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Eastern Express

The Newsletter of the Eastern Library System

**From the
Administrator**

Kathy

Legislative Events 2005

On March 16, this year's legislature will have finished half of its 90 day session. Much has been accomplished regarding libraries during this time.

February 23 NLA Legislative Day— The weather cooperated and librarians, library trustees and friends turned out to rally at the capitol. An early morning get-together gave everyone an opportunity to visit with senators who stopped in for coffee and doughnuts. The room was packed and one senator mentioned his perception of librarians as quiet has changed.

Hearing Room 1524 was packed with over 120 people for the legislative briefing that followed. Legislative bills affecting libraries were discussed and Ken Winston, NLA lobbyist, brought everyone up to date on what was happening. Lyn Ziegenbein, executive director of the Kiewit Foundation, spoke on her life-long love of libraries and what needs to be done to keep libraries flourishing. She said that cooperation is necessary in order for libraries to survive. Eight youth, selected to receive awards for their volunteer work at their school or public library, were recognized. The youth honored are: Jacee Anderson (Sidney), Holly Byers (Elkhorn), Jessica Harvey (Papillion), DeDe Jacobsen (Fremont), Andrew Murphy (Weeping Water), Jonalyn Pescitelli (Central City), Rebakah Ramer (North Platte), and Zachary Youngman (Lincoln). (Visit the System's web page for pictures <www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/eastern>). It was time then for everyone to visit their senator's office or call them off the floor for a visit. Some choose to watch the legislature in session from the balcony.

The number of people attending has grown so over the last few years it is a good thing the luncheon was held at the Cornhusker Hotel. This year's attendance was 175, about 20 more than 2004. NLA President, Brenda Ealey, welcomed everyone and then the honored youth received their award from the senator from their district. Each of these young people deserved to be recognized for the time they give and the work they do for their library.

Senators or their aides who attended the luncheon each were presented with a "bag of bookmarks" from the libraries in their district as well as ones from the state's colleges and universities. Those not attending received their bookmarks when the last of the six library story postcards was delivered the next day.

The day didn't end quite yet. The Nebraska Library Commission hosted an educational seminar. The 80-85 people who attended heard three excellent speakers. Lynn Rex, executive director of the League of Municipalities spoke on libraries, leadership and the legislative process. Two representatives from the Lincoln Literacy Council talked about the council's services and how libraries can help.

Thanks

And now just like the Academy Awards, I'd like to thank many people for helping with the 2005 legislative session.

Testifying at Legislative Hearings:

LB 217 (Infrastructure bill) - Ted Smith, Mike Nolan, Randy Nelson, and Rod Wagner.

LB 374 (Systems access to state health benefits) - Maggie Harding, Brenda Ealey, Rod Wagner, Kathy Bretschneider, and Lori Long.



LB 599 (Library boards, governing/advisory) - Penny Jeffrey, Joan Birnie, Gary Wright, and Rod Wagner. Nebraska Library Commission's Budget Hearing—Rod Wagner, Patty Birch, Rivkah Sass, and Sally Payne.

Bookmark Bags—Thank you to Joy Winkler for supplying the bags and labels.

Thanks to all the librarians that sent bookmarks, and there were many, that were included in the bookmark bags. There were some wonderful bookmarks—decorated, made by kids, patriotic, with quotes, pretty, funny, bright neon, eye-catching, and clever—only begins to describe them. A senator was heard to say that he was impressed!.

Library Story Cards—Thanks to the Southeast Library System for designing and printing the set of six colorful cards that were delivered one at a time to each senator's office. Thanks also to Beth Goble, Brenda Ealey, Bob Boyce, Robin Brooks, and Maggie Harding for delivering them.

Thanks also to the libraries who allowed us to use their stories and provided pictures—Lincoln High School, Sump Memorial Library (Papillion), Seward Public Library, Scottsbluff Public Library, McGoogan Library of Medicine, and Lincoln City Libraries.

Greeters from the Trustee, Users & Friends NLA Section - Thanks to those of you who came early to meet greet everyone at the coffee.

