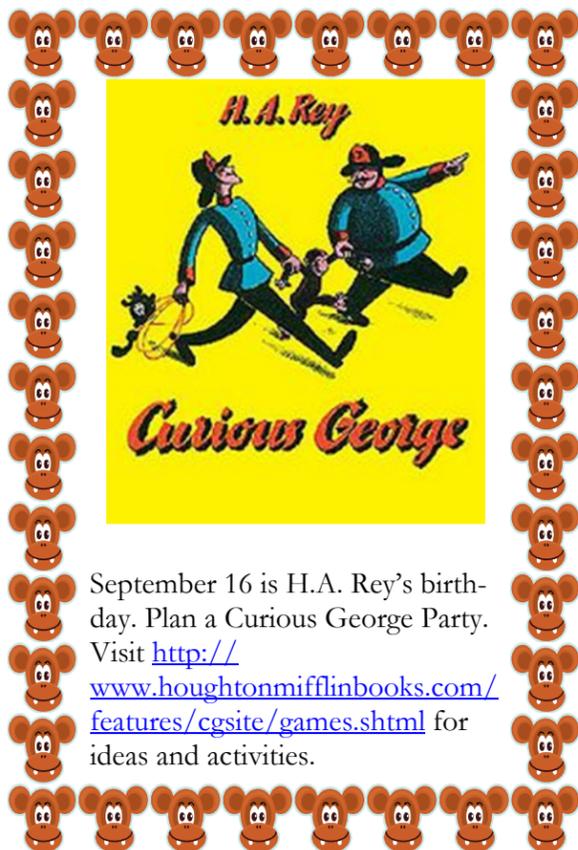
Troubleshooting technology is not substantially different than answering other types of questions at the reference desk. First, reassure the patron that you will work through this question. Make sure she knows that it may take some time to solve the issue. Then, conduct a reference interview. Find out all the information you can about the computer, tablet, or reading device. Ask what the patron was trying to do and what, specifically, he sees as the problem. Get the exact wording of any on-screen error messages.

Once you have a grasp of the situation, do what every techie does when she has a computer problem...Google it!

At the Tech Rodeo this past week, Michael Sauers from the Nebraska Library Commission mentioned that this is a solution he uses when he needs answers. I used this strategy myself when I wanted to connect the Wii gaming system to the projector and get sound. There are countless technology message boards on the Internet. Read enough responses from a variety of sources to determine a likely course of action and try it.

Times *have* changed, but librarians are still experts in finding information. With confidence and a positive attitude, we can answer technology questions with no fear.





September 16 is H.A. Rey's birthday. Plan a Curious George Party. Visit <http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/cgsite/games.shtml> for ideas and activities.

### Grants available for small-town public libraries

#### Applications due Oct. 1

Small-town public libraries may receive grants of up to \$20,000 from the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF). The Fund accepts proposals for matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations of fewer than 3,000.

Grants are awarded in three areas: planning grants leading to library accreditation; enhancement grants to improve services and/or programs; and facilities grants for new facilities or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries.

All grants require a certain level of matching funds and evidence that the project has broad community support. Approximately \$70,000 is available each year. Initial short-form applications are due October 1, 2012. Guidelines and application procedures are available at [www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbenett](http://www.nebcommfound.org/fund/kreutzbenett)

