

# Panhandle SUN

## The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

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### *PLS Coordinator's Message*

Have you noticed how many people have cords hanging out of their ears? The popularity of portable MP3 players has surprised even those in the technology industry. Though many use them as a constant music source (a recent research study indicates the damage to hearing is already becoming apparent), other uses for this device are gaining momentum. Some weekly radio programs are now being recorded as podcasts (digital audio files) so that you can go to your radio station's web page, click on the podcast, and listen to it on your schedule – either at your computer or downloaded onto your portable player. Companies that produce audio books have converted them to a digital format that you can download onto your player and listen to them anytime, anywhere. Conference presentations are available as podcasts if your travel budget isn't big enough to let you attend in person. At some universities, the Apple product "iTunes U" allows professors to post audio recordings of lectures so that students who miss class or want to review the content, can listen at a time that fits their schedule. Younger students, from elementary to high school, are creating podcasts as a way to share what they've learned. A report on the Constitution comes alive when kids can add music and sound effects – and know that they have an audience for their work. Some people use the MP3 player to listen to lessons that help them learn English.

So what does this have to do with libraries? Soon each of the Regional Library System offices will have one or more MP3 devices to loan out and use for training – the result of an LSTA grant. We don't know yet how many ways it might help us connect our library users to information. But at least we'll know how it works. Then we can begin to find ways to use it as a tool – just like we have with all the technology that has come before.

Cherie Longmuir

## Panhandle Library System Upcoming Events

**April 2-8 National Library Week**  
"Change Your World @ your library"

**April 4, 2006 Gates Rural Sustainability Workshop**

Location: Harms Advanced Technology Center (across from WNCC) Scottsbluff  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Lunch is included at no charge  
Receive 8 CE Hours  
Register at:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/gates/gatesrurasustainrngspg2006.html>

**April 6, 2006 Gates Rural Sustainability Workshop**

Location: Holiday Inn Express Conference Center, S.W. quadrant of I-80 & US Highway 83, North Platte (see information above)

**April 7, 2006 College of DuPage Soaring to Excellence**

"Serving Immigrant Populations: A Library Prototype for Diversity"  
Viewing Locations: Chadron State College, ESU 13 Scottsbluff, WNCC-Sidney  
Time: 10:00 to Noon (MST)  
PLS will have a video.  
Please contact the PLS office

**April 10-16 Young People's Poetry Week**

**April 11, 18, 25, 2006 Basic Skills: Organization of Materials**

Location: Scottsbluff Public Library, 1809 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Scottsbluff  
Cost: \$35 for all 3 classes  
Time: 10:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00  
Register with Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665, Email: [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us)

**April 18, 25 and May 2, 2006 Basic Skills: Organization of Materials**

Location: North Platte Community College, North Campus, Room 200, 1101 Halligan Drive, North Platte

**April 20:** School Library Media Specialists' video conference 1:00

**April 28, 2006 College of DuPage**

"Google Print: Its Impact on Scholarship and Libraries"  
Sites: Chadron State College, ESU 13-Scottsbluff, WNCC-Sidney  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon  
PLS will have a video.  
Register with the PLS office

**May 4 & 5, 2006 Disaster Preparedness Workshop (2 day)**

Location: Harms Advanced Technology Center (Across from WNCC-Scottsbluff)  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.  
Cost: \$20 per person, includes lunches.  
Register by April 24, 2006 at:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/distas/terreg.html>

**May 9, 2006 PLS Board Meeting**

Location: WNCC - Sidney  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

**May 16, 2006 Health Information Workshop**

Health Materials Collection Development / Web resources- MedlinePlus, PubMed, CAPHIS, HealthHQ, GoLocal-Nebraska  
Presenter: Roxanne Cox  
Location: WNCC Sidney, 371 College Drive, Sidney  
Time: 10am-12; 1:00 – 3:00  
Register by May 9, 2006 with PLS Office

**May 22, 2006 NLA Spring Meeting:**

sponsored by the Public Library and Trustees, Users and Friends Sections.  
Location: Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street, Gering  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30  
Topic: "gaming@your library"



## INSIDE OUR LIBRARIES

The Reta King Library at **Chadron State College** now has a Starbucks coffee shop to keep students awake using the library on its new schedule – open from 7:30 a.m. until midnight Monday through Thursday. New director, Milton Wolf, is also reaching out to the Western Council of Libraries to have the CSC library media certification program accepted in all 21 states west of the Mississippi.

