



Eastern Express

The Newsletter of the Eastern Library System

From the Administrator

Kathy

Academic, special, public and school librarians: The library service that children and youth—from preschool to teens—is receiving is excellent. Why is this of interest to librarians who don't have kids as the focus of their service? The answer is obvious of course, they are soon to be your customers.

The enthusiasm and dedication of the librarians working with kids was evident at the Eastern and the Southeast Library Systems' Children's & Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling. This year was the 10th year for the retreat, and 32 librarians from 21 communities, plus the staffs from ELS and SELS, shared ideas, heard some excellent programs, participated in a poetry slam, and generally had a great time. It helped that the weather was wonderful so everyone could get outside for some walks around the camp and that the food was very plentiful and good.

Presenters for the first day included Brenda Ealey (Southeast Library System) and Robin Brooks (Kilgore Memorial Library) who told about the Association for Library Service Children Institute they attended recently. They brought back new ideas and ways of working with disadvantaged children and outcome based evaluation. Since most library grants now require outcome based evaluation, this was timely information. Sally Snyder (Nebraska Library Commission) gave a preview of next year's summer reading program. Sharon Osenga (Meridian Library System) spoke on non-fiction

books for grades 5+ — some serious others just fun. Yvonne Kaiser (The Bookworm) brought a selection of "gross" books and "gross" items that would delight and educate not only youngsters but also librarians.

Ever been to a poetry slam? Susan Steider (Lincoln City Libraries) showed us how it was done and then the librarians shared poems. This type of program will work for almost every type and size of library; I highly recommend that your library try one.

Bright and not too early the next morning we started right off with a wonderful customer service program given by Laura Pietsch (Bellevue East High School).

**Children & Youth
are customers
and potential
customers of
every library.**

Laura had plenty of examples of what she has done to make the Media Center at Bellevue East an inviting and welcoming place. Her ideas can be done in any library. Here are some of her suggestions:

- Make sure your library has an attractive web page.
- You can still be professional and offer nurturing, guidance, and excellent customer service through building relationships.
- Communicate one-on-one when needed.
- Find out what is going on in your customers world through web pages, calendars, the local newspaper. Talk to them. Discover their interests.
- Don't let troubles escalate.
- Communicate with public librarians—assignment alerts, reading lists, etc. ➔

Pietsch stressed that teens, like adults, want a welcoming library with helpful and friendly staff, comfortable seating, and suitable books and materials. Access to technology and technology training is important to them. Service hours should meet their needs and include hours after school, evenings and weekends.

One thing that illustrates how Laura Peitsch involves students in making the media center important is this story about their indoor book-drop.

After purchasing a used drop box from a video store, she asked the metals class to enlarge the opening and then told the art department they could repaint it anyway they wanted as long as it fit with the colors in the library. Bellevue East High School's Media Center now has a beautiful book-drop painted on all sides with replicas of Van Gogh's sunflowers. All the students signed it as well. Pietsch says, "Not only does it say 'welcome' to our patrons, it's functional, and it's a point of pride for our student artists."

Now you understand why I believe kids today are getting great library service. There are being served by a group of caring professional librarians and media specialists who attend training and share ideas to discover better methods of meeting the challenges of preparing your future customers.

(pictures from the Retreat are on the next page)

Thanksgiving and Holiday Greetings from Kathy and Nancy—may you have health, happiness, time to enjoy family and friends and, most of all, a good book to read.

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Pictures from the Youth Services Retreat



What a great group of youth and children's librarians...

celebrating our 10th retreat.



Laura Pietsch, Bellevue East HS, giving us some great ideas.

Sally Snyder, NLC, enthusiastic about next year's Summer Reading Program theme.



The Poetry Bash was great fun!

Trustee Tips

Peter D. Pearson, president of The Friends of the Saint Paul (MN) Public Library, offers these words of advice:

- First, as library leaders in your community, be bold.
- Don't accept cuts as a *fait accompli*. It's easy to despair in these hard times but this is our wake up call.
- Second, expect more from your trustees. They need to be advocates to elected officials and not bow to pressures of "no new tax" sentiments.
- Most communities support library taxes over all others...
- Third, expect more from your Friends of the Library. All Friends of the Library groups should do lobbying. Citizens have far more power than librarians when it comes to lobbying elected officials for library funding.
- Fourth, create a library foundation or have your Friends group expand their activities to take a larger fundraising if they aren't doing it.

