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## From the Administrator

by Kathy Tooker

### NLA/NEMA Annual Conference October 15–17

It is that time of the year again when librarians from all types of libraries across the state, library trustees and Friends head to the annual library conference to attend some great continuing education programs, renew friendships and make new friends, and have an opportunity to visit personally with library vendors.

The conference this year starts off with three preconferences on October 15:

**\*The 4 R's: Robots, Romance, Revolvers , and Recipes** is sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems. Come and explore four different genres and hear from an author in each category. There will also be the opportunity to buy a signed copy of their books.

1. Science Fiction—Kevin Anderson
2. Romance - Victoria Alexander
3. Mystery—Sean Doolittle
4. Recipes—Jessica Covi



**\*Another preconference** sponsored by the NLA Diversity Committee is **Serving Library Customers with Disabilities**. Kathleen Newman, MA COMS, is an experienced Special Education instructor for university and college teacher preparation programs with over 30 years of experience.

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## Status of Digital Conversion (Talking Book & Braille Service)

by Dave Oertli, Nebraska Library Commission

### DIGITAL TALKING BOOKS: A PROGRESS REPORT

The nationwide talking book program is transitioning away from analog cassette tape to flash memory digital car-

tridges. Planning for this move goes back a remarkable 17 years, so it is gratifying to announce that Library of Congress has recently signed four contracts related to digital conversion:

1. Plextor (Culver City, CA) will produce the digital players.
2. LC Industries (Hazlehurst, MS) will produce the mailing containers.

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\*Still another choice is **What is a Book Worth? Determining the Value of a Book**. Dr. Sidney Berger, library director at the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA, will assist librarians in learning the answers to the value of a book. Sponsored by the NLA Technical Services Round Table, this event has a limited registration of 40.

Preconferences take care of the day on Wednesday and then for evening entertainment it is time to go to the International Quilt Museum Gala. You don't even have to drive as buses will transport you to and from.

Programs for Thursday and Friday are many and varied. Both keynote speakers should be excellent. I have never heard Thursday's keynoter, Dr. Annette Lamb, but her background as a media specialist, computer teacher, and professor of library science, and author well prepare her to deliver both an educational, inspiring, and entertaining talk.

Award winning author, Kent Haruf, will speak on Friday and is an event not to miss. Having read and liked all of Haruf's books plus having heard him read from his works, I am looking forward to his talk. His books, set on the high plains of Colorado, are beautifully written with every word ringing true. Haruf will also be at another program on Thursday afternoon, **One Book Many Librarians**, where he takes part in a discussion of his book *Eventide*.

Two programs are being presented this year by the NLA Legislative Committee.

Friday morning State Senators Greg Adams, Bill Avery, and Lavon Heidemann, will discuss the **Political Issues Facing Nebraska**. This is your chance to become politically savvy as to what is going on in Nebraska and how it will affect the library laws and the budget.

Friday afternoon, Brian Mikkelsen, Director of Political Activity for the Nebraska Stated Educational Association, will share with us ways that we can "play" more effectively in the political world. Every library advocate should attend this session on **Political Influence**.

In addition to these programs, there are lots of other good programs covering technology, reading and liter-

acy, building, and of course the Golden Sower Awards. Really something for every interest.

And don't miss Casino Royale where your gambling skill can benefit the Nebraska Library Association Legacy fund. Think James Bond in your attire and come in your glitz and glitter for a good time.

For more information on any of these events, please visit the conference web site at

[www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html).

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3. SI International (Reston, VA) will develop training strategies for network talking book libraries.
4. Northstar Systems (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) will produce the digital cartridges.

Network talking book libraries will be able to purchase mailing containers and blank cartridges from these same producers. Our Nebraska Collection consists mostly of books recorded in our own studios and emphasizes Nebraska authors or books about the Great Plains. Also, Nebraska's Talking Book and Braille Service is one of the nation's largest network producers of volunteer-narrated magazines, with 20 magazines and newsletters of regional interest (143 issues) recorded annually.

