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2011 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Vision Statement:

NLLI graduates:

- **Strive for personal and professional growth,**
- **Expand the library beyond its walls by collaborating with community organizations,**
- **Transform individuals into informed, active citizens by providing essential tools and relevant information,**
- **Shape and ensure a sustainable, innovative future for our libraries, our communities, and our world.**



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NLA/NEMA Conference

Regional Library Systems' Pre-Conference Workshop

Shortcuts to Greatness,

or 10 Things that Great Libraries Know and Maybe You Don't

Presented by Karen Hyman

What makes a library great?

Are there shortcuts to greatness?

Come and find out what great organizations know that you could borrow, adapt or shamelessly copy to jumpstart your library's move to the next level.

October 5, 2011

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Cornhusker Marriott

333 South 13th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

\$20

3 Continuing Education Credits

Register at the NLA/NEMA Conference Website:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/registration>

This program is funded by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems and a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission and funded in part with state funds allocated through the Nebraska Legislature.



About Karen Hyman: She has worked in public libraries, as a State Library Consultant, and as Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative where she developed services for 600 member libraries. Her chief inspiration is her role as a library user which "clears the vision wonderfully."

MPLA Leadership Institute

MPLA is now accepting applications for the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute. The institute will be held May 6 –11 at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park Colorado. Maureen Sullivan will be the facilitator. Maureen has been elected ALA President for 2012-2013 and will facilitate MPLA's workshop during her presidential year.

The application requirements are –

- Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- Current member (including last 2 years) of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations. (Arizona Library Association; Colorado Association of Libraries; Kansas Library Association; Montana Library Association; Nebraska Library Association; Nevada Library Association; New Mexico Library Association; North Dakota Library Association; Oklahoma Library Association; South Dakota Library Association; Utah Library Association; Wyoming Library Association)
- Minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
- Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- Expected continued contribution to the profession
- A thoughtfully completed application
- Two letters of recommendation

Applications are due 1 November 2011.

More information and the application form are available at www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html.

E-Readers Available

Want to try out an e-reader with no monetary investment? The System has two e-readers (Kindle and BeBook) that you can borrow for a two-month period. Contact the System Office to sign up.

A list of all system services can be found on our new website:

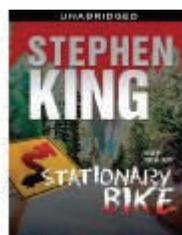
<http://libraries.ne.gov/mls/>



Books of the Month

This month my books are both audio versions since I listened to them while on vacation. The first is a short novella by Stephen King, *Stationary Bike*. The protagonist is out of shape and his doctor recommends exercise. He purchases a stationary bike and paints the walls of his basement with a road and scenery. However, after a time, the road begins to change and a truck can be heard following him. Is his experience on the bike real or fantasy? My brother and I enjoyed the build-up of the suspense laced with humor. Nice summer escape read.

Although I have read *Shackleton's Way* in paper, listening to this story was pretty riveting. The book, by Margot Morrell and Stephanie Capparelli, is actually about leadership. Although the South Pole expedition was a disaster, Shackleton's leadership skills were such that he managed to bring back the entire group alive after two years stuck in the polar ice. A mix of travelogue and leadership, this is a great book to revisit every few years.





Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Fall, 2011

August 22 – December 15

Enrollment open as of April 8, 2011

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the first in the Library and Information Services curriculum provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Technology
- Physical environments
- Library policies
- Information databases

LIBR 2250 Leadership & Management in Library & Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies & procedures

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

Ruth Carlock, Instructor

This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21st Century. It includes the following topics:

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- The MARC record
- Anglo-American Cataloging Rules

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Erica Rose, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

For information on 21st Century Librarian Scholarships, see: Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: **Dee Johnson**
djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

AASL Minneapolis Bus Ride

It's not a barrel of monkeys, but it will be a bus full of school librarians!

Have you ever attended an AASL National Conference? If not, now's your chance!

The conference this year is a mere hop, jump and a skip away!

AASL is in Minneapolis October 27-29.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to glean ideas for your program from school librarians representing states across the country!

To help with expenses, NEMA, UNO & UNK are chartering a bus! Here are the details:

Depending on the number of people hopping on, the bus will start in Kearney or Lincoln with a stop in Omaha, before driving us in padded comfort to a fabulous conference! It will leave Lincoln around noon Wednesday, October 26 and return late October 29. This will give everyone an opportunity to recover before heading back to school on Monday.

If there are a minimum of five passengers who would like to board the bus in Kearney, the trip will begin there, keeping passenger pick-up points in Lincoln and Omaha.

Space is limited for this once in a lifetime opportunity! In order to hobnob with fellow school librarians all the way to Minneapolis, **you will need to reserve a seat.**

Please send your checks for \$95 to:
Karen Buckley, Pius X High School, 6000 A Street, Lincoln NE 68510.

For more information on the conference itself, please visit the website:

<http://www.aasl11.org/>.



