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Wow! What an easy way to learn a lot!

By Terri Johnson, North Platte Public Library

In just a few sessions, sitting at my computer, overseeing our library's technology learning center, I was able to painlessly complete *Providing Excellent Customer Service in a Multicultural Environment*, an interesting and informative online class.

This was one of the three online classes the Library Commission partnered with the Regional Library Systems to offer through the Library Education @ Desktop program from the University of North Texas. (You may still be able to take one of these classes - contact Pam Scott at the Library Commission if you haven't taken this class or one of the other online courses- there may be a few spots left and you have until November 30th to complete the courses.)

The primary emphasis of the class was to emphasize how cultural differences may affect people's behavior in the library and how understanding those differences can improve our customer service to our ever increasing diverse and multicultural customers. To put it simply, treating all of our customers the same doesn't always work!

While the class focused on multicultural diversity with examples and practical suggestions, it was made clear that the term "diversity" is much broader than just ethnicity. A current definition of diversity is "all the ways that human beings are both similar and different." So, we are all diverse.

Diversity includes our personality; internal dimensions such as race, age, and gender; external dimensions including religion, income, and geographic location; and organizational dimensions such as seniority and work location.

These various dimensions of diversity and our experiences make up our cultural "programming." Again we are all uniquely programmed, and our own "software" affects how we view other people's behavior. Differences in our sense of "personal space", eye contact, importance

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Chocolate Basket Raffle Was Scrumptiously Successful

Thank you to everyone who purchased Chocolate Basket Raffle Tickets in support of the Nebraska Regional Library Systems. The basket's chocolaty contents totaled \$187.38; the Systems sold \$1,082 worth of raffle tickets for a profit of \$894.62! The proceeds will fund NRLS continuing education endeavors.

Congratulate (or maybe *envy* is a better word, in this case?) Yutan Public Library (ELS), the winner of the deliciously decadent basket.

The next RVLS Board Meeting will be held Friday, November 5, 2004, 10 am, at Hastings Middle School, 505 N. Hastings Avenue, Hastings, NE. (Enter through west doors, please)



RVLS LTA Scholarship Recipients

RVLS proudly announces that two of its members recently were awarded Library Technical Assistant Coursework Scholarships! Congratulations to Cynthia Blum, Holdrege Public Library System, and Dorothy Stevens, McCook Community College von Riesen Library!

The Library Technical Assistant Coursework Scholarship has been established for the purpose of supporting students pursuing community college level library science education. Applicants must meet the guidelines set forth by the Nebraska Library Commission.

For more information, please go to

<<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/LTA/ltascholarship.htm>>.



Your Library Board—Keeping It Legal: A Conference Session Report

by Vicki Perrie, RVLS Board President, Director of Superior Public Library

"Your Library Board- Keeping it Legal" was one of the sessions Friday afternoon at the NLA/NEMA Fall Conference. Robert Sullivan, Hastings City Attorney, gave librarians and trustees attending the session some dos and don'ts when confronted with situations that could lead to legal confrontations.

Everyone has that patron that they would like to ask to leave and not come back, but can you legally? Mr. Sullivan suggests that if you are going to do that, you need to tighten up any generalities in your policies and make sure that your policies are up to date. You could even write up a "Code of Behavior" for the library. These documents need to be posted in conspicuous spots around your library. Then if someone tries to make a legal issue of it, he or she would have a hard time winning the suit.

One of the other areas that was covered was what to do if a police officer comes and ask for a patron's information. The main thing to remember is not to panic, and don't give out any information with or without a subpoena. Call your city attorney first.

Quite a discussion went on about what to do, or what can be done, if a library staff member hears a threat against someone or a threat against private or public property. Mr. Sullivan told us it was our duty to report these things to the police because of personal safety issues.

The biggest thing is to talk to your city attorney about problems that arise. If you're not sure where you stand or should be standing, don't hesitate to call your city attorneys; remember, they are working for your library.



