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Timely information from the Nebraska Library Commission

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NebraskAccess passwords will change October 1. New passwords were mailed to library directors and school media specialists this summer and are now operational. If library users login with the old password after October 1, they will be prompted to contact their local library for the new password. For more information contact Jeannette Powell, 402-471-7740, 800-307-2665, e-mail: nebraskaccess@nlc.state.ne.us, IM: NebraskAccess.

Nebraska native Clay Anderson, currently aboard the International Space Station, is featured on **READ® posters and bookmarks** for Nebraska libraries and school media centers to use to promote books and reading. Upon request, the Nebraska Library Commission will send Nebraska libraries and school media centers a CD with the posters and bookmarks. They can be printed at a local print shop or quick-copy shop. One hundred and seventy CDs have already been distributed. Contact Alyssa Bundy, Nebraska Library Commission Student Intern, e-mail: abundy@nlc.state.ne.us.

Nebraska Library Commission is offering **grants to libraries for student internships**. Each grant will provide a \$1,000 stipend for a student, to finance approximately one-hundred hours spent working with library staff on a variety of projects and activities. For more information see the

Announcement on the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, or contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, e-mail: mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us.

Nebraska young people are urged to write a letter to an author (living or dead) that made a difference in their lives. **Letters about Literature**, a national reading promotion for children and young adults sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in cooperation with Target Corporation, is locally coordinated through the Nebraska Library Commission and Nebraska Center for the Book. For a copy of the official contest guidelines and the required entry coupon, see the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on Letters about Literature. Entries must be postmarked December 17, 2007.

Marjorie Harrison has been hired as the Panhandle Library System Coordinator. Contact her at mharrison@nlc.state.ne.us. Welcome, Marjorie!

September 2007 Library Card Sign-up Month, promotes the local library card as the "Smartest Card in Your Wallet." See www.ala.org/librarycardsignup for sample tools and examples of how libraries can promote Library Card Sign-up Month.

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Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, has been chosen 2007 Employee of the Year. Congratulations, Sally!

Youth Grants for Excellence applications are **due October 19**. Funds are available for innovative projects to serve children in accredited public libraries. Schools or other service agencies may be involved through collaborative planning and programming with public libraries. For more information see the Announcement on the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, or contact Sally Snyder, 402-471-4006, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us.

One Book, One Nebraska 2008 will feature *Restoring the Burnt Child*, by Nebraska State Poet Bill Kloefkorn. Librarians are invited to begin planning for 2008 activities and events to encourage Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss this memoir of a small-town boy's life in the 1940s. For more information see the Announcement on the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us.

The final **Saving Nebraska's Treasures** distance learning workshop is scheduled for **September 11**. The session will focus on digitization of materials and making them accessible through the Nebraska Memories Website. The workshop is offered in conjunction with the Saving Nebraska's

Treasures television program that aired on NET Television this summer. For more information about the television program see www.netnebraska.org/treasures. For more information about the workshop see the Announcement on the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us or contact Jeannette Powell, 402-471-7740, 800-307-2665, e-mail: jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.

October 15 is the next deadline for application for **Nebraska Library Commission scholarships**, supported by a grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to recruit and educate the next generation of Nebraska librarians. To apply, see Nebraska Library Commission's Now Hiring @ your library® Website, www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org or contact Laura Johnson, Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Coordinator, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us or Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission Planning and Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us.

Public Library Statistical Data surveys will be available online October 15 through Bibliostat® Collect at collect.informata.com. On September 15, the Nebraska Library Commission will distribute library Usernames and Passwords (the same as last year's) to each public library. The deadline for data submission is **January 31, 2008**. This online data submission is one requirement for state aid eligibility, accreditation, and Dollars for Data. Data analysis is facilitated through Bibliostat® Connect at connect.informata.com, a Web-

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based statistical tool that allows for simple analysis of library data. Library staff and supporters can use this tool to create tables and graphs demonstrating how a library compares with others in a variety of ways. For additional information contact Kit Keller, see contact information above.

Letters about application for accreditation were mailed on July 15 to public libraries scheduled to renew their accreditation and eligible public libraries. The *Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation* are available on the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/accred.html. For additional information contact Kit Keller, see contact information above.

