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Julia Cook Wows Audience at Annual Meeting

Our special speaker at the system Annual Meeting this year was author Julia Cook from Fremont. A former teacher and school guidance counselor, Ms. Cook now authors non-fiction books for younger children on topics of social importance and personal hygiene. Using overhead projections of book pages, Ms. Cook performed several of her books with verve and humor. Perhaps the most significant of these was her newest, *Scoop*. The topic is certainly one of current interest: the taking (scooping) of children by predators. One of the things that children were cautioned against was approaching a person with a pet as the pet may just be a decoy. Interestingly, I was reminded of this discussion that very evening as I was walking my dog around the park. A girl of about 8 jumped off her bike and approached me and asked to pet my dog. Now, if I had been a scooper, this was a perfect opportunity for me to kidnap that child! It really brought home to me the need for us to educate our children in safety.

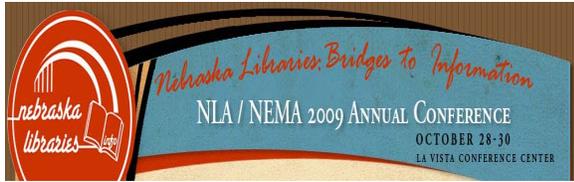
The real highlight of the program was the dogs. Hidden away the entire afternoon in travelling suitcases, Ms. Cook produced her two service dogs to the delight of the crowd!

I can honestly say that this was one of the best programs we have ever had at our Annual Meeting - kids and adults alike commented on how entertaining it was!

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Join us October 28-30 for three days of sessions and networking opportunities designed to build and strengthen "Bridges to Information" at the 2009 NLA/NEMA Annual Conference!

The conference will be held at the new Embassy Suites Omaha - La Vista Hotel & Conference Center, off I-80 by the newest Cabela's in Nebraska. A special room rate of \$129/night has been arranged. Rooms can be booked from <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/OMAESSES-LIB-20091027/index.jhtml>.

Registration forms are not available yet, but rates have been posted at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009/registration.html>.

We'll be sending regular emails on special events. You can also follow the links on the page above to Facebook, Flickr, FriendFeed, and Twitter to collect details on the conference.

Come one, come all!



Nebraska Writers: Cultivating Creativity, 2009 Nebraska Book Festival, November 14, 2009 will be held at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History, 15th and P Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska. The festival will include a variety of literary activities. An awards luncheon will honor the winners of the

Center for the Book's Mildred Bennett Award, Jane Geske Award, and Nebraska Book Awards. A selection of Nebraska writers will read from their 2009 works, along with readings from the winners of the Nebraska Book Awards. Writers Workshops will be offered free of charge. Teresa Lorensen of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation will lead a book discussion of Aldrich's *A Lantern in Her Hand*, this year's enormously popular One Book One Nebraska selection (www.onebookonenebraska.org).

A Conversation with Three Poets will give Nebraska poets Ted Kooser, Bill Kloefkorn, and Don Welch the opportunity to share insights on reading and writing poetry. These long-time members of an intentional writing community will share insights on how they have supported each other's work through the years. Additional Nebraska author activities and plans for vendors are in the works. The Festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, and the Nebraska Library Commission.

Noted Nebraska Writers to Appear at the 2009 Nebraska Book Festival, November 14, 2009:

William Kloefkorn
Ted Kooser
Don Welch
JV Brummels
Sean Doolittle
Michael Forsberg
Harley Jane Kozak
The Loren Eiseley Society Readers
Mary Pipher
Hilda Raz
Joe Starita
Stephanie Grace Whitson

For more information see <http://www.nebraskabookfestival.org> or contact Mary Jo Ryan, mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665.

Meridian Library System
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Oconto, NE, June 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Mary Koch.

ROLL CALL: Christie Behle, Linda Bowden, Mary Koch, Laura Martinsen, Charlotte Rasmussen, Janet Wilke, Linda Jelken and Christine Walsh were all present for roll call. Matthew Williams from Kearney Public Library, Tonidoza and Ron Wirtz from the University of Nebraska, Penny Jeffrey from Oconto Public Library, Sharon Osenga and Delilah Gillming were also present. Trine McBride was not present.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mary passed out correspondences for members to read.

NLC REPORT: Sharon reviewed some of the highlights from the Nebraska Library Commission including Open Source.