Beyond offering our Nebraska books on flash memory cartridges, we wish to continue the ongoing task of selecting titles from a Library of Congress retrospective download site, where network talking book libraries can choose from among 10,000 titles. This first year, our allotment of cartridges from Library of Congress for this purpose was 1854. Next year there will be 8000 more retrospective titles on this site. Library of Congress will again provide us with cartridges, though fewer than this year. To take advantage of the wealth of titles on this site, we need to purchase additional cartridges. We would like to begin circulating our Nebraska magazines on flash memory to take advantage of this new medium.

It was reported that the Library of Congress budget for digital conversion was signed into law at \$12.5 million per year for 6 years; however, the budget has not yet passed the Senate and is currently subject to continuing resolution. The final outcome could be a three-year conversion, with considerable support among federal legislators, or a four- year or six-year conversion. Once the federal budget is settled, we expect that new talking books from Library of Congress will arrive at our library on flash memory.

## System News

### Yutan

The Yutan public library had an average of 55 attending their storytimes this summer. They heard from several of their readers who attended the baseball game at Rosenbaltt stadium who said it was a lot of fun.

### Volunteers Needed

The Omaha Street School is a fully accredited, Christian-based, alternative high school that needs volunteers to staff their library each morning of the school day. If you could spend a morning per week, or even a morning or two each month, your help would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Bob Drake—402-333-6723. Take a look at their website [www.omahastreetschool.org](http://www.omahastreetschool.org).

### Winner of Golden Heart Award

Susan Seyfarth, daughter-in-law of John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial library in Papillion, won the contest for Best Single Title Romance at the annual Romance Writers of America Association Conference in San Francisco. The award is given for authors who are not yet published. Susan had two manuscripts that were finalists in the contest, including her winning manuscript titled "Money, Honey." Susan lives with her family in Shoreview, Minnesota.

### John G. Neihardt Foundation

The 2008 Laureate's Feast will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2008, from 5-9 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus. Ted Kooser will be the special guest. For more information contact Nancy Gillis [neihardt@gpcom.net](mailto:neihardt@gpcom.net).

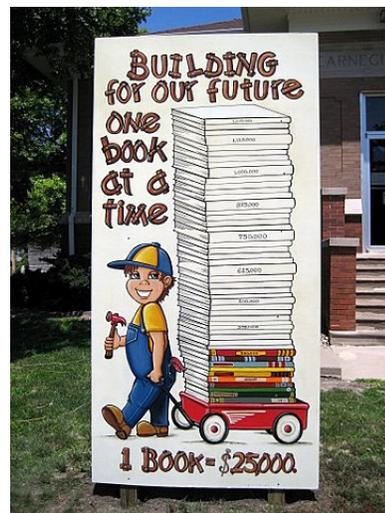


### Bennington

B.A.T.S. — Bennington Advisory Teen Scene is the Bennington Public Library's group for teens, 7-12th grade.

### North Bend

Here are pictures of the sign in front of the North Bend public library. The Library Foundation will use the sign to publicize the donations received toward the \$1.2 million needed to build a new library in North Bend.



### Websites from the Youth Service Retreat

[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org) -collection development resource for gay and lesbian material

[www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com) & [www.shelfari.com](http://www.shelfari.com) - social cataloging sites (organizing personal collections)

[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) & [www.creativecommons.org](http://www.creativecommons.org) - resources for use with READ software.

## Why I Serve on the Literacy Center Board of Directors



[Scott Berryman, ELS Board  
Member and Treasurer]

I heard about the group, and remembered all of the work my mother did in teaching literacy, ESL and GED classes to a woman named Margaret from the Pine Ridge reservation when my mom lived in Chadron. I knew it was an important role in a community, and went to the Literacy Center's website to learn more. I found their list of board members, and made it a point to mention my interest in being on the board to every person on that list. And then I meet the president at another charity event, and very blatantly told her I wanted to be on the board. When the vacancy came up, I jumped. The board meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 4:30 at the Literacy Center.

