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## **The "Horrid" Cost of Reading Then and Now By Carolyn Jewel**

Regency era advertisements show the typical Horrid Novel priced at between seven and eighteen shillings. Two-volume works went for a low of 7s while four volumes might cost 18s. This price range is the US equivalent of \$23.00 to \$60.00. That's not exactly cheap. A subscription library offered a less expensive alternative to purchasing books:

In 1806, the yearly cost of a subscription to the Minerva General Subscription Library (in pounds, shillings and pence) was on a sliding scale:

4.4.0 : up to 18 books if you lived in Town and up to 24 books if you lived in the country.

3.3.0: up to 12 books in Town and 18 in the country.

2.2.0: up to 6 books in Town and 12 books in the country

1.11.6: up to 4 books in Town and 8 in the country.

Source: *Le Beau Monde*, advertisement, December 1806.

A Londoner who wished to borrow up to eighteen books would pay the equivalent of \$289.00 US per year to sustain the habit whereas the purchase of that same number of books at the time would set her back between \$418.00 and \$1,076.00 (using a range of 7-18s).

In the US books can be had for free via public libraries. The price range today is substantially broader, too. Eighteen mass-market paperbacks at \$5.99 each would cost \$107.92 US (excluding tax.) The same number of trade paperbacks would come to roughly \$270.00. Eighteen hardcover books (at \$25.00 each) would cost \$450.00.

Comparing the cost of reading then and now is an interesting exercise. The cost of renting up to 18 books in London (translated to present day US dollars) was the current equivalent of about \$289.00. Today, of course, we needn't rent. We can borrow books for free from the library. Purchase those 18 books in London rather than renting them (again translating to today's US dollar) would set you back between \$418 and \$1,076, depending on the size of the books purchased. Today, 18 books have a significantly lower end: \$108 to \$450.  
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The principle difference between the cost of readership then and now lies in the public library and the mass market paperback. Interestingly, a new, beautifully bound book printed on high quality paper would today cost essentially what it did in 1800.

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### **NLC Classes Available Online**

Are you unable to attend a scheduled Nebraska Library Commission workshop? Do you need to learn more about NebraskaAccess, Nebraska Memories or NetLibrary? Would you like to brush up on your searching, cataloging or interlibrary loan skills? Do you have a new staff member to train? Would you like to see a product in action before making a purchasing decision?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Nebraska Library Commission Online Sessions are for you!

The Nebraska Library Commission offers instruction and demonstrations in live online sessions. These sessions allow participants to gain training and information through a web conference conducted via the Internet.

If you missed one of the live sessions, or if you would just like to see it again, these online sessions have been recorded and are available online for you to view at your leisure. Each recorded session is viewable from a web browser. You will need a sound card and either earphones or speakers. There is no cost to view these recorded sessions.

Some of the topics available are:

CatExpress  
Connexion  
Dewey Decimal Classification  
FirstSearch  
HeritageQuest Online  
NebraskaAccess  
Nebraska Memories & CONTENTdm  
NetLibrary

OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing  
OCLC Usage Statistics  
Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records  
Using WorldCat for Genealogical Research  
WebDewey  
WorldCat Cataloging Partners  
WorldCat Collection Analysis Service  
WorldCat Search Strategies  
WorldCat.org

These sessions, and many others, are available via the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal at:

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

To see the complete list of online or archived online classes, use the View all Training by Location pull-down menu and select Online.



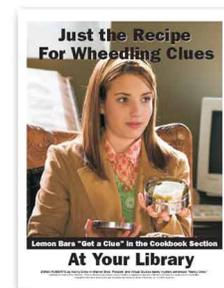
### **The Secret's Out - Now You Hold The Clue**

Tell your patrons to marshal their pots and pans to make their own Nancy Drew Movie Star Lemon Bars display.

The recipe for these yummy Summer Reading Program enhancements is printed on the "Lemon Bar Bookmarks" which are, along with a poster and word game, to be found on the Lemon Bar Page.

<http://www.summerreading.cla-net.org/nancydrew.html>

Thanks to Warner Bros. Pictures and Simon & Schuster for providing photos and granting us permission to use them. Thanks to Jenn Fisher for the lemon bar recipe.



## **A WONDERFUL WAY TO SPEND A SUMMER DAY**

You are invited to attend...

NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 13TH ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2007 / 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.  
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER  
801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE  
This year's Festival has been funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation,  
the City of Norfolk, & SCYP

**!Free admission for SCYP members!**

### **FEATURING:**

**\*KAREN KAUFMAN ORLOFF\***

2008 Golden Sower Award nominee for **I WANNA IGUANA**  
Also author of **IF MOM HAD THREE ARMS**

**\*TRINKA HAKES NOBLE\***

2008 Golden Sower Award nominee for **THE SCARLET STOCKINGS SPY**  
Also author of **APPLE TREE CHRISTMAS—THE DAY JIMMY'S BOA ATE THE WASH—**  
**THE LAST BROTHER—MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH**

**\*RICK RIORDAN\***

2008 Golden Sower Award nominee for **THE LIGHTNING THIEF**  
Also author of **THE SEA OF MONSTERS—THE TITAN'S CURSE**

**ALSO:** 2007-2008 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Orloff, Noble, & Riordan; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Karen Kaufman Orloff, Trink Hakes Noble & Rick Riordan; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

**TICKETS:** Youth (18 & under): \$5.00/advance & \$7.50/door  
Adults: \$20.00/advance & \$25.00/door

**!Free admission for current SCYP members!**

Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with full payment (make checks payable to "Norfolk Library Foundation--Literature Festival") to:

Literature Festival  
Norfolk Public Library  
308 Prospect Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

## **'NEBRASKA LIBRARIES: CHARTING PATHS TO THE FUTURE' IS THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S NLA/NEMA CONFERENCE**

Outstanding pre-conference workshops as well as two days of stimulating conference sessions will highlight the annual conference of the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association. The NLA/NEMA Conference will be held October 24-26 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney.

Internationally respected children's book author and literacy consultant Mem Fox will present, "Dirt Roads or Highways? Two Different Directions to Literacy". The pre-conference workshop will explore the critical role reading aloud to children plays in their social, psychological, educational and even physical development. Fox will also present, "Reading Aloud So People Stay Awake, Stay Active and Stay with You". The session will involve participants in developing read-aloud skills.

Also available as a pre-conference workshop will be "Image is Everything: Making Partners and Money for Your Library". Presented by Alexis Sarkisian of the LAMA Institute, the workshop will focus on providing librarians with the knowledge, tools and skills they need to make and use partnerships in their marketing, fundraising and development efforts.

John Seyfarth will present "Computer Hardware Confidence," a workshop providing a hands-on opportunity to build a computer from parts and install an operating system. This session will also help participants become familiar with typical troubleshooting and remove-and-replace tasks. Pre-conference activities will conclude with the program "Great New Books for Reading Aloud," presented by Nebraska librarians Pat Leach, Sally Snyder, and Becky Pasco.

Pre-conference registration information is available on the conference website at <http://www.2007nla-nema.info>, or you may register online for the Mem Fox sessions at Read Aloud Nebraska, <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org/events.htm>.

A wide array of programming is planned for the two days of conference sessions. Thursday's opening speaker will be Harley Jane Kozak, an author/actress whose screen credits include *Arachnophobia*, *The Favor*, and *Parenthood*. Her books include *Dating Dead Men* and *Dating is Murder*.

Friday's keynote speaker will be Joel Sartore, a National Geographic photographer who was recently featured on the PBS documentary *At Close Range*. He is also the author of *Nebraska: Under a Big Red Sky*.

Mark your calendar now to participate in this exciting, energizing conference. For more information check the conference website at <http://www.2007nla-nema.info/>.



### **Send Parents Home with a Copy of Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Fingerplays**

Young children who hear rhymes develop phonological awareness, the ability to hear the different sounds in words, an important pre-reading skill. As a librarian, you are in a unique position to help parents and caregivers understand the importance of reading rhyming books and playing with rhyming words.

Encourage parents to read nursery rhymes to their preschool children by sending them home with a copy of *Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Fingerplays*, a delightful collection of the best rhyming verses for children. More than 80 classic nursery rhymes such as "Little Miss Muffet," "This Little Piggy," "Hickory Dickory Dock," and "Star Light Star Bright," as well as lesser-known rhymes are included in the booklet.

The colorful, 20-page booklet is available at the ALA Online Store (item number 701) in packets of 50 for \$64. ALA members receive a 10 percent discount off of the price (\$57.60 per packet).

*Nursery Rhymes, Songs and Fingerplays* is brought to you by the PLA, in partnership with the W. Bloomfield Township (Mich.) Public Library, which originally produced the booklet as part of its *Grow Up Reading*™ initiative.

**2007 Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival**  
**October 4 - 6, 2007 Concordia University Seward, Nebraska**

Authors & Illustrators:

Richard Peck: author of the 2001 Newbery award winner *A Year Down Yonder*, will be the author luncheon speaker at the Adult Conference.