Youth Awards—Rose Schinker, Laureen Reidesel, and Steve Fosselman did a super job of selecting youth to be honored.

Publicity—Again, thanks to Rose Schinker for the publicity of the event.

And finally, this is where at the Academy Awards they are playing the music, thanks to the great people I work with on the Legislative Committee — Nancy Larimer for arranging the luncheon. Mary Reiman made the arrangements for the coffee. Plus Steve Fosselman, Laureen Reidesel, Peggy Adair, Kris Rogge, Ted Smith, and Maggie Harding.

A special thank you to all the advocates who attended the NLA Legislative Day and support the legislative activities. With half of the legislative session still to come, we may need your support on some of the bills so don't be surprised if you get a call or e-mail asking you to contact your senator.

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Youth Awards at Legislative Day 2005



**Senator Nancy Thompson & Jessica Harvey,
Papillion**



**DeDe Jacobsen, Fremont & Senator Ray
Janssen**



**Holly Byers, Elkhorn & Senator Dwite
Pedersen**

Trustee Tips

In the book *The Successful Library Trustee Handbook* the author, Mary Y. Moore, writes:

In *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* Alice asks the Cheshire Cat, "Which way should I go?" He responds, "That depends upon where you are going." When Alice admits that she doesn't know where she is going, the Cat concludes, "Then it doesn't matter which way you go!" Certainly as a good board member, you will want to know where the library is going.



Moore also writes of the benefits of a solid strategic plan:

- It clarifies the purpose of the library.
- It demonstrates accountability to funding organizations.
- It increases efficiency of service
- It increase responsiveness to the library's customers.
- It provides a basis for measuring the success of the library
- It provides expectations on which to evaluate the performance of the library director.
- It identifies opportunities for the future.

If you as a trustee are asking, "Which way should I go?", come to the Public Library Planning workshop sponsored by the Eastern Library System on April 11 (the flyer is in this newsletter.)

Theresa Jehlik, a nationally certified planning trainer, will guide you in the direction so you can design a plan to match your library services with your community interests and information needs. You can design a plan for YOUR library to fit YOUR needs. Every trustee attending will receive 5.5 hours of continuing education credit plus have an opportunity to visit with other trustees from the area.

Be sure to bring your library director along.

From Senator Pedersen: "It is my hope that during this legislative session, we will take care of the business of the State of Nebraska in a manner that is fair, consistent, compassionate and firm without hard feelings, acrimony, or sacrifice. I still consider it an honor and a privilege to represent my constituents in Lincoln. I hope that I will be able to articulate their needs and wants and to stand up for not only the citizens of the 39th district, but for others who need a voice in their government."

System News



Bellevue Public Library

A week of special activities to celebrate the 101st birthday of Dr. Seuss ended with a great Seuss-athon reading event with 144 participants. A reading marathon of Dr. Seuss' works was great fun.



Shirley Harbin & Alice Boeckman put together 12 hours of fun, food and good reading.

Library director, Lupe Mier, got into the act too.



Families enjoyed time together.

Wahoo Public Library

The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development awarded over \$1 million in a low interest loan to the Wahoo Public Buildings and Grounds Association to construct a 12,000 sq. ft. public library. Wahoo city mayor, Daryl Reitmajer, stated, "The USDA Rural Development loan is allowing us to make immediate progress in the building of a new library. Our existing library is currently housed in the City Hall, and is very short on space. The low interest loan made this

project a reality for our community without an additional burden on our taxpayers."

Neihardt Museum

On Sunday, March 20th, poetic readings and discussion with Michael Nolan and Desmond Egan will be held at the Neihardt State Historic site, 306 W. Elm Street, Bancroft. The theme will be "The Landscape of Yeats, Ireland and Poetic Inspiration." The program is free and open to the public with a reception following for author signing. Go to Neihardt@gpcom.net for more information.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Stephen Shorb has been named Library Dean at UNO. Mr. Shorb is currently University of Florida associate director of university libraries. He will begin his duties at UNO on May 23. John Christiansen, vice-chancellor for academic and student affairs at UNO stated, "Special thanks goes to Dorothy Willis, who had done extraordinary work as interim dean."

