

Panhandle Sun



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The Panhandle Library System Receives A Library Improvement Grant to Start a Rotating DVD Collection

Many small, rural libraries in the Panhandle are not starting video collections, even though they think their community would use the collection. Money for materials is tight, and librarians just do not know where to begin. Some think that they will not be able to afford many videos, so why bother. The rotating DVD collection will give 18 libraries, and their patrons, a chance to test a video collection for one year. Usage statistics, patron comments, and experience will provide justification for the collection. It will also assist librarians in collection development, and give them confidence to move forward in starting their own collections. PLS libraries will support the project after the trial period. The rotating collection will grow year after year, and will provide rural populations access to a more diversified collection than what would normally be possible with limited funds.

For the first year, the rotating DVD collection is for public libraries serving populations of



less than 1500 that have not started to purchase videos for their library, but would like to start a collection. The need for this project was determined through conversations with 24 small PLS member public libraries regarding video collections. The idea of starting a rotating DVD collection sprang from these conversations. Currently, 19 libraries in the Panhandle do not purchase videos for their library. Of these 19 libraries, 18 want to “test” a video collection in their library to help with collection development and to determine if there is a need in their community for a DVD collection. These 18 libraries have agreed to fully participate in the program, pay for shipping costs, and promotional and processing supplies.

The System will purchase 360 DVDs based on titles selected by librarians from the 18 libraries. There will be 18 collections with 20 DVDs. The titles will be organized into five categories. Each collection will have an equal number of DVDs from the five categories: Family (6 DVDs); Adult Popular/New Releases (5 DVDs); Children (3 DVDs); Classics & Westerns (3 DVDs); Educational/Nonfiction (3 DVDs). Each participating library will receive a collection every three months. After the library has the collection for three months, it will be mailed to another library. During this time, library staff will keep usage statistics. After one year, each library will have sampled four collections. PLS will compile usage statistics and distribute a report to each participating library. Libraries will use the statistics to help justify the need for adding video materials to the library, and to aid in collection development. *At the end of the trial year, all collections will be shipped back to PLS. At this time, all PLS public libraries will have an opportunity to contribute and participate in the rotating collection.* Each participating library will make an annual monetary contribution toward the purchase of DVDs, and those videos will be added to the collections. The rotating collection will grow, year after year. The collection will augment a library’s existing DVD collection. It will especially help those libraries starting video collections for the first time.

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Panhandle library System Upcoming Events

April 3, 2009 College of DuPage: Challenges and Opportunities

Beyond the Obvious
Online

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (MST)

with Nebraska Library

Commission at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us> and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage

April 6, 2009 Job A Like

Location: Farm and Ranch Museum

2930 M Street, Gering

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.00, payable to Farm and Ranch Museum

Meal will be Gabe's Barbeque

Register by April 1, 2009 with the PLS office

April 7, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting Northern Panhandle

Location: Gordon City Library, 101 West 5th Street, Gordon, NE

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Weeding and rare books

Register with the PLS office.

April 12 - 18, 2009 National Library Week

<http://www.ala.org/nlw>

April 20, 2009 Job A Like

Location: Prairie View Elementary School, 810 East O Street, Ogallala, NE

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00, make checks payable to Betty Armstrong

Meal- Betty will make Sloppy Joes, relishes, beverages, and dessert. RSVP by Thursday, April 16, 2009 with the PLS office.

April 30, 2009 Genealogy Workshops Designed Especially for Librarians

Location: The Harms Advanced Technology Center, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff

Time: The same session will be held in the morning and in the afternoon

Morning Session: 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Afternoon Session: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Register by April 23, 2009 with the PLS office.

May 6, 2009 NLA Public Library and Trustees Section (PLTS) 2009 Spring Meeting

Location: Bridgeport Public Library, 722 Main Street, Bridgeport

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 payable to NLA Public Library and Trustee Section

Register by April 25, 2009 with Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023 Phone 800-307-2665

May 12, 2009 PLS Board Meeting

Location: Bluffs business Center, 1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff

Main floor conference room

10:00 a.m.

