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On the Lighter Side...

Announcing the New Built-in Orderly Organized Knowledge Device, Otherwise Known as the BOOK!

It's a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use even a child can operate it. Just lift its cover. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere--even sitting in an armchair by the fire--yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM.

Here's how it works: each BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. These pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence. By using both sides of each sheet, manufacturers are able to cut costs in half.

Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet. The book may be taken up at any time and used by merely opening it. The "browse" feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward and backward as you wish. Most come with an "index" feature, which pinpoints the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional "BOOKmark" accessory allows you to open the BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session--even if the BOOK has been closed. BOOKmarks fit universal design standards; thus a single BOOKmark can be used in BOOKs by various manufacturers.

Portable, durable and affordable, the BOOK is the entertainment wave of the future, and many new titles are expected soon, due to the surge in popularity of its programming tool, the Portable Erasable-Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus...

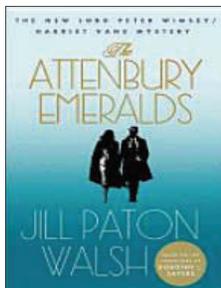
(From IFLANET.net)

Book of the Month

I am a big fan of the Golden Age of Mystery Writers. One of these is Dorothy L. Sayers. Her Lord Peter Wimsey novels have been favorites for years. When Sayers died, she left behind an unfinished Wimsey mystery called *Thrones, Dominations* with a chart outlining the plot. Her publishers entrusted author Jill Paton Walsh to finish the book and it is almost impossible to tell where Sayers ends and Paton Walsh begins.

This month, Paton Walsh has released a new Wimsey mystery: *The Attenbury Emeralds*. Lord Peter and Harriett Vane have now been married for over 20 years; it is 1952 and another world war has been fought. The book opens with Peter and Bunter recounting to Harriett the details of his very first case: The Attenbury Emeralds. As they finish regaling Harriett with the details, the current holder of the Attenbury title arrives, needing Lord Peter's aid with the emeralds yet again. Peter must trace the emeralds from his first experience with them up to the current day in order to unravel the mystery.

This book was a delightful read! Paton Walsh has kept true to Sayers original characters, only aged them. Peter, Harriett and Bunter work seamlessly together to solve a very complex case. If you have fans of Golden Age writers, this is a great recommendation for them.



Teen Tech Week

Do teens in your community realize your library goes beyond books? This Teen Tech Week™ (March 6-12) share the wealth of technology resources available at your library and help teens become competent and ethical users of those resources, including DVDs, databases, audiobooks and video games.

“Mix & Mash,” this year's theme, encourages creative expression by combining writing, storytelling, movies, music and more. Whether it's with a laptop, social-networking tool, camera, flash drive, smartphone, or printer - mix and mash technology and creativity to celebrate Teen Tech Week. Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults.

You can find bookmarks, posters, decals, tattoos and other promotional items to purchase on the ALA website: <http://www.alastore.ala.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=272>. Get program and promotion ideas in celebrating Teen Tech Week on the YALSA website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw11/home11.cfm>.

Register for Teen Tech Week. It's free and gives you access to the 2011 logo and other benefits. Libraries are encouraged to celebrate during the designated week or at another time that may make more sense for the community you serve. Check it out!

eBooks through Nebraska OverDrive Libraries a Hit

Downloadable eBooks have been available through the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries collection for just over six months. The collection started with 168 titles. Demand for eBooks was high from the beginning. Mary Jo Mack and Karen Drevo have done a great job of adding new titles and extra copies of popular titles; as of January 24th, the eBook collection consists of 968 titles and a total of 989 copies. All the popular fiction genres, a number of nonfiction subjects, and juvenile titles are represented. At least four or five purchase orders have been submitted each month. An extra large purchase on Christmas Eve helped meet demand from people who received eBook readers as presents.

Demand remains high and a fair number of eBook titles have waiting lists. The same thing occurred when the group initially started with audiobooks; however, that collection has grown to the point where there are a large number of available titles from which people can choose. The collection budget is divided between audiobooks and eBooks, and must last through September. We try to spread this budget out somewhat evenly over the 12-month period so that we are constantly buying new content; we don't want to spend all our money in the first four months of the year, and then not be able to add new content in the subsequent 8 months.

If staff or patrons from participating libraries have requests for specific titles, please pass them along for consideration to Mary Jo (adult fiction), wplibrary@cableone.net; Karen (juvenile, YA, and adult non-fiction), kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us; or Susan Knisely (all topics), susan.knisely@nebraska.gov. Just remember not every print title will be available in audio or eBook format through OverDrive.