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Nora Hillyer has been named the Information Science, Technology & Engineering/Reference Librarian at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Library. Hillyer received her MLS from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and brings a background of computer programming and systems analysis to her position.

Oakland

Rosa Schmidt, director of the Oakland Public Library, received the city employee of the year award at their banquet in January. Way to go, Rosa!

Fremont

The Keene Memorial Library has a great YA web page. Take a look at <http://www.keene.lib.ne.us/YoungAdult.html>.

La Vista

The public library has had a successful game night for adults. For more information call Rose Shinker at 402-537-3900.

Tekamah

Welcome new library director, Joyce Grass.

Hooper

Welcome new library director, Karla Shafer

Bancroft

Welcome new library director, Ruthann Bargmann

For Children's Librarians & Media Specialists

Award Winning Books

- Caldecott Medal — *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Hanks
- Newbery Medal— *Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata
- Printz Award— *How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff
- Coretta Scott King Award - *Remember the Journey to School Integration* by Toni Morrison

Books About the Older Generation

Studies have shown that American children have a positive view of older adults in their own family, but a negative view on aging. The Association for Library Service to Children teamed with George Washington University's Center on Aging, Healthier and Humanities to develop a reading list of children's books (www.gwumc.edu/cahh/booklist/booklist_20041110.pdf) that portray aging and older adults in a positive light. The list of over 90 books was reviewed by librarians and includes books published from 1976 to 2002. Suggestions to the list are welcomed.

April is Poetry Month

Do a Google search you will find many sites to help you plan a poetry celebration. Here are 3 good ones.

Academy of American Poets. <www.poets.org> Information about American poets and poems.
Favorite Poem Project. <www.favoritepoem.org> Parts of this site are free while others require you to subscribe at no cost. Includes a section for teachers.

Giggle Poetry. <www.gigglepoetry.com> Poetry activities, contests, games and links to poets.

Series Paperback Update

Strasser, Todd. *Take Off.* Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.99. 0-689-87029-9.

Cut Back. Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.99. 0-689-87030-2.

Close Out. Simon Pulse 2004, \$5.99. 0-689-87031-0.

Thompson, Celia. *The Fallen.* Simon Pulse, 2004. \$6.99. 0-689-86658-5.

The Stolen. Simon Pulse, 2004. \$6.99. 0-689-86659-3.

Withers, Pam. *Raging River.* Walrus Books, 2003. \$6.99. 1-55285-510-4.

Peak Survival. Walrus Books, 2003. \$6.99. 1-55285-530-9.

Hopkins, Cathy. *White Lies and Barefaced Truths.* Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.99. 0-689-87003-5.

The Princess of Pop. Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.99. 0-689-87002-7.

Teen Queens and Has-Beens. Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.00. 0-689-87129-5.

Hariotte, Jeff. *Summer.* Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.99, 0-689-86665-8.

Fall. Simon Pulse, 2004. \$5.99/0-689-86724-7.
[VOYA, February 2005]

Three Articles to Interlibrary Loan

1. *Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers 2004* — From fantasy to realistic fiction.
2. *Gaming for Librarians: An Introduction* by Heather Wilson.
3. *Video Games as a Service: Hosting Tournaments at Your Library* by Erin Helmrich and Eli Neiburger.

All of the articles are in *VOYA*, February 2005 and can be interlibrary loaned from the ELS Office.

"Surround youngsters with so many books that they stumble over them." Robert Frost

Book Reviews of Golden Sower Nominees 2004-2005, Grades 4-6

By Joan Chesley, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

Who Will Tell My Brother by Marlene Carvell, Hyperion, 078680827. Evan, a senior, is carrying the tradition of his older brother, Jacob, protesting the Indian mascot of his high school. The first time Evan goes to the school board, he is met with sniffling indifference. He persists but the bullies of the school attack, first him and then his dog, Butch. The horrible attack on the innocent dog galvanizes the support for Evan that he couldn't get by himself. In a heartwarming scene at the graduation ceremonies, the authorities defiantly raise the banner of an Indian chief to emphasize that this emblem will continue. In reaction, the entire senior class responds by taking off their hats and putting their heads on their knees. Evan knows that he has raised awareness.