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

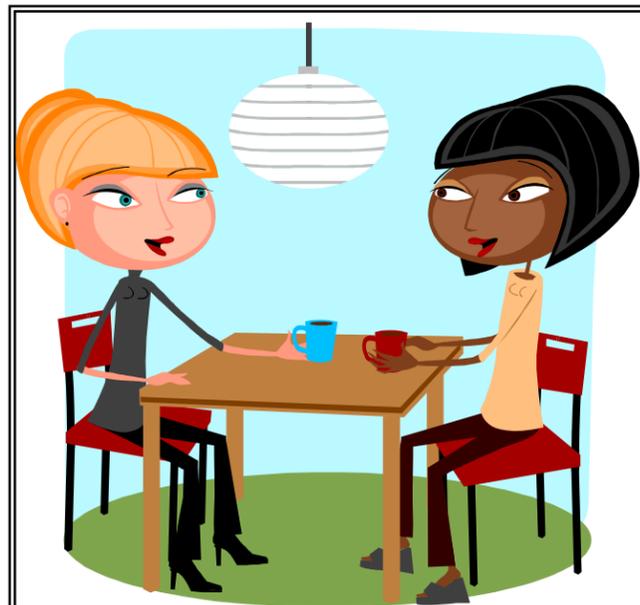
Scholarship requested for \_\_\_\_\_ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Other information:

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Send your request to: Republican Valley Library System  
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## 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 and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education units and all are welcome to join us.

### August 17 - Elwood Public Library

Topics: **Patron Confidentiality** presented by Denise and **Health Information Available to Your Patrons** presented by Marty Magee from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine at UNMC.

Please let RVLS know if you plan to attend.

## Would You Like to Have a Website for Your Library?

You can have complete control over your own website. Advertise your programs, post changes to your hours, let people know what new material you have available. There is no need to wait for someone at the city to update the library's website.

The first question is...How?

The second question is...How Much?

You can have a website through the Nebraska Library Commission's "Nebraska Libraries on the Web" project and it is FREE! Go to

<http://libraries.ne.gov/> and click on "Want to Participate?" at the top of the page. Once you are signed up, call or email the System Office and Denise will be glad to come to your library and help you get started!



Clay Center Public Library's Annual book sale will be in conjunction with Clay Center's

## 30th Annual OLD TRUSTY Antique and Collector Show

The sale will be held at the United Church of Christ, 220 S Alexander in Clay Center. (1 block south of the post office).

HOURS are:

- Friday-Sept. 7th  
12:00 -6:00 p.m.
- Saturday—Sept. 8th  
9 am- 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday—Sept. 9th  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
(bag sale)





### Republican Valley Library System Annual Meeting

June 1, 2012 11:00 a.m.

Dancing Leaf Earthen Lodge

Wellfleet, NE

**Welcome:** President Mo Khamouna called the 2012 annual meeting of the general membership of the Republican Valley Library System to order at 11:10 a.m. with 29 in attendance.

#### Minutes of the 2010-2011 Annual Meeting :

The minutes of the 2010-2011 annual meeting were read by RVLS Administrative Assistant, Kay Kloppenborg. Jane Hilton made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Vicki Perrie seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

#### Adoption of the 2012-2013 Budget:

Denise Harders noted that there was no change in the funding from the Nebraska Library Commission from the previous year. She reported that the RVLS board members had reviewed the budget and approved it for presentation to the Annual membership. She presented the 2012-2013 budget and highlighted the adjustments that were made. The budget was approved by a paper ballot. 16 For and 0 Against.

#### Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:

Outgoing board members, Tony Anderson and Vicki Casper were each recognized and thanked by the RVLS Board for their 6 years of service to the board. Felicia Cogley had submitted her resignation to the board. The board accepted Fe Cogley's resignation and expressed their appreciation for her 1 year of service. A thank you card and token of appreciation was presented to Tony and Denise will mail the other two board members theirs.

#### Introduction of Board Nominees/Nominations From the Floor/ Election of New Board Members:

A ballot with seven candidate's names was distributed to each member library present. There was one nomination from the floor. Voting proceeded. The six newly elected RVLS board members are Mo Khamouna (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Dana Wade (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Dixie Codner, Annette Eisenhart, Tim Johnson, and Barb Whitehead.

#### Administrator's Report:

Denise Harders presented an overview of her activities for the fiscal year, 2011-2012. The workshop opportunities and the use of the services provided by the RVLS office were highlighted.

