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# Eastern Express

## The Newsletter of the Eastern Library System

### *From the Administrator*

#### Literary Ireland

by Kathy Tooker

Sponsored by the Regional Library Systems, for 12 wonderful days, eight librarians and five non-librarians toured Ireland focusing on literary sites and yes, a few pubs too. Ireland has produced four Nobel prize winners in one century: Yeats, Shaw, Beckett, and Heaney. Considering their population, this is truly amazing. There is much about the country that is amazing—beautiful scenery, ancient cathedrals and Celtic crosses, foot-tapping music, fantastic seafood, friendly people, a booming economy—to name just a few. Here are some of the highlights:

Landing in Dublin, we traveled by bus for a tour of the city that included Trinity College Library. There has been a library here ever since the college was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth. We waited in line to see the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript and the Long Room, a massive chamber that houses 200,000 of the library's oldest books catalogued by size, with the largest on the bottom. The group also visited the Writer's Museum that has a display on each of the major Irish authors.

We found that many Irish writers also were very fond of Irish whiskey and beer so our next stop was the Guinness Storehouse where each visitor is treated to a glass of its famous dark stout. Several of us also made a visit to Ryan's, a local pub to sample some fine Irish whiskey, where author Brendan Behan (*Borstal Boy*, c1958) spent much of his time when not in jail for his powerful political views and earthy satires. The time in Dublin also included a literary pub tour with performances from works of several Irish authors as we toured their favorite pubs.



Heading north out of Dublin, we went to Belfast in Northern Ireland and a visit to the Linen Hall Library.

This subscription library, founded in 1788, is the oldest library in Belfast and houses a large Irish and Local Studies collection including a "Troubles" collection that is the most complete set of documentation on Northern Ireland's history in the world.

We were given an interesting tour that included actually holding rare old manuscripts and documents.

Serendipity led to the next and to me the most thrilling literary happening of the tour. While walking around the walled city of Londonderry, some of the group visited St. Columb's Cathedral. Completed in 1633, the cathedral is the oldest building in Londonderry.

During an impromptu tour, when one of the guides discovered we were librarians, she insisted she had to show us something in the cathedral museum. After unlocking a door, a bank-like vault and a grill, a large acid free box was removed and a big old book was set in front of me. I was told to open the book and read the inscription written in faded brown ink, "This is the first copy of the first issue of the St. James Bible, 1613."

The St., James Bible was first published in 1611 and the version we were allowed to touch was the first edition printed in Ireland. We were then shown many other rare, and valuable books and artifacts. This is the friendly welcome we were given whenever we talked with other bibliophiles.

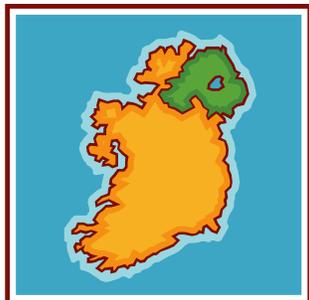
The area around Sligo in northwest Ireland was one of the most beautiful places we visited. The area is associated with the Yeats family and though W.B. Yeats only visited the area as a child and occasionally as an adult, the affect its beauty had on his writings is in evident in many of his works. Yeats chose to be buried at a cemetery in Drumcliffe where his great grandfather had been rector. His grave is surrounded by beautiful ancient Celtic crosses.

"Tread softly because you tread on my dreams."  
w.B. Yeats

Our last day was in Limerick we went on a walking tour of places associated with Frank McCourt. The guide for the tour knows the Mc Court brothers so he was able to add many interesting comments to what we have read in *Angela's Ashes*.

These are just a few of the places we visited but just a few of the highlights.. Ireland may be a small country size-wise, but it is a giant when considering what it had given to the world in way of literature.

It had been a dream of mine to visit Ireland, and now it is a dream to return.



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# System News



## UNO

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's library has a new look - and a new name. Now named the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library, the newly finished Dr. Guinter Kahn Addition is open to the public and ready for use. Each floor of the new addition offers rich oak woodwork, comfortable seating, and a focal point of interest: a new courtyard, a new cafe, and a reading room with 20 foot glass walls and Jun Kaneko sculpture.