YEAR IN REVIEW: Sharon reviewed her written Year in Review report. The major event for the system was moving the system office in February. The board also decided to disband the audio book set rotations so we conducted a raffle for the 10 sets which have been awarded to the winning libraries. We are still sending out the Accu-Cut machines although they are not as popular. The gaming equipment has been out several times. The book discussion sets have seen steady business.

We presented or co-presented several workshops including, Teresa Dickson, the Leadership Institute Reunion, Scott Childers, the Summer Reading Program workshop and Sharon taught two of the basic skills courses this year.

Sharon assisted with three major weeding projects: North Loup Scotia School and Gibbon Schools and Greeley Public Library.

Several libraries are investigating different automation vendors.

We had 14 grant applications for the \$250 Youth Service Grants this year. Winners were picked from the approved applications via raffle.

We will receive no new funding this coming year. However our rent is lower and we were still able to fund 2% raises and the increase in medical insurance coverage. We may have to cut grants from 4 to 3.

This coming year: the Leadership Institute is July 20-24 at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler. Sharon will be presenting a one day Policies and Procedures class in South Dakota in September.

ROUND TABLE: Following Sharon's report, there was a Round Table discussion by all present, sharing ideas and events with in the different libraries.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. by President Mary Koch. After lunch, author Julia Cook presented the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Delilah Gillming
Administrative Assistant



Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Library Grants

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers grants of \$500 to school and public libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs can include innovative or noteworthy workshops, lectures and festivals, or programs targeting parents and preschool children. Programs related to Keats' work are welcome, but not required.

Applications must be submitted by September 15 annually. They can be downloaded at www.ezra-jack-keats.org/Programs/minigrants.htm or by writing to Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grants, 450 14th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215-5702.



Becky Bodmer, Megan Svoboda, John Ritterbush, Rita Horst

Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

In July, 29 Nebraska librarians met for a week at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler for the fifth Leadership Institute. Above are the four from Meridian Library System who attended and on the following pages are short articles on their experience at the Institute. If you are interested in attending one of these, the next will be in two years on August 1-5.

What happens if thirty librarians gather at the Benedictine Retreat Center in a large room for one week? Amazing things. I experienced challenges that gave me a push to go beyond my comfort zone. The facilitators, mentors and my classmates were dedicated, intelligent, compassionate, strong, wise, knowledgeable and humble humans. These leadership qualities and much more were shared and absorbed by all during class and after class. So much happened I can't describe it in words.

Most of us arrived as strangers and all of us left as kindred spirits. I now have a network of wonderful individuals to help me along in my journey as a librarian. It truly was an enlightening experience, one I will not forget. I recommend the 2011 Leadership to all librarians who want to strengthen and sharpen their leadership skills plus one would gain the added bonus of meeting and getting to know amazing people.

Many thanks to the Nebraska Library Commission, The Nebraska Library Association and all the staff who helped facilitate the Leadership Institute. The week of July 20 through 24 will live in infamy for those of us who attended the 2009 Leadership Institute.

Rebecca Bodmer, Assistant Director
Rock County Public Library



Since returning from my week at the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, I've described my experience to colleagues as a sort of mental boot camp for library employees. I use this metaphor because

some lessons learned during the week caused some discomfort or disappointment for me and for others, but those sentiments in no way diminished the value of those lessons. By week's end however, many of us felt emboldened and empowered to effect change in our libraries and in our communities, beginning with changes in our own mindsets and attitudes.

I would strongly recommend it to any librarian or paraprofessional who is currently serving in or aspiring to a leadership role within their library. It will be a personally rewarding experience and will reaffirm one's calling to this vital public service. I would like to thank Janet Wilke, the dean of the Calvin T. Ryan Library at UNK, for her encouragement and support in attending this institute. I would also like to thank the Meridian Library System and Nebraska Library Commission for their personal efforts and financial support which make this event possible.

Jon Ritterbush
Electronic Resources Librarian
University of Nebraska - Kearney



My experience at the 2009 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute was very insightful. I learned a great deal about myself as well as the people around me. I had a wonderful time getting to know my fellow librarians. I now understand that any person can become a leader, regardless of personality type. I was challenged and stretched my mind to new ideas. I loved the peaceful atmosphere at St. Benedict's. I am very glad I went to N.L.L.I. and would recommend N.L.L.I. to

all librarians. My only warning is...the beds are very small - you never know what could happen!