May 28, 2009 PLS Automation Vendor Workshop

Location: Harms Advanced Technology Center, New ESU Building, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lunch: \$10.00

Register by May 21, 2009 with the PLS office **See Flyer for detailed information!**

PLS Member Library Spotlight

Morrill Public Library, 119 East Webster, Morrill

<http://www.morrillpubliclibrary.org>

There is a lot going on these days at the Morrill Public Library. When I sat down and talked with Library Director, Lori Hartman, one of the first things she said is, "I love being here." It certainly shows- all you have to do is just look around. Lori has been with the Morrill Public Library since January 2008. She jumped right into her new position, and hasn't stopped yet!

Lori is in the process of developing several projects. A main priority for the library is to get all their materials cataloged into their automation system's database. Morrill Public Library uses Book System's Concourse for automation. They had a setback awhile ago when a storm struck and all their data was lost. They are now up & running, but all the data has to be input back into the computer again. Morrill Public Library has excellent volunteers, which has helped greatly in completing this project.

Another big project in the works is a major library reorganization. The reorganization would involve moving computers, creating a staff area, and changing the location of the checkout area. They will also reorganize the picture books, by adding numbers, so the books are easier to locate on the shelves. This entire project will take some time & planning, but Lori is already thinking ahead.

Right now, library staff is working hard planning their summer reading program. Last year's summer reading program was the largest program in Morrill Public Library history. They had a children's and a tween program. This year they plan to have programs for children, teens, and adults.

This year the Library started a special program for 2nd graders in cooperation with Morrill Public Schools. Each 2nd grade class visits the library every month. There are two 2nd grade classes, so one class meets upstairs to check out books, while the other class attend programming downstairs. Lori is very excited about this new school/public library cooperative venture.

Be sure to check out the Library's new website (<http://morrillpubliclibrary.org>). Lori designed the site herself...she's pretty tech savvy, you know! Morrill Public Library now has wireless Internet capabilities. They were one of a few Panhandle Libraries who applied for a Wifi grant through the Nebraska Library Commission.

Morrill Public Library is lucky to have such wonderful staff, trustees, and volunteers. Lori describes her volunteers as, "excellent." Over a five-month time period, volunteers worked 343 hours! She is also very proud of her staff. Lori says, "everybody here is very supportive of the library." The library board is "very good", and so is the Friends of the Library group. Lori says that everyone is open to new and innovative ideas. I guess this is why she loves working at the Morrill Public Library!



Marjorie Harrison

Tidbits of Information:

Woman's Day & the Campaign for America's Libraries

Through a partnership with the Campaign for America's Libraries, the March issue of Woman's Day magazine features four readers who used the library to improve their health and wellness. In the article, it also announces the next initiative between ALA and the magazine. Woman's Day is asking readers to write in about how they've used the library to save money. Entries in 700 words or less are being accepted through May 18. Libraries can promote the initiative locally. More information is on ala.org/womansday. This latest initiative continues an eight-year partnership between the magazine and the Campaign for America's Libraries that has generated millions of dollars worth of editorial coverage on behalf of libraries. The magazine has a readership of 22 million.

Nebraska Library Leadership Institute - July 20 to 24, 2009 St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE

Following the success of the 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007 Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems are pleased to offer the fifth Leadership Institute.

It is a four-day institute for 30 librarians from across the state who will become our library leaders of tomorrow. During the coming years, incredible socio-economic, demographic and technological changes will continue to take place and our leaders must ensure that libraries continue to serve as a



key element in the state's info-structure. The purpose of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 2009 is to provide future Nebraska library leaders a structured professional opportunity to: Examine in depth their own leadership styles; Gain knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a rapidly changing environment; Identify their professional and personal goals; Develop a network of professional peers with whom they will continue to work for years to come; Interact with a select group of outstanding library leaders who will serve as mentors. For more information & an application form, please contact the PLS office at 308-632-1350.

National Library Week—Celebrate April 12 - 18, 2009

This year's theme is, "Worlds connect @ your library." The American Library Association has lots of materials for you to use to celebrate this very important week. Go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm> to download public service announcements (PSA) and free promotional materials. You may also purchase posters and bookmarks at the American Library Association (ALA) store.