In all honesty, we don't have to work very hard to get the word out. Certainly the newspaper article is a great way to raise awareness, but a lot of it is word-of-mouth. There is such a need out there, that people find us. We are in the phone book, and we do show up at some community events and health fairs. We are constantly trying to balance the money we have for programming, with the number of people that desire service, with the number of volunteers that we have. It is a delicate three-legged stool.

We have 3.5 FTE paid staff, and many tutors that volunteer to teach. We need more volunteers to teach group classes, be one-on-one tutors, and help us with special events/fundraisers/outreach activities.

The Literacy Center needs volunteers like you. You don't need to be a bookworm or the scholarly type. You just need to be passionate about helping others fulfill their literacy goals.

For more information on volunteering at the Literacy Center, please call 402-342-7323.

The website is [www.midlandsliteracy.org](http://www.midlandsliteracy.org)

[following it taken from their website]

**Mission:** *To empower adults and families by helping them acquire the literacy skills and practices to be active and contributing members of their communities.*

The Literacy Center's mission is carried out via five main programs:

**One-to-one tutoring** for both English speakers and non-English speakers. We orient and train volunteers to work with students for a minimum of one hour each week. The student/tutor pair may meet at the Literacy Center or off-site at a public place. This mode of instruction uses the *Laubach Way to Reading* curriculum, a phonics-based series that incorporates both reading and writing.

**Small group instruction** for English speakers and non-English speaking students. Small group instruction consists of Life Literacy Classes. The classes teach students basic living skills so they can better function in the community. The classes are interactive and hands on instruction and use many authentic materials. The classes are kept small so students receive individualized attention.

**Computer Aided Literacy** which consists of a computer learning center. The computers are installed with educational software programs that teach literacy skills to English speakers and non-English speakers. The learning center also allows students to practice computer and keyboarding skills. Basic computer skills classes are offered and the computer lab is monitored approximately 12 hours per week.

**Family Literacy** is made up of four components-Adult Education, Parenting Education, Parent Child time together, and Early Childhood Education. Family Literacy is a holistic way of instilling literacy skills and practices to the entire family by teaching the parents the important literacy skills they can pass on to their children. This is a new program for us and we are currently offering classes at the Open Door Mission. The addition of family literacy completes the circle of service for the center by offering literacy services to all ages.

**Reach Out and Read (ROR)** is a national pediatric intervention program that promotes emergent literacy to children and is conducted in partnership with physicians. The physicians promote the importance of reading to parents and provides age appropriate children's books to the families to foster parents reading to their children. Currently, the Literacy Center has 16 clinics in Nebraska it partners with to deliver the program. We have reached over 8,000 families by distributing children's books to health clinics through our Reach Out and Read program.



## Copyright Law– Part 5— Guidelines

by Phyllis Brunken

*This article is the five of a six-part series on copyright for educators and public librarians.*

In the copyright law, the amount that cannot be legally used is stated “more than small amount”. No specific percentages, number of pages, or amount of time are in the copyright law. However, guidelines (which are not law) have been developed through case law. The Nebraska Library Commission Copyright Handbook ([http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/pilot/pubs/copyright\\_hndbk.pdf](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/pilot/pubs/copyright_hndbk.pdf)) has an abbreviated list:

Text -- 10% or 1000 words whichever is less

Music -- 10% or 30 seconds whichever is less

Video -- 10% or 3 minutes whichever is less

Illustrations/Photos -- Entire work – no more than 5 by one artist

Numerical Data -- 10% or 2500 fields whichever is less

These guidelines apply when an educator is preparing instructional materials for use with their students. The public librarian can also use these guidelines when preparing materials to be used with patrons. Be sure to cite any materials that are used. Remember, if Fair Use cannot be applied, permission may be requested from the copyright holder to use the material.

