



Straight *talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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"To the habitual reader, reading is a drug of which he is the slave; deprive him of printed matter and he grows nervous, moody, and restless; then, like the alcoholic bereft of brandy who will drink shellac or methylated spirit, he will make do with the advertisements of a paper five years old; he will make do with a telephone directory." ~ W. Somerset Maugham

"The covers of this book are too far apart." ~Alfred Hitchcock

What is readers' advisory?

Quite simply, it is the act of putting people together with the books they love. Librarians, booksellers, literature teachers—anyone in the business of helping readers find the books they love—are readers' advisors.

When you recommend a book to someone, you are participating in readers' advisory. Some people do this as a gesture of friendship; for—librarians—it is a profession, a science, and an art. To be a successful readers' advisor you must not only understand the literature, you must also listen to and understand the reader.

Reader advisory service is one of the most interesting and demanding functions in a library, drawing on the librarian's background of reading and awareness of current publishing.

There is, however, nothing so gratefully received by the patron as an interested common reader librarian. Readers love to talk about their reading. A librarian who can enthusiastically exclaim, "But haven't you read . . ." is the desired advisor. Publishers have long known that the popularity of books is made by word of mouth. By listening when patrons pour out their interests, a librarian may learn more than is wanted but will be able to amaze the next patron with the same interests. No one likes to be told what to read but will listen with interest when the discussion is on the enjoyment of reading a certain book.

To provide guidance in genre fiction, librarians should, ideally, be readers of the genres. Few libraries, however, will have a staff of genre fiction addicts, indeed being blessed if one staff member is addicted to one genre. Therefore, the fan asking for assistance in selecting books in a genre too often knows more than the librarian being questioned.

The Internet is a great source for those librarians who love biographies but find themselves questioned by an avid mystery reader. The following web sites may prove to be helpful:

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The Mystery Reader

www.themysteryreader.com

This site includes many reviews of mystery fiction categorized by subgenre (cozy, thriller, detective, suspense) as well as interviews, news and freebies.

The Romance Reader

www.theromancereader.com

Sister site to The Mystery Reader, this site features thousands of books reviews for categorized by subgenre (contemporary, re-gency, historical romance, fantasy) as well as interviews, upcoming book lists and freebies.

Chick Lit

www.chicklit.com

Chick Lit focuses on twentysomething and thirtysomething women who are dealing with that time in life when a woman looks for the perfect guy, apartment, job or, yes, shoe. For British writers, check out the **www.chicklit.co.uk**. This site includes lad lit, thriller chicks and literary chicks.

If You Like...

www.hclib.org/pub/books/iyl/From the Hennepin County Library in Minnesota, this database helps you find similar authors and titles based on genre or author name.

Fiction-L Booklists

www.webrary.org/rs/ranetlists.html

A plethora of extensive booklists collected from the pages of Fiction-L, an electronic mailing list from the Morton Grove Public Library in Illinois. Good for finding books with a common genre, setting, character, or similar authors.

No Flying, No Tights

<http://www.noflyingnotights.com/index2.html>

This site was designed specifically for presenting graphic novel reviews for teens and the people who work with them, like librarians, teachers and parents. You will find reviews arranged by subject and core lists for beginning collections.

DarkEcho Horror

www.darkecho.com/darkecho/index.html

Includes links to the Horror Writer's Association and the Dark Links listing of horror writers, as well as reviews and interviews.

The SF Site: Home Page for Science Fiction and Fantasy

<http://www.sfsite.com/home.htm>

A comprehensive site featuring book reviews, excerpts, author interviews, articles, author booklists, and more.

Reader's Advisor - Westerns

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/read-westerns.htm>

The Palm Beach County Library's web page devoted to westerns includes links to the Zane Grey's West Society, works of Louis L'Amour and cowboy poetry.

Tired of Fines?



If your library charges fines, you know that people aren't always happy to pay. Sometimes, patrons choose to leave their cards blocked and not check out materials, which defeats the purpose of the library. In order to prevent this, some libraries have come up with creative ways for patrons to pay their fines.

* **Amnesty Days.** Occasionally hold a fine-free day, during which patrons can return overdue materials for no charge, no questions asked. The benefit is that the library gets its books back, but if you do this regularly, people may wait until the next amnesty day to turn in their overdue books.