The Criss Library is planning a week's worth of festivities to celebrate it's new addition. A dedication ceremony is planned for October 11th, immediately following UNO's Fall Convocation. Events throughout the week include a student appreciation lunch at the library's new cafe, Alumni visits, and a new exhibit opening, *The Yellow Barn Press: "A Typographical Adventure."* Marvel Maring, the Fine Arts and Humanities Reference Librarian at UNO states that "*The Yellow Barn Press* books are gorgeous examples of traditional, hand set letterpress printing, produced with a sensitivity to elegant title pages and page layout, paper choice, cover design, illustrations and binding. In addition, John DePol's wood engravings add to the richness. We are fortunate to have this collection and delighted to feature it this fall."

Community users are invited to stop in on Friday, October 13th, from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm for a tour of the new facility. The University Library Friends group will offer free memberships to the community, which allows patrons to not only check out books, but use the library's interlibrary loan service. "We're excited about the new look, the new services, and expanding our role on campus," says

Dean Steve Shorb. "We appreciate the support of the UNO Campus, the University Library Friends, and our patrons." Parking is available for listed events. Further information on the scheduled October festivities can be found at the library's web site, [library.unomaha.edu/news](http://library.unomaha.edu/news).

The UNO Library Friends are sponsoring "**Dessert and Java with Kava**" on September 28, 2006, at the W.H. Thompson Alumni House on the UNO Campus. Alex Kava will be there to sign books. The reception is \$15 and will benefit the UNO Library. Call the system office for more information.

## Fremont

On Wednesday, August 16th, Keene Memorial library gave a party to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the **Paws for Books** program.

Since 2004, Lizzie B, an energetic Jack Russell Terrier has worked alternating Wednesdays with Leonard, a large, quiet Rottweiler. Their owners, Pat and Dawn, come along to help the readers with a difficult word or two. Then this summer, Truman, a Cockapoo, graduated from dog therapy school and started working on every other Wednesday. The dogs work from 3:30 to 4:30 and listen to four readers at 15 minutes per session. About 40 children and adults enjoyed the event. During all the fun and chaos of the party, most of the children just wanted to read to the dogs. At the party each dog received a special container full of dog treats designed by Karen Choy, the new children's librarian. Truman preferred the people snacks over his dog treats.



## Waterloo

The new Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library held their grand opening on September 17th. This library will be a great asset to the community for many years to come.



Toni Reese, Youth Services Library at Sump Memorial Library in Papillion, set up a table to promote her library at the Papillion Junior High School open house.

### Some Notes from the Last Click Meeting

At the August CLICK meeting the ELS Children's Librarians discussed their summer reading programs. Here are a few ideas and suggestions to tuck away until next year.

- ☺ Having problems with kids signing up and then not showing up? Charge \$1 when they sign up and tell them they get it back when they come.
- ☺ Ask your school's drama department to put on a play, do a puppet show, or a dramatic reading for one of your special programs.
- ☺ Contact the Nebraska State Fair organizers. They will provide free entry passes as prizes.
- ☺ See if your school has a summer reading program and volunteer to be a part of that or do yours in cooperation with the school.
- ☺ Talk to daycares well in advance with your expectations, rules and schedules.
- ☺ Take pictures of the kids and hand them out at the end of summer. They will remember how much fun they had when they go to sign up the next year.
- ☺ Don't let lack of funds stop you from considering some programs. Look for ways your community can sponsor an activity, but have one in mind before you ask for support.

### Verne Haselwood in Glacier

Joan and Verne Haselwood spent three weeks in Glacier National Park in June providing information to the park's permanent staff and "summer seasonals" regarding the cultural, historical, botanical and geological aspects of the park.

Their library had an abundance of resources including oral histories and electronic databases. The seasonal workers were college students. The library had been without a director since the beginning of the year and Verne learned of the position through his work with the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha. Quoting Verne, "It was a great experience not only serving very gracious library users but also enjoying the natural wonders of one of the most beautiful places in this country."