#### Other Business:

Denise announced:

- Beginning July 1, 2012 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 each library will be eligible for 10 free disc cleanings provided by RVLS. Any cleanings over the 10 will be billed according to the policy.
- Denise and her husband have reconditioned the Ellison cutters and they are working much better.
- The projector will now work with the Wii gaming system.
- A Kindle has been added to the e reader kit, and Denise will be available to any member library that would like her to do group patron e reader training.
- RVLS now has an Online catalog called Library Thing. See [www.librarything.com/catalog/RepValleyLibrarySys](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/RepValleyLibrarySys)

#### Adjournment/Lunch:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. In keeping with the theme of the day, attendees enjoyed the authentic lunch of buffalo stew, fresh veggies, blue corn muffins and honey and fresh fruit prepared by Les and Jan Hosick, the owners of Dancing Leaf Earthen Lodge.

#### Nebraska Library Commission Report:

Rod Wagner from the Nebraska Library Commission was in attendance with his wife, Diane and had prepared a report for the system. The printed report will be mailed to all attendees.

**Guided Tour:** The owners of the Dancing Leaf Lodge gave a narrated tour of the museum and the earthen lodge, and treated us to refreshments and a visit to the gift shop after the tour.

Kay Kloppenborg, Administrative Assistant

## 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.

**Aug. 2012— Red Cloud Public School  
Red Cloud, NE**

**Sept. 2012— Mid-Plains Community College,  
North Platte, NE**

**Not booked after September, 2012.**

**If you would like to schedule a time for your library to use the Ellison.**

**Please email us at:**

**[rvtasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvtasst@inebraska.com) or  
[rvtadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvtadmin@inebraska.com)**

## RVLS is on **LibraryThing!**

Have you ever wished you could find a book with easy puppet plays or book club ideas or a list of Nebraska Authors? RVLS has all those and more! And now you can easily find out what we have by searching our catalog on LibraryThing. Go to <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/RepValleyLibrarySys> or use the link on the RVLS webpage. The drop down menu in the upper left hand corner lets you see all professional material by topic or the search box on the same line will help you find just what you want.

Our audiobook collection is also included. Your patrons can select which books on CD you should request. Clicking on the "Tags" box sorts the whole collection by genre. If you want to see what we have recently purchased, select the Audio-books collection, and then click on the Date column, first to sort oldest to newest and again to bring all the new material to the top.

Be sure to call or email the RVLS Office with your requests.

## 2012 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS — BIG SUCCESS!

**Fairfield Public Library** had up to 13 kids participating in their SRP this year and 4 volunteers!



They made monsters, bubble paintings, lava bottles, owl and monster puppets, play dough, and read some great books.

The library staff greatly appreciates the members of the community who donated items to help make this a successful program.



An average of 18 children attended the summer reading programs at the **C. B. Preston Memorial Library** in Orleans. Sessions focused on stars, night adventures, Holiday nights and camping. The last session was complete with an indoor campfire and indoor s'mores. Crafts were a part of each story time and the picture shows some of the children with the tie dye pillow cases they each made.



# 2012 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS — BIG SUCCESS!

**Superior Public Library** had a sky viewing with help from the Platte Valley Astronomical Observers. It was all cloudy, but cleared off just long enough to view the sky and then the clouds came back in. Over 30 people attended the sky viewing. "With Judy Gradstaff's pillow pattern, the older kids all made pillows. I told them if they didn't want the pillow to leave it, I didn't want them throwing them away. You should have seen the looks I got. No one planed on getting rid of them." - Vicki Perrie



The last program was the highlight of the summer reading program. Magical Paradise Exotic Farm from Central City brought 20+ exotic animals which the kids got to pet. The 'best of the show' was the Lemer, He had so much fun bouncing off the kids and adults no one wanted to leave. He held the children and parents for almost an hour after the program was over.