These suggestions were taken from a speech by Mr. Pearson at the ASCLA President's Program at the ALA Conference in Orlando, FL, June 27, 2004. The speech was reprinted in the *UN-ABASHED™ Librarian, the "How I Run My Library Good" letter*, No. 132. To interlibrary loan a copy of the entire speech, please call the System office.

ALTA (Association for Library Trustees and Advocates) is holding their Midwinter Conference in Boston, January 14-17, 2005. For more information go to their website www.ala.org/alta.

Now is the time to join NLA and the Trustees, Users and Friends section.

Go to www.nebraskalibraries.org.

System News



Omaha Public Schools

The 50th Annual Library Media Center materials Exhibit, sponsored by the Omaha Public Schools Library Services, will be held November 15-18, 2004, 8 am-4 pm, and November 19 from 8 am to Noon at the Monroe Middle School, 5105 Bedford Ave., Omaha. Five hundred books, selected by the members of the district elementary review committee as the most outstanding books reviewed during the year, will be on display. The exhibit gives students an opportunity to recommend titles to be considered for purchase for their individual school library media centers. Visitors to the exhibit are welcome. In addition, visitors to the exhibit will have the opportunity to hear children's author Elizabeth Shreeve. Ms. Shreeve is the author of *The Adventures of Hector Fuller* chapter book series published by Simon & Schuster. She lives and works in northern California. Her visit is partially sponsored by a donation from David Stiles, Follett Library Resources.

Blair

The Board of Trustees of the Blair Public Library visited the newly expanded library in Missouri Valley, Iowa, in October. The library there has reopened after a recent renovation and expansion that more than doubled the size of the facility. Board members were especially impressed with the flexibility and attractiveness of library features designed into the building.



Later in the month Paul Emmerich, chairman of the Blair Board, presented a slide show of the tour to the Friends of the

Blair Library. The Friends were equally impressed with the attractive and spacious Missouri Valley Library. At this meeting the Friends also demonstrated their interest in supporting Blair's library expansion by adopting a resolution donating \$10,000 to the Blair Library Foundation.

McGoogan Library of Medicine

The Consumer Health Information Resource Service (CHIRS) received the 2004 National Commission on Libraries and Information Science's Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information Recognition Award at a ceremony last month. McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center hosted a reception. This award's purpose is to increase awareness of healthy lifestyles. CHIRS was nominated by Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission. CHIRS began in 1985 as a cooperative venture and its original objective—to provide educational and consultation services to non-health science librarians and to serve as a health information resource library for the state of Nebraska, has not wavered.



The University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library of Medicine has encouraged healthier lifestyles through coordinated projects for developing library health information resources and has promoted public awareness of these resources, especially with its Consumer Health Information Resource Service (CHIRS)

Accepting the award is Dr. Nancy Woelfl, McGoogan Library of Medicine Director



More News

Ceresco

The Ceresco Public Library completed an expansion project through the generosity of a longtime Ceresco elementary teacher, Ethel Isaacson. Upon her death, approximately \$30,000 was left to the library to enlarge the children's area. Ground breaking was held in August with an open house and ribbon cutting planned for early November.



John G. Neihardt State Historic Site presents "A Visit with Alexander Hamilton." On Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 pm you can hear Dr. Donald Hickey from Wayne State College portray Alexander Hamilton. The program is free and will be held at 306 W. Elm Street in Bancroft. Call 1-888-777-4667 for more information.

Saunders County

The libraries of Saunders County were featured in the *Wahoo Newspaper* a couple of months ago. According to area librarians the library "is not just for bookworms and book reports anymore." They have been trying to make the library a welcoming place. "We feel it is a nice, safe place for the kids to meet or just to do their school works," said Judy Coday, Wahoo Public Library Director.

"We are trying to make libraries more like community centers," explained Ceresco Library Director, Wylene Twombly. Games have been added to their collection which encourages whole families to visit the library even if one member isn't looking for a book to read or a computer to use.

Vera Kuhr, Mead library Director, said that she has been working hard to build up their video collection. Finding the funding necessary to keep things current is a constant challenge.

"Probably the greatest resource we have this year is our library automation program," explained Yutan School Media Specialist, Romanda Naylor. If it is easier and quicker to find they will use more of your collection again and again.