### Omaha Public Schools

- 📖 Debra Paris, library media specialist at Benson High School, received the UNO Women of Color award in the field of education.
- 📖 Gail Teten, library media specialist at Western Hills Elementary School, received a grant for the project "The Year of Literacy."
- 📖 Betsy Lomax, library media specialist at South High School, received a grant from the NEA for library materials.



## Resources For Children's Librarians & Media Specialists

### Book Bags Project

Responding to requests from librarians and media specialists needing multiple copies of titles for book discussion groups, Eastern Library System, has purchased 30 paperback copies of the following titles:

- *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach— non-fiction, older readers
- *Breaking Point* by Alex Flinn—fiction, older readers
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon, fiction, 12 up
- *Downsiders* by Neal Shusterman -fantasy, 12 up
- *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld—fiction, 12 up

Check our web page at <[www.nlc.state.ne.us](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us)> for more information. If you would like to borrow any of these book bags for your school book discussion groups, please contact the system office. We hope to be able to add more titles in the future.

**Eastern Library System subscribes to a variety of periodicals** that are routed to ELS members. *School Library Journal*, *Book Links*, *VOYA*, (*Voice of Youth Advocates*) *LMC* (*Library Media Connections*), and *Library Sparks* are the ones providing articles, reviews, activities, interviews, and suggestions for working with children and young adults. If interested in any or all of these publications, please contact the system office and ask to be placed on the routing list. The only cost is postage to send it to the next person on the list.

Some of the departments in *Library Sparks* are: Freebies, Doodads & Helpful Hints, Reader's Theatre, Library Lessons, Monthly Activity Calendar, Meet the author, Storytime, and Keep 'em Reading. This magazine has so many good ideas plus reproducible patterns. The October issue has an sample program by Rob Reid (*Something Funny Happened at the Library*), called "Super Baby: Storied and Activities about Babies Who Don't Act Like Babies."

### Web Sites to Try

- Favorite Teenage Angst Books— <[www.grouchy.com/angst](http://www.grouchy.com/angst)> - A site geared for teenagers to talk about books as well as providing a down-to- earth prospective on YA literature.
- Dav Pilkey's Extra- Crunchy Website o' fun—<[www.pilkey.com](http://www.pilkey.com)> - Warning, this website contains scenes and material which may be considered too silly for grown-ups, small animals, and houseplants. If you are a grown-up, a small animal or a houseplant, we strongly urge you to seek the permission of a kid before browsing this site.
- Database of Award Winning Children's Literature—<[www.dawcl.com](http://www.dawcl.com)> — This site offers searchable information on more than 60 children's awards.

## CLICK

The next CLICK (Children's Librarian's Information and Coffee Klatch) meeting will be November 6th at the Hooper Public Library. Bring a favorite book to review and your problems and concerns. Please let Karla Shafer know if you will be coming [hooperlibr@yahoo.com](mailto:hooperlibr@yahoo.com)

## Worth Checking Out ✓

### ISBN Change from 10 to 13

The International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is a unique identifier assigned to every published book and book-like product. It provides a standard way to identify book in global trade. Starting January 1, 2007, the International Standards Organization is changing the length of the ISBN from 10 to 13 digits in order to expand the numbering capacity and prevent numbering shortages from occurring in certain parts of the world.

### Try Fiction Connection

Since last April, the Nebraska Library Commission has made available at no charge a new reader's advisory service electronic database — Fiction Connection. If you were unable to attend training either at a Database Roadshow or other training sessions or would just like more training, NLC now has developed two new Fiction Connection tutorials available through Nebraska Access:



Fiction Connection Lesson 1: Finding books that are similar to books you've already read and liked.



Fiction Connection Lesson 2: Identify all book in a series and the order in which to read them.



The tutorials are available at: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/tootlbox/tutorials.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/tootlbox/tutorials.html). To view these you will need Macromedia Flash Player 6.0 or higher. It can be downloaded free.

### Some Birthday Gift

Neal Jacobs raised \$17,425 for the Rockport (MA) Public Library at his 90th birthday party last May. He matched the donations, bringing the grand total to \$34,850.