If your library is interested in joining the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group, please go to <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/overdrive.html>

for more information.



Public Libraries Invited to Apply for Student Internship Grants

Application deadline: Feb. 28, 2011

The Nebraska Library Commission's Cultivating Rural Librarians' 21st Century Skills program offers support for student internships through grants to accredited public libraries. In partnership with the Nebraska Library Association and funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, the internship grants increase awareness about library professions and education and the opportunities for employment in Nebraska libraries.

So, what can your library do with the internship program?

- * Share your enthusiasm for library education and the library profession.
- * Expand your programming.
- * Bring in fresh faces.
- * Show interns what happens behind-the-scenes.
- * Partner with other library types to show the variety of work settings.

Internship grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. A library may provide one 100-hour internship during the summer months that might last eight weeks, or two 50-hour internships during the school year that might last ten weeks, depending on the needs of the library and the scheduling needs and qualifications of the internship candidates.

Usually, interns are hired as contract workers and paid on a stipend rather than an hourly wage, but the terms of employment are determined by the library's governing body experiences. Interns provide valuable assistance with library service activities and local library programming. Library staff help introduce interns to the joys of library service careers.

Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28, 2011. More information is available on the Now Hiring @ your library website.



The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2011 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grants.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hard-cover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$4,600,000 worth of new children's books to more than 3,000 libraries in 49 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

The librarian of each participating library selects the books her library will receive from a booklist provided by the Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist reflect the very best of children's literature published primarily in the last three

years. These titles, which are for children ages 12 and under, are award-winners or have received starred reviews in library, literary, or education journals. The booklist also includes a selection of classic children's titles.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department.

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries which are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system.

A school library may apply only if it also serves as the public library (i.e. it is open to the everyone in the community, has some summer hours, and there is no public library in town).

Previous BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipients are eligible to apply for another grant three years after the receipt of their last grant. Libraries that do not fulfill all grant requirements, including the final report, may not apply for another grant.

Application deadline for 2011 is April 15th.

The names of grant recipients will be posted on the Foundation's website a few days after grants are awarded. Acceptance packets are usually mailed 14-18 days after grants are awarded.

Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the Foundation's website at: www.librifoundation.org.

For more information about The Libri Foundation or its Books for Children program, please contact Ms. Barbara J. McKillip, President, The Libri Foundation, PO Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440. 541-747-9655 (phone); 541-747-4348 (fax); reading@librifoundation.org (email).

NLC Scholarships

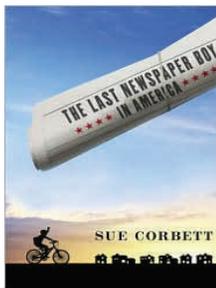
The Nebraska Library Commission will once again offer scholarships for students of library science at the Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's levels. NLC has received a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for \$721,033. Check on the NLC web-sites under Now Hiring @ Your Library for scholarship information.



One Book

The One Book, One Nebraska title for 2011 is Ted Kooser's *Local Wonders*. The System Office now has ten copies available for loan to book discussion groups.

One Book for Nebraska Kids has chosen *The Last Newspaper Boy in America* by Sue Corbett for 2011. The System Office will have 10 copies of this title available for loan in mid-February.



2010: A Very Good Year for Talking Book & Braille Service by Dave Oertli, Director

2010, a fast year, has made me feel grateful. You probably know the Talking Book and Braille Service is now in its second year of transition away from audio cassette to flash memory cartridge. Our Nebraska-based studio magazines now circulate on cartridge;

though, except for Nebrline, are also being offered on cassette. We are one of the first, if not the first, Library of Congress talking book library to distribute its studio magazines on cartridge. Nebraska based magazines now circulate 50% digital and 50% cassette. All new books from our own studios are being circulated on cartridge; and soon new Nebraska books will no longer be offered on cassette. The same will be true for new talking books from Library of Congress. Our Nebraska collection (recorded in our studios) is being transferred to cartridge. Completing this task will require several more years. Our Nebraska books and books from Library of Congress now circulated 45% digital and 55% cassette. We now have 3600 book titles on cartridge, with new titles arriving almost daily; and 59,000 titles on cassette. Still, within months, our circulation on cartridge should match or exceed that on cassette. To the best of my knowledge, all established talking book borrowers have been contacted at least once about the new Library of Congress digital player. Most borrowers have either welcomed the new players or accepted them. They are encouraged to retain their Library of Congress cassette players until the transition is completed. All new borrowers are being set up for digital automatically. Several hundred established borrowers have postponed or declined the new players, even though they are easier to operate than the cassette players. For borrowers who have high-speed internet access, the Library of Congress offers a web site known as BARD where audio books and magazines are available for direct download. Many borrowers are navigating BARD independently, and some are receiving help from family members. Borrowers who use BARD can download their favorite books and magazines anytime without waiting for material to arrive through the mail. 2010 has been an exciting year for talking book librarians. 2011 holds great promise!