* **Friends of the Library Fund-raiser.** Instead of paying the full amount, patrons donate 50% of the amount to the Friends of the Library and the library waives the rest. This helps your Friends group, but if fines are an important part of your budget, this is not the way to go!

* **Food Drive.** Patrons pay off their fines with food for the local food bank, with each can or box worth a dollar of the fine. This is a great occasional project, but managing it constantly takes a lot of staff time.

* **Reading off fines.** The Columbus Metropolitan Library in Ohio encourages young patrons to reduce their fines by reading with a volunteer in the library. Each 15-minute session is worth \$2. If your library doesn't have volunteers to read with the children, you could require a parent's signature verifying that the child has read a specific number of books or has read for a certain amount of time. It's always great to get children reading, but be careful not to have children viewing reading as a punishment for overdue materials.

* **Charity Fund-raiser.** A high school library had students select a charity and all overdue fines would go to their charity. Kids often feel they have no control over where their money goes and often will give more than their overdues.

* **Soldier Care Packages.** Patrons can pay off their overdue fines by choosing an item from the soldier care package list and the assigned amount will be deducted from their account.



Basic Skills Sign Up

Sign up now for the next Basic Skills class. Public Services will be taught at the Lifelong Learning Center at the Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Classes begin at 10 am -3pm on April 5, 12, and 19th. To sign up, contact Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission at 1-800-307-2665 or email psscott@nlc.state.ne.us.

Five Most Helpful Resources

The materials below have been identified by teachers as most useful in preventing and combating censorship by the National Council of Teachers in English (NCTE). The following articles can be read at NCTE's website, <http://www.ncte.org/about/issues/censorship/five>.

Students' Right to Read

Gives model procedures for responding to challenges, including "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of a Work."

Guidelines for Dealing with Censorship of Nonprint Materials

Offers principles and practices regarding nonprint materials.

Defining and Defending Instructional Methods

Gives rationales for various English language arts teaching methods and other defenses against common challenges to them.

Guidelines for Selection of Materials in English Language Arts Programs

Presents criteria and procedures that ensure thoughtful teacher selection of novels and other materials.

Rationales for Teaching Challenged Books

Rich resource section included table of contents of NCTE's Rationales for Commonly Challenged Books CD-ROM, an alphabetical list of other rationales on file, the SLATE Starter Sheet on "How to Write a Rationale," and sample rationales for Bridge to Terabithia and The Color Purple.



System Routing Journals List

Receiving journals you don't have time to read? Wish you were on the routing list for journals and don't know how to get on the list?

The System Office is reworking the routing lists for all the journals the office receives. If you would like your name put on or taken off the routing list for one of these journals please call Shelia at 1-800-578-1014:

- *Library Journal
- *School Library Journal
- *American Libraries
- *Library Media Connection
- *Grassroots Fund-raising

My Antonia

The 1995 Paramount movie of My Antonia is under the Movie Public Performance License agreement with Movie Licensing USA that all our public libraries have. That means a public library could show the movie as part of their activities for the One Book, One State event. The movie would have to be shown in the public library to be covered under the license.

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Art Web Sites

Kinder Art Lesson Plans
www.kinderart.com/biglist.shtml

This site contains art lessons from pre-k to 8th grade with a special category entitled "recycling".

ArtsEdge Lesson Plans
artsedge.kennedy-center.org/teach/les.cfm

This site covers the pre-k to senior high crowds.

Incredible Art Lessons
www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/lessons.html.



Dollar General Literacy Foundation Literacy Grants

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation funds non-profit programs designed to serve adults or families in need of literacy services.

Eligible organizations:

- are recognized as non-profit charitable entities with 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service;

- provide literacy-based programs and services to adults or families in the thirty (30) states where Dollar General stores are located;

- have not received a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation twice in the last two years.

- have met all reporting requirements from their most recent Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant.

Purpose: The Dollar General Literacy Foundation considers and funds applications in one of the two following program areas:

- **Literacy instruction for adults, including:**

- *Adult Basic Education

- *GED preparation

- *English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

- **Family Literacy**

Deadline: April 08, 2005

Maximum Award: \$8,000

Period: One year.

Contact the Dollar General Literacy Foundation at (615) 855-5201. Your questions and comments are welcome.