The second of the 2006 Nebraska Rural Poll results was released in August. "Newcomers in Nebraska's Rural Communities," focuses on how rural Nebraskans view new residents in their communities and their expectations regarding popula-

tion growth in the community during the next decade. Some of the key findings from the 2,482 responses received back are:

- Almost two-thirds of rural Nebraskans are aware of new residents living in their communities.
- Rural Nebraskans have mixed opinions on the impact of new residents have had on their community.
- Just under one-half (49%) of rural Nebraskans say more people should be encouraged to relocate to their community.
- Many rural Nebraskans believe new residents tend to become home owners, join a church and attend community events.
- Residents of the Panhandle are more likely than persons living in other regions of the state to agree that new residents improve the quality of life in their community.
- Newcomers to the community are less likely than longer term residents to agree that new residents to their community are made to feel welcome and that the community does a lot to include new residents.
- Persons living in the Northeast regions are more likely than persons living in other regions of the state to say that new people moving into their community has been bad for the community.
- Over one-half of rural Nebraskans expect the population of retired person and immigrants in their community to increase over the next ten years.
- Persons living in or near larger communities are more likely than persons living in near smaller communities to think the populations of each of the groups will increase over the next ten years. The entire poll can be found at [cari.unl.edu/ruralpoll/new\\_residents.pdf](http://cari.unl.edu/ruralpoll/new_residents.pdf)

**\*Note—** Ask yourself how newcomers are greeted in your community. Are they made to feel welcome, does the library do a good job of promoting itself to new residents? Does the library have materials in other languages?

# FYI



## Attend the Nebraska Book Festival - October 6—7

“Beyond Borders: Nebraska and the World” is the theme of the 2006 Nebraska Book Festival to be held at the Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) campus in Lincoln on October 6—7. The Festival is open and free of charge to the general public, and features events of interest to all ages.

The schedule includes discussion sessions and workshops for junior and senior high school students and college students on Friday, October 6; storytelling activities for K-6 children on Saturday, October 7; as well as programming for adults, including presentations by major authors from both inside and outside Nebraska on Saturday.

On Saturday Meghan Daum, author of *The Quality of Life Report*, a novel set in a place very much like Lincoln, will keynote the Festival. Terese Svoboda, author of novels, short stories and poetry, will present the luncheon address. The Mildred Bennett Award, given annually by the Nebraska Center for the Book to an individual who has made significant contributions to the literary tradition in Nebraska, will be presented to Dr. Paul Olson. Other writers scheduled for the day-long program for adults include Robert F. McEwen, Charles Fort, Liza Ward, Alex Kava, Timothy Schaffert, and many others. Saturday’s addresses and readings, coordinated by Michael Dumanis, professor of English at NWU, will be accompanied by exhibits and book sales, as well as by outdoor entertainment and food.

Other special events include a Friday night screening of the feature film, “Whispering Smith at the Mary Ripma Ross Theatre, 13<sup>th</sup> and R Streets; Friday night readings at the Great Plains Art Museum, 1155 Q Street; and a Saturday evening reception to honor the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Prairie Schooner*, at the Great Plains Art Museum.

In cooperation with the Lincoln Arts Council, the Festival will include one of the “Stories of Home

Windows,” a sculpture by artist Santiago Cal based on the reminiscences of Jenny Yankton, originally of Pine Ridge, SD, and now of Lincoln.

For more information see <[www.nebraskabookfestival.org](http://www.nebraskabookfestival.org)> or contact Michael Cartwright, 800-307-2665, 402-471-4006, e-mail: <[mcartwright@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mcartwright@nlc.state.ne.us)>, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

The 2006 Nebraska Book Festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Commission, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Other contributors include the Nebraska Arts Council, the Lincoln Arts Council, the Kimmel Foundation, Lincoln Capital, Ltd., and the University of Nebraska Press.

### Dinner and Dialogue: Conversations about Libraries and Government

Sponsored by NLA/TUFS section and the Nebraska Library Commission, the sessions will be facilitated by Martha Gadberry and deal with responsibilities and expectations of government and library administrations. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a closing at 8:30. Site in our area: September 20—Norfolk (Divots Conference Center, 4200 West Norfolk Ave.) & September 21—Brownville (The Lyceum, 225 Main Street). Register ASAP by calling the Nebraska Library Commission—1-800-307-2665.