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech, Harper Trophy, 0-06-056015-0. Dallas and Florida (13) are in the Trepid's Boxtan Creek Home Orphanage, really a terrible place to be. An elderly couple, Tiller and Sairy, ask for a six month period with the twins for companionship while traveling. Tiller and Sairy take Dallas and Florida to Ruby Holler. The relationship is unusual for Tiller and Florida are alike, both complainers, and Sairy and Dallas are dreamers. The two couples work through their relationships with each other, having adventures and dreams along the way.

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan, Harper Trophy, 0-06-441044-7. Jake Semple (14) has been kicked out of every school in Rhode Island. Finally a home school run by the Applewhites agrees to take him. Whether the Applewhites are prepared for Jake not clear, Jake is certainly not prepared for the Applewhites, a most unorthodox family. After his notoriety at the schools he has demolished, he is not prepared for being so "unnoticed" by almost everyone at the Wits End; only four year old Destiny even pays any attention to Jake's nose rings and spiked hair. Only Destiny and the dog, Winston, follow Jake around. The daughter, E.D., has no patience with Jake and treats him, and only when

she absolutely has to see him at all, with contempt and disgust. Everyone else is completely absorbed in their own projects. Jake is drawn into "The Sound of Music" and finds that he likes being on stage and singing.

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff, Dell Yearling, 0-440-41578-0. Hollis (12) has been running from foster homes. When she comes to the Regans, she knows it wouldn't be for long. She comes to love Izzy, the mom, the old man and Steven (12). However she senses she has brought trouble to the family and when Steven is in an accident, Hollis takes off. This time she goes to Josie Cahill where she finds another set of problems. Hollis finally gets the picture realizing, that she must pull the families together.

National Library Week - April 10-16, 2005

For lots of good ideas go to the American Library Association website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nationallibraryweek.htm>.

Something for everyone @ your library® it their theme and sounds like a great opportunity to promote all of the wonderful services and events your library offers.

Pam Smith, librarian at Holy Cross School in Omaha, will have Laura Huliska-Beith, an outstanding illustrator and author, demonstrate her methods of illustration to the students during National Library Week. To make this visit even more special, Laura is a former student of Holy Cross and is the daughter of one of their current teachers.

Very Interesting!

Q: How many women are in the 2005 Legislature?

A: Of the 49 Nebraska legislators, 12 are women, equating to 24.5% of the current legislature. Nebraska's current percentage is up from 18.4% last session.

[from the *Unicameral Update*]

Announcements

The Paraprofessional Section of NLA invites nominations for "Para-Of-The-Year." Each year this award is given to a deserving paraprofessional who demonstrates the very best of Nebraska's library personnel. The information on criteria, the nomination form, and the benefits to the awardee are on the Paraprofessional Section web page - <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraofyear.html>. One of the requirements for nomination is that the person must belong to the Paraprofessional Section of NLA. Don't let this stop you from nominating someone. It is quite easy to join the section (and NLA for that matter.) The membership form can be found at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/membership.html>. There are many other great reasons to join NLA (especially the Para section) besides being eligible for this award. The deadline is July 31, 2005, and the award is presented at the Fall Conference of NLA on September 28-30 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. I encourage you to consider nominating a deserving paraprofessional for this award.

Nancy Meyer, Citations Committee Chair

NLA Scholarships

Nebraska Library Association members interested in pursuing additional education and training are eligible for NLA scholarships which will be awarded this spring. Several Louise A. Nixon Scholarships (\$1000 each) will be awarded in the spring of 2005.

One Duane Munson Scholarship (\$250) will be awarded to an NLA member to help practicing librarians and paraprofessional gain additional education and training on a part-time or full-time basis.

The guidelines and application forms for these scholarships are available at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/scholarship.htm>. Deadline is April 15, 2005.

Nominations Needed

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

torious Service Award is given annually to the person, corporation, or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library service in a local community, region, state agency, or in library legislation. The Mari Sandoz Award recognizes significant, enduring contributions to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production, or related activity. Nominations and letters of support must be received by Friday, May 27, 2005. Go to <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/awards.html> for more information.