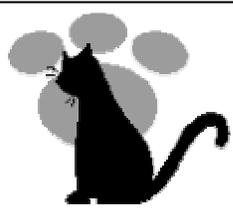
The boys in **Gordon** will have some exciting new things to read thanks to Jan Varn, who applied for and received from Great Plains Communications, a large grant for library materials that will be especially motivating to boys. The library is buzzing as seniors work on career papers, art students research artists, and precalc kids learn about mathematicians. Jan and Susan's weekend stints at the sports concession stand provide money for special projects.

The cheerleaders at **Minatare** High School donated the proceeds from their soup supper to the public library for a color printer. Karen Muzzy and Lillian Covalt tirelessly seek donations and grant funds in order to add materials to their collection, since the library is not funded by the city. A recent grant from Kinder Morgan allowed them to develop a Spanish/bilingual children's section, and a patron donated books for a new "inspirational" shelf. The library is open from 10-12 and 2-4, Monday through Friday, but earlier for coffee and chat on Tuesday mornings.

Bonnie Youngquist at **Lyman** Library mailed a survey with the utility bill to the village residents. She was disappointed at not receiving very many returns, but those who responded had constructive recommendations that the Board discussed and began making plans for. The person who asked for more programs will have an opportunity to join a book discussion group this summer when Bonnie borrows the One Book One Nebraska book bag. And one Board member is going to check into installing a door between the library and the bathroom next door, for safer and easier access, as recommended by one resident. They concluded that any information from the community is better than none.

Sandy Iwan at **Ogallala** High School started collecting miniature tea sets last year. Then she got an inspiration for the glass display case in the library: "Sense and Sensibili-teas" – a display of Jane Austen books and English tea sets – absolutely smashing! She will have all new computers in her lab for next school year. Sandy also teaches adult computer classes in the summer.

# We can't wait for summer !!



21 libraries were represented at the Summer Reading Workshop on Feb. 21. We had a blast with presenters Patti Sinclair and Sally Snyder.



Can you find  
 Roma, Pam, Jill,  
 Bonnie, Carol,  
 Kathy, Vicky,  
 Naomi, Debbie,  
 Chris, Carol,  
 Eileen, Sharon,  
 Curly, Nancy,  
 Ellyn, Dixie,  
 Cleone, Dawn?  
 Paws, Claws,  
 Scales and Tales  
 – here we come,  
 ready or not!



Panhandle Library System, assisted by funding from a Youth Grant from the Nebraska Library Commission, will support the summer reading program with a special presentation at 20 libraries by Nebraska story teller and naturalist Cherrie Clarke. She will begin on June 12 at Gordon and end in Paxton on June 23. Cherrie will show eagle wings and snake skins while she entrances children with tales about Nebraska wildlife. Please encourage the families in your community to attend.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) at the Nebraska Library Commission has **new free posters** that help promote the recorded books that are provided for people who can't use print books due to a visual or physical impairment. To request posters for your library and any other agency in your community that might come in contact with people eligible for the service email: [talking-book@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:talking-book@nlc.state.ne.us) or call 800-742-7691.

North Platte school district is **seeking media specialists** at both the elementary and middle schools. Applications and information are available at [www.nppsd.org](http://www.nppsd.org)

If the Nebraska Legislature approves \$325,000 in funding, the Nebraska Library Commission will provide an **online encyclopedia** for all Nebraska libraries as part of the NebraskaAccess program. If you would like to help in the evaluation and selection of the encyclopedia, go to the trial site: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/triallogin.html>. The password is **natrial**. Give your feedback to Susan Knisely at [nebraskaccess@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:nebraskaccess@nlc.state.ne.us).

Panhandle Library System will again present two awards at the annual meeting in July. The **leadership award** is for someone in a library management position who deserves recognition for exceptional contributions to the profession. The **advocacy award** is for someone employed or not employed in a library who is an outstanding library supporter and promoter. These

individuals can be connected with any type of library in the panhandle region. If you would like to nominate someone, please see the nomination form in this newsletter.