RVLS NEWS

North Platte Public Library decorated and planned programs for Summer Reading using a camping theme in conjunction with the statewide theme; the 641 elementary-aged participants "Discover[ed] New Trails @ Camp Read-a-Lot." Participants especially liked the "real" campfire, complete with stars (white Christmas lights) overhead, around which the kids gathered for a sing-along, scary stories, and snacks each week (photo to right). A favorite program was an opportunity to see and touch a six foot boa. The final program was a hot dog meal at Cody Park. Attendance and reading hours were accounted for using craft beads on a cord with the child's name on a slice of wood. Readers were proud to wear their necklace each week.



Nelson Public Library has a new email address:
nelsonlibrary@superiornet.net

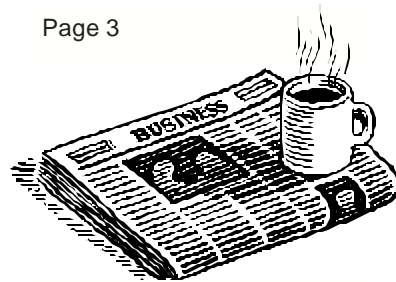
The **Holdrege Public Library System**, serving Phelps County customers, recently added 14,000+ eBooks to its collection, which are accessible to HPLS patrons at <www.netlibrary.com>. "The library's new eBook collection contains many practical books on health, law, computers and careers," said Library Director **Jeff Gilderson-Duwe**. "For example, a keyword search on the word 'career' turns up three hundred titles, most of which were published since 2000. Specialized professional, technical, business and academic research titles are also well represented. And, the eBooks have the advantage of being available for use at any time, day or night," he said. A

library customer who wishes to be able to search and use the Public Library System's netLibrary eBook collection must register for an account on a library computer. After that, he or she may use the account from a home or office computer. Many of the eBooks on the netLibrary web site require the common computer program Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to display properly. All library

computers from which eBooks may be read are furnished with that program. Library customers interested in finding out more about the library's netLibrary eBook collection on may visit the "Reader's Corner" page on the library's web site: <www.holdregelibrary.org/readers.htm>.

Twin Valley Schools (Bartley, Danbury) have consolidated with **Republican Valley Schools (Indianola)** to become **Southwest Public Schools**. **Jody Kent** is Media Specialist at **Southwest High School** (9-12) [39145 Road 718, Indianola, NE 69034; phone (308) 364-2202; fax (308) 364-2265] and **Southwest Elementary** (K-5) [719 E Street, Indianola, NE 69034; phone (308) 364-2613; fax (308) 364-2508]. **Margo Kent** is Media Specialist at **Southwest Middle School** (6-8) [103 West Ne-

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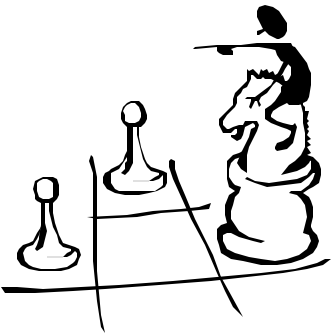


Send us news of your latest programs, projects, and accomplishments at rvlsasst@tcgcs.com or call 800-569-4961.

Holdrege Public Library System Bids Farewell to Director

Holdrege Public Library System Library Director Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Director since 1998, resigned, effective after Oct. 15th, to become Library Director for the Brown County Library, based in Green Bay, WI. During Mr.

Gilderson-Duwe's tenure, the library's team of staff and volunteers accomplished many improvement projects, including free customer access to fast Internet service; updated computer technology; a web-based library catalog; a rejuvenated "Smilin' Sam Smoke," the library dragon; a color photocopying service; and a new main customer service desk. "As I prepare to leave, my overriding emotion is gratefulness: for the dedicated staff and board members, for the Friends of the Library and for a community that truly loves and supports its library," said Mr. Gilderson-Duwe. "Holdrege has been a wonderful place for me and my family. I have learned so much about managing libraries during my time here and we have made wonderful friends. And, although it is hard to leave, this new position will allow me to lead an excellent library in my home state of Wisconsin and to move closer to family," he said. Congratulations on your new job and we'll miss you!