Bill Beck, Media Specialist at the Wahoo Public Schools is happy to report that when designing a new addition to the Junior High, a new media center was a primary consideration.

At Bishop/Neumann High School, librarian Susan Breunig included a new computer that will allow students to edit videos.

Hooper

A copy for the book "The Colors of Life-The International Library of Poetry" has been donated by local, Andrew Hobart, who's poem "Nobody" is included in the book. He also won the editor's choice award for his work and was invited to attend the international poets society meeting in Pennsylvania. Andrew is a high school student.

Fremont

"Every Kid Needs A Card" is a campaign to promote literacy and raise \$3500 to purchase library cards for non-residents. Supported by the Fremont Tribune and KHUB radio by featuring 20 reading enthusiasts from the Fremont area. Some of their contributors included an owner of a coffeehouse, a county supervisor, the mayor, a reading instructor, the assistant deputy attorney, a mom, a retired teacher and a hot dog vendor.

Creighton University

A major gift from Thomas L. Brisch (1934) has been received by the library. A collection of approximately 25,500 books, maps, pamphlets, brochures, journals and other items has been appraised at approximately \$7000,000. The collection has an emphasis on Americana and focuses on railroad, Native American, state, county, and city histories. Several Latin American studies titles are also included as well as limited and rare editions.

For Children's Librarians & Media Specialists



Again, if you use NebraskaAccess and go to Wilson Magazines, and search for the article "December Holiday Books 2004."

Judy Blume, award winning children's author of titles portraying adolescence that attracted millions of young fans and are generally challenged, has been selected by the National Book foundation for its annual medal for distinguished contributions to American letters. Blume is the first children's author to receive the distinction of winning the National Book Award. Blume had recently edited the book *Places I Never Meant to Be: Original Stories by Censored Writers*; currently she is working on a book about the irrepressible Fudge.

To keep teachers apprised of new books in the library, turn the bathroom stall doors into billboards. Use double-stick tape to affix a clear plastic protector into which you can slip a colorful book jacket with a brief introduction. Change them often. Call them "Book Blurbs; The in"stall'ment Plan. [Kathy Parker, Ira Murphy Elementary School, Peoria, AZ, seen in *LMC*, August/September 2004.



Christmas is coming so why not sponsor an ornament contest? Put out some craft books (see below), provide materials, and let the kids decorate an ornament and them hang them on the library tree.

Have library customers vote on their favorites (be inventive in selecting categories) and reward the winners with a Christmas treat and their pictures on the library bulletin board.

- Ross, Kathy: *Christmas Ornaments Kids Can Make* (1998)
- Ross, Kathy: *More Christmas Ornaments Kids Can Make* (2000)

To find additional titles use NebraskaAccess <www.nlc.state/nebraskaccess> and go to Books-in-Print.

Does your holiday collection need some new books? *School Library Journal* (October 2004) has a bibliography of over 80 titles to select.

K-12 Literacy Standards for Student Learning are now available online in PDF format at www.ala.org/aasl/ip_nine.html. They are excerpted from *Information Literacy Standards for Student Learning* (ALA 1998). To purchase the full text and obtain other information on literacy publications, including *Information Power* (AASL/AECT, 1998), visit the ALA Online Store at <www.alastore.ala.org>.

According to *Booklist* (February 1, 2004) in 1946 and again in 1950 , more girls were reading comic books than boys of the same age? If you need some help in selecting graphic novels (AKA heavy-duty comic books) for girls you may want to interlibrary loan a copy of "Contemporary Graphic Novels for Girls: A Core List" from the System office. Just give us a call.

Every Child Ready to Read @ your library™ is a joint campaign of the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children who are looking to library systems big and small to play a key role in their communities in disseminating early literacy information to parents, child care providers, early childhood educators, children's advocates, and political decision makers. Current research on early literacy indicates that it is never too early to prepare children for success as readers. Libraries can go to <www.pla.org/earlyliteracy.htm> for more information and to order training kits or, brochures, posters, and a video.

Read for Fines—Kids in Columbus (OH) were able to read off their library fines. The Columbus Metropolitan Library wanted to make sure fines didn't keep children from reading so last summer CML's main library and 20 branches allowed kids to "read off" fines. For every 15 minutes of reading with staff members or volunteers, a child could eliminate \$2 in fines.