All Nebraska librarians are being asked to **help create a list of "Librarian's Picks"** to be displayed on the Great Books of the Great Plains web site. If you vote for your favorite book, your library will receive a free book from the University of Nebraska press – which you may choose from a selection of titles. Go to <http://libr.unl.edu:2000/plains/bibs/index.html> and use the link "Nebraska Librarians Vote Now." The ID is **birds** and the password is **b8rdsneb**. The deadline to vote is April 15.

The Copyright Advisory Network is a discussion board for librarians with **copyright questions**. It is free, and you can join by completing simple user name and password instructions. Questions may be posted for other librarians to answer or offer suggestions. It is monitored by copyright specialists who will ensure that an answer is provided within 48 hours. Join at [www.librarycopyright.net](http://www.librarycopyright.net).

A bill introduced in the Iowa Senate would withhold state funding to public libraries unless they "**eliminate access to pornography** on the public library's computer equipment." If enacted, it would also require that libraries prohibit patrons younger than 17 from borrowing R-rated films. It was argued that libraries should follow the same rules as theaters.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Jo Hall**, longtime adult services librarian at Alliance PL, has retired from her position and is ready for new adventures. **Connie Arellano** has been selected as director of Bridgeport PL.

The Tech Logic company has announced a new feature on its **self-checkout library systems**: an ATM (automated teller machine) that sits on a countertop. It includes a patron card reader, credit/debit swipe, dollar bill and coin acceptor, and receipt printer. In case of problems, the unit may be unlocked by staff, causing it to rise up on gas-powered shocks for maintenance.

Take a look at this **dynamic library web site**: [www.broward.org/library/](http://www.broward.org/library/). If you click on the A-Z directory and select "O", you can watch and listen to a story being read by the author in what is called "Online Story Time."

Cindy Mielke at Goodall Library, hosted a table at the Ogallala **bridal show**. It featured wedding books available at the library, plus copies of a list of wedding web sites – and of course that ever-present donation jar!

Alan Hafer, a **local author**, educator, and historian, did a book chat and signing at Chappell Library in March. He lives in Superior, Colorado, but grew up in western Nebraska, which provides the setting for his historical mystery novel Secrets of the North Table.

Some interesting **library news from around the world**: In India, a police station has set up a library for policemen

and their families – consisting mostly of books on crime and human psychology. The theory is that reading will broaden their perspective and provide stress relief. In Sweden, automatic library book dispensers are being installed on subway station platforms – in order to expand interest in reading by the commuter. In Swaziland, a library was temporarily closed after a bat infestation caused the ceiling to collapse.

Of the \$2.3 million that was spent to renovate the **Karbala Library in Iraq**, it's estimated that \$1.8 million was used to pay for work not performed.

**Policy patrol**: a library user brought a lawsuit against the library to challenge the wording in its Customer Code of Conduct, which prohibits "improper dress, including bare feet." The patron is a member of the Society for Barefoot Living. The court upheld the library's policy.

Allison McBride at Alliance High School served 700 cups of cappuccino to her students at the "**Star Books**" event celebrating "Read Across America." Even the Omaha newspaper called to get a story, but unfortunately the bomb threat became the big headline of the day.

The new cycle of **scholarships** through the Nebraska Library Commission begins July 1. If you are currently, or plan to begin, a library program for the MLS or school media programs, or LTA, consider applying for this financial assistance. Details are available at the Commission web site: [www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)

## Especially for schools



“You can’t change all the classrooms in a school, but you can make a library, which takes only 5% of the physical space of a school, but has a 100% influence.” Architect Henry Myerberg from Business Week, November 21.

This reference to percentages brings up another number that has been in the news lately: **65%**. A non-profit group called First Class Education is promoting an initiative that would require school districts to spend 65% of their budgets on direct classroom instruction. According to the definition provided by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), *this does not include libraries or library media specialists*. This plan has already been proposed or adopted by several states. Some library leaders are working with the U.S. Department of Education Secretary to redefine library programs and staff as a classroom cost.

