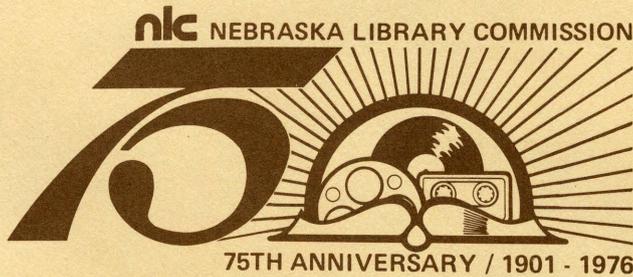


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A YEAR OF STUDY AND CELEBRATION — NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION (1901- 1976)

In 1901, the hard work of the Nebraska Library Association membership paid dividends when Nebraska House Representative David Brown, Nebraska City, introduced a bill in the Nebraska Legislature to create a Nebraska Public Library Commission to "encourage the establishment of libraries where none exists and the improvement of those already established", (*Nebraska Blue Book*). The commission was funded that first year, the members met in June, and Miss Edna D. Bullock was appointed the first (Executive) Secretary on September 5, 1901. With this issue of *Overtones*, you will see a new logo to commemorate our anniversary as we begin an historical overview of our 75 years and launch a year of self study creating an up-date response to the ALA *Standards for Library Functions at the State Level* (1970) with a series of articles by present and former staff members, Commission Members, State Advisory Council Members, and volunteers. This review, plus the measurements being conducted for other levels of library service should prepare us for the Governor's Conference in the spring, an analysis of progress and goals and, hopefully, an appropriate celebration! We ask everyone to join us.

ATTENTION: SCHOOL LIBRARIES/ MEDIA CENTERS

INFORMATION NETWORKS AND SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER NEEDS

The Nebraska State Department of Education sets *Rules and Regulations for the Accreditation of Public and Non-Public School Systems* (revised edition July 1, 1971) which specify the requirements for (5.0) *Library and Instructional Materials and Equipment*. These are fully covered in pages 9

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FORD VETOES LIBRARY AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

President Ford has vetoed the education appropriations bill, which includes appropriations for libraries. The House of Representatives has set September 9 as the date to attempt a veto over-ride and this will require a 2/3 majority. Should the House (or Senate) vote to sustain the veto, library and education programs would continue to fall under the continuing resolution (PL 94-41) pending enactment of another education appropriations bill; and for the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) the continuing resolution means a minimal funding at the budget level only (\$10 million, or \$2.5 million per quarter, for Title I only).

It is important that you contact your congressman and urge him to vote to over-ride the President's veto of HR 5901 on September 9.