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Wow! What an easy way...

placed on promptness, and other values can create conflict or misunderstanding. The class gave a good overview of different cultural factors, including examples and mini case studies. I appreciated the practical tips to create a positive experience for our multicultural customers because these same tips can help us be more comfortable in serving a diverse population.

The format of the class was very good, breaking the information into short pages on each topic and subtopic, making it easy to work on the class in short intervals. It had an easy print function and I chose to print the thirty-some pages of class material for future reference. I would definitely take one of these classes again.

Editor's note: Terri is an RVLS Board Member—thanks for giving us a report!

It's Your Move

Thanks to **Carrie Turner** and **Dr. Pasco** (UNO) for finding a nifty **copyright resource**: access it at www.mediafestival.org/chartshort.html. Dr. Pasco also recommends: **Awesome Clipart for Educators**, www.awesomeclipartforeducators.com/ and National Geographic's www.nationalgeographic.com/forcesofnature/.

Go to <http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/plmc/copyright.html>, a nifty resource by Jefferson County Schools, Golden, Colorado. The content was recently reprinted in the September/October issue of *Knowledge Quest*.

The Nebraska Library Commission

offers scholarships for **Library Technical Assistant Coursework, Master of Library Science**

coursework, and **PhD Library of Science coursework**. See www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/scholarship.html for full details.



Complete Copyright: An Everyday Guide for Librarians by Carrie Russell (American Library Association, 2004; ISBN 0838935435, \$45) is a resource that comes highly recommended. It is available for loan through the Nebraska Library Commission (800-307-2665), call number KF 2995.C57 2004.

www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/safeharbor/index.cfm offers examples/samples of policies dealing with all aspects of safety in libraries.

The **Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Activity Reporting Form** is now available online at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/CEform2.html>. You'll need to print it, fill it out and snailmail or fax to Pam Scott, NLC.

For the **2005-2006 Golden Sower Nominees**, go to <http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/nugget/lists/bibs0506.htm>.

Access a free bimonthly online newsletter pertaining to leadership in education at <http://www.iel.org/news/newsletter/index.html>.

On the Bookshelf



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

- ◆ "Making Copyright Work for Your Library" Video (College of DuPage Teleconference, 9/24/2004).
- ◆ *Trampled Dreams: The Neglected Economy of the Rural Great Plains* by Dr. Patricia E. Funk and Jon M. Bailey (Center for Rural Affairs, 2000).
- ◆ "We're all in this personnel thing together, aren't we?" Workshop Notebook + 2 Videotapes (July 2004 in four Nebraska locations)

If you would like to borrow these items, please contact the System office at 800-569-4961 or <rvlsasst@tcgcs.com>. If you would like to see list of all available items, go to <www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican/professional.html>.

Conference Soup: A Mishmash of Conference Details

- ◆ The results are in! A total of \$134.00 will be donated to the Louise Nixon Scholarship fund from the Nebraska Missouri Master's of Library Science group (NEMO). Congratulations to all of the pet owners who lovingly sent photos of their favorite pooches. Many thanks to all of you who voted with bucks to make this a success! Watch for the feline extravaganza at next year's conference – we already have ten kitties signed up!
- ◆ If you, staff or board members have not yet submitted for CE credit, access the form at <<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/NLAform/ceform04.html>>; you'll need to note the sessions attended and mail the form to: Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 685082023. Note: Sessions that were 50 minutes long, will be credited for 1 hour of continuing education credit.
- ◆ The 2003-2004 Golden Sower Award Winners, presented at convention Friday, are listed at <<http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/golden/winners.htm>>. For the list of 2005-2006 nominees, go to <<http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/nugget/lists/bibs0506.htm>>.
- ◆ Check out all of the NLA Award Winners at <<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/awards.html>>. Congratulations to you all!
- ◆ Check out conference photos, including of the sockhop, at <<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/eastern/PICTURES.HTML>>.