### Interesting Websites

 You can brush up on the classics at [www.literature.org](http://www.literature.org). Read great fiction this winter from your computer.

 Browse online encyclopedias, dictionaries, books of quotations and more at [www.libraryspot.com](http://www.libraryspot.com)



# More FYI

## New Materials added to the Nebraska Library Commission Collection

*The Dot* is a six minute DVD based on the book by Peter H. Reynolds. The story is narrated by Thora Birch and includes music by Jerry Dale McFadden. This 2004 DVD was co-produced by FableVision, Inc. and Weston Woods Studios. Summary of story: Vashti may not be able to draw but she is able to make a dot. Her teacher offers encouragement and soon she is making all sorts of dots. At the school art show her dots are admired and she realizes art is about more than being able to draw. The DVD includes a teacher's guide on back of container insert. For ages 4-9.

*Off to War* is a new humanities DVD series in our collection. The series includes five videodiscs with ten episodes; each is approximately 44 minutes. This series was produced in 2005 by Discovery Times Channel. The documentary follows members of the Arkansas National Guard from Clarksville and their families before, during, and after deployment to Iraq.

*Merchandising Strategies* is a fairly new DVD in the NLC collection. It was produced in 2005 by Library Video Network. This 40 minute DVD contains two programs that use Baltimore County Public Library as an example. Program one is titled *Marketing your library*. This program describes what marketing is, tells how it is used in libraries, and shows you how to develop an effective marketing plan. Program two, titled *Merchandising Strategies*, presents the basics of library merchandising and offers specifics of creating displays that will increase circulation and return visits. The manual includes several sections including picture examples, a bibliography, and a checklist for promoting your collection.

 *Disaster Preparedness Manual*  
Z733 .U854 G46 2006

 *Preservation Strategies for Small Academic and Public Libraries*  
Z701.3 .S53 B35 2003

 *MetaData and its Impact on Libraries*  
Z666.7 .I58 2006

 *New OPL Sourcebook a Guide for Solo and Small Libraries*  
Z675 .S57 S54 2006

 *Outstanding Library Service to Children Putting the Core Competencies to Work*  
Z682.4 .C49 C47 2006

 *Perkey's Nebraska Place Names*  
READYREF F664 .P49 2003

 *Power of Personal Persuasion: Advancing the Academic Library Agenda from the Front Lines*  
Z675 .U5 A876 2006

 *Small Change Big Problems Detecting and Preventing Financial Misconduct in your Library*  
Z683 .S65 2006

 *SPEC Kit 292. Institutional Repositories*  
ZA4082 .U6 I67 2006

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Connect, Click and Listen!  
Try an Audio Book  
on a iPod!



Eastern Library System, through a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Nebraska Library Commission, has purchased two iPod players. Each player is loaded with 10 recent audio books and several children's books. Visit our website for a list of titles. The iPods are available for loan to ELS member libraries that would like to try it in your library. Each comes in a carrying case with ear buds, a headphone for those that don't like ear buds, battery charger (the battery will last around 14 hours), and easy to follow instructions. There is no charge for borrowing a iPod kit for three-month loan period but borrowing libraries will be asked to sign a loan agreement. Check it out to your customers and see if downloadable audio books is a service you should be offering to your library customers. Call the system office for more information.

# Trustee Tips

[taken from an article written by Mickey Coalwell, Northeast Kansas Library System, Library Development Director]

Jim Connor, trustee at the Jefferson County Public Library (CO) and recipient of the 2005 Trustee Citation by the Association of Library Trustees and Advocates recently spoke at the Northeast Kansas Library System's Trustees and Directors Training on library advocacy. Jim's view is that advocacy is the single most important library trustee responsibility, and trustees bear the primary responsibility for making the library's case in the community.

Library directors play an important role too, and trustees should help guide and focus the library director's advocacy activities. Some boards encourage their directors to participate actively in state or regional library associations; other boards prefer their director's advocacy efforts have a local focus.

This can take the form of taking leadership roles in community initiatives or library projects and programming. It may involve interacting regularly with city councils, chambers of commerce or service organizations.