Megan Svoboda,
Broken Bow Public Library



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." John Quincy Adams

If John Quincy Adams had attended the 2009 NLLI, I'm sure he would've concurred that the library professionals in attendance were leaders. All week long I was inspired by so many - - our presenters Becky Schreiber and John Shannon, our mentors, our System support staff, and the library professionals from all across the state who represented public, school, academic, and special libraries. Leaders all!

Inspiration came in the form of group discussions, activities, presentations, insights by our mentors, informal conversations, personal stories, learning our own and others' personality styles, giving and receiving feedback, getting outside our comfort zone, risk-taking, networking, and sharing in Fun Night! We worked hard, struggled at times, triumphed at times, but laughed a lot! Inspired, together we learned and dreamed. Together we created an awesome Nebraska Library Community vision and strategies for achieving that vision.

The St. Benedict Center was a beautiful facility in which to live and learn for five days, offering fabulous food, a beautiful lake with fountains, walking paths, quiet, and lots of green space, some of which

included neighboring corn fields! It was a wonderful setting in which to spend five days learning from and networking with library leaders from all over Nebraska. I encourage anyone who hasn't yet attended a NLLI to consider applying. It can only make your organization and profession better.

Rita Horst, Kearney Public Library



CORE COMPETENCIES NLLI 2009 Vision

- + Access to info... everyone can have - levels the playing field, organizing information, how to evaluate info, archiving and preserving local history
- + Community Center (hub of community) - unifies the community - can lobby - have strength to build on, open to all, strengthens democracy - provide multiple p.o.v.
- + Technology - Access & \$ to everyone - closes the digital divide
- + Education - to better a community - Knowledge is POWER! - Job skill training, Job seeker for community - Teach people "How to Learn" - Literacy Training, - Technology Training, Information Literacy
- +Professional Staff - Resource to/for community - Hands on & depth - Leading/Teaching - Advocate Literacy
- +Intellectual Freedom
- +One Stop Shop of Local and State information. Combined resources saves time for the consumer
- +Outcome based evals - not just outputs
- +Excellent customer service -> Repeat business, satisfied customers, become advocates for library, relationship w/library - build stronger community, what John said (builds literacy, reduces crime rate, unemployment goes down

Summer Fun at UNK Library

Looking for ways to play and learn? Come to the Calvin T. Ryan Library of the University of Nebraska at Kearney! Recent additions to the Curriculum Collection include these play guides and lesson planning tools:

- o Having a Ball: Stability Ball Games includes 73 games that teach balance and coordination. Games for camp or classroom, children and adults will have fun while improving their fitness skills. [Byl, John. 2008. Having a ball: stability ball games. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.]
- o Learn to Move, Move to Learn! Sensorimotor Early Childhood Activity Themes collects games and activities designed to help children of all abilities gain motor, language, sensory, cognitive and social/emotional skills in preparation for school. [Brack, Jenny Clark. 2004. Learn to move, move to learn!: sensorimotor early childhood activity themes. Shawnee Mission, Kan: Autism Asperger Pub.]
- o Wild, Wild West combines 26 songs with over 300 activities for young children. Remember “She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain?” In addition to teaching the song, the book includes activities that are thought provoking and fun. How would the song be different if “she was flying in an airplane” instead of “driving six white horses?” Remember the “chicken and dumplings” and the echo yum yum? What other sounds would fit in this verse and others? [Schiller, Pamela Byrne, Richele Bartkowiak, and Deborah C. Wright. 2006. Wild, wild west: 26 songs and over 300 activities for young children. Beltsville, Md: Gryphon House.]
- And , of course, many, many more!
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The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Calvin T. Ryan Library (2508 11th Avenue) welcomes all library users. Any Nebraska resident, 18 years or older, may apply for a special borrower card. Just fill out an application at the Circulation Desk and present a valid Nebraska photo ID. Community members are allowed to borrow five circulating items at a time. What circulates? Most books, books on tape, videos, CDs, and lots of other information resources!

Parking on a university campus is always a challenge! We can help to ease this difficulty by sending you a temporary parking permit, directions, and a campus map with the appropriate parking lots marked. To request a permit, please contact Jennifer Harvey (harveyjs@unk.edu; 308-865-8276) or Rochelle Krueger (kruegerr@unk.edu; 308-865-8819). There is also street parking on the south side and east side of the campus, if you don't mind a little walk! Many of our resources can also be borrowed through your local library's interlibrary loan service.