Announcements

Need an introduction to the FirstSearch Administrative Module and want to do it from the convenience of your own desk at work or home? Then register for this one-hour online training session--**FirstSearch Administrative Module Basics**--to be held on Wednesday, December 8, from 3:00-4:00 PM CST. These online sessions are provided at no cost to you and allow you to view a live presentation from your own computer via the web. Audio will be available via a toll-free telephone conference call. You may ask any questions you have during the session.

DESCRIPTION: This class is designed to introduce Nebraska librarians to some of the basic FirstSearch settings they can customize using their FirstSearch Administrative Module. It will be geared toward librarians who have rarely or never ventured into their FirstSearch Administrative Modules, although all are welcome to attend. Topics to be covered include:

- Accessing and navigating the FS Administrative Module.
- Changing your FS Service Password and your FS Administrative Module Password.
- Setting up or changing IP-Address Recognition.
- Turning database access ON/OFF.
- Changing your FS Session Timeout period.
- Linking to Online Booksellers and Document Delivery Services.
- Linking to your Library Web Catalog.
- Linking to NetLibrary.
- Changing your default search screen (e.g. from Basic to Advanced).
- Changing or overriding the default library holdings display (e.g. give patrons/staff the option of seeing ALL holding libraries)
- Creating a Custom Library Group

This FirstSearch Administrative Module Basics training session will be conducted by Susan Knisely, Online Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission. Participants will receive 1 hour of CE credit. There is no cost to participate in the session, but registration is required.

To register to attend this session, and to see full description of all our online sessions, please go to our Online Sessions web site at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/training/onlinesessions/>

RETIREMENT OF PASSPORT & OTHER OCLC SOFTWARE

Here are the dates you've all been waiting for!

OCLC has consulted with librarians as well as its own Members Council, advisory committees and regional service providers, and is announcing software retirement dates for its current cataloging, resource sharing and union list services.

RETIREMENT DATES TO NOTE 🎵

May 1, 2005

OCLC will retire:

- **Passport for Cataloging** You must migrate before May 1st to Connexion - either the Browser and/or the Client.
- **Passport for Interlibrary Loan**
- **ILL Web**
- **ILL ME**
- **ILLiad 6.x**

If you use Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME or ILLiad 6.x for interlibrary loan you must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing (presently referred to as the FirstSearch staff view) or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.

June 2005

OCLC will retire **Passport for union listing**. Those who use Passport for Union List activities must migrate to Connexion.

July 1, 2005

OCLC will retire **CatME, CJK** and **Arabic**. All users of these interfaces must migrate to Connexion Client.

MIGRATION DATES & FUNCTIONALITY BY SERVICE

Cataloging

NOTE to CatExpress Libraries: *CatExpress is *not* migrating to a new interface. CatExpress users already use the Connexion browser interface, so there is no change to the way you currently catalog.* ➔

Connexion browser (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/browser/>) is available and contains all cataloging functionality found in Passport, except for macros (supported only in Connexion Client) and truncated lists (which will be added in the near future). The browser will also include true keyword searching and support for additional browse indexes in the future.

Connexion client (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/>) is available for download. The client is a powerful, flexible Windows-based interface with productivity-boosting enhancements including macros, additional keyboard customization - you can perform all navigation and cataloging actions using assignable key combinations - and integrated label printing.

Important dates for cataloging:

- *November/December 2004:* Connexion client version 1.20 will be released and will contain most CatME functionality including NACO, authority searching enhancements, local files and batch processing.
- *1st quarter 2005:* Connexion client version 1.30 will be released including the remainder of CatME functionality, WorldCat true keyword searching, truncated lists, and CJK support.
- *2nd quarter 2005:* Connexion client version 1.40 will be released including support for Arabic cataloging.

Resource Sharing

On August 15, basic borrowing and lending functionality became available in *WorldCat Resource Sharing* (formerly referred to as the FirstSearch staff view) (<http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/>). Libraries that currently use ILL Web at <http://illweb.oclc.org> and have a FirstSearch account may begin moving their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing at any time. Other libraries may wish to consult with NEBASE about the best time for their ILL workflow to move to the new WorldCat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004:* Version 7.0 of ILLiad will be released and will ensure ongoing interoperability with the OCLC interlibrary loan service. ILLiad users will see a new search form for sending requests. All updating and downloading will happen automatically and in real time. All libraries currently using OCLC resource sharing that do not have access to FirstSearch can log on to WorldCat Resource Sharing.