URL: <http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/2005RFPFoundation.doc>



A Passion For Chocolate

The Friends of the Allen (TX) Public Library have raised chocolate craving to its ultimate level at their annual Chocolate Orgy Membership Celebration.

The Chocolate Orgy Membership Celebration, the Friends of the Allen Public Library invite all interested persons to prepare their favorite chocolate dessert and submit its recipe. A love of chocolate with a desire to help the local library have resulted in the submission of numerous creative and delicious recipes featuring cakes, pies, candies, puddings, breads and even chile.

All who attend the Chocolate Orgy are given ballots to vote for their favorite chocolate treats. Live piano music along with sparkling silver and white decorations provide an alluring backdrop. Door prizes provide an additional incentive to participate.

A highlight of the evening is the coronation of the Chocolate Champion. The winning categories include:

- *Sinfully Rich and Fudgy Concoctions
- *Delightfully Delicious Cakes
- *Superb Divine Cookies & Brownies
- *Best in Show

For more information, call development coordinator Tom Keener at 214-509-4911.

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake
Susan Jackson, 2002 Chocolate Champion

<u>Crust</u>	<u>Filling</u>
2 c. Oreo cookies, crushed	3 Eggs
2 T. Butter or margarine, melted	16 oz Cream cheese, softened
	3/4 c. Sugar
	1/2 c. Whipping cream
	3 T. Chocolate syrup
	1 c. Mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large bowl, beat eggs slightly. Add sugar and cream cheese, beat until smooth. Add chocolate syrup and whipping cream, beat until smooth. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into crust. Bake for 60-75 minutes or until center is set. Cool completely before removing from pan. (taken from FOLUSA News, February 2005)

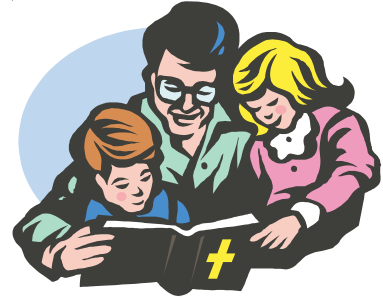
Does Your Library Have Its Own Signature Event?

Don't wait to become visible just when you're asking for contributions. Keep your library in the public eye with publicity, events/programs, marketing, promotions and giveaways.

Create your own signature event that will always be associated with the public library. Make it an annual event that your community marks on its calendar. Here are some examples: author series, mystery theaters, spelling bees, autographed book auctions, chili cook-offs, and golf or miniature golf tournaments. One public library attracts pet-loving kids and adults with their annual dog wash day!

Sit down with your staff and trustees and brainstorm for your original signature!

Read Aloud Nebraska is seeking applications from Nebraska communities interested in designation as a "Read Aloud Community" for 2005. Such designation will emphasize the commitment of local libraries, businesses, civic organizations, and governments to the importance of reading aloud to people of all ages. "Read Aloud Communities" receive recognition on the RAN website, a certificate, eligibility to apply for RAN mini-grants, and information and public relations materials regarding reading activities in Nebraska. The "Read Aloud Communities" program is an initiative of Read Aloud Nebraska, a committee of the Nebraska State Reading Association. The mission of RAN is to "promote healthy, successful children and families through reading aloud." Applications (one per town) and further information may be obtained from www.readaloudnebraska.org. **There is no fee, but applications must be received electronically by April 15, 2005.**



FOLUSA/Baker & Taylor Awards 2005

Baker & Taylor and FOLUSA have partnered with the American Library Association to present three \$2000 awards to Friends groups who have completed outstanding projects in 2004. The awards will be presented on Monday, June 27, during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The winning groups and their projects will be recognized in *NewsUpdate* and on the web site.



The **@ your library[®]** Campaign Award will honor the Friends group that has made the most creative use of the campaign logo and/or slogan during the 2004 calendar year. The @ your library[®] Campaign Award competition is open to Friends groups of all sizes and types.

The **Outstanding Friends Group Awards** (two awards of \$2,000 each) will be given based on outstanding activities by a Friends group during the year 2004. An application may be based on one specific program that was particularly successful or on the over-all program of the entire year. Friends groups of all types (public library, school, academic, etc.) are eligible to enter, and awards will be given to the outstanding Large Friends Group and the outstanding Small Friends Group.

