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The Newsletter of the Eastern Library System

From the Administrator

I am not one of those people that think fall is the best season in

Nebraska. Not that I don't think it is beautiful with red, orange and brown trees against a blue sky. The truth is, I like summer; fall makes me a little sad as I dread the cold, dark days of winter. However, I do like the energy and excitement that comes with fall — school starting, people reenergized after a summer vacation, and all kinds of new possibilities, opportunities and challenges.



Here at the ELS office we have been getting ready for this year. The CE Committee has met and discussed what workshops and training events could be offered. Some are already in the works such as annual Youth Services Retreat as Camp Carol Joy Holling. The Regional Library Systems are looking forward to bringing Jodi Pfarr to the state to present workshop *Bridges Out of Poverty*. The Systems, with financial support from the Nebraska Library Commission, is also excited about the bus trip to Jackson Hole, WY for the MPLA Conference. We had a terrific experience last year when we rode the bus to MPLA in Denver. Other things not to forget are the NLA/NEMA Conference at the end of this month. Along with attending sessions, take time to visit with friends and colleagues about what is happening in their libraries. And be sure to bring your 60s duds and dancing shoes to the *Love to Dance* event after the awards banquet on Thursday night.

Here is a reminder of some of the services the System office has to offer its members:

Available for loan from the system office:

- 12 library periodical titles
- Collection of over 100 books and videos on library topics.
- Selection of BiFolkal kits to use for programs.
- Follett Dolphin PHD+.
- Lap top & projector.
- Accu Cut– dies & Ellison machine.

Scholarships:

Scholarships up to \$100 for workshops, conferences, classes or training are available.

Grants:

Later this year, two different grants will be offered: two Children's Services Grants of \$500 each and two Adult Services grants also at \$500 each.

Cooperative Ordering:

An order for Folkmanis puppets will be placed in the fall and again in the spring. These are one-half the regular cost

Communications:

We get many good comments on our *Eastern Express* newsletter that is published six times a year. **What we would like to have is more news from you about what your library is doing, what programs, promotions, etc.** Please call, fax, or e-mail us with your news to share with others in the ELS area.



The newsletter is also online on our web page. www.nlc.state.ne.us/eastern/system is the address of our web page. There you can find information about our programs and services, registration forms for workshops, and an up-to-date directory of ELS member libraries. If the information about your library is not correct, please let us know as we strive to keep it current and accurate.

Consultations and Visits:

I am always available for consultations in person, by phone or e-mail. I love to visit the libraries so if you would like to me pay a visit to your library, please call. Having been around in the Nebraska library world now for many years, I have gotten to know many people in the state and can probably connect you with a resource or contact if needed.

Hope to see you all at the NLA/NEMA Conference in Lincoln soon!

Dewey Decimal Classification Class

Does this book on houseplants go in gardening (635.9), botany (581.6), or interior decorating (747)? If you have a nodding acquaintance with Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index but would like to feel more comfortable with using this important tool, join us for a series of three 1 1/2 hour Web sessions. All you need is a computer in Internet access and a telephone.

Sessions will include discussion on assigning classification numbers when a topic might fall under more than one discipline, choosing the right number based on Notes and Manual entries, building numbers using the tables, and a look at OCLC's Abridged WebDewey.

The Online Cataloging Courses are live presentations that you access from your own computer via the Internet, with audio available via a toll-free conference call. To participate, all you need is your telephone and your web browser.

To register or read more about the classes visit: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/cataloging.html. Prerequisite: Basic Skills "Organization of Library Materials" or some library experience.

Devra Dragos, Cataloging Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission, is the instructor. You will receive 4.5 CE credits for the series of three sessions. There is no fee.

The sessions will be held from 10—11:30 am on November 30, December 7, and December 14. There is a class limit of 20 so register early.

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My Opinion
Kathy Tooker



The name of the game in the library world today is PARTNERSHIPS! Partnerships with other organizations and schools can only strengthen a library plus build the grassroots support that is essential for a library to succeed in serving its community to the fullest.