11/12/11

NATIONAL GAMING DAY
@ your library

It's time to start gearing up for the big event on November 12! Registration is officially open for National Gaming Day 2011 at <http://svy.mk/ngd11reg>.

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cultivating community connections

Welcome to Lincoln for the 2011 NLA/
NEMA Annual Conference October 5-7!

Nebraska Libraries have been Cultivating Community Connections for more than a century. Please plan to join us as we celebrate library accomplishments and contributions to our state as well as look to the future with three days of fantastic programming.



For full conference information, go to:

<http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/conferences/forum/2011/index.cfm>

ALA Notable Books for Adults List, 2011

Fiction

Nashville Chrome by Rick Bass. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. This lovely and unsettling account of pop trio The Browns reels you in as though the concept of rags to riches were brand new.

Room: A Novel by Emma Donoghue. Little, Brown. Five-year-old Jack vividly narrates the story of his life confined in a room with his mother in this unsettling exploration of resilience and hope.

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan. Knopf. A '70s punk band becomes the touchstone for a motley crew who spin their interconnected stories over time and distance.

Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin. William Morrow.

Two men – one black, one white – must confront the secrets surrounding their childhood friendship following the disappearance of two girls in rural Mississippi.

Freedom by Jonathan Franzen. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. This incisive portrait of the fractured Berglund brood captures the zeitgeist of contemporary America.

Next by James Hynes. Reagan Arthur.

Welcome to the worst day of Kevin Quinn's life as he battles the anxieties of the modern world in steamy Austin, Texas.

The Surrendered by Chang Rae Lee. Riverhead.

The complex entangled lives of three people forever scarred by the Korean War are sympathetically portrayed in gorgeous prose.

Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War by Karl Marlantes. Atlantic Monthly Press.

An ambitious and idealistic American Marine faces the horror, heroism, futility, and pragmatism of war in this visceral portrayal of life in-country.

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet: A Novel by David Mitchell. Random House.

A young clerk attempts to establish himself in the artificial and intense world of Dejima, the Dutch trading colony in 1800s Japan.

Skippy Dies by Paul Murray. Faber and Faber.

Filled with warmth and humor, this coming-of-age novel set in a Dublin boys school is a sprawling homage to adolescence, string theory, donuts, and unrequited love.

The Lotus Eaters by Tatjana Soli. St. Martin's.

The adrenaline high that danger offers infects photojournalist Helen Adams as she documents the war in Vietnam.

The Lonely Polygamist: A Novel by Brady Udall. W.W.Norton.

In this big-hearted novel, Golden Richards and his clan navigate their chaotic lives as each clamors to be noticed.

Non-Fiction

Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow. Penguin.

A landmark biography provides insights into the complexities of this founding father's character, and brings him fully to life within the context of his times.

The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss by Edmund de Waal. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Blending history, biography and art, this personal account

elegantly traces the fate of a European Jewish family and their collection of 246 netsuke.

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea by Barbara Demick. Spiegel & Grau.

Chronicling the experiences of six people, this powerful account draws back the curtain on the brutality of life under a totalitarian regime.

Travels in Siberia by Ian Frazier. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Stricken by *Russia love*, a writer sets out to experience all things Siberian and takes us along for the rollicking journey.

The Price of Altruism: George Price and the Search for the Origins of Kindness by Oren Harman. W.W. Norton.

This moving work provides insight into the mind of a tormented genius attempting to understand an illusive aspect of human nature.

Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition by Daniel Okrent. Scribner.

This intoxicating history of the 18th amendment reveals the surprising relationship between Prohibition and other social movements, and explores its lasting impact on American life.

Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour by Lynne Olson. Random House.

In this compelling portrait three influential individuals persuade a reluctant President to come to the aid of a beleaguered nation in the early days of WWII.

The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn by Nathaniel Philbrick. Viking.

An epic encounter between two iconic individuals is vividly portrayed in fluid, evocative, and decidedly objective prose.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Crown.

A science writer uncovers the fascinating story of an African-American woman's cancer cells harvested for medical research, thereby raising important questions of bioethics.

Just Kids by Patti Smith. Ecco.

The poet and musician's endearing memoir about her relationship with Robert Mapplethorpe captures life and art in New York City during the 1960s and '70s.

The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival by John Vaillant. Knopf.

Russia's ecological and cultural history serves as the backdrop for this riveting adventure tale of man versus beast.

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson. Random House.

The 20th century exodus of over 6 million Black Americans from the South is sensitively retold through the lives of three who left.

Poetry

Unincorporated Persons in the Late Honda Dynasty: Poems by Tony Hoagland. Graywolf Press.

These poems capture the absurdities and loneliness of American life using matter of fact language and humor.

Wait: Poems by C.K. Williams. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

A lifetime of experience is distilled into a slim but significant volume of verse by this Pulitzer and National Book Award winning poet.



The Nebraska Regional Library Systems
are hosting a

*Chocolate Basket
Raffle*

You can buy tickets through your System office or at the Nebraska Regional Library System booth at the 2011 NLA/NEMA Conference. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. You do not need to be present to win.