Eligibility Requirements: The competition for the Outstanding Friends Group and the **@ your library[®]** awards is open to FOLUSA members only. Applicants must be current "Friends Group" members of FOLUSA, with membership valid through June 30, 2005. Library members, personal members, and those receiving newsletters only are not eligible. Please contact FOLUSA by phone or e-mail before mailing an entry to verify your eligibility or upgrade your membership.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2005. Full rules and an entry form are available at www.folusa.org.

PLA offers cash for "Smartest" ideas

The Public Library Association (PLA) is offering \$100 cash prizes for the best examples of how libraries have used "The Smartest Card @ your library[®]" campaign. To enter, simply tell in one page how your library has used the campaign theme and the results. Photos and sample materials are welcome.

Email your entry with the subject line: Smartest Card Success Story to Barb Macikas at PLA, bmacikas@ala.org. You may send attachments to the email or mail your entry to: Barb Macikas PLA, 50 E. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60611. **The deadline is May 2, 2005.**

Prizes will be awarded by the PLA @ your library[®] Task Force. For more information, see: www.pla.org/smartestcard.htm



Norfolk Public Library is participating in the One Book, One State project by having Antonette Willa Skupa Turner present "My Babicka, Antonia" on March 15 at 7pm. This will be followed on March 29th, the library will host an open discussion of the book, My Antonia.

Mary Green Vickery is presenting a program entitled "Songs Lewis & Clark Might Have Sung" at the **Neligh Public Library** on March 31st at 7pm. She is being sponsored by the Missouri & Nebraska Councils for the Humanities.

Mark your calendar to attend the Variety Show fund-raising event on March 19th for the

new **Randolph Public Library**. Over \$276,500 has been raised for the new building.

Congratulations to **South Sioux City Public Library** and **Neligh Public Library** for receiving Community Landscape Grant Awards from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. South Sioux City received \$15,000 for the Library Outdoor Classroom and Streetside Project and Neligh Public Library received \$4,000.

A big welcome to Connie Bellingtier, the new librarian at **Clearwater Public Library**. She's excited about working at the library.

On April 14th, at 7 pm, readers of My Antonia by Willa Cather will gather at the **Hruska Memorial Public Library** to discuss Cather's work. Local teachers will lead the discussion.

We bid a sad farewell to Judi Davis at the **Walthill Public Library**. Judi had worked at the library for the last six years. Judi has retired and her last day is March 12. Joyce Swanson starts March 14. The library will be closed for two weeks in mid-March for reorganization. Welcome Joyce!



Schuyler Public Library's New 'Teen Zone'. Picture courtesy of Richa Perkins, Schuyler Public Library.



Dear Dr. Tech,

Yesterday I received an email from my bank informing me the security information on my bank account needed to be verified. Thinking the bank already had the necessary information, I called the bank to verify the request and discovered the request was fake! Is there some way to tell when an email is legitimate and when it's not?

Signed,
Nearly Hooked

Dear Hooked,

Congratulations on not taking the bait! Fraudulent e-mail messages, also known as phishing expeditions, telling you that you have to update your account information or that a security problem requires you to verify your name and password are brazen attempts to trick you into giving up your ID. There are hundreds of such scams everyday. Financial services, insurance and health care companies are favorite targets.



Take a minute and visit the website: <http://www.mailfrontier.com/forms/>. This anti-spam site gives you valuable information on e-mail warning signs to avoid being taken. Also, there is a phishing IQ test you can take that shows genuine messages by financial organizations like CitiBank and a wide assortment of fake E-mails sent by identity thieves. If you pass the test, you certainly have your eyes wide open to thieves.

I recommend you spend some time on these sites and share it with your friends. It could keep you from being one of the millions of Americans who are hooked each year by phishers.

Good luck!

Dr. Tech



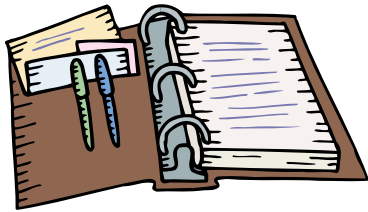
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www.corrections.state.ne.us/csi



Check Your Calendar

March 16 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Columbus Public Library at 10 am.

March 18 - **Library Transformation: Library as Place**, College of DuPage Teleconference.