- *December 2004-April 2005:* WorldCat Resource Sharing will gain additional high-productivity features and functionality. The improved workflow enables users of Passport for ILL, ILL Web, and ILL ME to migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing.
- *December 2004:* Users of Passport for ILL and ILL ME can migrate their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing thanks to several new features:
 - Custom holdings will create lender strings for serial requests based on year(s) of holdings information in local data records. This will allow you to request photocopies from only those institutions that own the volume and issue that you need.
 - Integration with Policies Directory data will deflect requests based on group membership, geographic region, fees, formats, non-circulating policies, etc. As a lender you will receive only those requests that you can fill.
 - Local holdings information from your web-based OPAC will be added to Pending requests paving the way for a later enhancement to create picklists.
- *Second quarter 2005:* WorldCat Resource Sharing will experience downtime during migration to a new technology platform. OCLC will provide advance notice of the time and duration, and work to minimize the impact on libraries.
- *May 1, 2005:* OCLC will retire Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x. All users of these interfaces must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.

Union List

June 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for Union List, and one of the Connexion interfaces will support local holdings (LDR) maintenance. OCLC will decide which Connexion interface will first include this functionality in December 2004 at the latest, and will release more details about the migration over the next few months and as well as when this decision has been made.

NEED HELP?

Please contact Christa Burns if you have questions or comments. E-mail: cburns@nlc.state.ne.us; Phone: 1-800-307-2665 or 1-402-471-3107.

More Announcements

Nebraska Library Association & Nebraska Educational Media Association Awards

- NLA Meritorious Service Award-Kathy Tooker
- NLA Mari Sandoz Award-Mary Pipher
- Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian-Mavis McLean
- C&U distinguished Service Award-Jim Bothmer
- Mad Hatter Youth Service Award-Judy Andrews
- Mentor of the Year-Pam Scott
- Presidential Award for Excellence-Planned Giving Committee (Rod Wagner, Brenda Ealey, Sally Payne, Carol Connor, Michael LaCroix, Maggie Harding, Ken Winston)
- Trustee Citation Award-Ruth O'Neal
- Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award-Robin Brooks
- Paraprofessional of the Year-Robin Brooks
- S&I Promotional Award-Ellen Weed

NEMA Awards

- Sound Off-Pat Gross
- Distinguished Services-Barbara Hanson
- Presidential Award-Phyllis Brunken
- Presidential Award-Nebraska Library Commission's Network Services Team



NEMO (Nebraska Missouri Master's of Library Science group)-award winners for the first annual dog show. \$134.00 was donated to the Louise Nixon Scholarship fund.

- Best in Show/Trophy Winner & Best Read-Cedarwood's Good Fella, owned by Mary Lomax, South High School, Omaha.
- Best Dressed-Clara as Marilyn Monroe, owned by Myrna Tewes, Bennett Martin Public Library, Lincoln.
- Cutest-Ruby and Pearl, owned by Dr. Rebecca Pasco, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Nebraska Books Honored by Center for the Book The 2004 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, recognizes and

honors books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or concerning Nebraska this year's winners are:

- 📖 Children: *The Ring Bear*, N.L. Sharp
- 📖 Young Adult: *Free to Drink the Wind: A Misty West Mystery*, Ruth Foreman
- 📖 Cover Design/Illustration: *Road Trip: Conversations With Writers*, Randy Barger and Chris Bristol (cover)
- 📖 Fiction: *Acts of Love on Indigo Road*, Jonis Agee
- 📖 Non-Fiction: *Restoring the Burnt Child: A Primer*, William Kloefkorn
- 📖 Anthology: *Road Trip: Conversations With Writers*, Shelly Clark and Marjorie Saiser
- 📖 Poetry: *Potato Soup*, Twyla Hansen

Winners of the one-year membership in MPLA - drawing was held at the NLA/NEMA Convention in October.