School Library Media Month , April 2009

Many school libraries also celebrate the month of April as School Library Media Month sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, a division of ALA, with the same theme as National Library Week. James Patterson is the School Library Media Month 2009 spokesperson. Go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/aasladvocacy/schoollibrary.cfm> for activities and resources.

National Library Workers Day, April 14, 2009

National Library Workers Day, celebrated the Tuesday of National Library Week (April 14, 2009), is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Tidbits of Information:

“As A Matter of Fact” - an NPR Blog for Librarians

National Public Radio (NPR) started a blog especially for librarians. The blog is called *As A Matter of Fact*. From information on the blog, “*As A Matter of Fact* is a blog by and for the audio-loving, fact-finding, truth-seeking, pop-culture-fiending, news-addicted librarians of the world. Of course, you don't need to be a librarian to read it. But we're pretty sure you may secretly want to be one after you do.” Check out the blog at <http://www.npr.org/blogs/library/>.



Updated CREW Manual Available:

The latest edition of CREW: A Weeding Manual for Modern Libraries is available for free in PDF on the Texas State Library and Archives Commission site: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/crew/>.

The Amelia Bloomer Project

The Amelia Bloomer Project is a committee which creates a recommended book list of newly published books with significant feminist content for youth readers, ages birth through age 18. Part of the Feminist Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association, the Amelia Bloomer Project publishes a list during ALA Midwinter meetings. The 2009 list is now available on their blog: <http://ameliabloomer.wordpress.com/>.



I Love Libraries Website

The American Library Association hosts a website called I Love Libraries (<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/>). Its goal is to educate the general public about today's libraries and encourage them to become library advocates. One part of the website is a Library Showcase section. Back in February, the Panhandle Library System office received a request from ALA for permission to post a PLS Member Library Spotlight article in the Library Showcase section of the website. They asked to post the article about the University of Nebraska, Extension Center D.A. Murphy Library, which was in the August/September 2008 edition of the Panhandle Sun. Of course, I gave permission to post the article! Since then, I've been checking their website, and I haven't seen it posted yet.

ALA's Washington Office Blog

If you want to know what's going on in Washington from the library perspective, then you need to check out *District Dispatch*. The website is <http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/>. This is where I go to find information on legislation, policy and regulatory issues of importance to the library field. I've been visiting this blog most recently for updates on the Consumer Product Safety Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Grants and Scholarships Available to Libraries



Build-A-Bear Workshop Giving Programs Accepting Grant Applications for 2009

Deadline: end of Feb., May, August, and Nov. For more information visit the [Build-A-Bear Workshop website](#).

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. is accepting grant applications as part of its annual giving program. In the company's twelve-year history it has donated over \$20 million to organizations that support families, children, animals, and the environment, including the donation of thousands of stuffed animals to comfort children in need. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation supports charities in the United States and Canada through grant programs including Literacy and Education Grants which provide support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs, and literacy programs for children with special needs.

Jenny Jones Community Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing. For more info on Jenny's Heroes and grant guidelines, visit <http://www.jennysheroes.com/> Talk show host and philanthropist Jenny Jones has announced that she will donate an additional \$1 million to continue her Jenny's Heroes (<http://www.jennysheroes.com/>) community grant program. The Jenny's Heroes program awards grants to individuals who submit the best ideas for tangible, lasting community projects. Jenny's Heroes provides grants of up to \$25,000 each to fund projects that promise long-term community benefits. Through the fifty grant recipients so far, funds have been used to provide items and services such as library books, school computers, and coats for children in domestic violence shelters. The program's focus is primarily on smaller communities where fundraising can be difficult.

Beyond Words: the Dollar General School Library Relief Fund

Deadline: Ongoing, applications reviewed monthly, through 2010

Dollar General, in collaboration with ALA, AASL and NEA, is sponsoring a school library disaster relief fund for public school libraries in the states served by Dollar General. Grants will be awarded to public school libraries that have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster (tornado, earthquake, hurricane, flood, avalanche, mudslide), fire or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism. Grants for \$5,000 to \$15,000 are to replace or supplement books, media and/or library equipment in the school library setting. The impact can be through direct loss or through an increase in enrollment due to displaced/evacuated students. More information and the grant application are available through the [AASL website](#).