There will be lots of chocolate as well as these items in the basket:

Chocolate Wine

Totally Chocolate Cookbook

Chocolate Chip Cookie Scented Candle

Perlier Dark Chocolate Hand Cream

Chocolate Scented Stamp Pad

Chocolate Treats Tray

Chocolate Fondue Set/ Mini Day-to-Day Calendar

Spicy Hot Chocolate

Droste Cocoa

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory DVD

Like Water for Chocolate DVD

Chocolate Fudge Brownie Coffee

Websites of the Month

Just Craft Recipes

This craft recipe page has recipes for almost any craft materials you can imagine, including playdough, slime, paints, paste, silly putty, and more.

<http://www.justkidsrecipes.com/inxkcr.html>

KinderArt

"Over 160 art lesson plans, including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, cross curricular art, multicultural art, seasonal units, recycling projects, textiles, drama, the art book, lessons for preschoolers and yes, coloring pages too."

<http://www.kinderart.com/index.html>

Helping Your Child Learn to Read

This publication, by the U.S. Department of Education offers hints, tips, and "activities for children from infancy through age 6." It includes information on how to get kids started reading, and what to do to help them to keep

reading. The activities that this page describes are about both reading and spending time together.

<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/index.html>

Storyline Online

Watch and listen as picture book favorites like *Stellaluna* and *The Polar Express* are read aloud by actors from movies and television shows.

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Howtostudy.org

Howtostudy.org provides students with comprehensive advice for developing successful study habits. From organizing study time to stopping procrastination and developing good note taking skills, HowToStudy has all the tools students need.

<http://howtostudy.org/>

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16th Annual

Plum Creek
Children's Literacy
Festival
Early Childhood, Ele-
mentary, Secondary &
Adult Offerings

Sept. 22-24, 2011

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011 - Children's Day for
Seward Schools

Friday, Sept 23, 2011 - Children's Day for com-
muting schools

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 - Adult Conference Day
and Endowment Dinner

For full information, go to:

<http://www.cune.edu/about/conferences-and-camps/plumcreek/>

Authors speaking will be:

Bill Harley

Grace Lin

Brian Pinkney

Roland Smith

Barbara Robinson

Ellen Christelow

Dyanne Disalvo



Basic Skills Courses

September 6-16: A new course has been added
to the curriculum, Library Services to Children
and Youth.

September 19-30: Communication

Register on the Nebraska Library Commission
Training and Events Calendar. Search for "Basic
Skills."

The full schedule of courses may be found at this
site.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
A Celebration of Nebraska Books

SAVE THE DATE

October 22, 2011, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lied Center for Performing Arts
Lincoln, NE

centerforthebook.nebraska.gov
facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook

Trustee Academy Courses

Attend all five!

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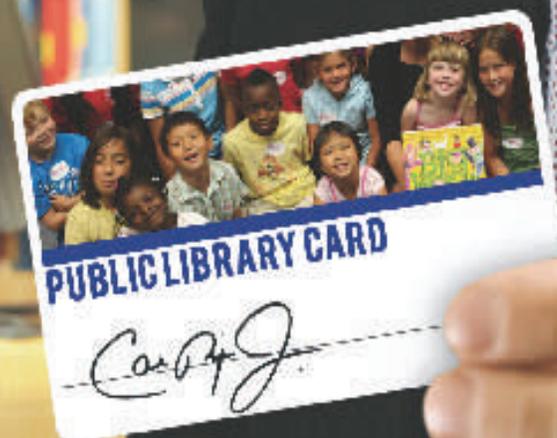
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- Trustee Basics Part II
- Working Effectively with
the Library Director
- The Library's Budget
- Advocating for Your Library

EVENTS

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World Series champion. Author of *Hothead*. www.ripkenfoundation.org



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For more information, please visit: www.atyourlibrary.org

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The North Platte Public Library Foundation presents

CANTEEN MEMORIES

A World War II Cemetery Tour and Tribute to the North Platte Canteen



FRIDAY, SEPT 16, 2011

4:00pm—8:00pm **Twilight Tour*

North Platte Cemetery on Rodeo Road

SATURDAY, SEPT 17, 2011

1:00pm—5:00pm

North Platte Cemetery on Rodeo Road

TUESDAY, SEPT 20, 2011

7:00pm—9:00pm **Non-walking Tour*

North Platte Community College
South Campus Theater

Advance Ticket Prices

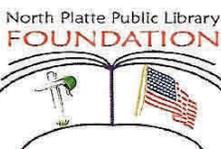
Adult (16 yrs and over) \$10.00

Children under 16..... \$FREE
(with an accompanying adult ticket purchase)

Gate / Door Ticket Prices

Adult (16 yrs and over)..... \$15.00

Children under 16..... \$FREE
(with an accompanying adult ticket purchase)



*Purchase your tickets at the North Platte Public Library
120 W 4th St. Or call 308-535-8036 for more information*