In either case, trustees should help the director find the right balance between advocacy activities and managing the library.

Trustees can do a great deal to expand their own advocacy roles. Below are some good ideas that came from library trustees at recent workshops.

## Library trustees can:

- ⊃ Attend city council meetings (either singly or together) and speak up about the library's contributions to the community.
- ⊃ Place ads in local newspapers promoting library services and collections.

- ⊃ Get business cards printed with a "Library Trustee" job title and hand them out at business meetings and other community gatherings.
- ⊃ Participate in the local school system through book donation programs or teacher support activities.
- ⊃ Join a speaker's board and/or volunteer to speak at local and regional functions.
- ⊃ Have on-on-one, person-to-person conversations with community members about the library.
- ⊃ Promote the library at church functions and socials.
- ⊃ Take part in statewide programs like Kansas Reads. (Dinner and Dialogue in Nebraska)

**Jim's view is that advocacy is the single most important trustee responsibility.**

- ⊃ Plan a celebration for National Library Week.
- ⊃ Lead library book discussion groups.
- ⊃ Submit library news to the local newspaper.
- ⊃ Contribute to the library blog.

- ⊃ Solicit funds from local businesses to sponsor library improvements such as water fountains, pop machines, step stools, plants, and wall hangings.
- ⊃ Join the local Chamber of Commerce.
- ⊃ Print up and distribute library bookmarks with trustees' names and contact information.
- ⊃ Visit senior centers with library card applications, free books and other gifts.
- ⊃ Sponsor a BBQ.
- ⊃ Write a book or movie review column for the local newspaper or website.
- ⊃ Present at Lions and Kiwanis Club meetings.
- ⊃ Talk about the library while in line at grocery stores.
- ⊃ Wear T-shirts or buttons that say "Ask me about the library."

*Are you an effective library advocate?*

## **Eastern Library System Board Meeting**

July 21, 2006

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center

**Present:** Denise Lawver, Becky Sims, Nina Little, Carrie Turner, John Seyfarth, Wendy Anderson, Lupe Mier, Sam McMullen, Dorothy Willis, Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer. Guest: Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission. Dave Coker, assoc. director of Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

The meeting was called to order by Dorothy Willis, President. Introductions and brief comments were made.

The minutes from the May 19, 2006, meeting were reviewed. Motion carried to approve the minutes.

The treasurer's reports for May and June 2006 were reviewed. It was noted that the YTD expenditures on the June budget report should be 100%. Motion carried to approve the reports. The Annual Report for FY 2005-2006 was approved. All reports will be filed for audit.

**Correspondence:** Kathy read thank you notes from: Mary Fritts, Lyons Public Library, to Kathy for attending their grand-opening; Linda Oyster, Waterloo Public Library and Donna Robinson, for selecting Donna for the Extra Mile Award.

**Administrator's Report:** See written report. Kathy highlighted her 2-month activities and upcoming events. Kathy reported on new programs: "Common Sense Parenting Project;" The bus trip to MPLA; Dollar General Grant for reading group book bags; Fall Colloquium with Jamie LaRue. Kathy talked about the open meeting laws and the changes that apply to our board. We will have a copy of those laws at all board meetings.

### **Committee Reports**

**Executive:** Kathy's annual evaluation has been completed. The committee approved a raise for employees.

**Continuing Education:** The board requested that the CE committee look into doing more advertising and promotion for system scholarships.

### **New Business**

**Policy for lending audio books:** ELS will use the Meridian Library System policy as a template with the change of "responsible for loss of damage \$400" and the fee for erasing a book on the player will be "up to \$100." John moved and Carrie seconded to approve the policy. Motion carried.

### **Election of Officers:**

**President:** Wendy moved and Lupe seconded the nomination of Denise Lawver. Motion carried.

**Vice-President:** Denise moved and John seconded the nomination of Lupe Mier. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** Sam moved and Becky seconded the nomination of Mary Jo Mack. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Lupe moved and Wendy seconded the nomination of John Seyfarth. Motion carried.

**Alternates:** Nina Little, Barbara Dean, Tammy Lorenz and Wendy Anderson were nominated by John with a second from Sam. Motion carried. There was a clarification that alternates may serve on committees.