Laura Numeroff, author of the best-selling series, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Keynote speaker at the endowment dinner.

Andrew Clements, author of multi-award winning *Frindle* and other chapter books for middle school children.

Ted Lewin, illustrator of the 1994 Caldecott Honor book *Peppe the Lamplighter*, and author of *Elephant Quest* in collaboration with his wife, Betsy.

Betsy Lewin, illustrator of Caldecott Honor book *Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type*.

Peg Kehret, two-time Golden Sower winner for *Nightmare Mountain* (1993), and *Escaping the Giant Wave* (2006).

Robin Brickman, award-winning illustrator of many science books, including *A Log's Life* and *Swallows in the Birdhouse*.

October 5 Children's Day - commuting students arrive on campus to hear Laura Numeroff, Andrew Clements, Ted Lewin, Betsy Lewin, Peg Kehret, and Robin Brickman. There is no charge!

Performing artist Pippa White, will present 'Voices from Ellis Island' which follows seven immigrants from different parts of Europe as they cross the Atlantic Ocean and confront unexpected challenges in their new country at Ellis Island. True Stories!

Jerome Kills Small, Nebraska Humanities Council speaker, will also be on hand to tell the stories of his elders, and the stories they left for future generations. He sings songs with his elk hide drum to bring sounds of the heartbeat of all living beings, and invites the audience in a friendship dance.

To register for Children's Day, go to [www.cune.edu/plumcreek](http://www.cune.edu/plumcreek), print out the form and fax or mail it to the address on the bottom.

October 6 Adult Conference - Andrew Clements, Ted & Betsy Lewin, Peg Kehret, Robin Brickman, Richard Peck, as well as nearly a dozen literacy experts will be on hand to give presentations to our educators, media specialists, parents, grandparents and book lovers!

Highlights include:

Richard Peck, our author luncheon speaker.

Dr. Sharon Faber, author of *How to Teach Reading, When You're Not a Reading Teacher* will be on hand to provide specific and practical strategies that can be used by teachers in all subject areas to assist students with their reading skills.

Anna Jackson, the featured NELAC Fall Conference speaker. The NELAC Fall Conference is housed within the Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival Adult Conference.

To register for the Adult Conference, go to [www.cune.edu/plumcreek](http://www.cune.edu/plumcreek), print out the form and mail it with payment to the address on the bottom.

Endowment Dinner and Auction featuring  
Laura Numeroff, author of the best-selling  
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie series!  
Thursday, October 4 @ 5:30 p.m. Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

The evening includes an elegant dinner, keynote speech by Laura Numeroff, autographed books, and silent & live auction items!

Board Meeting Minutes  
Meridian Library System  
April 13, 2007  
Telephone Conference Call

CALL TO ORDER: President Gail Irwin called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board members answering roll call were: Joan Davis, Maxine Erpelding, Gail Irwin, Penny Jeffrey, Mary Koch, and Stacy Vogel. Administrator Sharon Osenga was also present. Laura Martinsen joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and Richard Miller from NLC at 4:07.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A board resignation was added to the agenda. Stacy moved to approve the agenda with Maxine seconding it. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Penny made a motion, seconded by Joan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gail briefly shared several thank you notes Sharon had received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sharon had moved money from savings to pay the March bills. When she received the quarterly check from the Commission she put that money back into savings. Mary moved and Penny seconded the motion to approve the claims from January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007. Roll call vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Sharon was a presenter for the Summer Reading workshops. The Commission paid for an author to go with them this year. Sharon is teaching the public service Basic Skills class. The Karen Hyman workshop was very well-received.

The annual meeting is June 29th at the Healthy Living Center at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. The business meeting is at 10:00, program from 11:00 to 12:00, with lunch at noon followed by a tour of the Healthy Living Center. The program will be "Sharpie: Nebraska's Queen of the Air." Board members are required to attend with cost to be \$10/person to cover the lunch cost.

The Meridian and Republican Valley Systems are doing a joint workshop on digital cameras with David Buffington from Creighton. Susan Knisely will also do a session on Flickr. The workshop will be at Holdrege Public Library.

Meridian Library System shirts will be burgundy with the graduated lettering style. Sharon will wait until after we have the new board members to order them.

They are all moved into the new office space. Sharon said they really like it.

Joan goes off because she was finishing an unfinished term. Stacy will also go off the board as her term is up. Sharon asked for suggestions for new board members.

#### COMMISSION REPORT FROM RICHARD:

State Senator Lowen Kruse was selected as the 2007 NLA Librarian Champion. WebJunction has a new look and is easier to use. May is Older Americans Month. Good resources for that are [www.aoa.gov](http://www.aoa.gov) and especially [www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/mayolderamericans.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/mayolderamericans.htm).