We hope to see you soon!

--Jennifer Harvey, Curriculum Librarian, harveyjs@unk.edu



2009 RTA Award Winners

Best Contemporary Series Romance: A Mother's Wish by Karen Templeton

Best Contemporary Series Romance: Suspense/Adventure: Danger Signals by Kathleen Creighton

Best Young Adult Romance: Hell Week by Rosemary Clement-Moore

Best Historical Romance: The Edge of Impropriety by Pam Rosenthal

Best Regency Historical Romance: My Lord and Spymaster by Joanna Bourne

Best Inspirational Romance: Finding Stefanie by Susan May Warren

Best Paranormal Romance: Seducing Mr. Darcy by Gwyn Cready

Best Romantic Suspense: Take No Prisoners by Cindy Gerard

Best First Book: Oh. My. Gods by Tera Lynn Childs

Best Contemporary Single Title Romance: Not Another Bad Date by Rachel Gibson



2009 Edgar Award Winners

Best Novel: Blue Heaven by C.J. Box

Best First Novel by an American Author: The Foreigner by Francie Lin

Best Paperback Original: China Lake by Meg Gardiner

Best Fact Crime: American Lightning: Terror, Mystery and the Birth of Hollywood, and the Crime of the Century by Howard Blum

Best Critical/Biography: Edgar Allan Poe: An Illustrated Companion to his Tell-Tale Stories by Dr. Harry Lee Poe

Best Juvenile: The Postcard by Tony Abbott

Best Young Adult: Paper Towns by John Green

Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey - 2007-2008 Summary Dashboard

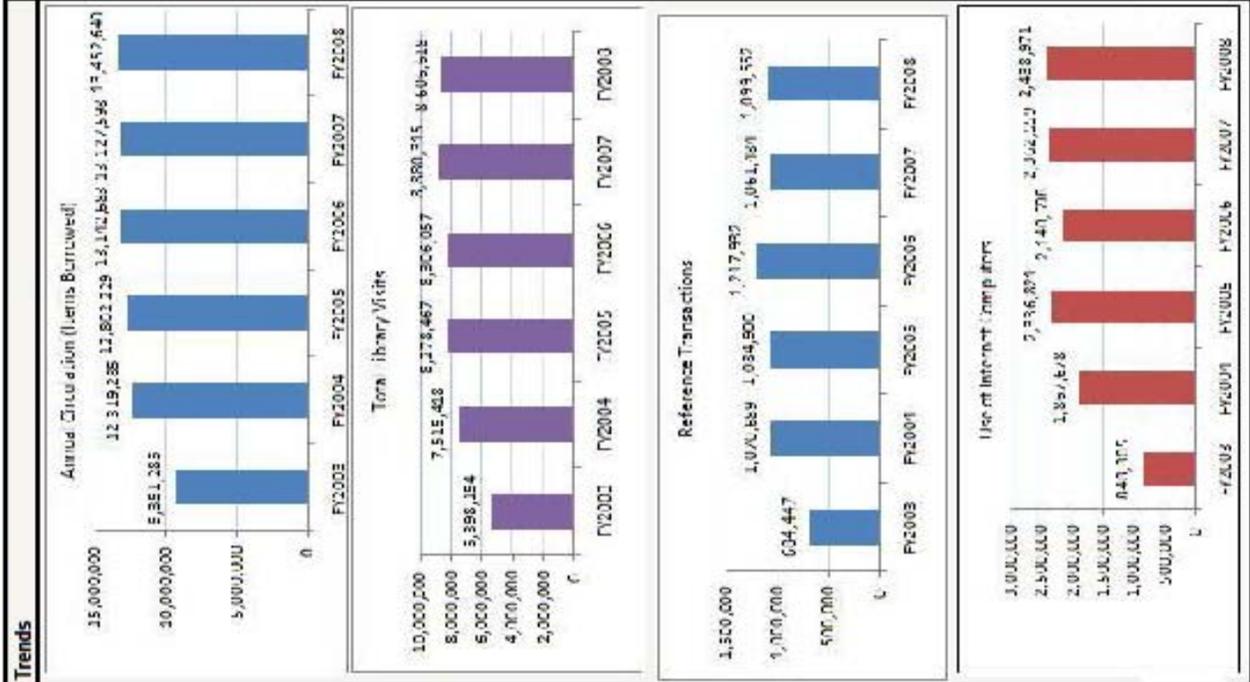
Service Measures	
Annual Circulation	13,452,640
Reference Transactions	1,099,552
Visits to Libraries	8,606,618
Library Programs Offered	22,335
Library Program Attendance	558,101
Registered Borrowers	995,381
Annual Hours Open	435,541