One of the partnerships that is so obvious and yet often overlooked is that between school and public libraries. Visits between the school media specialist and the public librarian (may well be the youth services librarian) take some effort and planning. To make the most of these efforts, a joint task force of the ALA has launched a web resource detailing nearly 200 school and public library programs from across the country www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/forlibrarians/SchPLCoopActivities.htm.

While this site offers many ideas for cooperative programs, what is needed first is for the public librarian and the school media specialist is to get together and visit about possibilities. Since it is more difficult for media specialists to leave their buildings, public librarians should contact the school and ask for a time for a visit. This is not wasted time, librarians (not just the director) should be out in the community finding out how the library can better fill community information and service needs.

There are many ways for school and public libraries to connect and cooperate. Schools can bring students in to get a card at their local public library and learn about the library's electronic resources. Public librarians can visit the school and give book talks to promote the summer reading program. Ask the school if the public library can have a table at the next parent-teacher conference to hand out library cards, promote databases, and tell about library services. Plan a reading program together that will involves reading the same book to every child in the community. Kansas is doing this now in the entire state!

What are the advantages? Life-time readers that support libraries! Can we afford to miss this opportunity?

.....our prosperity as a nation is directly correlated to our literacy. Senator Barak Obama (D-IL)

Specialized Collections

Does your library have a special collection that is strong in one subject area such as quilting or local history? Do you have a collection of cake pans, ethnic literature, or genealogy resources that you would like others to know about?

If so, please complete the form below and send to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 12
Omaha, NE 68144
Fax: 402-330-1859
or e-mail to ktooker@alltel.net.

Be sure to state if the items are available for interlibrary loan or used only in your library. Thanks!

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Library Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special Collections: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are items available for loan? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Any restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

# System News



## New System Members

 Vatterott College Library, Doug McElwain, librarian.

 National Park Service—Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, Verne Haselwood, librarian.

## Dana College, Blair

*Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America* is a traveling panel exhibit the exhibit will travel to 40 libraries around the country between September 2005 and March 2009. Each copy consists of six colorful, freestanding 18-foot-long photo panels. Each section will examine a different period in Hamilton's life, from his birth through his experience in the American Revolution and his career in politics, to the infamous duel with Aaron Burr that fatally wounded him, and the legacy he left in many arenas of government. Dana College has been chosen as one of the 40 libraries. Watch for further announcements.

## UNO

The UNO library now has an AccuCut machine and lots of dies for use by their staff and students. They also encourage any librarians to come to the west end of the circulation desk and let the dies "work their magic."

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The University Library at UNO to host **Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature Reading and Discussion Series**. This is a free six-part reading and discussion series exploring Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme. UNO is one of 200 libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series.

September 25th from 4 to 6 pm will be the "kick-off" event with a special musical celebration featuring a concert by Tuffy's Klezmerim. The event will be held at the Castle of Perseverance, a sculpture/amphitheater designed by internationally renowned sculptor Andrew Leicester on the UNO campus (west of the University Library.)

The first program will explore the book *Lost in Translation* by Eva Hoffman and will be held on Sunday, Octo-

ber 2 from 4 to 6 pm. All programs will be held at the University Library on the UNO campus. Additional books will be discussed once every two weeks. Parking is **FREE**. For details, or to register, please contact Marvel Maring at 402-554-2992 or

[mmaring@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:mmaring@mail.unomaha.edu).

## OPS Partnering

- ☺ Omaha Public Schools and the Omaha Public Library sponsored teach training sessions on American history resources.
- ☺ Fontenelle Elementary students toured the McGoogan Library of Medicine during National Library Week.
- ☺ Fourth grade students in the one-to-one laptop pilot program will be given library cards to any OPL branch so they can access their online databases.

## Lyons

Mary Fritts, director of the public library, offers computer skills classes for the communities senior citizens. The classes are a simple introduction to the computer and she covers, spreadsheets, word processing and an introduction to the Internet and using e-mail. In the two years that Mary has been offering the classes 59 seniors have been trained.

## What are you using????

Lisa Kelly, head of the reference department at the Nebraska Library Commission, would like to know if you are using VHS or DVDs in your library. NLC would like to begin purchasing DVDs instead of VHS tapes but want to make sure that they have what is used by their customers. Please email Lisa [lkelly@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:lkelly@nlc.state.ne.us) and let her know what your are using.