One World, Many Stories

2011 Summer Reading Workshop

March 30, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Oconto Community Center, Oconto NE



MORNING SESSION:

Sally Snyder will present book reviews followed by a time to share your ideas on the theme.

LUNCH: INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE

AFTERNOON SESSION:

One World, Many Stories will be presented by Jody Crocker, Director at McCook Public Library.

- ⇒ Be Sure to bring your manual and craft kit (scissors, glue, etc).
- ⇒ The cutting machines will be available.
- ⇒ 4 Continuing Education Units from the Nebraska Library Commission



Registration is \$20 per person.

Name: _____

Library: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Mail check and registration to:
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In case of inclement weather, please call the System Office to see if the workshop will be held.

ALA Newbery, Caldecott and Printz 2011 award winners

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature
"Moon over Manifest," written by Clare Vanderpool, is the 2011 Newbery Medal winner. The book is published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, a division of Random House, Inc.

Four Newbery Honor Books also were named:
"Turtle in Paradise," by Jennifer L. Holm and published by Random House Children's Books, a division of Random House, Inc.; "Heart of a Samurai," written by Margi Preus and published by Amulet Books, an imprint of ABRAMS; "Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night," written by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Rick Allen and published by Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; and "One Crazy Summer," by Rita Williams-Garcia and published by Amistad, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children
"A Sick Day for Amos McGee," illustrated by Erin E. Stead, is the 2011 Caldecott Medal winner. The book was written by Philip C. Stead, and is a Neal Porter Book, published by Roaring Brook Press, a division of Holtzbrinck Publishing.

Two Caldecott Honor Books also were named:
"Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave," illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Laban Carrick Hill and published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.; and "Interrupting Chicken," written and illustrated by David Ezra Stein and published by Candlewick Press.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults
"Ship Breaker," written by Paolo Bacigalupi, is the 2011 Printz Award winner. The book is published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

Four Printz Honor Books also were named:
"Stolen," by Lucy Christopher and published by

Chicken House, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.; "Please Ignore Vera Dietz," by A.S. King and published by Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, a division of Random House, Inc.; "Revolver," by Marcus Sedgwick and published by Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of the Macmillan Children's Publishing Group; and "Nothing," by Janne Teller and published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division.



Basic Skills

One of the requirements for public librarian certification is having training in the basic skills of librarianship. For many years the Nebraska Library Basic Skills Training Courses had been offered through periodic face-to-face classes. The new Basic Skills classes will be offered online only and in required and elective modules. For more information take a look at these sites on the Nebraska Library Commission webpage.

Frequently Asked Questions
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/nbsfaqs.html>

List of the modules
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScourses.html>



Cutting Machine Schedule:

February: Sandhills Public Schools
March: System Office
April: Elm Creek Public Schools
May-July: Open
August: Lexington Public Library
September: Gothenburg Public Library
October: Cozad Public Schools
November-December: Open

Contact the System Office if you would like to schedule the machines.

Why I Need My Library teen video contest launches at ALA Midwinter

As part of her presidential initiatives, ALA President Roberta Stevens launched a video contest for teens at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego.

Why I Need My Library, which runs through April 18, encourages teens ages 13 to 18 to create original videos on why they think libraries are needed now more than ever.

Teens will submit one- to three-minute videos on YouTube. The videos can be live-action, animation, machinima or use a combination of techniques, and teens can work in groups of up to six. Full contest guidelines and information on how to enter can be found on ALA's advocacy website, ilovelibraries.org.

Prizes will be awarded in two age categories – ages 13 to 15 and 16 to 18 – to a school or local public library selected by the winners. In each age category, two second place finalists will receive \$2,000 each for their selected library and three third place finalists will receive \$1,000 each for their selected library. The winning contestant or group of contestants from each age category will receive \$3,000 for their selected library. In addition, each member of the winning group will receive a \$50 gift card to an online bookseller.

Winning videos will be showcased on ALA websites and at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans (June 23-28).

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), the Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC), the Public Library Association (PLA) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), all divisions of ALA, are co-sponsors of the Why I Need My Library contest.

Questions about the contest can be directed to WhyINeedMyLibrary@ala.org.

Why I Need My Library is one of two presidential initiatives that kick off at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The other, Our Authors, Our Advocates: Authors Speak Out for Libraries, calls on authors to

highlight the key roles libraries and library staff play in the economic, social and educational fabric of our nation. More information is available at www.ilovelibraries.org/ourauthorsouradvocates.