Hall Davidson’s [Copyright Chart](http://www.halldavidson.net/chartshort.html) summarizes the guidelines for teachers in a reproducible chart.

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For an excellent overview of guidelines for fair use check out the [Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia](http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/mla/Guidelines/Other%20Guidelines/Fair%20Use%20for%20Multimedia.aspx) (<http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/mla/Guidelines/Other%20Guidelines/Fair%20Use%20for%20Multimedia.aspx>) developed by the Music Library Association along with over 50 agencies and associations that included the American Library Association, U. S. Copyright Office, Recording Industry Association of America, and the National Educational Association

Please send an email to me if you want a complete bibliography of my recommended copyright law resources or have a copyright law question. Phyllis Brunken [pbrunken@cox.net](mailto:pbrunken@cox.net) I am not an attorney and this article may not be substituted for formal legal advice from an attorney well versed in school law and copyright law.

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### Results of the NLA Elections

NLA Vice-President/President elect: Scott Childers

NLA Secretary: Joanne Ferguson Cavanaugh

ALA Councilor: Pam Soreide

C & U Chair Special Election: Charity Martin

C & U Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Marie Reidelbach

Paraprofessional Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Angela Kroeger

Paraprofessional Secretary/Treasurer: Terri Johnson

PLTS Vice Chair/Chair Elect: John Seyfarth

PLTS Secretary Richard Miller

SCYP Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Carol Eshleman

ITART Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Michael Sauers

ITART Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Francois

NMRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Emily Nimsakont

NMRT Secretary: Michael Straatmann

NMRT Treasurer: Laura Bass

TSRT Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Deirdre Routt

TSRT Secretary: Devra Dragos



*The three most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card.* E.L. Doctorow

### September is Library Card Sign-up Month

The observance was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then Secretary of Education William J. Bennett who said: "let's have a national campaign...every child should obtain a library card - and use it."



## Awards



### College and University Section DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nominations now being accepted for the  
2008 Award - Deadline: Monday, October 1, 2008

#### Criteria:

1. Service to academic librarianship within the last five years.
2. Active participation in the section at the time of the award.
3. Present or potential service to NLA/ACRL/ALA.

Nominations should be accompanied by a letter of support detailing the candidate's qualifications. The award is presented at the business meeting at the NLA fall convention.

Send nominations along with qualifications to:

Nancy J. Busch, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean and Professor of Libraries  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
318 Love Library  
Lincoln, NE 68588-4100  
402-472-2526  
fax: 402-472-5181  
nbusch2@unl.edu

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### Mountain Plains Library Association Awards!!!!

Do you know a deserving individual in the library field who should be recognized for his/her accomplishments? If so, please nominate him/her for an MPLA Award!!!

The following awards will be given at the 2009 MPLA Joint Conference with the Kansas Library Association in Wichita, Kansas, in March 31-April 4, 2009.

The MPLA Awards Committee is seeking nominees for the following awards:

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive

support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

**MPLA Distinguished Service Award:** To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

**MPLA Literary Contribution Award:** To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

**MPLA Beginning Professional Award:** To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

**MPLA Unsung Hero Award:** To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.

An online version of the form can be found at <http://www.mpla.us/documents/procedures/appendix6-B.pdf>

Nominations and documentation should be mailed to:

JaNae Kinikin, MPLA Awards Committee Chair  
Stewart Library  
2901 University Circle  
Ogden, UT 84408-2901  
[jkinikin@weber.edu](mailto:jkinikin@weber.edu)

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 9, 2009.

## Resources For Youth Services Librarians & Media Specialists

### New Book Bag Addition

*Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson has been added to the list of titles available for loan for book discussion groups. Reviewed by Alice Cary in Teen Book Page, *Twisted* tackles head-on many of the tough issues facing older teens: alcohol, sex, grades, popularity, honesty, parents, college and more. Despite all of this, it is ultimately an uplifting book, mainly because of the freshness of Tyler's voice and Anderson's crisp writing and storytelling. ELS also has 26 other book bags with 20–30 books each that can be borrowed as well as a few titles with 5-10 books. For an application and more information go to our web page at [www.elsne.org](http://www.elsne.org) or give us a call here at the office.