## Basic Skills

Classes on collection development will be held at Keene Memorial Library in Fremont on November 2, 9 & 16 from 10 am - 3 pm with one hour break for lunch at Noon. You must register by October 26th. The fee is \$35.00 Library staff members that took this course in Fall 2003 or before can repeat the course and receive 6 hours of C.E. credit.

Contact Pam Scott, NLC, for information and to register. 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665 or go to: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic.html>

## 2005 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Vision Statement

### Nebraska Libraries...

- ❖ Uphold freedom of access to all information for all persons.
- ❖ Provide, in a positive timely manner, services that meet the changing needs of all members of our diverse communities, creating a dynamic hub for enhancing lifelong learning and optimal connections to the global community.
- ❖ Tirelessly advocate for persons of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities by providing an environment conducive to learning, research, collaboration, study and recreation.
- ❖ Provide awe-inspiring spaces, sanctuaries for the written and spoken word.
- ❖ Bridge the digital divide by providing innovative user-friendly technology, allowing for seamless, equitable access.
- ❖ Secure funding from all possible sources to ensure optimal access and delivery of information.
- ❖ Serve as the driving force that collaborates with entities at all levels to provide quality services and information to all.
- ❖ Create and support opportunities for professional growth.
- ❖ Speak with a collective voice that tirelessly advocates for our profession in all political arenas.
- ❖ Pursue the library of the future now.



2005 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Participants



Kathy Tooker

↓READ Poster Pictures↑



Lynn Dority Baker

#### From the evaluations:

- 👉 "I will be more confident and will find ways to lead in my place at my library."
- 👉 "Now that I am aware of what a leader is I can empower myself with the confidence I need."
- 👉 "I found new trust in my colleagues and networking that will last a lifetime."
- 👉 "The food was great!"



## For Children's Librarians & Media Specialists

### Authors & Illustrators Who Visit Schools

If you are looking for an author or illustrator to come to your school or library this year take a look at this web site: <[www.authorsillustrators.com/directory.htm](http://www.authorsillustrators.com/directory.htm)>.

Included in the 19 authors/illustrators are two of Nebraska's own—Dean Jacobs and N. L. Sharp. Both of these Fremont authors, Jacobs and Sharp, put on excellent programs. Others listed on the site are: Marsha Diane Arnold, Larry Dane Brimner, Lisa Funari Willever, David Greenberg, Cheryl Harness, Gerald Hausman, Patricia Hermes, Steve Isham, Christine Petrell Kallevig, Betsy & Giulio Maestro, Bob Marshall, Leslea Newman, Herman Parish, Laurence Pringle, Peter & Connie Roop, Richard Lynn Stack, and Sandra Warren.

### Every Child Ready to Read @ your library

Spanish language brochures are now available to help prepare children with ready readiness. The age-based brochures (0-2 years, 3-4 years, and pre Kindergarten) are for sale from the Public Library Association web page at <[www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm](http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm)>. Training kits are also for sale at this site.

### Harcourt is offering a free Teen Poster Pack

of 11 full-color posters featuring YA novels, including Ursula K. LeGuin's *Gifts*, Jennifer Donnelly's *A Northern Light*, and Edith Pattou's *East*. To order the posters, which measure about 10.5 X 16 inches, send a self-addressed mailing label (not envelope) to Teen Poster Pack, VOYA Offer, Harcourt Children's Books, 525 B Street, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101.

*School Library Journal* has published an annotated list of magazines in their July 2005 issue with essential titles starred\*. The 69 titles listed give the frequency, publisher and cost, and in some listings, the web site. To interlibrary loan a copy of this magazine list, please call the system office.

### Homeschoolers Helpers Web Sites:

- Alternative Education Resource organization—<[www.educationrevolution.org](http://www.educationrevolution.org)>
- Homeschooling Legal Defense Association—<[www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org)>
- National Home Education Network—<[www.nhen.org](http://www.nhen.org)>
- National Home Education Research Institute— <[www.nheri.org](http://www.nheri.org)>

[Seen in *SLJ* August 2005]

### Six Coming Events Too Good to Miss!

The next two months are filled with opportunities for you to attend programs to educate, enlighten, enjoy, and enrich your professional life.