On the other hand, one out of five librarians in the Northside Independent School District in Houston, Texas, has been named “teacher of the year” – a surprising feat for a staff person ‘not directly connected to the classroom.’ This district has one of the highest library budgets in the state, which funds a certified librarian and assistant in every school. Technology is a priority for these school librarians: “If we want to provide meaningful experiences for kids, then the seamless use of technology as a tool, a way to obtain, analyze and present information, is a given.” (from School Library Journal, Jan., 2006)

So you STILL haven’t bought any **graphic novels** for your library? Is it because kids love them and they’ll get used too much? Is it because the words don’t go straight across the page? Is it because the pictures look like something from tv? Well you’re right about all those things! Read the article by media specialist Allyson Lyga in the March, 2006 School Library Journal (call the PLS office to borrow it), and you might be persuaded to join those who are seeing amazing success with reluctant readers. Look at the book list in this newsletter for recommended “safe” titles for elementary students.

Want to **raise** some **money** to buy a few fun things for your library? Set up a Lazy Boy chair in the cafeteria at lunch from Monday to Thursday. Sell tickets for 25 cents. The winner of the drawing gets to sit in the Lazy Boy during Friday classes – having it hauled from room to room by -- football players? Cheerleaders? Administrators? (you pick!)

Here is a **collaborative project** that you could do with a history teacher. Look at this web site: [www.annefrankguide.net](http://www.annefrankguide.net). It contains resources geared to students to help them explore Anne Frank, her diary, the Holocaust, and World War II. There are photos, film clips, sound effects, and text – available by searching the database. There is also help for making presentations by downloading images from this site. It’s produced by the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. Good opportunity to combine content and research.

There are 12 NEW lesson plans using NebraskaAccess databases! Check them out: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/lessonplans.html>

## BOOKS

### *“Classic” novels that teens will read and enjoy:*

Brown, Rita: Rubyfruit Jungle (1973)  
Portis, Charles: True Grit (1968)  
Herbert, Frank: Dune (1965)  
Card, Orson: Ender’s Game (1985)  
Cormier, Robert: The Chocolate War (1974)  
Adams, Richard: Watership Down (1972)  
McKillip, Patricia: The Forgotten Beasts of Eld (1974)  
Tan, Amy: The Joy Luck Club (1993)  
O’Brien, Tim: The Things They Carried (1990)  
Kingsolver, Barbara: The Bean Trees (1988)

### *“Safe” sure winner graphic novels for children:*

Herge: The Adventures of Tintin (gr. 4-6)  
Kochalka: Pinky & Stinky (gr.3-5)  
Gaiman: The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish (gr.3-5)  
Huey: Bumperboy Loses His Marbles (gr. 3-5)  
Smith: Bone: Out from Boneville (gr. 4 up)  
Dini: WonderWoman: Spirit of Truth (gr.4-5)  
Peterson: Disney Classic Cartoon Tales (gr.2-5)

### *2006 “Winners”*

Caldecott: The Hello, Goodbye Window (Juster/Raschka)  
Newbery: Criss Cross (Perkins)  
Printz: Looking for Alaska (Green)  
Coretta Scott King: Day of Tears (Lester)  
Pura Belpré: The Tequila Worm (Canales)  
Theodor Seuss Geisel: Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas (Rylant)

### *The Top 10 Most Borrowed Fiction*

#### *Books in U.S. Libraries in 2005*

1. The Broker (Grisham)
2. The Kite Runner (Hosseini)
3. The Da Vinci Code (Brown)
4. Honeymoon (Patterson)
5. London Bridges (Patterson)
6. Mermaid Chair (Kidd)
7. True Believer (Sparks)
8. Northern Lights (Roberts)
9. 4<sup>th</sup> of July (Patterson)
10. Trace (Cornwell)

#### *And the Nonfiction –*

1. Blink (Gladwell)
2. French Women Don’t Get Fat (Guiliano)
3. Collapse (Diamond)
4. Your Best Life Now (Osteen)
5. My Life (Clinton)
6. Reading Lolita in Tehran (Nafisi)
7. The Daily Show (Stewart)
8. My Life So Far (Fonda)
9. The World is Flat (Friedman)
10. The South Beach Diet (Agatston)