Letters About Literature 2004-2005

Entries for the
2004-2005 Letters
About Literature
contest must be
postmarked by
December 4, 2004.

For complete entry
guidelines, including
“Prewriting
Discussion,” “Writing
the Letter,” and
“Preparing Your Letter
for Submission,” go to
<[www.nlc.state.ne.us/
libdev/lal/contestrules.
html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/lal/contestrules.html)>.



RVLS Calendar

November 2004

5—RVLS Board Meeting, Hastings Middle School, 505 N Hastings,
Hastings, NE 68901.

8-9—Computer-Related Training, Kearney Holiday Inn &
Convention Center,
<<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/gatesreg.html>>.

15-21—Children’s Book Week, <<http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw>>.

19—E-Rate Workshop, 10-1 CT, North Platte Public Library. To
register, email Jacque Crocker at
<jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us>.

22—Library Administration & Management Association Institute
2004: Egret to Cattle: Thanks for the Ride!—Unlock the
Keys to Employee Appreciation, 9am-4pm, Cornhusker
Hotel, 333 S. 13th St., Lincoln. To register, contact Jacque
Crocker at 800-307-2665 or <jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us>.

December 2004

1 & 2-Introduction to Digitization (1) & Introduction to Scanning
Workshop (2), 10am-4pm, Nebraska Library Commission.
For more info, contact Maria Medrano-Nehls, 800-307-2665
or <mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us>.

10—E-Rate Workshop, 10-1 CT, Hastings Public Library. To
register, email Jacque Crocker at
<jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us>.

6, 13, 20—Basic Skills: Public Library Administration, North
Platte Public Library, 120 W. 4th Street. Contact Jacque
Crocker, 800-307-2665 or <jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us> by
November 22 to register.

January 2004

7—Winter Workshop, cosponsored by Meridian Library System
and Republican Valley Library System.

See pages 14-15 for flyer.

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braska, PO Box 187, Bartley, NE 69020; phone (308) 692-3223; fax (308) 692-3221].

The **Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary School** in Trumbull has been closed and moved to the Doniphan site.

Hastings Middle School Media Center has a new website:

<http://www1.hastings.esu9.k12.ne.us/HMS%20Website/Web%20Pages/hms_webpage.htm>.

Changing places: **Laura Cundiff** has retired as **Clay Center Public Library** Director. **Cheryl Green** is the new director and Laura will be her part-time helper. The **Clay Center Public Library** raised \$755 at a combined book and bake sale held during Old Trusty Days, September 10-12. Way to go! CCPL's catalog is now available online at <<http://www.clay-center.net/library/>>.

Kris Walker is the "new" media specialist at **Hayes Center Public School**, where she held the same position from 1980-2000—welcome back, Kris! During the past four years, Kris taught Speech and Drama in McCook, but discovered that she missed library/media, the interaction with all age groups, and books. **Lenore Nelson**, who was media specialist during Kris's absence, remains with the Hayes Center School System as High School Title I teacher.

Hastings Public Library conducted a series of events for "One Book, One Community" in September and October. The events, centered on *To Kill a Mockingbird*, included a panel on the historical, legal and social issues raised in the novel and four book discussions, moderated by various staff and community members. On October 17, the **Friends of the Hastings Public Library** hosted award-winning author C.J. Box of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who spoke about his experiences in writing murder mysteries. Discover more about C.J. Box at <www.cjbox.net>.

Auld Doudna Public Library (Guide Rock) librarian Barbara Sholtz reported that the library held story hour on Fridays through the month of June. A total of fifteen children, five helpers and two teachers participated. Emily Hartman, Trevor Herrick and Justin Petsch had perfect attendance.

Superior Public Library had approximately 80 children participate in its summer reading program, which incorporated history of the Oregon Trail into the statewide "Discover New Trails @ your library" theme. Participating children completed activities each week that might have happened along the Oregon Trail, such as quilting, roping, and listening to trail music and historical stories. Each child who reached his/hr personal reading goal was eligible for a drawing; the winner received a quilt constructed by members of the summer reading program.

