

*The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System*

January/February, 2013,

## PLS Summer Reading Program



**Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

**Location:** WNCC Sidney, 371 College Drive, Sidney.  
**Room 116**

**Time:** 9:00am Sign Up and Coffee

The program will begin at 9:30am and end at 3:30pm.

**Lunch will be on your own**

Jody Crocker will present crafts and projects.

Sally Snyder from Nebraska Library Commission will present book reviews.

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

Register early to make sure there are enough materials to go around.

**Please register by Thursday, March 7, 2013 with PLS**

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**PLS Board Meeting Minutes  
9-11-2012 10:00AM**

I. Floyd Smith III called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

Board members in attendance were Floyd Smith III, Terry Christensen, Merrillene Wood, Roberta Boyd, Dixie Riley, Rick Caudillo, Sue Shaver and Beth Trupp. Board members not present were Kendra Caskey and Sara Brenneman. Also present were Debbie McCall and Jeri Clapper.

II. Floyd said to add Auto Insurance as topic d. under old business on the agenda. Several Board Minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve the Annual Meeting minutes from July 29, 2011 were made by Dixie and seconded by Merrillene. Motion carried. Motion to approve the July 2, 2012 special meeting minutes were made by Merrillene and seconded by Beth. Motion carried. Motion to approve the July 20, 2012 Board meeting minutes were made by Roberta and seconded by Merrillene. Motion carried. Roberta said she had a correction for the May 8, 2012 minutes. Debbie will make a correction for those minutes stating the Voters Voice documentary is being done by NET, not the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library.

III. Reports

a. District Reports: open for any reports.

(District A) Sue reported school started August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The kids participated in the Stars Program and SSR. Her library participates in overdrive and is interested in getting audio books. She is open to suggestions on how to get the kids interested in certain topics to get more books off the shelves.

(District B) Floyd reported he has acquired 137 books from a genealogy library that is closing.

(AL) Beth reported Story Time has started up again. (PL) Roberta reported Abby is away attending a BTOP camp. The library is back to using their winter hours. (S) Rick reported 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be getting new computers and 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> will get their used ones.

b. Committee Reports.

Annual: Kendra, Sue, Betty Armstrong - Will make arrangements for their committee to meet. Nominating: Roberta, Dixie - Will be responsible for recruiting new board members to fill the vacant seats for next year. Public Relations: Floyd, Beth - Will plan the next Author Tour. Floyd suggested they might get the author to do a writer's workshop. Scholarship: Merrillene, Terry - Responsible for giving certificates to retirees and any awards. Their committee will meet today at 1:00PM after the board meeting. Valletta Schneider will attend the meeting to help draft a simple policy regarding the certificates. Technology: Sara, Rick - Floyd has talked to Sara about obtaining six to eight old computers from the Gering Public Library that are not being used. He has offered to update the computers and add more memory. The Tech. committee will make and send out a survey to all the small libraries that don't have a computer, or maybe just one computer, to see if they would like to have any of these. The survey will help him to know what specs the libraries are looking for and what the computers need.

The committee has also been doing some research on Freading, which is a service allowing librarians to download books to be checked out by their patrons.

c. Shared Automation Project Report: Floyd said the libraries in the consortium have received their new library cards. The next Consortium meeting is 9-27-12 in Bridgeport. He will be online with Alexandria Tech Support so we can ask questions and hear their answers.

d. PLS Coordinator/Assistants Report: Debbie sent the September/October, 2012 SUN newsletter out and brought her updated vacation and sick leave hours report for the board to review. Jeri worked while Debbie took a week off for vacation. She also attended a Consortium meeting in Bridgeport on 8-23-12.

e. Nebraska library Commission Report: Rod Wagner was absent but did tell Floyd he would be sending his report for Floyd to send out to the other board members. He plans on attending our next board meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### IV. Old Business

a. Policies & Procedures – Everyone should have a current revised copy. The last page with the signatures was passed out to be attached.

b. Plan of Service – The last page with the signatures was passed out to be attached.

c. Technology Plan - Sara went over the Technology Plan. The plan will be sent to the Commission for approval.

d. Auto Insurance - Floyd read a section from the PLS Auto Insurance Policy stating who is covered in the PLS vehicle. He passed it around for the board members to review.

#### V. New business

W. a. Possibly move PLS website. There was a discussion on moving the PLS website off of the state server to Panhandle Library Consortium server. A motion was made by Roberta to move the site and seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

b. Any Other New Business – A copy of the Annual Meeting Survey was in the board packets for the members to review. A brief discussion followed.

#### VI. Upcoming Events / Announcements

Events were announced at the meeting. Roberta added an event: Rita Keeley Brown will be at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> for a talk and book signing. On Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> she will be offering a writer's workshop. Call the library for more info and to register.