## **BE PREPARED!**

Jim Bothmer, director of Creighton Health Sciences Library, got the call just after midnight: **a broken pipe**. When he arrived he found water over the bottom shelves in the stacks. Lisa Olivigni got the call during a rainstorm: a road construction project in front of the Crete library included temporary **sewage lines** – which were now backing up into the library's toilets, across the meeting room floor and into a room where historical items were stored. Nancy Martin, media specialist at Norris Schools didn't need a call. The tornado that **blew away the roof** of the library, wiped out most of the surrounding community as well. What would you do if you got the call? Disasters can happen anywhere, anytime. It's essential to have a plan, and resources to use to begin the recovery. To help you with this, there will be a **“Disaster Preparedness Workshop”** in Scottsbluff on May 4&5. The cost of \$20 is cheap compared to the thousands you could lose because you don't know how to respond after the “call.” If you are traveling further than 90 miles each way to attend, you are eligible for free lodging (we really want you to come!) See the flyer in this newsletter for details on topics covered and registration.

## **THE ONLY THANKS YOU'LL GET**

Do you have volunteers in your library? April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week. Here are some fun ways to show your appreciation: a cupcake with the message “you take the cake”; a potpourri packet with the note “you've given our project the sweet smell of success”; a bag of nuts with the words “we'd go nuts without your support”; take a photo of your volunteer at work, and give it to him/her in a “thank you” frame.

## **NATIONAL D.E.A.R DAY**

Wouldn't you know that one more wonderful thing would come from the grand lady of children's books, Beverly Cleary. In honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 12<sup>th</sup> has been named “Drop Everything and Read” Day. Her character, Ramona Quimby, learns to enjoy reading because of the D.E.A.R time her teacher provides. Many schools adopted this practice over the years to give children a chance to read for pleasure with no assignments attached. D.E.A.R. Day expands that concept to homes, where families are encouraged to set aside time to read just for the fun of it. Family literacy activities are a major influence on children's interest in reading and school success.

## **THE POWER OF YOUR PUBLIC**

Based on two parent complaints, the superintendent of a Washington school district ordered the removal of the gay teen novel Geography Club from the junior and senior high school library collections. However, she later rescinded the ban after an outpouring of community opinion in favor of the book. The author attended the public meeting and commended the community dialog and the school board's willingness to reach out.

*“If television's a babysitter, the internet's a drunk librarian who won't shut up.”*

*From the comic strip Cat and Girl*





What do those who use – **or don't use** – your library want the library to be? *Surveys* can be a useful tool to find out. When Lyman Library sent a survey to residents in the utility bill mailing, they were disappointed at the small number of responses. Yet those few who **did** respond all had constructive comments and recommendations, which the Board immediately began to take action on. Sue Gosnell developed a survey at WNCC in Sidney and aggressively sought participation by everyone on campus she could corner. Maybe you could use some of the items she included, which she asked people to rate from 1-5:

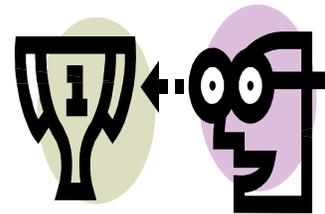
- When I come to the library, I can find the information I need or want.
- I feel welcome in the library.
- I am comfortable asking the librarian for help.
- The library is open when I want to use it.

Open ended questions included:

- What is the best thing about the library?
- What is the most frustrating thing?
- If you could fix one thing, what would it be?

A tip from Sandy White: *don't ask about something you can't do anything to change.*

It's vital for those *outside* the library world to recognize the value of the library to the community. The League of California Cities bestowed an award of excellence on Mountain View Public Library for its Teen Zone. Author James Patterson recognized the Denver Public Library for its "After School is Cool" program, which won his Page Turner award and \$5000. The U.S. Dept. of Transportation granted \$439,000 to the Colorado Springs council of government to support library bookmobile service.