Mountain Plains Library Association's Leadership Institute will be held October 23-28, 2005.

For information on qualifications and an application form go to www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/.

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Sharon Osenga, Mountain Plains Library Association's Vice President, is pleased to announce Marty Magee as her Board Choice Award Winner for 2005. Marty is the Nebraska Liaison for the National Network/Libraries of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library.

27,000 searches! Nebraska librarians, library patrons and residents have been actively using HeritageQuest Online, a subscription genealogical resource, provided by the Nebraska Library Commission. Call Shannon Behrhorst, Network Services Director at NLC for more information sbehrhorst@nlc.state.ne.us, 402-471-4031.

Mark your calendars

April 4—CLICK Meeting at the Mead Public Library, 9:30 am. Bring your favorite story-time to share (with copies for others if you can.) Please email Vera if you are coming meadpl@microlnk.com.

Annual Meeting will be on June 3 at the La Vista Public Library. Lots of great "stuff" is being planned so you won't want to miss it.

Worth Checking Out



New Additions to the ELS Professional Collection

Moore, Mary Y. *The Successful Library Trustee Handbook*. ALA, 2005. This handbook is an excellent introduction for the new trustee and a useful reference for the library board member needing specific information on many topics impacting library boards. Topics covered include: meetings, advocacy, policy development, strategic planning, evaluation, budget, liability, and fund-raising.

College of DuPage Soaring to Excellence
Teleconference video—*Dealing with Difficult People*.
Deborah Wilcox-Johnson, Johnson & Johnson
Consulting, provides some practical advice on how to deal with impatient and frustrated patrons.

To borrow either of these resources, please call the System office.

Does your library have a cell phone policy? Let us know what is.

Salinas (KS) Public Library uses signs to encourage quiet cell phone use. The signs are folded into a standing triangle and placed on tables. One side says, "Please keep noise to a minimum. Thank you for being considerate!" The other side says, "Cell phone options. 1. Speak very low and be brief. 2. Take conversation outside. 3. Take conversation in small meeting room or in a secluded area where others will not be disturbed."

Great Bend (KS) Public Library— "Use of cell phone is not permitted in the library. Cell phone ringers must be turned off. Cell phone conversations must take place outside the building (or in the foyer) Violators will be asked to leave the library."

Huntington Beach (CA) Library—After cell phone users ignored signs banning cell phones and reacted hostilely to verbal warnings, city leaders passed an ordinance in which the first offense gets a warning with a \$250 fine if patrons don't comply. Second offense a \$500 fine and third offense, \$1,000.

[Adapted from *CLKS Post*, a publication of Central Kansas Library System, November– December, 2004. Seen in *the Unabashed Librarian*, No. 113.

Notable Books List

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association) Notable Books Council's 2005 list of outstanding books, both fiction and non-fiction, for the general readers is posted at www.ala.org/rusa/notable.html. The 26-book list includes a book of poetry, *Delights and Shadows*, by Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate. The book list will be available after June 1 in a camera-ready kit with brochures and bookmarks for all of the ALA lists of children's through adult titles. To order, call 800-545-2433, press 7.

Public Library Investment Return

Studies by the State Library and Archives of Florida (dls.dos.state.fl.us/bld/roi/pdfs/ROISSummaryReport.pdf) and the School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, (www.libsci.sc.edu/SCEIS/home.htm) estimates the return investment the states receives on every dollar invested in public libraries.