Usborne Literacy for a Lifetime Matching Grants

Deadline: Ongoing. For more information, contact Connie Kramer at 308-632-7640. Informational website: www.literacyforalifetime.com. To view titles: www.readingstars.us.

This is a matching grant program for schools and organizations that support literacy to buy Usborne books. If your school or organization receives a grant or donation and uses it to purchase Usborne Books, EDC (Educational Development Corporation) will match it by 50% in additional books. For example, a \$1,000 grant is matched with an additional \$500 and the organization receives \$1,500 in educational Usborne Books for their use. Literacy for a Lifetime can be used as often as grants or donations become available, and there is no cap on the amount matched. The receiving school or organization can select the books, from over 1,400 titles. The books are shipped free.

Grants and Scholarships Available to Libraries

Pathways Within: Roads to Reading Initiative

Deadlines: March 15th & October 15th. For application information go to <http://pwirtr.org/biannual.html>

Pathways Within, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization that was established in 1993 to assist communities that are underserved. The Road to Reading Initiative's mission is to provide quality reading and educational materials to underserved small and rural communities (with a population of fewer than 50,000) in the United States. Eligible programs for book donations include: after-school or community literacy programs, day-care centers programs, library reading programs, storytime programs, and reading centers. They will make donations to library collections available for students and for direct use. Most titles are in English with a limited number of books in Spanish (titles are listed on the website). On average 100 to 200 books are awarded per grantee.

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Minigrant Program

Deadline: September 15, every year. An application form is available at <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html>. **NOTE:** In 2007 minigrants have increased in from \$350 to \$500!

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers minigrants of \$500 to Public School and Public Libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats (writer and illustrator) are welcome, but not required.

Libri Foundation Grants for Children's Books

Deadlines: Annually, January 15th, April 15th, and **August 15th**. Go to <http://www.librifoundation.org/>



The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. The Foundation awards grants three times a year. The librarian of each library participating in the BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program selects the books her library will receive from a booklist provided by the Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist have been judged as outstanding or highly recommended by recognized authorities in the library and education fields and have been published in the last 3 years or are classics. The application guidelines and forms contain details on eligibility for grants and the procedures for applying for one. The Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, your library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books (about 70 books). Local sponsors have five months (or longer, if necessary) after their library has been selected as a participant in the BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program to raise the matching funds.

Kresge Foundation Capital Challenge Grants

Deadline: Ongoing. For information, go to: <http://www.kresge.org/content/displaycontent.aspx?CID=24>

The Kresge Foundation's mission is to strengthen organizations that advance the well-being of humanity. Eligible and past applicants include libraries. The Capital Challenge Grant Program is designed to support an organization's immediate capital needs and to build its capacity to raise private support for the future. An organization applies to the Foundation after it has recruited campaign volunteers, secured leadership gifts, and developed firm project costs. A Kresge grant is awarded on a challenge basis. It is an "all or nothing" challenge and is usually one-third to one-fifth of the amount an organization has to raise to complete its campaign goal.



Future Search Discussion: Go Green @ Your Library®

Twelve vision statements came out of the Future Search Conference held in July 2009. To keep the vision alive and developing, the Regional Library Systems are highlighting the visions in their newsletters with the purpose of encouraging continued discussion among librarians, library staff, boards and their communities. A vision that generated a lot of interest and discussion was that of eco-friendly “green libraries” plus it ties in with Earth Day, April 22.

Vision statement to consider: *Going green starts @ your library®: the library models environmentally sustainable practices, places, and policies and shares these with the community.*

It has become one of the hot topics in library literature. Libraries by virtue of their position in their community should be seen as a model for others. As Laura L. Barnes says in the *Illinois Library Association Report* of October 2008, “The good news is that the library’s core services are already eco-friendly because they encourage people to borrow rather than buy materials.” Libraries can demonstrate environmental awareness by doing small changes in their buildings as well as by thinking green in the design of a new or remodeled building. Other ways of going green are by having a green core collection and by encouraging people in the community to pay attention to their green footprint by reducing, reusing, repairing, and recycling.