March 31 - **Death & Dessert** at the Seward Memorial Library at 1:00 pm. For more information, see page 12.

April 5 - **Basic Skills: Public Services** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC at 10am.

April 6 - **Kooser, Kloefkorn & Conversation** at University of Nebraska-Kearney Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7 pm.

April 9 - **Young Authors Conference** at Wayne State College. For information, contact Stan Gardner at 402-375-7259.

April 10 - **NMRT Spring Meeting**, Tour of the Freedom Center of the Omaha World Herald at 12:45 pm.

April 12 - **Basic Skills: Public Services** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC at 10 am.

April 19 - **Basic Skills Class: Public Services** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC at 10 am.

April 29 - **Library Hot Topics**, College of DuPage Teleconference at 11 am.

May 4 - **Basic Copyright Management** at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln at 9:30 am.

May 6 & 7 - **Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Conference** at Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte. For more information, call 1-308-534-5040.

May 13 - **Nebraska Library Commission Meeting** at the Nebraska Library Commission from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm.

May 18 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Gardner Public Library in Wakefield at 10 am.

May 27 - **Nebraska Libraries: It's A Small World After All** - NLA C&U Section/Technical Services Round Table Joint Spring Meeting at Doane College.



NEW at NELS

Please call the system office at 1-800-578-1014 to check out one of the following items:

The Successful Trustee Handbook by Mary Y. Moore, ALA, 2005.

This book offers proven advice about what it takes to make the board run smoothly. Checklists, tables and review items will help anyone serving on a board.

Understanding Metadata, National Information Standards Org. (NISO), 2004.

This guide is for everyone who needs an introduction to metadata and what it can and cannot do.

"Monthly Donors: A Success Story" by Sandra Francour, *Grassroots Fundraising Journal*, March/April 2005.

This article describes the successful giving program by a California non-profit using a monthly giving program.



Basic Copyright Management Workshop

Rina Pantalony, Legal Counsel for the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) will present Basic Copyright Management on May 4 at The Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Library staff and participants in the Nebraska Memories project are encouraged to attend this event.

The full-day Basic Copyright Management workshop is intended to introduce participants to issues surrounding copyright for digital materials, and to provide resources for further exploration.

Topics include: basics of copyright issues, including the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, ownership, public domain, and privacy issues; how digital primary source materials differ from traditional materials; intellectual property analysis to determine copyright status; permissions issues and institutional risk tolerance; and developing institutional policies for digital materials. The course includes discussion and case studies to help participants apply concepts to real-life situations.

For more information on costs, time and how to register for the workshop visit: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/copyrightworkshop.html>.



Mari Sandoz Award Nominations Sought

Nominations for Meritorious Service and Mari Sandoz Awards due by May 27, 2005.

The NLA Citations Committee invites nominations for the Meritorious Service Award and the Mari Sandoz Award for the year 2005.

The Meritorious Service Award is given annually to the person, corporation, or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library service in a local community, region, state agency, or in library legislation.

The Mari Sandoz recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production, or related activity.

Nomination procedures:

1. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address, and telephone number, the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should include the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination.
2. Also required are at least four additional letters that support and endorse the nomination. Such letters may provide further information about the nominee.
3. The NLA Meritorious Service Award may be given to an individual or group.
4. More information and lists of past recipients may be found in the NLA Handbook at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/handbook/handbk0.htm>
5. Nominations and letters of support must be received by Friday, May 27, 2005 and should be mailed to:

Robin Bernstein / Chair 2005 NLA Citations Committee
Bellevue University Library
1000 Galvin Road South
Bellevue, NE 68005

Nominations may also be submitted via e-mail at robin@bellevue.edu



Death & Dessert @ Seward Memorial Library

Harley Jane Kozak, author of *Dating Dead Men* and the newly released *Dating is Murder*, will appear at the Seward Memorial Library on Thursday, March 31 at 1:00 pm. She will talk about her writing and will then be available for autographing. Ms.

Kozak is also well known for her many television appearances and starred in the movies *Parenthood* and *Arachnophobia* to name a few.