- 😊 Susan Franklin, Republican Valley Library System
- 😊 Julie Osnes, Wayne Public Library
- 😊 Linda McElvain, Goodall City Library in Ogallala
- 😊 Mary Cassner, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 😊 Maelyn Toelle, Battle Creek Public Library
- 😊 Brenda Ealey, Southeast Library System
- 😊 Debra Nadral, Clarkson Public Library
- 😊 Pat Hughes, Hastings College
- 😊 Joan Chesley, Keene Memorial Library-Fremont
- 😊 Ramona Ratliff, York College

NLA Officers Elected

NLA Vice/President/President
Elect-Joan Birnie
NLA Secretary-Julie Simpson



Section Chair/Elect:

- ✓ College & University-Kay Hershey
- ✓ Paraprofessional-Matt Rohde
- ✓ Public Library-Robin Brooks
- ✓ SCYP-Kim McCain
- ✓ S&I-Tom Schmitz
- ✓ TUFS-Charles Gordon
- ✓ ITART-Pam Bohmfalk
- ✓ New Members Roundtable-Chris Jorgensen
- ✓ Technical Services Roundtable-Jeff Tangeman

2005-2006 K-3 Golden Sower Nominees

Ada, Alma Flor. *I Love Saturdays y Domingos*. Illustrated by Elivia Savadier. Atheneum, 2002. ISBN 0689318197

Auch, Mary Jane and Herm Auch. *Souperchicken*. Holiday House, 2003. ISBN 0823417042

Bridges, Shirin Yim. *Ruby's Wish*. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Chronicle Books, 2002. ISBN 0811834905

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Worm*. Illustrated by Harry Bliss. Joanna Cotler Books, 2003. ISBN 006000150X

Fleming, Candace. *Boxes for Katje*. Illustrated by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. ISBN 0374309221

Johnson, Doug. *Substitute Teacher Plans*. Illustrated by Tammy Smith. Henry Holt, 2002. ISBN 0805065202

Long, Melinda. *How I Became a Pirate*. Illustrated by David Shannon. Harcourt, 2003. ISBN 0152018484

Reynolds, Peter H. *The Dot*. Candlewick Press, 2003. ISBN 0763619612

Thomson, Sarah L. *Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag*. Illustrated by Bob Dacey and Debra Bandelin. HarperCollins, 2003. ISBN 0060504161

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On*. Illustrated by Jane Chapman. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2002. ISBN

2005-2006 4-6 Golden Sower Nominees

Bauer, Marion Dane. *Runt*. Clarion, 2002. ISBN 0618212612

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *Sliding into Home*. Peachtree, 2003. ISBN 156145222X

Clements, Andrew. *A Week in the Woods*. Simon & Schuster, 2002. ISBN 068982596X

Codell, Esme Raji. Sahara Special. *Hyperion*, 2003. ISBN 0786807938

Cooney, Doug. *The Beloved Dearly*. Simon & Schuster, 2002. ISBN 0689831277

Downer, Ann. *Hatching Magic*. Atheneum, 2003. ISBN 0689834004

DuPrau, Jeanne. *The City of Ember*. Random House, 2003. ISBN 0375822739

Kehret, Peg. *Escaping the Giant Wave*. Simon & Schuster, 2003. ISBN 068985272X

McCann, Michelle R. (as told to Michelle McCann by Luba Tryszynska-Frederick). Luba: *The Angel of Bergen-Belsen*. Illustrated by Ann Marshall. Tricycle Press, 2003. ISBN 1582460981

Nickerson, Sara. *How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found*. Illustrated by Sally Wern Comport. HarperCollins, 2002. ISBN 0060297719

Nominee lists are developed by selection committees of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers, media specialists, and librarians in Nebraska. They are created from nominated titles sent in by participating libraries and schools from across the state. Local library or school officials are responsible for selecting books from these lists they feel are appropriate for the needs and interests of their patrons or students.

Starting January 5,
2005...



LIBR 1210 PUBLIC SERVICES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

Winter Term, 2005

January 5, 2005 – March 17, 2005

This course will provide students with an understanding of principles and best practices in public services, including:

- Assessing customer needs
- Use of information tools
- Outreach services
- Proactive public services
- Data-driven decision making
- Diversity of customers and their needs
- Legal aspects of library policies
- Effects of current legislation
- There will be one face-to-face meeting: Either February 26th in Ogallala or February 27th in Lincoln

Requirement for Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) which may be taken at the same time.