	Invested	Return
South Carolina -	\$1	\$4.48
Florida	\$1	\$6.54

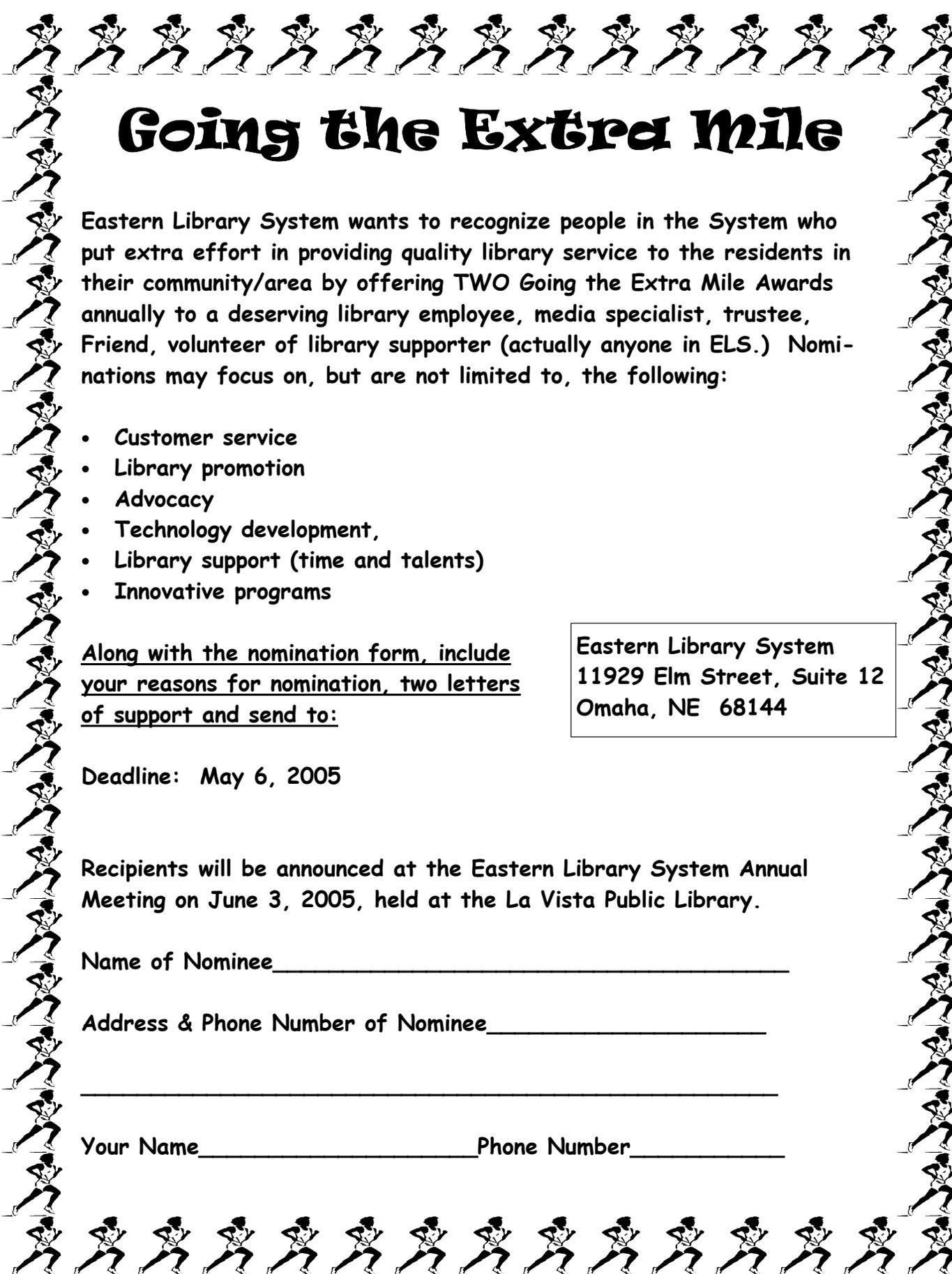
Projecting forward over 32-years, the Florida study indicated that if library funds were redistributed to other government activities, the state economy would lose \$5.6 billion in wages and 68,700 jobs. The South Carolina study found that of business users, 23% estimated their costs would increase between \$500 and \$5000 without library resources. General users said the public library improves the overall quality of life, and 32% of job seekers said it helped them find a new job. [See also *Library Journal*, March 1, 2005, *FL,SC Studies Tout Return on Public Library Investment*.]