**Arapahoe Public Library** wrapped up their Summer Reading Program with a GREAT party held in a pasture at 9:00 pm. After awards were presented, popsicles eaten, and s'mores made by a campfire were consumed, we gazed at the star-filled sky. Local math teacher, Dan Schaben, shared his love of astronomy with the children and their families. Through his telescope we were able to see a nebula, a binary star system, Saturn with all its beautiful rings and moons, and earth's moon, craters and all. Using his pointer we were able to locate the constellations of Scorpion, Orion, Ursa Major and Minor, locate the north star, the Summer Triangle and many, many more. Time passed so quickly and children and adults truly enjoyed an evening under the stars. The following morning the library experienced a rush of checking out books about the solar system.

Reading can truly help us DREAM BIG!

The youth who attended Summer Reading activities at **Lied Imperial Public Library** in Imperial enjoyed their

Drive In Movie Night



Cowboy Night



Game Night



**Hastings Memorial Library** in Grant had a busy summer. They held three story times each week throughout the month of June. Two story times for 3 year olds through Kindergarteners and one for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Between the three programs, they averaged 60 – 75 children each week. The summer reading wrap up was held in the park on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Around 50 children enjoyed games, goody bags, door prizes, cupcakes, and Kool-Aid.

2012 NLA/NEMA/MPLA Pre-Conference

# RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska children's book authors  
 Julia Cook  
 Ted Kooser  
 Preston McDaniels & James Solheim

## AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
 Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
 One Book, One School

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
*The Teacher Who Became An Author*  
 Jim Aylesworth

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
 Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
 Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel  
 with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,  
 Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Gifts of the Universe:*  
*Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*  
 Lisa Campbell Ernst

4:00 p.m.  
 Book Signing

## REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1  
 \$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20  
 \$50 after Sept. 20  
 (15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at  
[nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012](http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012)

For more program details or to reserve books  
 by the authors please visit  
[www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org)

This workshop is sponsored by  
 Read Aloud Nebraska.



Support was also received from the  
 Nebraska Regional Library Systems and the  
 School, Children's and Young People's Section  
 of the Nebraska Library Association.

Email [info@readaloudnebraska.org](mailto:info@readaloudnebraska.org)  
 if you have any questions



**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**  
**June 1, 2012—9:30 am**  
**Dancing Leaf Lodge**  
**Wellfleet, NE**

**PRESENT:** Jody Crocker, Mo Khamouna, Vicki Perrie, Dana Wade, Claudette Wielechowski, Tony Anderson, Jane Hilton (arrived after the meeting started)

**ABSENT:** Vicki Casper, Beth Falla, Sky Seery

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Rod Wagner (NLC Rep), Kay Kloppenborg (Admin. Assistant)

### Agenda

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mo Khamouna called the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 2, board meeting were reviewed. Dana Wade moved to accept the minutes as presented and Claudette Wielechowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Financial report was reviewed and Denise discussed how it impacted some changes she had made to the Preliminary Budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Denise read correspondence which included two notes of thanks from Richard Miller for RVLS hospitality on two separate occasions, a thank you from Jackie Davis for a Scholarship and a thank you from Claudette Wielechowski for the Kindle which she won in the Week of Weeding drawing.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Denise presented the director's report with the PTO accumulation and usage included for both Denise and Kay, as requested, at the last board meeting. Denise's PTO time will be adjusted for the past year according to the Personnel Policy and Kay will use enough of her accumulated PTO time so that her accumulation total is in compliance with the Personnel Policy by June 30, 2013.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Nominations:** There were seven nominations for the board on the ballots. At the time the ballots were printed, there were 6 vacancies on the board. The positions needing to be filled were Tony Anderson's and Vicki Casper's, each had each served two consecutive terms, Dana Wade's and Mo Khamouna's, whose first terms ended, Mary Nelson's, resigned earlier in the year and Fe Cogley's, resigned during the last week of May, thus the general membership needed to elect 6 board members at the annual meeting.