Library Buildings

Places to go for information on green buildings include:

- Green Libraries (www.greenlibraries.org) which lists books and web sites for green libraries that have already been built with green sensibilities.
- Leadership in Energy and Environment Design, (LEED) at www.usbgc.org was established by the U.S. Green Building Council and provides standards for environmentally sustainable construction, evaluating projects within six categories: site development, energy efficiency, materials selection, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design.

Most libraries must work with existing the buildings, but there are many smaller changes that can be made to reduce the environmental impact.

- Have an energy audit of the building to look at lighting, windows and doors, heating and cooling.
- Replace old electronic equipment with more energy efficient ones.

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- Provide bike and skateboard racks.
- Replace incandescent bulbs with energy saving ones.
- Install occupancy sensors to turn off lights when room not in use.
- Use green cleaning products.
- Use reusable cups, plates, etc in stead of disposable ones.
- Check out free software from GreenPrint (www.printgreener.com) to avoid printing blank pages.
- Print on both sides of the paper.

Your Collection

Business and home owners need information on how to do it. Have books, magazines, DVDs and web sites accessible in the library's collection that will encourage your customers to think green when it comes to purchasing, living, and working. *Library Journal*, February 1, 2009, has a bibliography of green resources in their Collection Development section with starred items as being essential for most collections. This is available through Library Journal Online at <www.libraryjournalonline.com/article/CA6630783.html>.

Community

Libraries can take the lead in the community by encouraging and educating the public on ways they can integrate green measures into their lives.

- Collaborate with local environmental groups to be a community recycling drop-off site for batteries or used electronics.
- Establish an environmental book club or books for your next One Book community program. Novels with an environmental theme could also be used.
- Plan a program for children and teens on reducing our environmental foot print by creating a craft out of discarded or junk materials. Sites such as <holidays.kaboose.com/earth-day> gives ideas using recycled items. A great place for ideas for older kids and teens is a *VOYA* article *The 6R Movement: Reduce, Reclaim, Redesign, Recycle, Renew* (October 2008).
- Advertise that the library is a green library and display library materials that relate to the environment and green technology.
- Hold a community forum to discuss steps to take to incorporate eco-friendly measures into daily lives.
- Remember that "greening the library" improves not only the quality of life, but can also save money.



Panhandle Library System
Board Minutes, Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff

President Vickie Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present: Terry Christensen, Deb Finley, Glenda Gamby, Vickie Retzlaff, Dixie Riley, Jane Schlager, Floyd Smith III, and Beth Trupp. Board Members absent were Kendra Caskey and Kathy Terrell. Also present were Margie Harrison, Debbie McCall and Rod Wagner.

The January 13, 2009 agenda was approved.

The minutes from the last meeting, November 13, 2008 were approved.

Deb Finley was appointed new PLS Board Member.

Round Table: Jane Schlager announced the Scottsbluff Public Library is holding Family Prime Time at the Guadalupe Center from February 1st to March 8th.

Dixie Riley reported Chappell Memorial Library received money from the Virginia Smith Trust for Summer Reading books and also received \$1000 from a donor. There was water damage in the library and they will have to replace the carpets, walls and maybe the bathroom.

PLS Committees: Jane Schlager announced the theme for this summer's PLS Annual Meeting is "A Touch of Class".

Dixie Riley reported nothing at this time for the nominating committee. Deb Finley was assigned to the Nominating committee.

Glenda Gamby reported there were no scholarships received, but there are three scholarships available for \$100 each.

CE/Tech: Floyd Smith III reported his committee hasn't met at this time.

Public Relations: Beth Trupp announced the PLS Author Tour went very well.

Nebraska Library Commission Report: Announced by Rod Wagner:

Topics: Legislature convened on January 7 with new appropriations committee members.

Budget hearings begin February 24th through March 26th. Nebraska library Commissions budget hearings begin March 17th. The future of LSTA is uncertain. ALA is promoting funds for library construction.