Thirty children, preschool through sixth grade, signed up for **Stratton Public Library's** summer reading program and earned \$.50 coupons for redemption at three Stratton businesses. When participants signed up for the program, they signed their names on "Chimney Rock," a six-foot-tall papier-mâché rock), which encouraged children to think about how the pioneers felt as they carved their names on Chimney Rock as they traveled the Oregon Trail through Nebraska. Seven young adults participated in "Get Lost @ your library" and earned points, 2,500 of which were required to earn a t-shirt, by reading books, volunteering at the library, watching videos or writing book reviews.

Hoesch Memorial Public Library (Alma) included its fourth through sixth graders in every-other-week "Lunch Bunch" programs during this year's summer reading program where participants listened to a speaker while eating brown bag lunches. Local individuals gave presentations on a variety of topics, including the Trail of Tears and Native American culture; snake identification and safety, which included live show-and-tell of non-poisonous and poisonous (gasp!) snakes; fur-trappers and mountain men; and Lewis & Clark.



<http://www.mpcc.edu>

Starting January 10, 2005...

*LIBR 2200 INTRODUCTION TO
LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT*

3 Semester Hours / 4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

Spring Term, 2005

January 10, 2005 – May 5, 2005

Orientation: Saturday, January 8, 2005 (At UNO or No. Platte)

This course will provide students with an understanding of principles and best practices in collection management, including: Collection Management Policies; Selection Practices and Procedures; Material Acquisition; Intellectual Freedom; Collection Evaluation; Intellectual Property Issues; Weeding, Donations, Resource Sharing Materials Preservation, and more.

Requirement for the Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option that is being offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) which may be taken at the same time, or with instructor approval.

Interested? Call Mid-Plains Community College Today:

Mary Schriefer, Student Advisor

schrieferm@mpcc.edu

(800) 658-4308 Toll Free

(308) 535-3710

North Platte Community College

A Division of Mid-Plains Community College

South Campus

601 West State Farm Road

North Platte, NE 69101

Rick Michaelsen, Student Advisor

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(308) 345-8102

McCook Community College

A Division of Mid-Plains Comm. Col.

1205 East Third Street

McCook, NE 69001

308-345-3305 Fax

Class Instructor: Patty Birch pbirch@esu16.org 308-532-8667

Are you ready to take part in the Annual E-rate Regatta???



Do you feel like you're almost ready to cap-size in the eye of the E-rate "Hurricane?"



It's time for the Annual "Hands-On" E-rate Training Sessions for this coming E-rate fiscal year of 2005!

What will be covered at the training???

Updates on procedures that libraries should follow in the program as suggested and required by Schools and Libraries Division: Filling out Form 470 ~ Filling out Form 471 ~ Updates on new forms ~ Technology plans ~ BEAR forms/486 forms

Pam Scott, a.k.a. E-rate "Storm Chaser" from the Nebraska Library Commission will guide you through this process so that you will stay out of the eye of the E-rate "Hurricane" and sail on "calm" waters.

E-rate Training Sessions will be available:

Date: November 19, 2004

Time: 10-1 CT

Place: North Platte Public Library

120 West 4th Street

North Platte, NE 69101

Date: December 10, 2004

Time: 10-1 CT

Place: Hastings Public Library

517 West 4th Street

Hastings, NE 68901

If you are interested in registering please register at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/libdevtrainingreg.html> or contact Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission via phone: 800-307-2665. If you have questions about this training please contact Pam Scott @ the Nebraska Library Commission via email: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us or via phone: 800-307-2665.

Public librarians or trustees participating in the Nebraska Library Commission's Certification programs will receive 3 continuing education credit hours for attending this workshop.

RETIREMENT OF PASSPORT & OTHER OCLC SOFTWARE

Here are the dates you've all been waiting for! OCLC has consulted with librarians as well as its own Members Council, advisory committees and regional service providers, and is announcing software retirement dates for its current cataloging, resource sharing and union list services.