**Periodicals Jobber – Popular Subscriptions Service:** Denise reported that the conversion to the Periodical Jobber was progressing. There had been some duplication of issues, but the jobber was making adjustments. She said the budget may be a little skewed since all of the yearly renewals had to be paid in March this fiscal year compared to prior years when a portion of them coming due after the fiscal year ending in June.

**RVLS Policies:** The policies, as updated by the Executive Committee, were distributed and reviewed by board members. Vicki Perrie moved to accept the revised policies, Claudette 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Members were asked to note the revised date on their copies and insert them in their board books. The new members to the board will get books with the newly approved policies in them.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

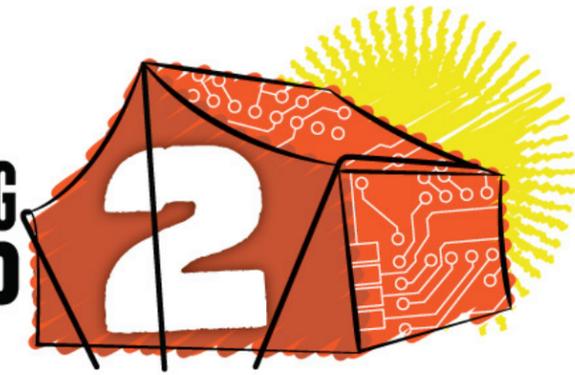
**LibraryThing Online Catalog** – Denise unveiled the new online catalog for the RVLS office. Each board member was given a card with the address on it and the address will be on our web page and promoted in upcoming newsletters.

**Budget:** The Preliminary Budget was reviewed and Denise explained the changes she had made to budget line items and the reasons for the changes. The Preliminary Budget will be voted on during the Annual Meeting to follow this meeting.

**NLC LIBRARY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** No Report--- Steve Batty was not present.

(Minutes continued on next page.)

## TECHNOLOGY PLANNING SUMMER CAMP



### The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to announce Technology Planning Summer Camp 2: Don't Just Survive, Thrive!

This 2-day workshop will be held three times across the state:

- August 21-22 – Grand Island, Midtown Holiday Inn
- September 5-6 – Norfolk, Divots Conference Center
- September 11-12 – Ogallala, Quality Inn and Conference Center

We have an exciting program planned – check out the full details, and register, at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/tpsc/>

This event will focus on the use of your library's technology and how to prepare a technology plan for your library that will serve your future needs. You'll find answers to the following important questions: How will you sustain and maintain the equipment you have? What sorts of training should be planned for both your patrons and your staff? How can you network with other libraries to share knowledge?

Technology Planning Summer Camp 2 is open to all public libraries in Nebraska. Up to 3 people from each library can attend – library administration, staff, IT support, and board members are invited. Participants who attend all sessions will receive 9.5 CE 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 (LBBNC). The Gates Foundation funds will be covering all travel costs (hotel and mileage) for libraries in the LBBNC grant.

Register today for this exciting learning opportunity!

### Grant Puts Holdrege Area Public Library Closer to a New Elevator

The Holdrege Area Public Library has been without the use of the entire basement since May 2010. With the help of a grant from the Phelps County Community Foundation, the library will soon be able to replace the elevator and re-open the space to the public.

“This grant is a wonderful show of support for the library and everyone in the community,” said Library Director Pam Soreide. “We have tried to continue our programming using space in the main library, but it is cramped and disruptive for patrons coming to read or study. We are elated to anticipate having the use of the basement again for both library programs and community use.”

The PCCF grant represents 30% of the cost of the project and was made possible through the William and Margaret Richards Capital Improvement Fund and the Arnold and Olive Wallander Field of Interest Fund at the Phelps County Community Foundation.

### Golden Sower Award Winners

The Golden Sower Award is the opportunity for Nebraska’s children to select books that mean something to them. Voting is done in the spring of the year and winners are announced in May. A record-breaking 70,923 readers cast votes during the 2011-2012 season.