1. Preconference Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professional and Communities, September 28
2. Preconference Leading Through Cooperation, September 28
3. NLA/NEMA Conference, September 29-30—There are at least 25+ exciting programs to attend.
4. Jim Trelease - Not one but two opportunities to read this popular speaker talk about raising readers, October 17 & 19 in Seward.
5. Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling, October 27-28.
6. CLICK Meeting, November 7.

For more information on any of these events, please call the system office.

*The library is my birthday place.*  
Author Ray Bradbury.

## **Banned Books Week 2005 is September 24–October 1**

If you have ever been confronted with a request to withdraw something from your shelves your intellectual freedom and your patron's intellectual freedoms have been challenged. Censorship issues can be one of a librarian's most difficult challenges. Following is an article by Bob Boyce, Lincoln City Libraries, for the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

"Intellectual Freedom is the right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction." (ALA Intellectual Freedom Office.) Doesn't that sound central to every library and every librarian?

Are you ready for requests to withdraw material from your collection, or requests for information about what your users have read?

NLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee is working to make more people aware of the issues, and to help them be prepared if and when questions arise. Two ways we are doing this are a newly revised Intellectual Freedom Manual and a panel discussion on intellectual freedom at the NLA/NEMA Fall Conference in Lincoln.

A public librarian, a school librarian, and an academic librarian will talk about being prepared on intellectual freedom issues when NLA meets in Lincoln in September, and we hope you will find it of value.

The new edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual was revised by NLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee last year and is available online at [www.nlc.state.ne.us/freedom/intellectfree.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/freedom/intellectfree.html).

Before the concerned citizens appear at your door, telling you they want you to withdraw something from your collection, or the FBI asks for your check-out records, you should read this

Manual and follow its suggestions. It includes the following sections: a checklist of questions on how prepared you are to handle censorship issues; a list of records which may be withheld from the public (but may be subpoenaed by the authorities;) creating a mission statement and a materials selection policy; how to handle reconsideration requests (with a sample form from ALA and a procedure to follow;) links to various statements (The Library Bill of Rights, ALA's statements, and a Guide to the USA PATRIOT Act;) and finally a list of contacts/addresses and phone numbers of the regional library systems, the Nebraska Library Commission, and NLA- which may be able to offer advice of help. Hope to see you at the panel discussion in September

### **Ten Most Challenged Books of 2004**

- "The Chocolate War" for sexual content, offensive language, religious viewpoint, being unsuited to age group and violence
- "Fallen Angels" by Walter Dean Myers, for racism, offensive language and violence
- "Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture" by Michael A. Bellesiles, for inaccuracy and political viewpoint
- Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey, for offensive language and modeling bad behavior
- "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky, for homosexuality, sexual content and offensive language
- "What My Mother Doesn't Know" by Sonya Sones, for sexual content and offensive language
- "In the Night Kitchen" by Maurice Sendak, for nudity and offensive language
- "King & King" by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland, for homosexuality
- "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou, for racism, homosexuality, sexual content, offensive language and unsuited to age group
- "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, for racism, offensive language and violence

**Plan  
Ahead**

**Banned Books Week 2006 is  
September 23–September 30**

## Announcements



There are lots of things happening at the NLA/NEMA conference besides workshops, sessions, Keynote speakers, banquets and luncheons. There are at least three raffles and a contest that will be happening.