Technology		N=272 Administrative Entities	
Number of Internet Computers	1,773		
Uses of Internet Computers	2,438,971		
Number of OPAC Computers	707		
Offer WiFi Access for the Public	155	57%	
Public Internet Access	233	86%	

Connectivity	
Internet Download Speed by Library Outlet (N=289)	
No Internet	38 13%
Unknown Speed	27 9%
Less than 1.5 Mbps (< 1.5)	61 21%
1.5 Mbps (=1.5)	45 16%
1.5 - 3 Mbps (>1.5, <= 3.0)	46 16%
3 - 5 Mbps (> 3.0, <= 5.0)	34 12%
Greater than 5 Mbps (> 5.0)	38 13%

Type of Internet Service Connection by Library Outlet	
DSL	118 41%
Area Wireless	42 14%
Cable	54 19%
Leased Line	25 9%
Dial Up	7 2%
Satellite	3 1%
Fiber Optic	2 1%
Don't Know	38 13%

Source	
Connectivity data from 2009 Gates Foundation Broadband Assessment Survey with additional data collected by Nebraska Library Commission staff.	



Finance and Collections	
Operating Revenue	
Local Government Revenue	\$ 43,268,437
State Government Funding	\$ 542,588
Federal Government Funding	\$ 237,894
Other Funding Sources	\$ 3,538,068
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 47,586,755
Expenditures	
Print Materials	\$ 4,843,480
Electronic Materials	\$ 788,528
Other Materials	\$ 1,078,482
Total Collection Expenditures	\$ 6,721,501
Salaries & Wages	\$ 22,757,452
Employee Benefits	\$ 8,484,368
Total Staff Expenditures	\$ 29,241,821
Other Expenses (Facility, Insurance, etc.)	\$ 8,661,878
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 44,625,200
Collections	
Books	6,228,052
Electronic Books	370,525
Audio Materials	280,946
Video Materials	284,390
Databases	4,587
Serials Subscriptions - Print	14,728
Serials Subscriptions - Electronic	348
Other Items	408,612
Total Materials	7,590,905
Libraries by Legal Service Area	
Under 500	87 32.0%
500 - 999	72 26.4%
1,000 - 2,499	61 22.4%
2,500 - 4,999	20 7.4%
5,000 - 9,999	18 5.8%
10,000 - 19,999	6 2.2%
Over 20,000	10 3.7%
Source	272 100%
Annual statistical survey of 272 public libraries in Nebraska. Respondents for 2007-2008 = 222 or 81.6%	

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Oh Good Grief!

Bereavement Issues for Librarians

October 28, 2009

La Vista Conference Center

10 am - 3 pm

Joy Johnson, presenter, along with her husband Marvin founded the Centering Corporation (www.centering.org) in 1977 to provide education and resources for the bereaved. The organization is dedicated to providing education on grief and loss for professionals and the families they serve.

Death is inevitable but not many of us are comfortable with it. Librarianship is one of the "helping professions" but few have had training in how to help people dealing with end-of-life issues. This workshop will provide tools and techniques for dealing with grief and grieving and will cover the following:

- Become "aware" of your own attitudes toward death
- Develop resources and techniques to use in assisting library customers dealing with the death of a loved one
- Improve ability to assist people facing a terminal illness through library services
- Recognize how mode of death affects responses (suicide, prolonged illness, multiple deaths, death of a child...all of those may alter people's attitudes)
- Find resources available in the community and other libraries
- Develop your library's collection to meet the needs of your users as they face end of life issues
- Storytelling
- Soup and salad demonstration of grief

Deadline to register - Monday, October 19th

Name _____

Library _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost: \$20 with lunch on your own
Make check to: NRLS and mail to:
Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

ktooker@windstream.net

3.5 hours of CE credit available



**NLA PLTS Legalities and Public Libraries
Policies and Procedures Pre-Conference
LaVista Embassy Suites Conference Center
October 28th, 2009, 1:00 – 5:00 PM**



This pre-conference is a follow-up to the presentation on the same subject that was given by Adam Prochaska during the 2009 NLA Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) spring meetings in Wahoo, Bridgeport and Lexington. If you haven't sent him a copy or electronic copy of your library's policies and procedures, please do so by E-mail to aprochaska@hslegalfirm.com or by U. S. Mail to Adam Prochaska, Harding and Shultz P. C., L. L.O, 800 Lincoln Square, 121 South 13th St., P. O. Box 82028, Lincoln, NE 68501-2028. Adam will not attribute submitted policies/procedures to particular libraries, but they are very useful in making the pre-conference more effective.