Interested? Call Southeast Community College
Mike Pegram, Student Advisor
1 (800) 642-4075 ext. 2788
SCC-Lincoln Campus

<http://www.southeast.edu>

**General registration for Winter 2005 term begins
December 2, 2004**

Class Instructor: Jodene Glaesemann jglaesemann@aol.com 402-476-7240

Letters About Literature 2004-2005 How to Enter Guidelines for LAL

Prewriting Discussion (Adapt for grade level)

- Select a fiction or nonfiction book, a short story, a poem or a speech (sorry, no song lyrics) you have read and about which you have strong feelings. Explore those feelings and your reaction.
- Make a connection between yourself and a character or an event in the story. Did the book mirror your life in some way? What questions did the author force you to ask yourself or others? What surprised you about yourself when reading this book? What strengths or flaws do you share with a character in the book?
- Explore changes. Before-and-after is a great way to organize your thoughts. What did you believe or how did you behave before you read the book? How did your thought or behavior change after you read the book? Was this change in you noticeable to others?

Writing the Letter

- Recommended word count
Level I: 100-250 words
Level II: 250-500 words
Level III: 500-750 words
- Lead paragraph: Don't waste words telling the author your name or where you go to school unless that somehow relates to the way the book affected you. A question, a quote, a little known statistic, a fascinating detail about yourself--these are some of the ways to grab your reader's attention in your lead paragraph. Don't waste time stating your name or address (it's on the letter anyway) or your school unless it somehow relates to the way the book affected you.
- Tone: A letter is less formal than an essay or school research paper. It is conversational, friendly. Write honestly and sincerely, using your natural voice. But remember--this isn't a fan letter meant to flatter the author. Correspond, don't compliment! ➔

Preparing Your Letter for Submission

(Applies to all competition levels)

Return address: This is a letter, so include a return address. Print your name and complete address (either home or school) in the upper-right corner of the first page of your letter.

Letter format: Type or print your letter. Please use ink and write neatly. If the judges can't read your handwriting, they will eliminate your entry.

Entry coupon: Each letter must be accompanied by an entry coupon. (*See below.*) **Staple the coupon** to the last page of your letter. Do not use paper clips as they become separated during handling.

Mailing envelope. **Important! Indicate the competition level—either I, II, or III—on your envelope.** Judges prefer entries in a flat 9 X 11 envelope. Please use the correct postage amount or your letter will be returned unopened.

Submission Deadline

Mail all entries postmarked by December 4, 2004, to:

LAL 2004-2005
Competition Level (*indicate I, II, or III*)
Post Office Box 609
Dallas, PA 18612

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

Mail class sets in one flat envelope rather than individual envelopes. Although we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters, we LOVE cover letters and this will ensure that you are put on the LAL mail list for next year. Also, our judges ask that you do not assign the same book to an entire class as this misses the spirit of the LAL program—identifying a personal relationship with a particular author and/or book.

NOTE: Winners will be notified in April 2005. All entries become the property of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and will not be returned. For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan at the Nebraska Library Commission.

CE CREDIT

The Nebraska Library Commission's Continuing Education database is now accessible from the Eastern Library System office. If you have a question regarding your CE credit, please give us a call. It is a great idea to check this periodically, including your trustee CE, to make sure that you have enough credits for accreditation. There are so many opportunities to receive your CE credit and State Aid is money available for your library.

The System will send in your name for CE credit to any system sponsored event. If you attend another workshop or presentation or watch an approved video you may use the reporting form found at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/CEform2.html>. For now you will need to print this form and mail it to the Nebraska Library Commission.

Great Resource

[from Pam Scott, NLC]

The American Library Association has launched a new online continuing education clearinghouse at www.ala.org/ce. It is designed to meet the professional development needs and career interests of library staff and boards. The CE clearinghouse is a searchable database of continuing education opportunities offered by ALA, its divisions and other units, including workshops and conferences and online learning. These CE opportunities are for entry-level, professional, mid-career, library support staff, senior management and trustee.

The next **CLICK** (Children's Librarian's Information Coffee Klatch) will be held at the Bess Johnson Elkhorn Public Library on January 31, 2005, 9:30 am. We will be discussing the topic of grants. Bring along a grant that you have received or a grant that you submitted but was not awarded. Sally Snyder, NLC, will give suggestions and good ideas to help make your grant a winner. Please email Pam Ruppert pruppert@elkhorncity.net if you can come.

Worth Checking Out



Viruses, worms, and Trojan horses

isn't the name of a new horror movie, but they are villains that can damage your computer and turn a good day into a very bad day for you. *Smart Computing* (November 2004), in the article "Malicious Twenty," answers some of the questions about such 20 threats such as Bugbear, Beagle and Bagel, Sobig, Sasser, and Sober. If you would like to interlibrary loan a copy of this article, please call the System office.