-  The NLA Special & Institutional Section will be raffling a framed original painting. The painting will be on display and tickets available at the Caring for the Mind preconference on Wednesday, September 28 and at the S & I booth on Thursday and Friday. The drawing will be held at the S & I luncheon/business meeting on Friday. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Donations will support the Louise Nixon Scholarship Fund.
-  The Paraprofessional Section is raffling a Fiesta Basket at this year's fall conference. The basket will include everything you need to make delicious margaritas; it will also have chips and salsa, a movie and many other goodies. Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be available at the Caring for the Mind preconference and also at the Paraprofessional Section booth. The winner will be drawn at the para section business luncheon on Friday.
-  The Nebraska Regional Library Systems will have their famous "Chocolate Basket" to raffle again this year. Tickets are \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00.
-  Paws for a Cause, NEMO's Second Annual Pet Show/Nixon Fundraiser Nebraska/Missouri (NEMO) Master's in Library Science students will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the Nebraska Library Association's Nixon Scholarship at this year's NLA/NEMA fall conference. Ten cats will be selected to participate in this open show with four prize categories –
  - \*Best read
  - \*Best dressed
  - \*Cutest
  - \*Over all best in show (most votes in all areas)Fussy, friendly, and/or frisky feline portraits will be available for your viewing at the NEMO/Library Science Education table in the

non-profit area at the upcoming conference. Votes will be cast until Friday noon by affixing a colored sticker to your one – five – ten – dollar bill and depositing it into the respective cat's ballot box. Votes (one vote per dollar) will be tallied and the prizes will be awarded on Friday at 2:00 p.m. Best in show will receive a traveling trophy.

### The Moonshell Storytelling Festival at Mahoney State Park

Nebraska StoryArts presents the fourth annual Moonshell Festival on September 24th at Mahoney. All storytelling performances and events are free with a \$3.00 park admission. The festival starts at 10:30 am and continues until 10:30 pm. Featured storytellers include: David Novak, Gene Tagaman, Victoria Burnett and Rita Paskowitz. For more information go to:

[www.nebraskastoryarts.org](http://www.nebraskastoryarts.org)



## September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month



## October is Teen Read Week - October 16-22



## November is National Children's Book Week - November 14-20

**We just observed Labor Day.** The first observance of Labor Day was a parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1922. A bill to establish a federal holiday was passed by Congress in 1894. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day. The average weekly wage in New York County, NY for the third quarter of 2004 was \$1,327.

Are you average???

# FYI



## Grants Available

The Nebraska Library Commission is offering grants to assist in the purchase of **2005 NetLibrary shared collection**. The grant is \$250 and can be applied to the total cost of SOLINET/NEBASE shared collection. Grant applications will be accepted through the December 1, 2005 deadline. To accept the grant libraries must submit order form to NLC by December 31, 2005. The grants are available to academic, public and K-12 libraries. An online application can be found at [www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/2005netlibrarygrant.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/2005netlibrarygrant.html).

**Youth Grants for Excellence Grants**, available to accredited public libraries for special projects in the area of children's and young adult services, are due October 21, 2005. There are two areas of focus this year:

☞ Early childhood reading programs

☞ Teen spaces

These grants require a 25% cash match with a minimum amount of \$500 per grant. Grant awards will be announced on December 14, 2005. For information and guidelines go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/youthgrants/youthgrantsinto.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/youthgrants/youthgrantsinto.html).

## Gates Users & Upcoming Online Training

[from Pam Scott, NLC]

Just wanted to let you know that we are starting to reorganize all our Gates pages with this new one:  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/Gates/gatesactivities.html>



We are updating the extra online training page to announce the Nylink and Kids on the Internet sessions.  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/Gates/gatesonlinetrainingssessions.html>.

There are limited spots available for these courses due to costs but it is wonderful that these two organizations agreed to arrange training for just our Nebraska librarians. It's the kind of collaboration that I think this whole Gates program has helped to encourage. In September we will move forward on the Webjunction classes that will be made available to folks that sign up.

## Academic Insights

[by Kristin Whitehair as seen in Southeast Kansas Library System Newsletter, *Stacks of News* 6/05]

In attempts to locate professional development resources I have discovered a number of interesting websites. The following two websites offer entertaining professional development opportunities. These websites will engage you in critical thinking and recalling library trivia that you may never have known.