#### Primary Winner

*Deney: There’s a Cat in the Library!* by Vicki Myron & Bret Witter; illustrated by Steve James

#### Intermediate Winner

*Closed for the Season* by Mary Downing Hahn

#### Young Adult Winner

*The Compound* by Stephanie A. Bodeen

Please encourage students to read from the 2012-2013 list of nominees and to vote next spring. See the complete lists of all categories at <http://www.goldensower.org/nominees.htm>.

### Results of the Heart of America Photo Contest

Holdrege Area Public Library sponsored the Heart of America Photo Contest. Winners were announced at a reception on June 23, 2012. The contest drew 130+ entries from all across Nebraska and six other states. Library Director Pam Soreide said “Broad participation was one of our goals because we hoped for a lot of photos, but we also wanted to highlight our commitment to fostering creativity in the community. Libraries are changing, and in the future, we hope to offer more opportunities for people to create content instead of just consuming it.”

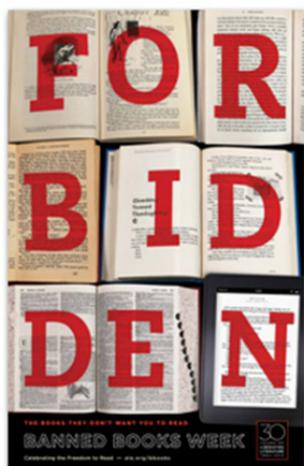
There were a total of eight winners, four each in the Amateur and Professional classes representing four categories. The Best of Show winners included Marion Ball from Arlington, Nebraska, in the Amateur class with her photo titled “Old School House Still Standing Proud” and in the Professional class, Michael Dixon from Hastings, Nebraska, for his photo “Bridled”.

Go to <http://holdregelibrary.org/> to see all the winning entries.

### Banned Books Week

September 29 – October 6, 2012

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. It highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books across the United States. Find resources and information on Intellectual Freedom from the Cooperative Children’s Book Center at <http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/freedom/default.asp> and the American Library Association at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek>.



**NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** By Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission. (Rod was recently named President Elect to ALTAFF, a division of American Library Association.)

The 2012 Conference of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries will be Sept. 27-29 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rod highly recommended this conference and said there are 3 scholarships available.

The Tech Rodeo will be held July 26-28 at Doane College in Crete.

ALTAFF Trustee training is available as 5 hour-long Webinars, at no charge to library staffers and trustees thru the end of the year. (ALTAFF will change its name on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> to **United for Libraries: the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations.**

Grants are available for small community libraries from the Kreutz Bennett Donner-Advised Fund. Applications are due by Oct. 1, 2012.

BTOP project – Ninety Nebraska Libraries have participated in and held open houses in connection with the BTOP project. Book Club Titles continue to be very popular. Book Club kits are available thru local System Offices and thru the Nebraska Library Commission.

The NE Library Commission is proud to announce that their Talking Book and Braille Service is now totally converted to Digital. The conversion began in 2003. The conversion went faster than expected.

Rod reported that the Nebraska Legislature did not approve the extra funding for the NE Library Commission as requested. But the good news is the base funding for the Systems will remain level, and the biennial funding is coming up, and they will request an increase. Some technology improvement funds have become available and Denise will be getting a new computer for the RVLS office.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:45.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** September 7, 2012, at North Platte Public Library

Kay Kloppenborg, Administrative Assistant

### LEGO CLUB



This summer, **Hildreth Public Library** expanded on an idea that Denise presented at the RVLS Make & Take Workshop in March. They formed a **Lego club** which met once a month and each time was a different theme, such as spaceships, monster trucks etc. Several stories about spaceships or monster trucks were read out loud and then the children were to make one with their legos. Children were encouraged to bring their own legos but they could also use the library's legos if needed. The group was able to spread out enough so as not to mix their legos with someone else. The club lasted about an hour with the children sharing their creations. Many parents stayed with their children during the lego club hour and built their own creations.