Nebraska Library Commission is collecting information from Nebraska libraries to determine use for federal funds for construction projects. Garry Alkire from Scottsbluff is the President of Nebraska Center for the Book. Christa Burns is completing inventories from Nebraska libraries to determine eligibility for online hardware grants with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A total of \$40,000 in grants from Nebraska Library Commission was awarded to Regional Library Systems to provide continuing education and training to children and young adult librarians. The commission received 30 grant applications requesting \$343,500 for library improvement grants. The first one-hour webinar titles "Meet the NLC, part 1." Named NCompass Live

. Information about webinar can be found on the Commission's website at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ncompass/ncompasslive.asp>. Nebraska Overdrive is a shared, growing collection of digital audio-books available through Digital Library Reserve at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/overdrive/>.

PLS Coordinator's Report: Margie presented the PLS coordinators report from November 1 through December 31, 2008.

Budget: Margie presented the year-to-date financial report.

Old Business:

Adoption of amended PLS Bylaws: Floyd Smith III made a motion and Jane Schlager seconded to eliminate the PLS Treasurer by unanimous vote.

Floyd Smith III filed a motion and Jane Schlager seconded to change the language for the duties of the Secretary to: "The secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all meetings of the board, and perform other such duties as are generally associated with the office. If the secretary wishes and the board approves, the president of the board may appoint the PLS Administrative Assistant to record the minutes of board meetings." The vote was unanimous.

Floyd Smith III made a motion and Beth Trupp seconded to recommend changes to Section 2 Check, Drafts, Etc. The section shall read, "*The System Coordinator and at least one other Board member - to be designated at the first Board meeting of each Fiscal year - will be authorized to sign PLS checks. Two signatures will be required on all checks. The System will maintain bonding/employee dishonesty insurance for the members and System staff based on the maximum amount anticipated to be in the System accounts at any one time. The Board will review the bonding/employee dishonesty insurance amount annually, at the time of insurance renewal.*" The vote was unanimous.

New policy regarding committee chairperson: After discussion, the board decided not to make any revisions to the current policy.

Upcoming Events: The upcoming events were highlighted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next PLS board meeting will be March 10, 2009 at the Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff – In the main conference room. 10:00 a.m.





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Our First Jobalike in Ogallala!

At Prairie View Elementary School, 801 East O, Ogallala

Many librarians have requested that PLS host a Jobalike in the eastern part of the Panhandle. So, we've scheduled the first one in Ogallala! Betty Armstrong, the elementary school media specialist with Ogallala Schools, is our hostess for the evening. Betty will make Sloppy Joes, and bring relishes, beverages, and a dessert for our meal. She will take you on a tour of Prairie View library, and talk about her job as an elementary school librarian serving three schools. There will be a job sharing session, where you will have an opportunity to share problems, ask questions, and talk about your own jobs.

Everyone is invited to attend!

What: JOBALIKE

Where: Prairie View
Elementary School,
810 East O, Ogallala,

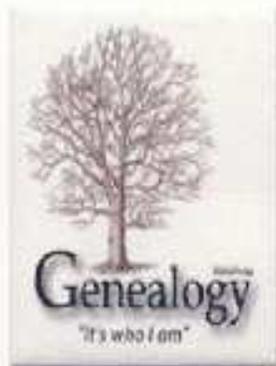


When: Monday,
April 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for dinner. Give money to Betty
Armstrong @ Jobalike

RSVP: By Thursday, April 16. PLS is taking
reservations. Call (308)632-1350, or email
Debbie McCall at debm@charterinternet.com or
Marjorie Harrison at mharrison@nlc.state.ne.us

PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM



GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR LIBRARIANS!

Nebraska State Genealogy Society
Conference: Librarian's Day Pre-Conference

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2009.

The same session will be held in the morning and in the afternoon.

Location: The Harms Advanced Technology Center, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff.

Time: Morning Session: 9:30 a.m. to Noon Afternoon Session: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Presenters: Floyd Smith, Executive Director of the West Nebraska Family Research and History Center and Ed Loera, ProQuest representative and instructor.

This workshop will introduce librarians to the basics of genealogy research and provide training on using HeritageQuest. HeritageQuest is a Free Nebraska Access online database available to all libraries in Nebraska, provided by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Please mail or fax your registration by April 23, 2009 to Panhandle Library System, 1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Fax: 308-632-3978

Please tell the PLS office if you plan to attend the morning session or the afternoon session. Morning Session _____ Afternoon Session _____

Name(s) _____

School or Library _____

E-mail: _____

Phone _____

Making Decisions: Who, What, How, When and Why



A workshop on library governance for directors, trustees, library Friends, foundation members, and volunteers.

