

What Can Your Panhandle Library System Provide?

- **Training and Consulting**

On site or over the phone consulting concerning a variety of library needs and information is available to system members.

Training is coordinated through the office on many topics. Workshops are organized in several ways: 1) cooperation with staff from the Nebraska Library Commission; 2) cooperation with other regional systems; and 3) working with presenters from within our area or from out-of-state.

Announcements of grants will be published in the SUN newsletter and on the PLS mailing list or the PLS website as they become available.

- **Cooperative Orders**

See the Nebraska Library Commission Home Page for up-to-date cooperative information on discounts offered by vendors, information on trial databases.

- **Interlibrary Loan and Reference Services**

The Nebraska Library Commission provides assistance in obtaining interlibrary loans and reference materials for system members. Librarians can request books by title, author or subject and can also request videoconference tapes by contacting the Nebraska Library Commission at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov>.

- **Technology and Equipment Rental**

Panhandle Library System provides a wide range of equipment rentals or rotations such as DVD and journal rotations, book bags, two Nook e-readers with books, laminator and binding machine. PLS also has Follett inventory scanners available to members.

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- **Children's Author**

The Children's Author tour is held every other year as the budget allows. The author's present school and public performances in the Panhandle of Western Nebraska.

- **Scholarships**

The PLS Board sets aside funds each year for scholarships which are available to librarians, media specialists, trustees and anyone involved in library service. The scholarships are for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops or other beneficial academic activities. The application form is available at the system office and is periodically published in the SUN.

- **PLS List Serve**

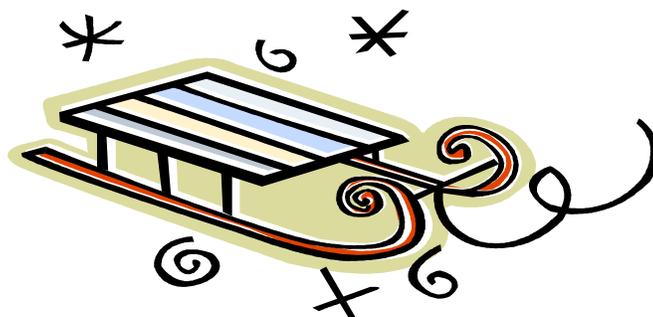
To subscribe to the PLS list serve or any other mailing list please go to Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov>. The PLS List serve is: PLS-L@nlc.state.ne.us.

- **PLS SUN Newsletter**

The PLS newsletter "The Sun" provides members with important topics of information or interesting articles and upcoming events around the Panhandle or the State. The Sun is published 6 times a year by the Panhandle Library System and is e-mailed to each member.

The Panhandle Library System is a 501c(3) non-profit agency provided by the Nebraska Library Commission with funding from the State of Nebraska.

If you have any questions please contact the PLS office.



Upcoming Events

January 11, 2012 Overdrive Tips and Tricks Online at 2:00pm, For more information and to register, go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11035>

January 16, 2012 PLS office closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26, 2012 CDBG application workshop in Scottsbluff, Hampton Inn, 301 West Highway 26, Scottsbluff, in the Sandstone room from 1 to 5pm. Free application workshop detailing the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding process for the CDBG categories of Downtown Revitalization, Planning, Public Works and Water/Wastewater will be offered at the workshop. Local government officials and staff, especially application preparers, are encouraged to attend. Register by January 13, 2012.

January 27, 2012 Retirement for Bev Russell, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff, 2:30 to 5:30pm. See flyer on page 4.

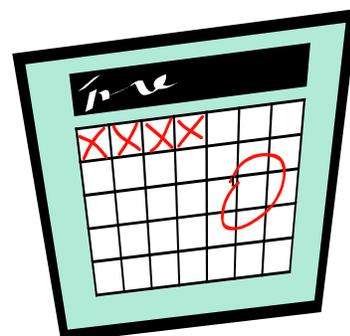
January 30, 2012 Library Job-A-Like at WNCC Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 E 27th Street, WNCC Board room, Scottsbluff. 5:30pm Dinner, 6pm Program-What's happening at the WNCC library. Please register by January 25, 2012 with Jill Ellis, 308-635-6041 or email: jellis@wncc.edu
See flyer on page 8.

February 1, 2012 PLS DVD rotation begins.

February 22, 2012 PLS Summer Reading Program, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff, 9am to 3:30 pm, Lunch is on your own. See flyer on page 5.

March 13, 2012 PLS Board Meeting, 10:00am at Railway Plaza conference room, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff

Mark Your Calendars!



You're Invited

to a

Retirement Reception

for

Library Director Beverly Russell

Friday, January 27, 2012

2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Meeting Room

Stop in for refreshments and to wish Bev well.

PLS Summer Reading Program

**PRIZES
FUN**

Dream Big READ



**Please join us for the PLS Summer Reading
Program on
Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

Location: Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3rd Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE

Time: 9:00am Sign up and Coffee

The program starts at 9:30am and ends at 3:30pm. **Lunch is on your own.**

Jody Crocker will present crafts and projects. Sally Snyder from the Nebraska Library Commission will present book reviews.

Please bring a book, craft, program, presenter ideas or any other idea you would like to share.

Please register **early** to make sure there are enough materials to go around.

Please register by Thursday, February 16, 2011 with the PLS office.

Name (s): _____

**Library/School
etc:** _____

Email/Ph _____

**Please register by Thursday, February 16, 2011 toll free 888-879-5303,
ph: 308-632-1350, Fax: 308-632-3978 or Email: dmccall@panhandlelibsys.org**

PLS Summer Reading Program

Gering Public Library Holiday Open House—December 9, 2011



The Holiday Open House was hosted by the Gering Library staff and Friends of the Gering Library. This has become one of the favorite social events of the season.

Left: Diane Downer, director of the library, mingles with the guests.



Right: Beth Trupp and Trudy Rudow assist patrons during the open house. The library has so many available resources to utilize.



Left: Guests enjoying the refreshments and holiday spirit. It was a great time to visit with friends or newcomers. It's a good opportunity to meet people in the community and welcome them to the library.

7th Annual Holiday Open House at West Nebraska Family Research & History Center
December 16, 2011

Floyd Smith III, director of the West Nebraska Family Research and History Center, staff, and guests are caught up in the interesting table conversation during the open house. Some of the guests enjoyed looking at old high school annuals and other resource materials.



The decorations and food get better with each year. Some of the guests come for Floyd's famous chili. The staff work very hard to make this event a success and it's well worth it. This is one open house you don't want to miss.

Library Job-A-Like @ WNCC



Monday January 30, 2012

5:30 Dinner (details below)

6:00 Program

What's Happening at the WNCC Library

Come and meet WNCC 's new Library Director, Curtis Brundy, and say hello to the other fine librarians at the Scottsbluff campus. The program will provide an overview of changes at the WNCC library and a brief look at the usage trends we are seeing.

January 25th

Dinner Details

Vegetarian or Beef Lasagna with side salad and garlic bread. \$8.50
Surprise dessert provided by the WNCC Library.



Contact Information

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Location

WNCC Scottsbluff campus

1601 E. 27th Street

WNCC Boardroom

The Boardroom is in the main building next to the theatre. Park in the East parking lot for easiest access.

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