### Nebraska Writers

Lincoln City Libraries has a listing of Nebraska authors who write for children. The list, classified by genre and reading level, can be accessed at [www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts.hr/HRbooklists/childrensauthors.html](http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts.hr/HRbooklists/childrensauthors.html).

### Banned Books Week

The American Library Association observes Banned Books Week, September 27-October 4, 2008, with the theme, "Closing Books Shuts Out Ideas." Information about Banned Books Week can be found at [www.ala.org/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek/cfm](http://www.ala.org/bannedbooksweek/bannedbooksweek/cfm). There you can purchase a Press Kit as well as find other resources, a list of frequently challenged books and more. Topping the list for the most challenged books for the second year is a children's picture book, *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Pe-

ter Parnell. The story about two male penguins caring for an orphaned egg has been challenged for sexism, anti-ethnic, homosexuality, anti-family, religious viewpoint, and unsuited to any age group.

**Do you set up a display for Banned Books in your library / media center? If so, please take a picture of it and email it to us so we can post them to our web page.**

### Election 2008

Share and display some of these books in advance of the upcoming presidential election:

- *Arthur Meets the President* by Marc Brown
- *Duck for President* by Doreen Croinin
- *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio
- *If I Ran for President* by Catherine Stier
- *So You Want to Be President?* by Judith St. George

[Taken in part from *Library Sparks*, August/September 2008]

### What fun!

Here is a web site for kids where you don't have to worry about content— [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org). Children can find some of their favorite characters by simply clicking on a wheel. There games, music, coloring pages plus resources for parents and teachers. Add it to your OK sites for kids.

*On a bookshelf in my living room, you can find a small copy of The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne. Inside is an inscription that reads: To Pamela, to help Make Your Heart Beautiful. The inscriptions is dated December 1951. My father was 24 years old; I was 4. Perhaps I can mark this as the turning point in my life, for surely I was never the same again. Pam Conrad, children's author [From Books Change Lives, Quotes to Treasure]*

### Youth Services Retreat 2008 Review in Pictures



Lisa Voss, Lincoln City Libraries—Library Thing & Shelfari



Linda Francois, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont—READ Posters



Kimberly Shelley, Lincoln City Libraries—Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in the Library



Sandy Belfi & Toni Reese, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion—Lapsit & Storytelling



Richie Graham, University of Nebraska, Lincoln—A Comic and Graphic Novels Discussion



Scott Childers, University of Nebraska, Lincoln—Vod & Pod Casting



Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission—Book Reviews for Summer Reading Program 2009



Everyone enjoyed playing games



Russ Harper, Nancy Chmiel, Jeff Pospisil, Omaha Public Library  
Enjoying Wii Games



While it was rainy during the Youth Service Retreat this year it certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm for the great sessions or the laughter while playing games together.

If you would like copies of Sally's bibliography and Toni's storytelling bibliography contact the system office and we will mail them to you.



Denna Hill, Ralston PL, Alice Boeckman, Bellevue PL, Gayle Roberts, Blair PL, Joni Wilder, Omaha PL, Jean Naiman, Fairbury PL— working very hard.....

## Eastern Library System 2008 Children's / Youth Services Grant

Introduction: Eastern Library System is offering two (2) \$500 grants for projects and/or services that will benefit children and young adults. These grants are open to all ELS member libraries that provide services for children and/or young adults. (Schools should submit an application from the district, not from an individual school.) Grant funds are to be an addition to the current budget.

Description: Projects and / or services should include one of the following:

- Collection development (1) to replace worn or discarded books and / or (2) from recommended lists (Golden Sower, Caldecott, Newberry, Notable Books, etc.) Provide list of what will be purchased.
- Children's literature course from any university or college.
- New program or service for children or young adults.