The annual conference of the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association (NLA/NEMA), **Nebraska Libraries: Charting Paths to the Future**, will feature pre-conferences and two days of conference sessions, **October 24-26**, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney. For more information see www.2007nla-nema.info, or contact Sherry Houston, Conference Coordinator, 402-462-1975, 800-569-4961, e-mail: rvlsadmin@inebraska.com.

NEBASE Annual Meeting West is scheduled for **October 4** at the Harms Advanced Technology Center in Scottsbluff. The meeting will feature WebJunction, a gaming panel made up of Nebraska librarians, a Gaming Room to experience gaming technology for library programming, and Teen Spaces. For more information and to register, click on the Library

Training icon on the Library Commission Website at www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on Annual Meeting West.

Banned Books Week is celebrated September 29–October 6, 2007. **Ahoy! Treasure Your Freedom to Read and Get Hooked on a Banned Book** is the theme that stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. For more information see www.ala.org/bbooks.

The 2007 Nebraska Book Festival, scheduled for **October 26 and 27**, is moving to downtown Lincoln. The Nebraska Book Festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, and Nebraska Library Commission. For more information see www.nebraskabookfestival.org or contact Michael Cartwright, 800-307-2665, 402-471-4006, e-mail: mcartwright@nlc.state.ne.us.

The Nebraska Library Commission has scheduled the following **Collection Development Basic Skills** classes for November:

- ◆November 1 & 8, LaVista Public Library
- ◆November 1 & 15, Seward Memorial Library
- ◆November 6 & 13, North Platte Community College, North Campus
- ◆November 7, 14 & 20, Scottsbluff Public Library
- ◆November 8 & 15, Saint Paul Public Library
- ◆November 13 & 20, Norfolk, Northeast Community College

For more information, contact Laura Johnson, Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education

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Join the conversation on the **Library Commission Blog**, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/ for more details and further discussion about:

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- **WebJunction Rural In Focus Webinar.** “How are your peers meeting the challenges of providing access to public computers? Pooling resources, developing technology plans, and staff training are three things that can help. In this month’s Rural In Focus Webinar, we will take a look at *The Joy of Computing Cookbook* for small and rural libraries at The Maintain IT Project.”
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- **New for Fall 2007—Online Masters of Education Degree through UNO and Chadron State College.** “With the local and regional shortage of endorsed school library media specialists, the time is right to embark on an exciting educational adventure. Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska Omaha are proud to announce the new Masters In Education, School Library Media P-12 program.”
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- **What tools would help libraries take advantage of the One Book One State opportunity?** “We know that library involvement is the key to success of our Nebraska statewide reading efforts.”
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- **Contribute to the NLA/NEMA 2007 Wiki.** “Are you coming to the NLA/NEMA 2007 conference this October in Kearney? Do you know what there is to do in Kearney?”
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- **Would you enjoy working on a state library reference desk?** “Check out the Nebraska Library Commission Reference Staff activity on Twitter, twitter.com/NLC_Reference, to get an idea of the kind of questions that librarians at a state library answer every day.”
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- **Looking for a few good feeds? Have we got a list for you!** “Subscribing to library-related feeds is a great way to stay current with what’s going on in our profession.”

[Training]

Class	Date: Location
● Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records- Session #2	Sept. 12: Online Session
● Gates Technology Training- Tech Support on the Fly and Security in the Real World	Sept. 13: Omaha
● Cataloging Video Recordings	Sept. 13: Lincoln
● Gates Technology Training- Welcome to the Social Web	Sept. 14: Omaha
● E-rate Training	Sept. 18: North Platte
Grant Writing: Youth Grants for Excellence	Sept. 18: North Platte
● Gates Technology Training- Tech Support on the Fly and Security in the Real World	Sept. 19: Kearney
● Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records- Session #3	Sept. 19: Online Session
● Gates Technology Training- Welcome to the Social Web	Sept. 20: Kearney
● Style Your Web Site with CSS	Sept. 25: Nebraska City
● Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records- Session #4	Sept. 26: Online Session
● E-rate Training	Sept. 27: Kearney
● E-rate Training	Sept. 28: Wahoo
● Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records- Session #5	Oct. 3: Online Session
● Grant Writing: Youth Grants for Excellence	Oct. 3: Schuyler
● Authority Control	Oct. 4: Lincoln

Click on Library Training on the Nebraska Library Commission Website for more Fall training events

Continuing Education (CE) Credits for the above training events are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian and Board Certification Program.

For more information about any of the above training events or to register, see the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, on the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, click on Library Training.

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