Miscellaneous Stuff

Library survey samples— www.lrs.org/usersurveys.asp
Foundation Directory—crd.neded.org/publications/documents/Foundation_Res_Dir.pdf

Public Library Geographic Database— www.geolib.org/PLGDB.cfm—Interesting stuff through graphics concerning customers that use the library. (Thanks to Pam Scoot, NLC, for these sites.)

Did you know coffee filters can be used with a glass cleaner to clean computer monitors? Dampen slightly with water to clean laser printers. Use dry filters to clean camera lenses and viewfinders. Coffee filters are effective as they are lint-free. *Library Media Connection*, February 2005.]



Going the Extra Mile

Eastern Library System wants to recognize people in the System who put extra effort in providing quality library service to the residents in their community/area by offering TWO Going the Extra Mile Awards annually to a deserving library employee, media specialist, trustee, Friend, volunteer of library supporter (actually anyone in ELS.) Nominations may focus on, but are not limited to, the following:

- Customer service
- Library promotion
- Advocacy
- Technology development,
- Library support (time and talents)
- Innovative programs

Along with the nomination form, include your reasons for nomination, two letters of support and send to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 12
Omaha, NE 68144

Deadline: May 6, 2005

Recipients will be announced at the Eastern Library System Annual Meeting on June 3, 2005, held at the La Vista Public Library.

Name of Nominee _____

Address & Phone Number of Nominee _____

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Eastern Library System Board Minutes

January 21, 2005

Bennington Public Library



Present: Matt Rohde, Lori Long, Becky Pasco, Lupe Mier, Tammy Lorenz, Sam McMullen, Becky Sims, Nina Little, Lynn Schnoor, Rose Schinker, Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer.

Introductions and comments: Matt Rohde – The University of Nebraska at Omaha Library will host Cather Read-In, April 15th. Lori Long – There is a new Gretna Library building on the horizon as they are working with architects now. Nina Little - There will be a Valentine’s Tea on February 12th to benefit the Valley Library. The Nebraska library professionals are well represented in current MPLA association newsletter. The next MPLA conference is October 12-15 in Jackson Hole Wyoming.

Becky Sims – The Offutt library is moving to a new SIRSI automation system. Offutt has books in Farsi and other languages that can be interlibrary loaned to other sites, new web OPAC is coming soon. Dee Clark, assistant director of the Bennington Public Library, noted lots of use by non-resident patrons and the lack of space at the library.

Guest: Sue Raymond, Nebraska Center for Biopreparedness Education. The Center resides on the UNMC campus. Congress funded sites for each state as a response to the attack on 9/11. The Center was created by a federal grant that was awarded to UNMC and Creighton. The Center’s activities are primarily training first responders (firefighters, police, emergency technicians, public health professionals.) Their library has books, journal, videos, and digital formats – accessible to the public through McGoogan catalog and has an informational website.

Minutes: The November 19, 2004 minutes were reviewed. Sam McMullen moved and Matt Rohde seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Reports: The November and December 2004, reports were reviewed. They will be placed on file for audit.

Correspondence: Kathy received a letter of resignation from the ELS Board from Paul Emmerich. The nomination committee will find a replacement for Paul to be placed on the ballot. Kathy received a thank you note from Connie Manzer, director of the Springfield Public Library for the ELS Children’s Grant that provided monies for new youth biographies.

Administrator’s Report: See written report.

Old Business:

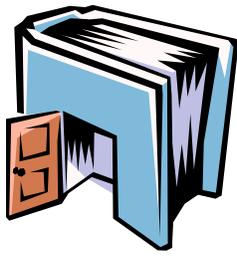
- A. Trustees: The trustee survey, at this point, has a 43% return. Lynn Bradman will be writing a report on the results.
- B. Bylaws Review: The Bylaws were reviewed by the Executive Committee and found them to be complete and current with only a few minor clerical errors.

New Business:

- A. Technology Plan – The ELS technology committee looked over the technology plan. It will be submitted to the Nebraska Library Commission to meet the E-Rate requirements and deadlines.
- B. Periodical Usage Survey: A survey was sent out to those librarians on the periodical routing list. The results indicated that they were satisfied with the selection of the periodicals and the way in which they were routed.
- C. Audit for FY2003/2004: The audit was reviewed and approved by the Board.
- D. End-of-life Project: Materials were obtained and a speaker has been identified for workshops. Kathy will proceed in the planning of this event.