Instructions: Complete the following form and submit six (6) copies by November 3 2008, to: Kathleen Tooker, Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144. **Faxes will not be accepted.** Applications will be reviewed by the Eastern Library System Continuing Education Committee.

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

Grant Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a grant, does the grant go to the library or library Friends or foundation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer all of the following statements on a separate page(s). **Address each bulleted and numbered section by titles, i.e. B. Project Description, B. 4 Implementation.**

A. Project Title

B. Project Description (must address each of the following):

- Identify need
- Goals
- Objectives
- Implementation
- Letters of support or partnerships (optional)
- Evaluation

C. Estimated cost / budget and total cost

D. Benefit to children / young adults. State in terms of results and outcomes for them based on goals.

E. Starting and completing dates

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Grant Director

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Date

## Eastern Library System 2008 Adult Services Grant

**Introduction:** Eastern Library System is offering two (2) \$500 grants for projects and/or services that will benefit adult library customers. These grants are open to all ELS member libraries that provide services for adults. Grant funds are to be an addition to the current budget.

**Description:** Projects and / or services should include one of the following:

- Collection development either recommended fiction or non-fiction titles.  
Provide list of what will be purchased.
- New service or program for adult customers.

**Instructions:** Complete the following form and submit six (6) copies by November 3, 2008, to: Kathleen Tooker, Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144. **Faxes will not be accepted.** Applications will be reviewed by the Eastern Library System Continuing Education Committee.

Library Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grant Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Grant Director

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Date

## Worth Checking Out

**The Nebraska Library Association Intellectual Freedom (NLA IF) Committee** is encouraging Nebraska librarians to celebrate Banned Books Week September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Closing Books Shuts Out Ideas, and as usual you can find ideas for programs, information on book challenges and censorship on the American Library Association (ALA) website at: [www.ala.org/bbooks](http://www.ala.org/bbooks).

The NLA IF Committee is once again collaborating with the American Civil Liberties Union-Nebraska (ACLU NE) and the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) on promoting the freedom to read with banned book week activities, including our selection of 3 titles for One State, One Banned Book. This year's selections are: *Junie B. Jones* and the *Stupid Smelly Bus* by Barbara Park, *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman and *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, all of which have been challenged, and happily remain on library shelves. We're hoping that one or all of the titles will make for interesting reading and discussion for varying reading tastes and levels. For a link to download a copy of the poster for One State, One Banned Book - as well as for additional information on programs and activities, please go to the NLA IF blog at: <http://nlaif.blogspot.com/>.

### Free Audio Books Options

- Project Guttenberg <[www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org)>
- Audiobooks-forFree.com;LibriVox <[www.librivox.org](http://www.librivox.org)>
- The Internet Archive <[www.archive.org/details/audio\\_bookspoetry](http://www.archive.org/details/audio_bookspoetry)>

### Just for Fun

**Instructibles** : The World's Biggest Show and Tell is a web site with many ideas for crafts such as a Chapstick LED flashlight that costs less than \$2 to make. There are hundreds of other ideas and crafts in categories such as food, games, home, green and more so take a minute to look at <[www.instructibles.com](http://www.instructibles.com)>.

### In Pictures: Tutorials Based on Pictures

Collection of free, easy-to-use illustrated tutorials for software and computer subjects such as Microsoft Office, Dreamweaver, Photoshop Elements, HTML, and CSS, My SQL, PHP, and Perl. Originally developed as part of a U.S. Department of Education study to help people with learning disabilities to learn computer skills. From Visi-books. URL: <[inpics.net](http://inpics.net)> [Seen in *Meridian Monitor*, August/September, 2008]

### Resolving Conflict Tips

[seen in *CKLS POST*, March-April 2006]

On March 10, 2006, Stephen Abrams posted three great tips about resolving conflict by Pat Wagner from Pattern Research Inc. Portions of Pat's tips are given below.