RETIREMENT DATES

May 1, 2005

OCLC will retire:

Passport for Cataloging (You must migrate before May 1st to Connexion - either the Browser and/or the Client); **Passport for Interlibrary Loan; ILL Web; ILL ME; ILLiad 6.x**

If you use Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME or ILLiad 6.x for interlibrary loan you must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing (presently referred to as the FirstSearch staff view) or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.

June 2005

OCLC will retire **Passport for union listing**. Those who use Passport for Union List activities must migrate to Connexion.

July 1, 2005

OCLC will retire **CatME, CJK and Arabic**. All users of these interfaces must migrate to Connexion Client.

MIGRATION DATES & FUNCTIONALITY BY SERVICE

Cataloging

NOTE to CatExpress Libraries: *CatExpress is *not* migrating to a new interface. CatExpress users already use the Connexion browser interface, so there is no change to the way you currently catalog.*

Connexion browser (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/browser/>) is available and contains all cataloging functionality found in Passport, except for macros (supported only in Connexion Client) and truncated lists (which will be added in the near future). The browser will also include true keyword searching and support for additional browse indexes in the future.

Connexion client (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/>) is available for download. The client is a powerful, flexible Windows-based interface with productivity-boosting enhancements including macros, additional keyboard customization - you can perform all navigation and cataloging actions using assignable key combinations - and integrated label printing.

Important dates for cataloging:

- *November/December 2004:* Connexion client version 1.20 will be released and will contain most CatME functionality including NACO, authority searching enhancements, local files and batch processing.
- *1st quarter 2005:* Connexion client version 1.30 will be released including the remainder of CatME

functionality, WorldCat true keyword searching, truncated lists, and CJK support.

2nd quarter 2005: Connexion client version 1.40 will be released including support for Arabic cataloging.

Resource Sharing

On August 15, basic borrowing and lending functionality became available in *WorldCat Resource Sharing* (formerly referred to as the FirstSearch staff view) (<http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/>). Libraries that currently use ILL Web at <http://illweb.oclc.org> and have a FirstSearch account may begin moving their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing at any time. Other libraries may wish to consult with NEBASE about the best time for their ILL workflow to move to the new WorldCat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004:* Version 7.0 of ILLiad will be released and will ensure ongoing interoperability with the OCLC interlibrary loan service. ILLiad users will see a new search form for sending requests. All updating and downloading will happen automatically and in real time. All libraries currently using OCLC resource sharing that do not have access to FirstSearch can log on to WorldCat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004-April 2005:* WorldCat Resource Sharing will gain additional high-productivity features and functionality. The improved workflow enables users of Passport for ILL, ILL Web, and ILL ME to migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004:* Users of Passport for ILL and ILL ME can migrate their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing thanks to several new features:

- o Custom holdings will create lender strings for serial requests based on year(s) of holdings information in local data records. This will allow you to request photocopies from only those institutions that own the volume and issue that you need.

- o Integration with Policies Directory data will deflect requests based on group membership, geographic region, fees, formats, non-circulating policies, etc. As a lender you will receive only those requests that you can fill.

- o Local holdings information from your web-based OPAC will be added to Pending requests paving the way for a later enhancement to create picklists.

- o *Second quarter 2005:* WorldCat Resource Sharing will experience downtime during migration to a new technology platform. OCLC will provide advance notice of the time and duration, and work to minimize the impact on libraries.

May 1, 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x. All users of these interfaces must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

Union List

June 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for Union List, and one of the Connexion interfaces will support local holdings (LDR) maintenance. OCLC will decide which Connexion interface will first include this functionality in December 2004 at the latest, and will release more details about the migration over the next few months and as well as when this decision has been made.

NEED HELP?

Please contact Christa Burns if you have questions or comments. E-mail: cburns@nlc.state.ne.us; Phone: 1-800-307-2665 or 1-402-471-3107.



Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting

September 9, 2004 8:30 a.m. University of Nebraska/Kearney Nebraskan Student Union Room 238A

PRESENT: Cheryl Ahrens, Keri Anderson, Pat Bonge, Nancy Cantin, Suzann Christensen, Norma Dannatt, Patty Hall, Terri Johnson, Merle Murphy, Mary Nelson (Nebraska Library Commissioner), Vicki Perrie

ABSENT: Connie Bostock, Judy Grandstaff

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Vicki Perrie called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Roll call was taken. A motion was made by Terri Johnson and seconded by Norma Dannatt to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

The suggestion was made to have Susan Franklin e-mail the minutes to board members and mail a written copy with the board packets prior to the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are only one month into this fiscal year, so there is no "year-to-date" report. We are currently waiting on the audit results. After discussion, the financial report was filed for audit.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Susan's report was shared with the board. Susan is continuing to experience back pain and (as a result) her stress levels are elevated. The board expressed concern for her health and appreciation for the hard work she does on behalf of RVLS.

OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH UPDATE

Vicki reported that the candidate declined the RVLS job offer due to the inability to find health insurance. The search for a system administrator may have to be reopened. Board members offered to share health care providers' names with candidate.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S CONTRACT

An e-mail vote on the administrative assistant's contract passed and a print copy was included in board packets. A motion was made by Norma Dannatt and seconded by Terri Johnson to raise Susan Franklin's salary by \$4 per hour (an additional \$2 per hour on top of the \$2 per hour increase voted previously), retroactive to the time Kevin Leapley left RVLS. The new salary will be in effect until a system administrator is hired. (ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING YES Ahrens, Anderson, Bonge, Cantin, Christensen, Dannatt, Hall, Johnson, Perrie) Motion carried.

E-RATE CHARGE BACK

The charge back for the cell phone was \$305.17; RVLS has not received the bill for it yet. Form 486 was completed in July with the assistance of Pam Scott.

BOARD MILEAGE RATE

Changing the board mileage rate was tabled until the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patty Hall and Suzann Christensen will serve on the Planning/Executive/Budget Committee. Merle Murphy and Terri Johnson will serve on the Continuing Education/Scholarships/Grants Committee.

INCREASE IN COPIER CONTRACT

A letter from Imagistics International Inc. was shared which explains the increase in our copier maintenance agreement.

CHANGE OF HOLIDAYS

Susan Franklin has asked that RVLS consider changing holidays to coincide with state observed holidays. Following discussion, a

motion was made by Vicki Perrie and seconded by Merle Murphy that RVLS change to the state observed holidays plus two 1/2-day holidays (Good Friday afternoon and Christmas Eve afternoon). Motion carried.

ALA HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS

For your information, ALA is now offering health insurance for members.

BRAINSTORMING TECHNICAL SUPPORT POSSIBILITIES

A request was made by the State Advisory Council for system boards to brainstorm possibilities for technical support for/from systems for our libraries. The consensus of the group is that ALL systems libraries need tech support.

We discussed these ideas:

- phone vs. onsite services
- need for tech support to be familiar with hardware AND software
- proactive tech support (visiting libraries on a regular basis) vs. reactive (emergency calls)
- at least one person needed per system
- ideally, local control (\$) would be best
- possibly divide state into sectors (as opposed to systems) for tech support
- what about NLC partnering with university/community college/high school students for tech support?
- mileage payments could be astronomical for tech support
- large part of tech support is educating librarians

LIBRARY EDUCATION @DESKTOP PROGRAM

Three classes are planned. There are ten slots reserved for RVLS personnel in each class (one person may take only one class). The classes are free to persons who apply for them. Classes are online.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Library Card Sign Up Month will be launched in Lincoln on September 15.

SYSTEM JOINT BANK ACCOUNT

The system joint bank account is moving to Eastern Library System.

CHOCOLATE BASKET RAFFLE

As a fundraiser, the systems are sponsoring a Chocolate Basket Raffle, with over \$100 worth of chocolate items. Tickets are \$3 or 2 for \$5 and the drawing will be held at the NLA/NEMA convention.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding moving expenses for new system administrators. A motion was made by Merle Murphy and seconded by Cheryl Ahrens to make moving expenses a negotiable item which may be offered at the discretion of the search committee, the amount not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried.