The Friends of the Seward Library will serve dessert following her presentation. There is no charge for this event. To guarantee your copy of either of her books, please place an advance order by March 24 by calling the Seward Memorial Library at 402-643-3318. Editions available for purchase at a 35% discounted price are (figures include tax):

- Dating Dead Men hardcover: \$16
- Dating Dead Men paperback: \$9
- Dating is Murder hardcover: \$16

More HeritageQuest Online Training Sessions

Two additional HeritageQuest Online training sessions have been scheduled for Nebraska library staff. You are invited to attend this online training session for the HeritageQuest Online resource.

This training will be presented by ProQuest trainer, Kimberly Bastain. New sessions scheduled for Nebraska are:

- March 28 at 2pm-3:30pm CST
- April 1 at 10am-11:30 CST

Each of the training sessions is limited to 12 attendees per session.

To attend one of these online training sessions, you will to register using the link: <http://placeware.viewcentral.com/reg/proquest/HQNebraska>. This link will take you to a registration page that will allow you to pick the session date and time most convenient for you. You will receive instructions directly from ProQuest regarding how to view and dial into the web training session.



New Discount Opportunity from The Shopper Inc.

The Shopper Inc has been in business since 1985 supplying the needs of libraries, government facilities, video stores and various retail establishments. They offer a wide range of products including display racks, media cases, shelving, storage drawers and many other supplies. Libraries may view products online at <http://www.shopperinc.com>. Catalogs are available upon request.

Discount: All Nebraska libraries will receive a **15% discount off the regular price of all catalog items with a minimum of \$25 order**. To receive this discount please refer to **bid# 386** on all orders.

For more information on how to take advantage of this discount opportunity, and to learn about other book and supply discounts available to Nebraska libraries, see: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/discount.html>.



NMRT Spring Meeting

Friday April 15th



Tour of the Freedom Center of the Omaha World-Herald
1398 Capitol Avenue, Omaha Nebraska

Join NMRT for a tour of the Freedom Center, the Omaha World-Herald newspaper production plant built in 2001. We will meet at the Freedom Center at 12:45 p.m. for tour registration. The tour and a presentation by an Omaha World-Herald speaker will take about an hour and a half.

NMRT Spring Program Registration Form

Registration is limited to 20 people. Cost is \$10.00 for NMRT members, and \$15.00 for non-NMRT members. Registrations will be accepted in the order received until the tour is full. Please send your registration by April 8, 2004 to:

Trudy de Goede
Calvin T. Ryan Library
University of Nebraska at Kearney
2508 11th Avenue,
Kearney, NE 68849-2240

Please make checks payable to NLA NMRT.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____





Northeast Library System Board Nomination Form

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving on your Library System Board? The Northeast Library System is accepting nominations for three 3-year board terms beginning July 1, 2005.

Nominees for the positions must be residents and/or employed within the System area. Nominees representing the following counties are welcome: Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Dakota, Dixon, Holt, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Stanton, Thurston, Wayne and Wheeler.

On the back of this form you will find additional information about the System Board and its role.

Nominee Information:

NAME _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Library Connection: _____

Please submit nominations by April 15, 2005 to:

Linda Risinger, Nominating Committee Chair
Orchard Public Library
P.O. Box 317
Orchard, NE 68764-0317

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SYSTEM BOARD?

The system board is the governing body of the Northeast Library System; its function is similar to that of a public library board of trustees or any non-profit corporation. Board member tasks and accomplishments include:

- * Be an advocate for the System and System services
- * Budget preparation
- * Evaluation of progress toward meeting the goals and objectives state in the System Strategic Plan
- * Design of specifications for provision of System services

HOW OFTEN DOES THE SYSTEM BOARD MEET?

The System Board meets six times a year plus the annual membership meeting. As a general rule, the Board meets every two months on the third Wednesday of the month. Board meetings are held throughout the System area. Meetings usually last about three hours.

ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES?

Members are not permitted to receive a salary, wage, or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. The cost of travel to and from Board and committee meetings is reimbursed at the current Federal allowable rate; example of other reimbursed expenses are telephone charges and postage.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION ON THE NORTH-EAST LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD, CONTACT ONE OF THESE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Carol Becker.....402-755-2241
Vernel Zwingman.....402-368-5880
Linda Risinger.....402-893-4606
Sandy Zurovski.....402-447-2331
Lauran Lofgren, Vice-President.....402-375-3135
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Lucy Cooper.....402-367-4031
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