"Librarians are among the world's most civilized people; who else does such priceless work so cheerfully for such rotten pay?"  
Russell Baker, writer

"The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."  
Alvin Toffler, writer

## LIBRARIANS NEVER STOP LEARNING!

Crawford Public Library received a grant for a **digitization** project in 2005. Jim Soester, library board president, has been leading the charge to scan and provide descriptions for historical materials at the local museum and in the community. Some of these will be included in the Nebraska Memories digital project, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission. Jim has offered to provide advice and assistance to other libraries that are contemplating a digitization project. You can contact him at [bearinnebrland@yahoo.com](mailto:bearinnebrland@yahoo.com) or 308-665-2475. Additional digitization information is available at NLC workshops on **July 17 and 18** in North Platte. For details and to register: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/digitizationworkshops.html>

NEMA (Nebraska Educational Media Association) and PLS are again teaming up to present a **summer workshop** to jumpstart your 2006-7 school year. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **August 2**, and plan to join us at **Bayard** High School. Several short sessions will be provided on everything from new technology to new books, led by a variety of presenters. All school library staff are invited and encouraged to come.

One of the most common uses of the internet is for **medical information**. Here are some resources recommended by Marty Magee, the Nebraska liaison to the National Network/Libraries of Medicine.

1. [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org)
2. <http://nihseniorhealth.gov>
3. <http://clinicaltrials.gov>
4. <http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov> (directory of health organizations)
5. <http://nlnm.gov/healthinfoquest> (pathfinders to common consumer health questions)

To learn more about how to help patrons find health information, come to a 4-hour **Health Resources Workshop** at WNCC in **Sidney** on Tuesday, **May 16**, presented by staff from the McGoogan Library of Medicine in Omaha. Register with the PLS office.

Who has time to play games? Considering that the gaming industry is making more money than the movie industry, apparently lots of people – the majority in their 30's or younger – and retirees! You can try it free at [www.runescape.com/](http://www.runescape.com/) - with 100,000 or so other players. What does it have to do with libraries? Like anything else in society, library staff need to be aware of trends and interests of their community members. Some libraries have hosted game nights or gaming events. Learn more about it at the **NLA spring meeting** in **Gering** on Monday, **May 22**. The featured speaker is Russ Harper, from Omaha Public Library, who will speak about “gaming@your library”.

## Nebraska Sales Tax and Libraries (this means YOU!)



The following information on Nebraska sales tax is provided by Ruth Karlsson with the Nebraska Department of Revenue. She can be contacted to answer questions or other inquiries by email: [Ruth.Karlsson@rev.ne.gov](mailto:Ruth.Karlsson@rev.ne.gov) or by phone: 402-471-5992.

### What is sales tax?

- A sale is the transfer of title or possession of an item or taxable service for a consideration.
- Sales tax is a transactional tax – imposed on the sale rather than on the item.
- A lease is also a sale.

Several examples of sales at a public library are photocopies, computer disks, book bags. Sales tax must also be charged at book sales and items sold at fundraising auctions (even silent auctions). Post a sign noting what amount is for the sale, and what amount is tax.

- There is **no** sales tax charged/collected on: ILL transactions, faxes, non-resident card fees, or the use of meeting rooms.

### How is sales tax collected?

- Sales tax is collected by the retailer (including providers of taxable services such as public libraries) who is acting as an agent for the state. The retailer also holds a sales tax permit (usually held by the municipality).
- Sales tax is calculated on gross receipts. The point of delivery (your location) determines the tax rate. All transactions are presumed to be taxable. Retailers (including public libraries) must collect the tax or document why they didn't.
- Public libraries should work with their city/village administration concerning the holder of the sales tax permit and the required remittance of the sales tax to the Department of Revenue. This remittance would pertain to the amount of sales tax collected on sales at the library.
- An example of notice of 7% tax on fax service might be: fax - \$.93 tax - \$.07 = \$1
- Since donations are not taxed, asking for a donation for used books instead of setting a price would avoid having to deal with taxes on book (or other) sales.

## NOMINATIONS FOR NEBRASKA LIBRARY AWARDS

The Meritorious Service Award is given annually to a 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 Award recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production, or related activity.