University of Missouri Informational Meeting

Saturday, March 5 at 12:00 p.m.
University of Nebraska-Omaha
Criss Library Faculty Center - Second Floor
Omaha, NE

Join us for an information session about obtaining MU's popular master's degree in Library Science.

Classes are offered in Omaha, so you can get a degree from MU without ever coming to Columbia.

We invite you to come and learn about the exciting opportunities available for graduates of our American Library Association (ALA) accredited master's program. The session will start with a presentation about the Library Science curriculum, and the last part of the session is an open, informal time for questions and answers; so please stop by and visit with us.

We look forward to seeing you! Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information,
please contact
Dr. Rebecca Pasco at
rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu

Meridian Library System
Board Meeting Minutes
Meridian Library System Office
January 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Crow at 12:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present were Christine Walsh, Linda Bowden, Sherry Crow, Debra Moninger, Linda Nickel, Janet Wilke, Charlotte Rasmussen and Laurie Yocom. Richard Miller, Sharon Osenga and Delilah Gillming were also present. Ann Matzke was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: One addition was made to the agenda. Legal age was added to business. Laurie Yocom moved and Linda Nickel seconded to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes from June 17, 2010 and October 28, 2010 were submitted for approval. Laurie Yocom's name was corrected on the June 17th minutes. Christien Walsh moved and Laura Yocom seconded to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Janet Wilke moved and Debra Moninger seconded to approve the treasurer's report and bills from October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Motion was passed by voice vote.

NLC REPORT: Richard Miller shared highlights from the written NLC report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The Critical Conversations meeting in Grand Island for new library directors was very successful. We hope to have a series of these meetings over the next couple of years.

- Meridian, Republican valley and Panhandle Systems received the Cowgirl Peg grant. She will speak at 2-3 spots in each of the System areas. In Meridian, she will present at Arnold Public Schools and Wilson Public Library in Cozad.

- The Regional Library Systems have filed two grants this year: 1) to bring Karen Hyman to Nebraska for an NLA/NEMA pre-conference on Short Cuts to Greatness and 2) have Michael Sullivan to speak on Connecting Boys

and Books.

- We are waiting to hear from Rod and NLC on funding for this year's Leadership Institute.

- E-Rate : Sharon filed the first e-rate form for the 2011-2012 year.

- The new office chairs were purchased from Office Max in December.

- The system received \$2,000 in supplemental funds from NLC this year to purchase a new computer tower for Delilah's computer and to cover the additional costs of Sharon's medical insurance.

SYSTEM BUSINESS:

- We have several pieces of office equipment to discard. Laura Yocom moved and Debra Moninger seconded to allow Delilah to purchase the old computer tower for \$50 and to have Sharon list the remaining items on FreeCycle. Motion was passed.

- Delilah presented to the board concerns regarding our current financial institution together with information regarding other financial institution services. Janet Wilke moved and Linda Bowden seconded to move the System accounts to Five Points Bank. Motion passed by voice vote.

- The Financial Review was submitted for approval. Laura Yocom moved and Linda Nickel seconded to approve the Financial Review. Motion was passed by voice vote.

- The By-Law changes were submitted for review. Linda Nickel moved and Sherry Crow seconded that the changes be approved. Motion was passed.

- The board also discussed concerns from a System Member regarding legal age and the issue of para-professional education.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. by telephone conference call.

ADJOURNMENT: Laurie Yocom moved and Linda Nickel seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Delilah Gillming

PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOKS!

Before April 1

Please indicate the quantity of books you would like to pre-order on the lines provided. All books are paperback format.

Professional Titles:

- Connecting Boys With Books _____ \$37.00
- Connecting Boys With Books 2 _____ \$42.00
- Fundamentals of Children's Services _____ \$50.00
- Serving Boys Through Readers Advisory _____ \$48.00

Youth Titles:

- Escapade Johnson and The Coffee Shop of the Living Dead _____ \$6.95
- Escapade Johnson and Mayhem at Mount Moosilauke _____ \$6.95
- Escapade Johnson and The Phantom of the Science Fair _____ \$6.95
- Escapade Johnson and The Witches of Belknap County _____ \$6.95
- The Sapphire Knight _____ \$12.95

Total due for books \$ _____

Sorry, no purchase orders will be accepted.
Make checks payable to Read Aloud Nebraska.

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Read Aloud Nebraska
233 South 5th Street
Seward, NE 68434



There may be some books available for purchase without a reservation, but to guarantee that the books you want will be available, please fill out and return the pre-order form.