The first website is Library Jeopardy [www.simmons.edu/resources/libraries/jeopardy](http://www.simmons.edu/resources/libraries/jeopardy). This game was created by Mary Nash and offers optional music. Library Jeopardy game includes a first round, double jeopardy, and final jeopardy. Thirteen posters are available to view before beginning the game that provide useful information to help you throughout the game. While most questions are on topics applicable to the general field of library science, a few questions are specific to the sponsoring library. Unfortunately, this website is not interactive so you must check your own answers. Hint: You will need to be familiar with the posters for Final Jeopardy.

In comparison, Library Science Jeopardy [www.wam.umd.edu/~aubrycp/project/jeopardy.html](http://www.wam.umd.edu/~aubrycp/project/jeopardy.html) includes topics such as pioneers, systems of organization, and "in the arts." This game is interactive and offers users six categories of five questions each. It also provides a warm-up question and scoring guides, however, this game does not provide any support materials to assist contestants. Instead, contestants are forced to rely only on their own knowledge.

Overall, both websites challenge users' library knowledge. Good luck with your future professional development ventures!

## Worth Checking Out



### Sample Two-Minute Elevator Speeches That Pack a Punch—Funding Talking Points

- Investing in libraries is an investment in education and lifelong learning.
- As confirmed by an ALA study, when the economy is down, library use is up. Unfortunately, at the same time, tight city and state budgets are closing library doors and reducing access when it's needed most.
- Libraries are part of the solution when a community is struggling economically. From free access to books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining—librarians support lifelong learning.

[From ALA's 2004-2005 Online Message Book. For more Key Messages visit: [www.ala.org/issues/online/keymessages/budgetpoints.htm](http://www.ala.org/issues/online/keymessages/budgetpoints.htm).]

### Community Grants from Dollar General

Dollar General's community grants program provides support for non-profit organizations committed to the advancement of youth literacy initiatives. Dollar General believes this focus area is one of the primary keys to drop out prevention and addresses some of the greatest challenges students face in their 30 state market area. If you are interested in applying for a community grant, please review the guidelines, print the community grants application form and submit your request prior to one of the deadlines listed below.

Submission Deadlines    Award Announcements

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| March 5     | March 30     |
| June 5      | June 30      |
| September 5 | September 30 |
| December 5  | December 30  |

For complete details: [www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx](http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx).

### Chick Lit—

Chick lit is one of the fastest growing fiction genres today. According to Rebecca Vnuk, author of "Hip Lit for Hip Chicks" (*Library Journal*, July 2005) masses of young women who may not have considered themselves heavy readers are flocking to libraries to catch up on the latest trend. Chick lit doesn't take life as seriously as mainstream women's fiction and is distinguished by humor and/or wisecracking characters in ridiculous situation—often involving work or dating.



To find out what chick lit books are "hip" call the system office to interlibrary loan a copy of this article. For more on chick lit, visit [ChickLitBooks.com](http://ChickLitBooks.com) at [chicklitbooks.com/whatis.php](http://chicklitbooks.com/whatis.php).

### Good Ideas

- Make a list (18 pt. Type or larger) and post it by the books in a series. Locate series books at the web site What's Next [www.kdl.org/libcat/whatsnext.asp](http://www.kdl.org/libcat/whatsnext.asp). [Suggested by Chris Hamburg, Two Rivers, WI; seen in *the Unabashed Librarian*, Number 135, page 29]

### Great Gift for Booklovers

- Searching for the perfect gift for the bibliophile who has everything? Give them a Friends membership! They'll value your appreciation of their interest, and you will be supporting your Library at the same time. You can give Friends gift membership at any time at any level. The recipient of your gift will all the benefits of Friends membership, plus a handsome card notifying them of your gift. [St. Paul (MN) Friends home page [www.thefriends.org](http://www.thefriends.org).]

- Also in *the Unabashed Librarian* is another good idea to help purchase more library books. The Champaign Public Library (IL) offers this unique idea for honoring or remembering a family member, friend, or loved one. For a gift of \$250, a library shelf is sponsored for one year. The shelf bears a plaque with the name of the donor or person(s) being honored. The money is used to immediately to buy books. Sponsorships can be renewed.