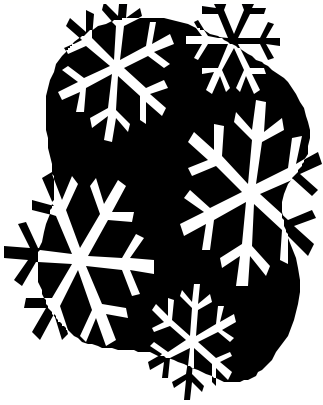
Any changes in the list of current RVLS members (new schools, etc.) should be e-mailed to Susan.

LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Suzann Christensen will host the November 5, 2004 board meeting at the Hastings Middle School, 505 North Hastings Avenue. Please enter through the west doors (5th and Lincoln) as this is a non-school day and other doors will be locked. Lunch will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Norma Dannatt and seconded by Terri Johnson. Motion carried, 9:56 a.m. System Board training followed until 3:00 p.m.



Winter Workshop

Friday, January 7, 2005 from 9:30 - 2:30

Central Community College

3519 Second Avenue, Kearney, NE

4.5 CEUs from Nebraska Library Commission

Cost: \$ 12 (includes lunch)

*Jointly sponsored by Meridian Library System and
Republican Valley Library System*

Track 1: Technology Track

9:30-11:30 MS Power Point: Introduction to Power Point. This session will enable attendees to produce and give a basic electronic presentation using Power Point software. Presenter: John Seyfarth, Computer System Manager, Sump Memorial Library

11:45-12:45 Digital Imaging, Scanners and Digital Camera. Introduces the student to the world of digital imaging, using computers, scanners, digital cameras and both imaging and optical character recognition software. Presenter: John Seyfarth, Computer System Manager, Sump Memorial Library

1:30-2:15 The Fear Factor: Finding Traditional and Alternative Medical Resources on the Internet. Choosing and evaluating web resources in the area of medicine. Presenter: Marty Magee, National Network/Libraries of Medicine

Track 2: Adult Services Track

9:30-11:00 Reference Interview. What six pieces of evidence are needed? Also will cover reference behaviors and open vs. closed questions. Presenter: Lisa Kelly, Information Services Director, Nebraska Library Commission

11:15-12:45 Weeding Your Collections. Clean up and clean out your collection using the basics of the CREW model. *Bring three items you are considering weeding from your collection. Presenter: Kathy Tooker, Administrator, Eastern Library System

1:30-2:15 Speed Reading Books or How to Read a Novel in Ten Minutes. Learn the basics of "speed" reading novels plus how to write annotations. * Bring a novel you have read and one you have not read. Presenter: Sharon Osenga, Administrator, Meridian Library System

Track 3: Youth Services Track

9:30-11:00 Non-fiction for Grades 5+. Suggestions for current non-fiction that will interest kids in grades 5+. Presenter: Sharon Osenga, Administrator, Meridian Library System

11:15-12:45 Graphic Novels. What are graphic novels? Should I have them in my library? How do I find and select them? Presenter: Susan Steider, Young Adult Librarian, Lincoln City Libraries

1:30-2:15 Book Talking vs. Book Reviewing. What is the difference between a book talk and a book review? What are the components of each? How can I make my book talks interesting? Session includes practice writing and presentation. * Please bring 3 books you have read to this session. Presenter: Sally Snyder, Coordinator of Children & Young Adult Services, Nebraska Library Commission

REGISTRATION:

Name: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please mail this form or a copy with \$12 per person (includes lunch) by December 31st to:

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Deepest Apologies from
the RVLS Doghouse:

VALLEYTALK is published bimonthly under ordinary circumstances; needless to say, "Octo-November" is not one of its scheduled appearances! I apologize profusely for the tardiness of the newsletter, as well as for its online-only nature (there will not be a hard copy version unless you print it yourself!).

Susan, RVLS Administrative Assistant