Matt Rohde moved and Becky Sims seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:
March 18, 2005
Omaha Public Schools



Starting May,
2005...

LIBR 1510 REFERENCE SERVICES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ENVIRONMENTS

3 Semester Hours
Online

Summer Session 2005

Course Dates: May 23 – August 5, 2005

This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills applicable to reference services in library and information environments.

Topics include:

- Understanding the philosophy of reference/information services
- Evaluation of information resources
- Identifying current information resources
- Conducting an effective reference interview
- Demonstrating efficient and effective information search strategies

Requirement for Library Technology Assistant program that will be offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Libraries – Intro course may be taken concurrently

Interested? Call Central Community College Today:

Mary Young

Director of Admission, Columbus Campus

(800) 642-1083 ext. 1296

or

Angie Pacheco

Director of Admissions, Grand Island Campus

(800) 652-9177

www.cccneb.edu

*General Registration for Summer 2005 term begins
April 8, 2005*

Class Instructor: LIBR 1510 Linda Bowden lbowden@cccneb.edu

LIBR 1610 Introduction to Children and Young Adult Services

3 Semester Hours

Online

Summer Session 2005

Course will be offered May 16 – August 5, 2005

This course This course will provide students with an introduction to services for children and young adults in the library. Students will be introduced to the philosophy of services to children and young adults and the tasks performed by library staff. Objectives include:

- Display knowledge of the theories and philosophy of library service to children and young adults including understanding the value of literature in the lives of youth
- Describe the various functions and policies of a library's children and young adults services department
- Apply a basic understanding of the criteria that make good children's picture books, novels and nonfiction
- Apply a basic understanding of the criteria that make good young adult books
- Find, select, and use quality multicultural literature to facilitate multicultural awareness in children and young adults.
- Explain the benefits for youth of materials other than books in the library

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Class Instructor: LIBR 1610 Joie Taylor violets@megavision.com

Upcoming Events

March 18 — Eastern Library System Board Meeting, Omaha Public Schools, TAC. 9:30 am.

March 19—Library Media Specialist Training Day—UNO Kayser Hall, 9 am—3:30 pm. Contact the ELS Office for more information.

March 21—Copyright in the Digital Age—Metro Community College Sarpy Center/ LaVista Public Library, 1 -4 pm. Contact Kay Hershey, 402-457-2524.

April 4—CLICK Meeting, Mead Public Library, 9:30—11:30 am.

April 6—DIRECT Meeting, Baright Public Library, Ralston. Topic: Shannon Behrhosrt, NLC, Heritage Quest. 9:30—11:30 am. Contact: Jan Gorman, 402-331-7636.

April 8, 15, 22—Basic Skill Classes (Public Services), Bess Johnson Elkhorn Public Library. 10 am—3 pm. Contact: Pam Scott, 800-307-2665; pscott@nlc.state.ne.us.

April 8—Spring Fling at Mahoney State Park. (See flyer this issue)

April 11— Public Library Planning Workshop, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont, 9:30 am—3 pm. (See flyer this issue).

April 26—Omaha Public Library's Why Reader's Advisory is Important Workshop with Duncan Smith. Benson Branch, two identical sessions: 8 -11 am or Noon to 3pm. Contact the System office for more information.

April 29—College of DuPage Teleconference Library Hot Topics: Discussions & Interviews., 11 am—1 pm.

May 4—Basic Copyright Management, Nebraska Library Commission. For more information visit www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/copyrightworkshop.html.

May 6— Wine and Whimsy, ELS Fundraiser, Soaring Wings Vineyard, 7 -9 pm. (See flyer this issue.)

May 10,11,12— Spring Meetings: Where's the Bucks? Fundraising Strategies for Public Libraries. Meetings in Kimball, North Platte, and York respectively.

May 20—ELS Board Meeting, Scribner, 9:30 am.

June 3—ELS Annual Meeting—LaVista Public Library

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