Presenter: Pat Wagner is a well-known educator, trainer, writer, and consultant with Pattern Research of Denver. Most of her current clients work with and for libraries of all kinds, plus library boards, foundations, Friends groups, and national, state and regional library organizations.

This workshop will be presented at two locations:

- Alliance Public Library
- WNCC-Sidney

FREE C.E. training for
library staff and trustees

Evening Session: Thursday, June 25: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the Alliance Public Library

Morning Session: Friday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at
WNCC-Sidney

Food and beverages will be provided at both sessions!

Call or email the Panhandle Library System by June 18 to register for this FREE workshop. Phone: (Toll free) 888-879-5303, or 308-632-1350; Email: debm@charterinternet.com

Funds for this program are supported in part through a Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Grant.

PLS Public Librarians Meetings

Locations throughout the Panhandle

If you are a public librarian or any PLS member you are invited to attend one or all of the public library meetings held throughout the Panhandle. Earn CE credit for attending.



April 7, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting, Northern Panhandle

Location: Gordon City Library, 101 West 5th Street, Gordon

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Weeding and rare books

May 15, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting, Central Panhandle

Location: Lyman Public Library, 313 Jeffers Avenue, Lyman

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Story Time and Children's Program Idea Sharing

June 8, 2009 Public Librarians Meeting, Southern Panhandle

Location: Oshkosh Public Library, 307 West 1st Street, Oshkosh

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Library Policies

Please bring your Policy Manual to this meeting



Please register 5 days before your meeting, with the Panhandle Library System office. Toll free 888-879-5303. Phone 308-632-1350. Fax 308-632-3978. Margie's E-mail: mharrison@nlc.state.nv.us or Debbie's E-mail: debm@charterinternet.com

Lunch or dinner reservations may be made following the meeting.

NLA Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) 2009 Spring Meetings

The 2009 Spring Meetings are being brought to you by the Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) of the Nebraska Library Association. Our host libraries this year are the Wahoo Public Library (May 1st), the Bridgeport Public Library (May 6th), and the Lexington Public Library (May 7th). Please join us May 1st, 6th, or 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration form is below.

• Agenda

- Legalities of Public Library Policies and Procedures - Adam Prochaska, Attorney at Law, Lincoln (by Skype at Lexington and Bridgeport) - 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- Dealing with Mentally Ill Persons and Patrons - Wanda Butts, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion - 11:00 AM - Noon
- Lunch - Noon - 1:00 PM
- Open Source Integrated Library Systems Statewide Project - Greg Mickells, Deputy Director, Lincoln City Libraries - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- Using Skype in the Library as a Communications Tool - John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion - 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Please make copies as necessary and send your registration to:

Richard Miller
Nebraska Library Commission
The Atrium, 1200 N St., Suite 120
Lincoln NE 68508-2023

Questions?- contact Richard Miller at rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us or (800) 307-2665.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 25, 2009

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E-MAIL: _____ VEGETARIAN LUNCH? Yes No

Please check the day that you will be coming:

Friday, May 1st, Wahoo Public Library, 637 North Maple St., Wahoo, NE

Wednesday May 6th, Bridgeport Public Library, 722 Main St., Bridgeport, NE

Thursday May 7th, Lexington Public Library, 907 N Washington St., Lexington, NE

Registration Fee: \$15 payable to NLA Public Library and Trustee Section

Registration Deadline is April 25, 2009

Panhandle Library System

AUTOMATION VENDOR WORKSHOP



Thursday, May 28

At the new ESU building at the Harms Advanced
Technology Center, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff

Spend a day with library automation vendors learning about automation systems.

Presentations by:

Biblionix Apollo

**Book Systems
Atrium Integrated
Library System**

**COMPanion Corp.
Alexandria**

**Follett Destiny
Library Manager**

**Nebraska Open
Source ILS Project**

Are you considering an upgrade?

Do you want to examine other automation systems?

Are you planning to automate your library for the very first time?