The themed books for each month were very popular checkouts. It was a lot of fun and the library plans to continue it throughout the year.



# RVLS HAPPENINGS

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Dixie Codner**, a library assistant at Central Community College in Hastings

**Annette Eisenhart**, a member of the Nebraska Humanities Council and past Culbertson Library board member.

**Tim Johnson**, a user of North Platte Public Library and a great advocate for libraries serves on his church council and the Hershey cemetery board.

**Barbara Whitehead**, a board member of Orleans Public Library.



- ◆ **Kim Vogt** is the new School Librarian at Hastings Middle School.
- ◆ **Bill Keller** new Director at Dundy County Library in Benkelman.
- ◆ **Carol Morris** is the new Director at Auld Doudna Public Library in Guide Rock
- ◆ **Kristin Blume** is the new School Librarian at McCook Senior High School
- ◆ **Vivian Wills** is the new School Librarian at Central Elementary in McCook.
- ◆ **Sharon Axthelm** is the new School Librarian at Madison Middle School in North Platte.
- ◆ **Joni Heuertz** is the new School Librarian at Silver Lake Public Schools in Roseland

*Farewell*

Mary Keslar is retiring after 40+ as librarian at Logan County Public Library in Stapleton.

Shelly Reed is leaving Sutton Memorial Library in Sutton to become a teacher in the Harvard Public School System.

## RVLS Board Meetings 2012-2013

Friday, September 7, 2012  
North Platte Public Library—North Platte, NE

Friday, November 2, 2012  
Arapahoe Public Library—Arapahoe, NE

Friday, January 4, 2013  
Tele-Conference

Friday, March 1, 2013  
Tele-Conference

Friday, June 7, 2013—Annual Meeting  
\* Location to be determined

**Please Note:** RVLS Board Meetings are open to the public.

## Mark Your Calendar



- Aug 6** Registration opens for Basic Skills—Customer Service
- Aug 17** Valley Visit—Elwood Public Library (see page 15)
- Aug. 20** Registration opens for Basic Skills—Readers Advisory
- Aug. 20** NLC Quarterly Meeting
- Aug. 21-22** Tech Planning Summer Camp 2— Grand Island (see page 11)
- Sept. 3** Labor Day
- Sept. 7** RVLS Board Meeting, North Platte Public Library 10:00 am
- Sept. 11** Deadline: Public Library Accreditation Application
- Sept. 11-12** Tech Planning Summer Camp 2— Ogallala (see page 11)
- Sept. 17** Registration opens for Basic Skills—Collection Management
- Sept. 26-29** ARSL Conference, Raleigh, NC
- Sept. 29–Oct 6** Banned Books Week (see page 10)
- Oct. 1** Deadline: Kreutz Bennett Grant Application (see page 2)
- Oct. 1** Registration opens for Basic Skills—Communication
- Oct. 8** Columbus Day
- Oct. 17** 2012 NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference (see page 13)
- Oct. 18-19** NLA/NSLA/MPLA Tri Conference, LaVista Embassy Suites
- Nov. 2** RVLS Board Meeting, Arapahoe Public Library 10:00 am

## Elwood Public Library Grand Opening

The new Elwood Public Library opened for business on Saturday, July 28, 2012. Community members were anxious to see the new building and many arrived early for the planned ribbon-cutting. More than 75 people were on hand to hear remarks by the Mayor of Elwood, meet the architect, Daniel P. Drain of Miller & Associates, have some delicious treats in the new Public Meeting Room, and check out books and other library materials. Library Director, Jane Hilton, and her assistant Carol Gruber also issued several new patron cards. Open hours increased by six from 17 to 23 hours and the library will be open every day of the week except Friday and Sunday.