1. What do you want to have happen instead of what is happening?
  - \* Is the problem a personal or personnel problem?
  - \* Are you being specific?
  - \* Are you being emotionally neutral?
  - \* What will this outcome do for you?
  - \* What are five other ways to get this outcome?
  - \* What else would you want to have happen instead of your first choice?
2. What about the other persons?
3. What are you going to do instead of what you are doing, in order to change the outcome from what you have to what you want?

## Eastern Library System Board Minutes August 8, 2008, Neihardt Center, Bancroft, NE

Board Members Present: Jan Therien, Robin Bernstein, Mary Jo Mack, Joyce (Keber) Neujahr, Scott Berryman, Denise Lawver, Rosa Schmidt, Lowen Kruse, Marie Reidelbach. Ex-officio, Kathleen Tooker. Alternates Present: Dorothy Willis, Sally Payne, Barbara Dean

Nancy Gillis, Executive Director of the Neihardt Center, welcomed the board members and provided a brief presentation of her background. She also showed a video of John Neihardt. Following the presentation board members were led to the exhibit area where displays from Neihardt's personal life were displayed.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Robin Bernstein. Introductions were made including welcoming to two new members, Lowen Kruse and Rosa Schmidt.

Jan Therien made a motion to approve the June 20, 2008, minutes, Denise Lawver seconded, and the minutes were approved.

The June and July 2008, treasurer's reports and the annual treasurer's report for FY 2007-2008 were distributed and approved. They will be filed for audit. Kathy Tooker, System Administrator, shared that the encumbered amount for the Futures Conference that is in a negative will receive additional funds upon the submission of the final Kiewit Grant report.

Kathy Tooker, System Administrator, shared thank you letters received from Joy Winkler and Mary Sweeney.

The Administrator's Report for June 20 – August 8, 2008, was distributed. Highlights included attending an Open Meetings Law Workshop in Norfolk which Kathy plans to share with other Public Librarians in the system. The Open Meetings Law is difficult to enforce, but she advocated the importance of sharing it with Library Directors and Trustees. The Nebraska Library Commission received funding from the Gates Foundation for 75 public libraries to receive funding for a router for wireless connections and a lap-top computer. BiblioNix (out of Texas) contributed \$150 to each of the Library Systems to send someone to the Nebraska Library Association. Rosa Schmidt, Oakland Public Library, received the award from the Eastern Library System. Upcoming events and other items can be read on the written report.

### Committee Reports

Continuing Education – A workshop on copyright will be offered this year.

No other committees submitted reports.

Advocacy was suggested as a new committee this year. Scott Berryman and Lowen Kruse agreed to be members of this committee.

A *Committee Time-Line and Guidelines* was distributed to the Board Members. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for at least one committee of their choosing.

Old Business - None

New Business:

**Appointment of Board Alternates:** Denise Lawver made a motion, Joyce Neujahr seconded, and Dorothy Willis, Sally Payne, Tammy Lorenz, and Barbara Dean were approved as alternates for the board. Kathy Tooker reminded board members to contact an alternate if they are unable to attend a meeting.

**Approval of Employee Contracts:** Motion made by Barbara Dean, seconded by Rosa Schmidt to approve the contracts for the System Administrator and Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.

**Approval of final budget for FY 2008-2009:** The System Budget for 2008-2009 was distributed. It was noted that \$6000 has been saved per year for placing the newsletter online in lieu of printing/ mailing. No complaints have been received. Several benefits of the online format were discussed including a suggestion to add a web counter to the site. Jan Therien made a motion to approve the final budget, Joyce Neujahr seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Assignments:** Board members signed up for the committee of their choice. No further discussion.

**Signatures on checks:** Kathy Tooker submitted a proposed bylaw change allowing the System Administrator and Administrative Assistant to be signees for all checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness for under \$1,000 excluding their pay checks or other checks payable to them. In addition, Lowen Kruse suggested that the credit limit of \$30,000 be lowered to \$10,000. Dorothy Willis made a motion to make a change in the bylaws, Barbara Dean seconded, and the motion carried. The members will vote on the bylaws change at the next board meeting.