### Please Enter!

*Library Journal* is looking for the Best Small Library in America. Sponsored by Library Journal and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, this award, in its 2nd year, acknowledges the outstanding work small and rural libraries do every day. For complete guidelines, go to [www.libraryjournal.com](http://www.libraryjournal.com) or contact Rebecca Miller at [miller@reedbusiness.com](mailto:miller@reedbusiness.com); 646-746-6725. Deadline for nominations is Nov. 1, 2005.

**Education is when you read the fine print.  
Experience is what you get when you don't.**

—Pete Seeger

## Eastern Library System Board Minutes

July 15, 2005

Tekamah Public Library



Present: Nina Little, Sam McMullen, Dorothy Willis, Kenny Oyer, Becky Sims, Carrie Turner, Lupe Mier, Mary Jo Mack, Denise Lawver, Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer.

Joyce Grass, Tekamah PL director, welcomed the board and spoke very enthusiastically about the library. She introduced Megan Anderson, a high school young lady, who has worked at the library for two years. She was instrumental in obtaining a grant for a teen room. She surveyed high school students and used their suggestions as to furniture and books. They still have meetings and work to increase attendance at the teen center.

Introductions: UNO has hired a new Dean and is starting to build a new addition to the library. Bellevue PL is emphasizing teens/programs. Wahoo PL will have a float in the fair parade. West Point PL has subscribed to Net library downloadable books and loans devices to play the books to their patrons. Nina, MPLA representative, reported that there were no applications to the Leadership Institute from Nebraska this year, probably due to the excellent Leadership Institute held in Nebraska.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 20, 2005, meeting were discussed. Nina moved and Denise seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's reports: The treasurer's reports for May and June and the annual report were reviewed. A motion carried to approve them and have them filed for audit.

A thank-you note was read for the donation from the Spring Fling to the Nixon Scholarship Fund. Kathy read a letter from Rod Wagner approving payment of \$1300 to ELS for a new computer.

Administrator's Report: See written report. The Nebraska Library Commission will support the bus trip to Jackson Hole, for the MPLA conference. Kathy reviewed the upcoming events.

Ad Hoc needs assessment survey: Nina is beginning to organize a committee to formulate a survey.

Board Elections:

- ✓ Nina moved and Becky seconded the nomination of Dorothy Willis for president. Motion carried.
- ✓ Dorothy moved and Kenny seconded the nomination of Denise Lawver for vice-president. Motion carried.
- ✓ Kenny moved and Denise seconded the nomination of Becky Sims for secretary. Motion carried.
- ✓ Kenny moved and Denise seconded the nomination of Becky Pasco for treasurer. Motion carried.

Alternates:

Kenny moved and Becky Sims seconded the appointment of Wendy Anderson, Jim Bothmer, Nina Little, and Matt Rohde as alternates to the board. Motion carried. They will be notified.

Committee Assignments: The board signed up for committees.

Employee Contracts: Nina moved and Kenny seconded the approval of the administrator's and the administrative assistant's contracts for the next fiscal year. Motion carried.

Budget for FY 2005/2006:

Kenny moved and Denise seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

September 16, 2005

Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meyer

ELS Administrative Assistant.





**September 16** - ELS Board Meeting, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, 9:30 am

**September 22-24**—Plum Creek Literature Festival, (see page 9)

**September 24 -October 1**—Banned Books Week

**September 28**—*Bridges Out of Poverty* Preconference (see flyer this issue)

**September 29-30**—NLA/NEMA Annual Conference, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln

**October 12-15**—MPLA Conference, Jackson Hole, Wyoming (see flyer this issue)

**October 19**—Jim Trelease at Concordia University, Seward, 9 am—3 pm

**October 27/28**—ELS & SELS Youth Services Retreat (see flyer this issue)

**November 2/9/15**—Collection Development Basic Skills, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont (see page 4)

**November 7**—CLICK Meeting, Blair Public Library, 9:30—11:30 am

**November 14-20**—Children's Book Week. [www.cbcbooks.org/cbw](http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw)

**November 18**—ELS Board Meeting, Blair Public Library

**December 1** - Patrick Jones, *You are, but IM: Best Practices and New Direction to Serving Young Adults in Schools and Public Libraries*, Seward Memorial Library (see flyer this issue)

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