If you want to keep up-to-date on news from the Eastern Library System, upcoming workshops, and library information, please subscribe to the ELS mailing list handled by the Nebraska Library Commission. To join go to the NLC web site at <www.nlc.state.ne.us>, click on "Commission Services Index" on the left side of the page, then select "M" from the alphabet. This will take you to Mailing Lists where you can subscribe / unsubscribe to any of the NLC mailing lists such as CHILDLIB-L, TRIAL, or the other regional library systems.

Did you know that the fastest growing demographic group in the country today seniors?

One out of eight Americans is 65+ years. Did you know that this group has very diverse reading tastes due to their difference in lifestyles, experiences, and interests over a lifetime? Are you prepared to be able to offer the services seniors want and expect? If the answer to either of these questions is "no", then you should take a look at *Serving Seniors* by Rosemary Honnold and Saralyn A. Mesaros (Neal-Schuman, 2004; 1-55570-482-4; \$59.95) There are chapters on collection building, discussion groups and coffee clubs, programming and step-by-step guidance for implementing Internet services, volunteer programs, outreach and homebound services. You can borrow this resource by contacting the Nebraska Library Commission and asking to interlibrary loan their copy. That's what I did. *KT*

ALA members and other library supporters are urged to complete an online Advocacy Issues Survey, available at www.ala.org/advocacysurvey. The results will be used to help shape ALA President Carol Brey-Casiano's upcoming Advocacy Institutes, the first of which is scheduled for January 14, 2005, during ALA's Midwinter Meeting in Boston.

The Institute is geared to help foster ongoing collaboration between Friends, trustees, librarians, and other advocates at the local and state level.

ALA Graphics' product line of digital art for library and school markets is moving to the Web. Downloadable digital files located at <www.alastore.ala.org> will allow 24-hour access to artwork that will assist with branding and promotional efforts. New digital art will be frequently added to the site.

Warning! This is a PLUG for the FOLUSA organization (Friends of Libraries USA). If your library has a Friends group or is considering starting one, this is one organization you should join. Benefits of joining are receiving their bimonthly *News Update* newsletter full of library news, program ideas, special offers and discounts on FOLUSA publications plus access to the special "Friends Zone" web page. Cost is based on type of membership and size. A Friends group with up to 100 members can join for \$40 a year, a personal membership is only \$35. Check <www.folusa.org> for more information. Let the System office know if you would like your name placed on the routing list for this publication.

New additions to the ELS Professional Collection include:

- *Safe Harbor: Policies and Procedures for a Safe Library*. Edited by Rose Chenoweth, Alliance Library System, IL. This is a good resource with all kinds of policies from different Illinois libraries. You can also find the information online at <www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/safeharbor/index.cfm>.
- *Personnel Worship* video. This is from the "We're all in this personnel thing together, aren't we?" workshop held last July. There are two tapes (about 4 hours total). The System office also has the accompanying manual.

Please contact the System office if you would like to borrow either of these items or any of the other materials in our Professional Collection. For a complete list, visit our web page at <www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/eastern> and click on Programs and Services.

Upcoming Events



- November 18 — ELS Workshop "Strategies You Can Use @ your library™," Sump Memorial Library.
November 19—ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am Bancroft Public Library.
November 19—ALSC Institute and Mem Fox: What We Learned Videoconference, 2-5 PM. Contact:
Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665.
November 22—Basic Skills Class Administration, Keene Memorial Library
November 22— LAMA Institute "Get an Education @ your library™," Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln.
Contact: Pam Scott, pscott@nlc.state.ne.us ; 800-307-2665.
November 24—E-Rate Form 470 & 471 Workshop, 9 AM—Noon, Ashland Public Library.
December 1/2 —"Introduction to Digitization & Scanning Workshops." Contact Maria Medrano Nehls, 800-307-2665; mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.
- January 21—ELS Board Meeting, Bennington Public Library, 9:30 AM.
January 21—College of Dupage Teleconference Dealing with Difficult People.
January 31—CLICK Meeting, 9:30 am, Bess Johnson Elkhorn Public Library
- February 23—Nebraska Legislative Day. Mark your calendar!
February 25—Summer Reading Program Workshop, Keene Memorial Library.

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

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