The deadline for nominations is May 30, and each requires four letters of support. For more information: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/handbook/handbook8.htm>

Another award is the Trustee Citation Award. The recipient contributes toward the advancement of library service in the community, and must be a member of the Trustees, Users and Friends Section of the Nebraska Library Assn. Three letters of support must be sent to Maggie Harding, P.O. Box 98, Crete, NE 68333 by July 10.

## NEW RESOURCES

The Nebraska Library Commission has added these titles to their reference collection. If you would like to borrow any of them, call 800-307-2665.

Cataloging Correctly for Kids; Grants for Libraries; Public Library Job Descriptions; Sizzling Summer Reading Programs for Young Adults; The Whole Library Handbook.

## ARE YOU READY FOR ISBN-13?

ISBN is the unique number that marks any book published in the world, and allows that book to be tracked by libraries and booksellers. To accommodate the growing number of books published each year, the International ISBN Agency decided to convert from a 10-digit format to a 13-digit format, effective Jan.1, 2007. The numbers will also then conform to the European Article Numbering (EAN) that is used on most other products. This change will affect everything from catalog records to interlibrary loan to printed bibliographies – and of course, acquisitions. Existing ISBNs will be translated into 13-digits by adding a 978 at the beginning. Once the supply of 978 ISBNs is depleted, publishers will begin assigning a 979 prefix, which is when the system will be completely converted. Although book and system vendors are reworking their software (think Y2K) to accommodate the change, librarians need to be aware of potential glitches.

## THANK YOU IMOGENE

Imogene Horse will soon be retiring from her position as library director at Chadron Public Library – a post she has held for 10 years. She is looking forward to doing some home remodeling and having time to visit grandkids. She says she will miss the people who make this job so rewarding. We wish her the best in the next chapter of her life!



**Panhandle Library System Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Bluffs Business Center Main Floor Conference Room**

President Diane Downer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were the following board members, Diane Downer, Jill Ellis, Lillian Diedrichsen, Dena Crews, Allison McBride, Maryruth Reed, and Ruth Walker. Also in attendance Rod Wagner from the Nebraska Library Commission, Cherie Longmuir, System Coordinator, and Debbie McCall from the Panhandle Library System Office. Board members, Kathy Terrell, Vickie Retzlaff, and Sue Gosnell were absent. The agenda was approved. Dena Crews moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as corrected. Jill Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Maryruth Reed of the Mitchell Public Library reported that the video and DVD collection will be removed. She also reported that the library is looking into expanding. Dena Crews of the Alliance Public Library reported receiving a Young Adult grant for \$3,000.00. She also reported a change in the staff at Alliance. Diane Downer of the Gering Public Library reported that they are in a cleaning mode at the library; she is now the director.

Rod Wagner from the Nebraska Library Commission reported on grants that are available, continuing education activities, scholarships, e-rate, Bibliostat deadline, state aid, and proposed funding for adding an online encyclopedia license to NebraskaAccess. Allison McBride will put together a letter from the Panhandle Library System Board to Don Pederson to support this.

Cherie Longmuir gave the Coordinator's report. Her report is in a new format that fits the goals that were set for the Panhandle Library System. The goals being represented are 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12. Activities included teaching Basic Skills classes, visiting different libraries, providing workshops on weeding and youth collection development, promoting the Patrick Jones workshop, attending different trainings, promoting and attending jobalikes, and publishing the Sun newsletter. Cherie Longmuir also gave the Budget report. She is looking for grants. The System will be looking for new ways to fund programs.

Committee reports: The Scholarship committee reported that there have not been any applications. Maryruth reported on the author tour. It will be on Oct 17 - 19, 2006, for 2nd and 3rd graders.

An evaluation discussion was held with Rod Wagner. The relationship with the Nebraska Library Commission is going very well. Board members shared numerous comments. The North Platte Valley Museum has applied to become a member of the Panhandle Library System. Cherie Clarke, a storyteller/naturalist, will be doing the summer reading program. Cherie Longmuir has put together the schedule that she will follow for the libraries. Cherie Longmuir will be attending Legislative Day on February 14, in Lincoln.

The next meeting will be March 14, 2006 in Scottsbluff at the Bluffs Business Center. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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