Richard highlighted the following spring NLA meetings: Diversity at Lexington on April 25; NLA's Public Library Section: Trustees, Users & Friends Section and School. Children's & Young People's Section joint meeting at four sites in May (The suggestion will be made to include Trustees, Users & Friend's Section in the PLS section rather than remaining a separate section.); NLA's College & University Section and the Technical Services Round Table will hold their spring meeting May 18th at Union College in Lincoln.

Other events: MARC21 2-day training in Holdrege April 24 and 26; College of DuPage Broadcast was April 13; Vendor Day will be May 1 in Lincoln; NLC is sponsoring planning sessions around the state; YALSA'S first ever Support Teen Literature Day is April 19; NLC hosted videoconference "Story Time Ideas from Sandy Wallick" is April 23; "I Blog, You Blog, Weblog workshop with Michael Sauers will be held at several locations; "Building a Mentoring Relationship is at Omaha (April 23), North Platte (April 24), and Alliance (April 25); and, Thinking Outside the Borders International Leadership Institute, Oct. 22-26. Details for all can be found on the Commission website.

Michael Sauers is the Commission's new Technology Innovation Librarian as of March 1. The Panhandle Regional Library System Coordinator position is open. There is a free Gates Foundation Advocacy DVD and brochure available. It is very well done. Lincoln City Libraries, Kilgore Memorial Library, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney, Grand Island Public Library, and the Valentine Public Library all received LSTA grants.

Public Librarian Certification records are now available online. Board records will be available online shortly. Newsbank is offering trial access to their products. Deadline for purchase is June 15.

#### SYSTEM BUSINESS:

Excess Furniture: MLS has four room dividers and a two-drawer filing cabinet that are no longer needed since the move into new office space. Joan suggested that the dividers and file be given away. Board okayed doing so.

Board members: Laura and Michelle were elected to second terms. Two positions will be open as Joan (Kristina's unexpired term) and Stacy's terms are up. Sharon read letter of resignation from Ruth Campbell. Someone will have to be appointed to fill the remainder of her term. Sharon suggested Christine Walsh, Asst. Director at Kearney Public Library or their Director Matt Williams. Gail will contact Christine, and, if necessary, Matt.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the annual meeting June 29th at the Healthy Living Center at Good Samaritan in Kearney. The business meeting is at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT; Maxine moved to adjourn the meeting with Laura seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Koch  
Meridian Library System Board Secretary

## Beach Read: *Bidding for Love* by Katie Fforde

I am not usually a chick-lit fan but Katie Fforde is the exception for me. Her newest book, *Bidding for Love*, introduces us to Flora Stanza, a London girl who moves to the country when she inherits her uncle's 51% of the family antique business. Unfortunately, her distant cousin Charles owns the other 49% and, along with his fiancée Annabelle, do not want Flora involved in the business. With a cat ready to deliver kittens and her London flat sublet, Flora cannot return to London. Annabelle allows Flora to stay at her abandoned holiday cottage. Concerned that she will find the country dull, Flora finds this to be untrue as she balances dates with a handsome local man, tries to hide the man who is sharing her cottage and gets involved with the local choir. Along the way, she brings new and exciting ideas about reviving the business. With readable prose and a light but entertaining plot, this book is sure to be a bit hit with the beach crowd this summer!



### Activities that foster book awareness and interest in children:

- \* Provide access to a variety of high-quality books, including alphabet books, picture books and books with rhyming; ensure books are age-appropriate (e.g. board or cloth books for babies).
- \* Make regular visits to a library or bookstore (at least once every two months). Expose children to different kinds of books – storybooks, non-fiction books (e.g. about trucks, nature, dinosaurs), and poetry.
- \* Read to your child frequently (at least four times per week) and create a warm storytime or reading environment. Let children initiate shared reading times, encourage children to take turns reading, allow time for questions.
- \* Connect visual experiences to books – if a child takes an avid interest in a television program, extend their knowledge by obtaining books on the same or similar topics.
- \* Allow children to see adults in the home

reading every day (books, magazines, online articles).



### Panhandle Library System Coordinator Hired

Marjorie Harrison has been appointed to the Panhandle Library System Coordinator position. Marjorie will begin work on July 24. Marjorie is currently Director of the Romeo District Library in Washington, Michigan. She has held previous positions as Assistant Director of the Romeo District Library, Adult Services Department Head at the Highland Township Public Library in Highland, Michigan, Director of the Elbert County Library District in Elizabeth, Colorado and Director of the PLM Regional Library System in Helena, Arkansas. Marjorie received her MSLS from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

Diane Downer, President of the Panhandle Library System Board, stated, "I am please we recruited someone with Marjorie's expertise. She will be an asset to the libraries in the Panhandle area as she provides training and consultation. The Board is looking forward to working with Marjorie Harrison."