The pre-conference registration fee is \$10.00. Application can be made using this form and sent to Richard Miller, PLTS Secretary/Treasurer, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508.

We will be limited in capacity to about 50 persons due to the size of the room available at the conference center, so early registrations are encouraged. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 19th.

If there are questions, please contact Richard at the Commission, (402) 471-3175 or rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us. If he is unavailable, contact John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, NE 68046 at (402) 597-2050 or jseyfarth@sumplibrary.info.

Please fill in the registration form below and enclose a check for registration made out to Nebraska Library Association Public Library and Trustee Section to Richard's address in the second paragraph above.

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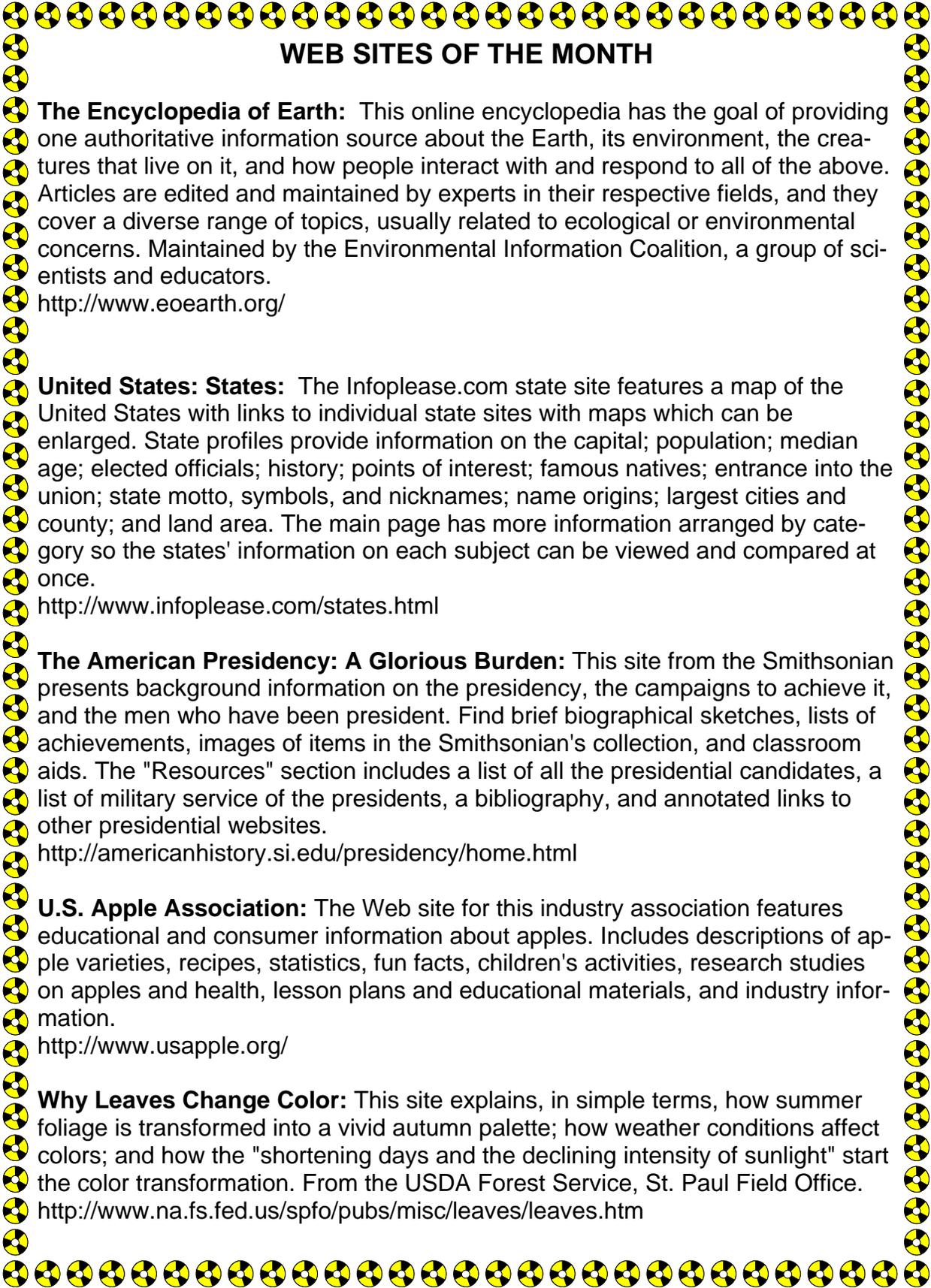
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City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____



WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

The Encyclopedia of Earth: This online encyclopedia has the goal of providing one authoritative information source about the Earth, its environment, the creatures that live on it, and how people interact with and respond to all of the above. Articles are edited and maintained by experts in their respective fields, and they cover a diverse range of topics, usually related to ecological or environmental concerns. Maintained by the Environmental Information Coalition, a group of scientists and educators.

<http://www.eoearth.org/>

United States: States: The Infoplease.com state site features a map of the United States with links to individual state sites with maps which can be enlarged. State profiles provide information on the capital; population; median age; elected officials; history; points of interest; famous natives; entrance into the union; state motto, symbols, and nicknames; name origins; largest cities and county; and land area. The main page has more information arranged by category so the states' information on each subject can be viewed and compared at once.

<http://www.infoplease.com/states.html>

The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden: This site from the Smithsonian presents background information on the presidency, the campaigns to achieve it, and the men who have been president. Find brief biographical sketches, lists of achievements, images of items in the Smithsonian's collection, and classroom aids. The "Resources" section includes a list of all the presidential candidates, a list of military service of the presidents, a bibliography, and annotated links to other presidential websites.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/presidency/home.html>

U.S. Apple Association: The Web site for this industry association features educational and consumer information about apples. Includes descriptions of apple varieties, recipes, statistics, fun facts, children's activities, research studies on apples and health, lesson plans and educational materials, and industry information.

<http://www.usapple.org/>

Why Leaves Change Color: This site explains, in simple terms, how summer foliage is transformed into a vivid autumn palette; how weather conditions affect colors; and how the "shortening days and the declining intensity of sunlight" start the color transformation. From the USDA Forest Service, St. Paul Field Office.

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/misc/leaves/leaves.htm>



"One Book" Reading Promotion Projects: Community-wide reading projects, "initiated by the Washington Center for the Book in 1998 with 'If All of Seattle Read the Same Book,' are being introduced as city and statewide projects across the U.S.A. Here is a sample listing of book projects (past and current) state by state." From The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.
<http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/one-book.html>

Kay E. Vandergriff's Special Interest Page: "This website is a means of sharing ideas and information with all those interested in literature for children and young adults." Covers youth literature, book illustration, history of children's literature, genre fiction, and women's studies, as well as copyright, censorship, the Internet, and intellectual freedom. From Kay Vandergriff, Professor Emerita, School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers University.
<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~kvander/>

Beyond Nancy Drew: An annotated bibliography of books for girls written in the last two hundred years which reflect the roles for girls considered proper at the time. Roughly chronological, the list is arranged within subject headings: Christian upbringing, etiquette, nurses, girl detectives, outdoors and adventure, tomboys and working girls, and heroines. These titles are drawn from the collection at the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture at Duke University.
<http://library.duke.edu/specialcollections/bingham/guides/beyond/>

Old Fashioned Reads: Books Your Parents and Grandparents (and Maybe You!) Loved: List, compiled in 1997, of classic books in series (and a few individual titles) for children and young adults. No annotations; this list serves more as a reminder of some of the classics, such as the Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, Bobbsey Twins, Betsy-Tacy, Trixie Belden, and the Happy Hollisters. A list from the discussion group Fiction-L, presented on the Web by the Morton Grove Public Library, Illinois.
<http://www.webrary.org/rs/flbklists/Oldfash.html>

Seasons: Clear, detailed technical discussions of seasons, solstices, and equinoxes. Includes the exact dates when spring, summer, fall, and winter arrive. Debunks misconceptions about seasons and the superstition "that it is possible to stand an egg upright on its end [only] on the date of the equinoxes (and/or solstices)." Maintained by scientist Eric Weisstein.
<http://scienceworld.wolfram.com/astronomy/topics/Seasons.html>



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