**Administrator vs. Director Title:** A final suggestion was made by Scott Berryman to change Kathy Tooker's current job title of System Administrator to Executive Director. The change in title will be changed in the Bylaws and voted upon at the next meeting.

**Mileage for Board Members:** Kathy Tooker encouraged board members to turn in mileage for their travel with the high cost of gas. The System reimburses at the IRS rate.

Kathy Tooker passed out the 2007/2008 Annual Report and gave new members their Eastern Library System pin. The next meeting is October 10, 2008, at the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marie Reidelbach, Secretary of the Eastern Library System Board.

# Fall Colloquium 2008

## Veronda Pitchford

“Die-Hard Library Chick”

&

Vice President of Membership &  
Communications at the Urban Libraries Council



No phenomenon reshaping the world today is more dramatic or far reaching than the massive global migration of people. Join Urban Libraries Council's Veronda J. Pitchford in a discussion around ULC's latest actionable research publication, **“Welcome, Stranger: Public Libraries Build the Global Village”** which will engage participants through discussing partnerships and service strategies that welcome new residents and speed their transitions to success in becoming a part of the local community. Veronda is adamant that no matter the community you serve, whether in a university, school, institution and/or public library setting – this is a message that is pertinent and vital. Librarians from all types of libraries need to be involved in building community.

Veronda is the Vice President of Membership and Communications at the Urban Libraries Council, a 180+ membership organization of public libraries and the corporations that serve them throughout North America. In her not so recent past she has worked for a Chicago area regional library system and as an academic librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In 2005 Library Journal honored her as a Mover and Shaker without ever having seen her moves on the dance floor. She *is* a die-hard library chick. Not sure that there will be dancing-but come see her moves and hear her thoughts on creating community that strike a chord with library issues we're addressing in Nebraska.

Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 5:30-9:30 p.m.

at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 333 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE Yankee Hill III

### Schedule of Events

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| 5:30 – 6:30 | Social hour, cash bar             |
| 6:30 – 7:30 | Dinner                            |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Presentation by Veronda Pitchford |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | Discussion                        |

**Dinner: Arbor Buffet with Roast Beef with mushroom steak sauce or Spiced Citrus Chicken**

Fresh salad, fruit, vegetables, rice, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and milk. Various cakes & pastries for dessert.

**The Fall Colloquium is sponsored jointly by: the Eastern Library System & the Southeast Library System.**

YES! I want to participate in the Fall Colloquium 2008: Veronda Pitchford

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

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work email \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one: \_\_\_Roast Beef \_\_\_Chicken

Send completed registration form & payment of \$35.00 to: Southeast Library System,  
5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Deadline: **Wednesday October 22, 2008.**

# Upcoming Events

October 10 - ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am - Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

October 15—NLA/NEMA Preconferences (see [www.elsne.org](http://www.elsne.org))

October 16-17 - NLA/NEMA Fall Conference, Lincoln

October 30—Basic Skills Class, Administration—Elkhorn Branch, Omaha Public Library

October 30—Fall Colloquium featuring Veronda Pitchford (see page 14)

November 6 & 13—Basic Skills Class, Administration, Elkhorn Branch, Omaha Public Library

November 7—CLICK Meeting, 9:30 am, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

November 14—DIRECT Meeting, 9:30 am, Wahoo Public Library

Check out the Nebraska Library Commission's web page calendar for a schedule of events.

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libcal/libcal.html>

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

Ladies, need a little sparkle and pizzazz in your life?

Gentlemen, looking for a gift that never goes out of style?

The Regional Library Systems will be raffling a pair of diamond studs at the Fall Conference in October and you could be the lucky winner of some prime bling.



You can contact your system office for tickets or get some at the conference. \$3 each or two for \$5. Please make checks payable to NRLS.