### Nominations Sought for Mad Hatter Award

The Mad Hatter Youth Service Award, presented by the School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP) of NLA, recognizes an individual in the Nebraska library profession who has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship and library development for young people.

Nominees must be members of SCYP. The nomination form is available on the Mad Hatter website: [www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MadHatter.html) The nomination form and supporting materials must be returned to Kathy Schultz, Hastings Public Library, 517 W 4th St, Hastings NE 68901, by August 1, 2007.

New Members Round Table is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award and the 2007 Mentor of the Year Award.

You can download nomination forms here:  
[http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/NMRT\\_Mentor\\_2007.pdf](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/NMRT_Mentor_2007.pdf)

Nomination forms should be sent to:

Amy Barr  
Youth Services/Assistant Director  
Kilgore Memorial Library  
520 Nebraska Avenue  
York, NE 68467

Nominations must be received by September 1, 2007.



### **EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN**

The Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association accepts nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

- Development of outstanding service in field (s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library Section of the Nebraska Library Association.

tion. Send a statement of nomination with a description of the nominee's contributions to any Excalibur Nomination Committee member. Supporting letters of nomination and other materials may also be submitted with nomination. Deadline for nominations is August 1.

Person Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Library and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Send nomination forms by August 1 to:

2007 Excalibur Award Committee Chair:  
Diane Downer  
[ddowner@geringlibrary.org](mailto:ddowner@geringlibrary.org)  
(308) 436-7433  
Gering Public Library  
1055 P Street  
Gering, NE 69341



### **Join the NEBASE Dewey Group Purchase**

Save money on the print and web versions of the DDC!

\* PLEASE NOTE \*: Libraries who wish to order any Dewey product do not have to be members of OCLC. Any library can subscribe – Dewey products are available to both OCLC member and non-member libraries.

\*\* Dewey in Print \*\*

The NEBASE Dewey Group includes the print versions of the Abridged Edition 14 of the Dewey Decimal Classification and the 22nd edition of the unabridged Dewey Decimal Classification.

OCLC is offering 10% off of the original price on

the DDC 22 and Abridged Edition 14 in print.

If your library is interested in ordering the DDC 22 or Abridged Edition 14 in print, you will find Pricing information and the online Order Form at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/deweyorderbooks.html>

For more information about the DDC, please visit <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/>

**\*\* Dewey on the Web \*\***

Now your library can benefit from web-based access to an enhanced version of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) database through WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey. OCLC is offering a discounted price to users who join the NEBASE Dewey Group.

WebDewey (<http://www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/webdewey/>) and Abridged WebDewey (<http://www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/abridgedwebdewey/default.htm>), which correspond to the unabridged and abridged print editions, are updated on a quarterly basis, bringing you ongoing updates implemented by the Dewey editorial team almost as soon as they occur. The Web versions also offer additional electronic functionality not available in the print editions to make your classification work more efficient.

To see a hands-on demo of WebDewey, you can watch the NEBASE Hour: Introduction to WebDewey online session which was recorded and is available online for you to view at your leisure. The recorded session is viewable from a web browser. You will need a sound card and either earphones or speakers. There is no cost to view this recorded session. To view the WebDewey session, go to the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, and do a keyword search for "WebDewey" at:

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

The current WebDewey & Abridged WebDewey Group subscription year runs from January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007. Libraries may join the

WebDewey & Abridged WebDewey Group at any time. Midyear subscriptions will be prorated. Orders must be received by the 15th of the month for a start date of the 1st of the following month.

If your library is interested in subscribing to WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey, you will find pricing information and the online Order Form at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/deweyorder.html>

To see WebDewey in action, try the OCLC tutorial, Using WebDewey at:

<http://www.oclc.org/dewey/resources/tutorial/>

If you have any questions about DDC 22, Abridged Edition 14, WebDewey, Abridged WebDewey or the NEBASE Group, please contact Christa Burns at [cburns@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:cburns@nlc.state.ne.us), 402-471-3107, or 800-307-2665.



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### Cutting Machine Schedule:

July: Gothenburg Public Library  
August: Lexington Public Library  
September: Ansley Public Schools

Both machines are open from October through December. Contact the System Office if you would like to reserve one or both.

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true magic.**

**-Alice Hoffman**

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