Do you want to learn more about a statewide automation system?

Do you want to learn about the latest trends in library automation?

**Full Day Workshop:
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

You are welcome to attend any or all of the five 90 minute sessions. Lunch will be served on site. Please let us know if you would like to stay for lunch.

The program is FREE. Lunch is \$10.00—payable to PLS.

The agenda for the day is on the back of this flyer!

REGISTER BY MAY 21, 2009 WITH THE PLS OFFICE, TOLL FREE 888-879-5303,
PHONE 308-632-1350, FAX 308-632-3978

Names: _____

School/Library _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you Staying For Lunch: YES _____ NO _____ If YES, please pay \$10.00 for lunch. Payable to Panhandle Library System

Automation Vendor Workshop Agenda

This workshop will give you an opportunity to examine, compare, obtain pricing information, learn about possible financial assistance, and ask questions of vendors who specialize in library automation.

8:30 - 10:00 Biblionix: Biblionix provides Apollo automation solely for small- and medium-sized public libraries. We turn away business from schools. Apollo was designed and is maintained in partnership with customers and it is a full-featured ILS. It has sophisticated, state-of-the-art features and functions that small- and medium-sized public libraries need to be efficient and to deliver enhanced services. Apollo is a hosted service which means you don't need a server and you access it with only a browser on run of the mill PCs or MACs. And you can try Apollo free with all your data; there's no charge, no commitment and no time limit. Let Apollo help you and your patrons get the most out of your library. <http://www.bilionix.com> 877-800-5625 ext 251

10:00 - 10:15 BREAK

10:15 - 11:45 Follett: Destiny Library Manager combines circulation, cataloging, searching, reporting and management in one centrally installed library software system. Destiny Library Manager is an easy-to-use, web-based library automation and management solution that includes: Alliance Plus - Integrated online database of over 8 million MARC records for easy cataloging, Z39.50 Protocol - Integrated Z39.50 client and server capabilities; Search Library of Congress and other libraries for MARC records; No more downloads, uploads, cutting and pasting; Award Winners - Integrated filter of Award Winning Titles; Search the catalog for just Golden Sower or Caldecott or Newbery etc.; Maintained by Follett; Reading Program Filter - AR/RC, Lexile and Fountas and Pinnell; Destiny Quest - New engaging search interface; Community Access - Patrons can access Destiny from home; Destiny eLearnings - On demand video trainings

11:45 - 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 - 2:00 Book Systems: Book Systems is an innovator in the library automation industry and has been for nearly two decades, providing affordable library automation solutions. Atrium is our powerful 100% browser based Integrated Library System (ILS); a centralized ILS that is easy-to-use, flexible and configurable for both schools and public libraries. Runs on either Windows 2003/2008 or a Linux based server, and is accessible from any computer using either an Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Apple Safari browser. Does not require a Java-client or any other special software. ASP hosting options are also available. Book Systems also offers Booktracks, a 100% browser based textbook management and tracking solution for school districts. Traditional manual tracking methods are cumbersome, time-consuming and inaccurate. Booktracks is easy to implement, reduces staff time distributing textbooks, and provides accurate accounting for the distribution and return of textbooks. Start protecting your textbook investment today! For more information, visit our website at: <http://www.booksys.com>

2:00 - 3:00 Open Source Integrated Library Systems Statewide Project: Pam Sorside, Director of the Holdrege Area Public Library, will talk about what is currently happening in Nebraska regarding a statewide shared automation system.

3:00 - 3:15 BREAK

3:15 - 4:30 COMPANION Corp: Alexandria is the library automation system you would buy again- fortunately, you don't have to. Unlike Alexandria, other library automation vendors force you to repurchase their product for updated technology. Alexandria does not charge current customers for updates, upgrades, and even next generation systems / technologies. Alexandria leads the industry with a refined and mature product. Alexandria reduces complicated tasks and procedures into a simple and easily comprehended solution. It allows web-based access for librarians & patrons and requires no client installations. The server operates natively on latest Windows and Mac platforms. It offers reading program integration (*Accelerated Reader, Reading Counts, Lexia, and others*) and 24/7 live technical support. Website: <http://www.gualexandria.com>