**Committees:** A sign-up sheet was passed around with a list of committees and their responsibilities.

**Benefits:** Kathy reviewed what other systems offer for employee benefits and requested an increase. Lupe moved and John seconded to increase benefits from 14% to 16%. Motion carried. John moved that the Executive Committee examine the benefits issue and develop a plan during FY 2006-2007. Carrie seconded and the motion carried.

**Budget:** The budget was reviewed. And addition of the benefit increase and an allocation of \$240 to the computer fund will be made to the budget and redistributed to the board. John moved and Sam seconded to approve the budget with the above changes. Motion carried.

**Strategic Plan:** Kathy suggested a strategic planning session for ELS and SELS board member and alternates with Dorothy Willis and/or Nancy Busch as facilitators. Suggested locations are either Mahoney State Park or Camp Carol Joy Holling.

**Advertising in the newsletter:** It was suggested to check NLAQ rates. This item was tabled until next board meeting.

Sally Snyder presented a written report from the Nebraska Library Commission. Dave Coker gave an overview of the programs at Carol Joy Camp and Retreat Center and handed out their newsletter.

Lupe moved and Wendy seconded to adjourn.

### **Next Meeting:**

September 15, 2006, Lyons Public Library  
Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Sims, Secretary

## Library Technical Assistant Courses

The following LTA courses are available this fall. Consider enrolling in one, two, or all three. Encourage others to take part in this great program.

### LIBR 1010

Introduction to Library and Information Services

This course is designed to provide the student with a broad overview of the library and information science profession. Course objectives include:

- ✍ A history of libraries
- ✍ An introduction to types of libraries
- ✍ Procedures and tools used in libraries
- ✍ An introduction to the vocabulary, literature, current issues and professional associations of the field
- ✍ The role of the Library Technical Assistant in library and information environments

Metro Community College offers this course in the fall and spring terms. Contact: Gretchen Schaefer, Academic Advisor - [gschaeffer@mccneb.edu](mailto:gschaeffer@mccneb.edu).

### LIBR 1110

Administration of Library and Information Environments

This course is designed to introduce the student to administration issues in library and information environments. Course objectives include:

- ✍ Understanding Governance & Legal Structure
- ✍ Planning and Evaluation
- ✍ Budgeting
- ✍ Policies & Procedures
- ✍ Cooperation
- ✍ Marketing & Advocacy
- ✍ Facilities Management
- ✍ Personnel Issues
- ✍ Management

Northeast Community College offers this course in the fall term. Contact: Shelley Lammers, Admissions Office - [shelley@northeastcollege.com](mailto:shelley@northeastcollege.com).