5 Hours CE Credit

Funding for this program was received from AT&T and NLA PLTS. In addition, this project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.



Read Aloud Nebraska

Nebraska Library Association's
Public Library and Trustee Section

and the

Nebraska Regional Library Systems

present

MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Connecting Boys With Books

Breaking All the Rules

April 12 - Alliance
April 13 - Lexington
April 15 - Norfolk
April 21 - Seward

PRESENTATION

Connecting Boys With Books:

Boys are in trouble. All right, it seems boys are always in trouble, but this is serious. Boys are failing to read at an alarming rate. Libraries are not solving the problem because boys are not a presence in libraries. Find out how we lose boys, and why, what the consequences are for boys, and what we can do to save boys from lives as non-readers. Michael Sullivan brings more than fifteen years experience as a Children's Librarian and Library Director, storyteller, chess teacher, and author. He will share practical, proven, and sometimes off-beat suggestions on how to turn boys into lifelong readers.

Breaking All the Rules:

Which is more important, the way things have always been done, or the person standing in front of the circulation desk? Think carefully, the future of our libraries may depend on the answer. One library maverick will challenge every assumption about public libraries. Hold on tight; whether you are a library patron or employee, this will be a ride.

**For more information about
Michael Sullivan visit his website**
at
www.talestoldtall.com

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration and refreshments

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Connecting Boys With Books

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Breaking All the Rules

3:00 p.m.

Book Signing

Registration fee:

\$20 if received by April 1
\$30 after April 1

April 12
Alliance
Public Library
1750 Sweetwater Ave.

April 13
Lexington
Public Library
907 N. Washington St.

April 15
Lifelong Learning Center
at Northeast Community
College in Norfolk
801 E. Benjamin Ave.

April 21
Seward High School
Auditorium
532 Northern
Heights Drive

Email info@readaloudnebraska.org
if you have any questions

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Choose a location:

April 12
Alliance Public Library

April 13
Lexington Public Library

April 15
Norfolk - Northeast Community College

April 21
Seward High School

Books by Michael Sullivan may be pre-ordered
before April 1 using the back of this form.

Choose a payment option:

Pay for registration and books now

Pay for registration now
and books at the event

You can register and pay online at
www.readaloudnebraska.org
or you can mail this registration
with your check to the address shown
on the back of this form.

Purchase orders not accepted.

Book Repair Basics



Carolyn Dow, Polley Music Library, Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, NE will present some simple, quick, and inexpensive repairs for damaged items. The repairs will be demonstrated.

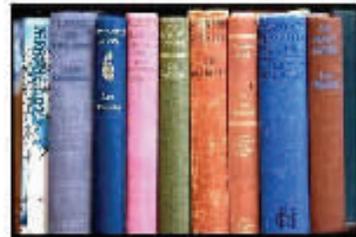
April 27, 2011

Lexington Public Library

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$

Lunch on your own.



Please bring items that need to be repaired. You will have a chance to try some of the demonstrated techniques.

Registration:

Name: _____

Library: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Mail check and registration to:

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MERIDIAN LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving on your Library System Board? The Meridian Library System is accepting nominations for two 3-year board terms beginning July 1, 2011.

Nominees for the positions may be library employees or library customers. Nominees representing any of the System counties are welcome.

On the back of this form, you will find additional information about the System Board and its role.

Nominee information:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE HOME _____ WORK _____

LIBRARY CONNECTION _____

E-mail address: _____

Please submit nominations by May 1, 2011 to:

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WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SYSTEM BOARD?

The System Board is the governing body of the Meridian Library System; its function is similar to that of a public library board of trustees or any non-profit corporation.

Board member tasks and accomplishments include:

- Be an advocate for the System and System services
- Budget preparation
- User satisfaction survey and evaluation of System services and programs
- Evaluation of progress toward meeting the goals and objectives stated in the System Strategic Plan
- Design of specifications for provision of System services

HOW OFTEN DOES THE SYSTEM BOARD MEET?

The System Board meets at four times per year, at such time and place as may be designated or by phone conference call. As a general rule, the Board meets every two months. Meetings usually last about two hours

ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES?

Members are not permitted to receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. The cost of travel to and from Board and committee meetings is reimbursed at the current Federal allowable rate; example of other reimbursed expenses are telephone charges and postage.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION ON THE MERIDIAN LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD, CONTACT ONE OF THESE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Linda Jelken-Nickel—308/468-5889

Debra Moninger—308/848-2226

Christine Walsh—308/233-3283

Linda Bowden—308/398-7395

Sherry Crow—308/865-8540

Ann Matzke—308/537-3651

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