#### VII. Adjournment-11:34AM

Secretary,

Terry Christensen

## Sign Up for 'Money Smart Week @ Your Library', April 20-27, 2013

Please join the hundreds of libraries across the country that will be providing financial literacy programming during Money Smart Week.

Libraries of all types can provide much needed financial education to their communities, public, school, academic, special. Last year over 250 libraries in 39 states participated. We are hoping to double the number of libraries this year, and have participation in each state.

ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank (Chicago) have partnered to make it easy for you to participate, with toolkits, great program ideas, resources, downloadable logos and more. And we don't ask you to do a lot, you can participate if you only provide one program during the week.

To learn more about 'Smart Money Week @ Your Library' and how other libraries have benefited from being part of Money Smart Week @ your library take a look at this recent [archived webinar](#) which you can view at your leisure (55 minutes).

Please feel free to pass the link to the webinar link to any colleagues who you would like to also encourage to participate.

If you and your library would like to participate we ask that you should register as a 'Library Partner' at the [Money Smart Week](http://www.moneysmartweek.org/ala) website– <http://www.moneysmartweek.org/ala>.

And don't forget to also sign up for the Money Smart Week @ your library discussion list, where we provide updates and you can ask questions of other participating librarians.

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## Upcoming Events

**Basic Skills** Classes through December, 2013

**January 8, 2012** PLS Board Meeting at 10:00am at Railway Plaza, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, in the conference room

**January 30, 2013** Advocacy Day in Lincoln-see more info on page 6

**March 12, 2013** PLS Board Meeting at 10:00am at Railway Plaza, 115 Railway Street, Scottsbluff, in the conference room.

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9:00am - Registration and Coffee. The program will run from 9:30 to 3:30. No Cost. Please register by Thursday, March 7, 2013 with the PLS office. See flyer on page 1 of this newsletter.

**Public Libraries Survey for FY 2012 is Here:** This survey is due Friday, February 15, 2013. Read the "Survey Tips" guide that you will find on the NLC Data Services web page at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/bibliostatcollect.aspx>. It will help answer any questions you may have.

**February 28, 2013** Big Talk from Small Libraries-See more info on page 6.

**PLS Website:** [libraries.ne.gov/pls](http://libraries.ne.gov/pls)

**NLC Training and Events Calendar:** [nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar](http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar)

**PLS Mailing List:** [PLS-L@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:PLS-L@nlc.state.ne.us)



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## Advocacy Day in Lincoln, NE

January 30, 2013 is Advocacy Day in Lincoln at the Cornhusker. The theme is **Your Community Connection**. Take advantage of being with colleagues across the state and meeting with your senator. The online registration form is available on the ALA website at <http://nebraskalibraries.org>.

The deadline for registration is January 15, 2013.

For questions please contact Francine Canfield, NLA Advocacy Chair  
Director

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## Big Talk From Small Libraries

An online conference by librarians, for librarians, would like to offer you the opportunity to talk about something you've done in your small library. If you've sponsored a long-running book group, or run a fundraiser campaign, or held some great story times, or done any of the thousands of things that libraries are offering to their users, you could help another librarian who'd like to try that.

If you've never presented a program before, this would be a great place to start. The conference is on Thursday, February 28, 2013 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT). We will use the same software that the NCompass Live webinars use. You can present from your own desk. Presentations can be either 50 minutes or 10 minutes long. The audience will be mostly librarians from small libraries-people who can appreciate what you've accomplished.

For some examples of what we're talking about, check out the schedule for last year's conference at: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/previous-conferences/2012-schedule/>.

To send in a proposal to present this coming February, there's an easy form on the Big Talk Website at: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/call-for-speakers/>. If you have any questions, please contact Michael at [michael.sauers@nebraska.gov](mailto:michael.sauers@nebraska.gov) or Laura at [laura.johnson@nebraska.gov](mailto:laura.johnson@nebraska.gov). We'd love to see some of the great work that Nebraska libraries are doing highlighted during this event.

*Panhandle Library System  
Scholarship Application*

The Panhandle Library System has established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities.

Provisions of the Scholarship include:

1. Each applicant must submit an application letter and form any time prior to or two weeks after the event for which the scholarship is intended.
2. The Scholarship Committee will review each application received.
3. The Scholarship Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on the budget and the number of applications received during the fiscal year.
4. Scholarships will be evaluated on a first come, first serve basis.
5. Priority will be given to those events within the state.
6. Individual applicants will be limited to requesting scholarships once in a three-year period.
7. Budget, event, amount requested, and the number of applicants will dictate approval or denial of the scholarship requests. More than one scholarship request from the same library agency during a two-year period will need to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Scholarship recipients are requested to provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. The article is submitted to the PLS office.

Scholarship Committee  
Panhandle Library System  
115 Railway Street  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

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***Panhandle Library System  
Scholarship Application***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library/School/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity.**

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