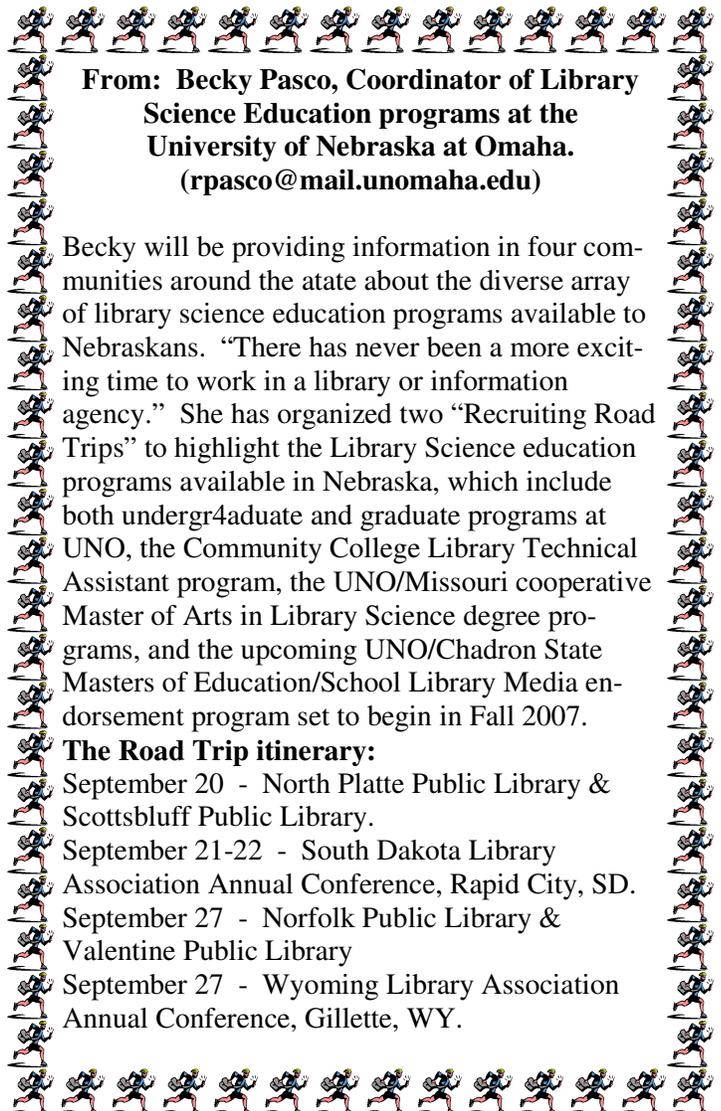
### LIBR-2400

Introduction to Technical Services - Cataloging

Course objectives include:

- ✍ Describe functions of technical services
- ✍ Know cataloging/processing terminology
- ✍ Apply basics of descriptive cataloging
- ✍ Apply basic subject heading lists
- ✍ Explain structures of classification systems
- ✍ Perform copy cataloging using MARC
- ✍ Apply principles of library processing
- ✍ Perform original cataloging of materials
- ✍ Understand retrospective conversion

Western Nebraska Community College offers this course in the fall term. Contact: Jean Ahrens, Program Advisor - [jahrens@wncc.net](mailto:jahrens@wncc.net).



**From: Becky Pasco, Coordinator of Library Science Education programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.**  
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Becky will be providing information in four communities around the state about the diverse array of library science education programs available to Nebraskans. "There has never been a more exciting time to work in a library or information agency." She has organized two "Recruiting Road Trips" to highlight the Library Science education programs available in Nebraska, which include both undergraduate and graduate programs at UNO, the Community College Library Technical Assistant program, the UNO/Missouri cooperative Master of Arts in Library Science degree programs, and the upcoming UNO/Chadron State Masters of Education/School Library Media endorsement program set to begin in Fall 2007.

**The Road Trip itinerary:**  
September 20 - North Platte Public Library & Scottsbluff Public Library.  
September 21-22 - South Dakota Library Association Annual Conference, Rapid City, SD.  
September 27 - Norfolk Public Library & Valentine Public Library  
September 27 - Wyoming Library Association Annual Conference, Gillette, WY.

# Upcoming Events

September 20 & 21 — Dinner & Dialogue, Norfolk, or Brownville, 6:00—8:30 pm (see page 7)

September 28—Dessert with Java & Kava, UNO Thompson Alumni Center, 7-9 pm (see page 3)

October 6—DIRECT Meeting, John A Stahl Library, West Point, 9:30-11:30 am

October 11-13—UNO Library Grand Opening Events (see page 3)

October 12—Youth Services Retreat featuring Judy Freeman, Camp Carol Joy Holling (see flyer this issue)

October 13—Youth Services Retreat, Day 2

October 25—Excursion to Historic Brownville: Book Town, USA, 9am-5 pm. For more information contact the Eastern Library System office

October 25—Blockbuster Marketing Hollywood Librarian Preconference, 9:30 am—4 pm, <[www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2006conference.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/2006conference.html)>

October 26/27-NLA/NEMA Fall Conference, Quest Center, Omaha <[www.2006nla-nemaconference.info](http://www.2006nla-nemaconference.info)>

November 2/16/30—Basic Skills Public Library Administration, 9 am—3 pm, Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library

November 6—CLICK Meeting, Hooper Public Library, 9:30—11:30 am

November 14: Leading at the Library with Nancy Bolt Workshop, Wahoo Public Library, 10 am—3 pm (see flyer in this issue)

*For more information on any of these events, call the System Office.*

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