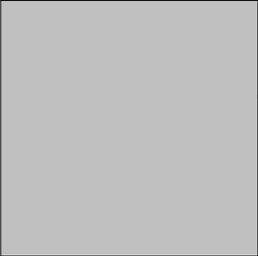




Straighttalk

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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Annual Meeting Extravaganza!

The 24th Northeast Library System Annual

Institute will be held on Thursday, June 7th, at Gardner Hall, Wayne State College. Once again we will offer a variety of sessions to meet the needs of school media specialists, librarians, trustees and advocates.

Don't forget that the sessions are set up in a "menu" format so that you may come and go as you wish.

This year's sessions are:

*FlickrI and FlickrII

What do you do with the pictures you take at the library? Does anyone ever see them? Are they in a dusty shoebox in the back room or stored safely away on a hard drive? Why not share them with the world by putting them up on Flickr. Flickr is a photo web sharing site that allows users to store, share and

search photos.

How could you use Flickr? For example, Westmont Public Library in Illinois uses Flickr to promote their new acquisitions. Every month they take photos of new books, videos, DVDs, etc., and they add them to Flickr. They then add a Flickr note to each item in each picture. The note contains a hypertext link, and when you click on the link you are taken directly to the screen in their OPAC that lists shelf status for the item.

There will be two sessions of this class, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Bring at least two photos on a disk or flash drive and be ready to have some fun.

*Digital Copyright

Is your school producing podcasts and using commercial material in them? Phyllis Brunken, former ESU7 media coordinator, will discuss the ins and outs of digital copyright in the library and classroom.

*Work It, Push It, Sell It: Marketing Your Library

Need new ideas on marketing your library? Is signage a problem? Are your customers walking away from your library feeling satisfied? If not, Gayle Roberts, from UNO and Jodene Glaseman, Lincoln City Libraries, will have a solution for you.

*Book Repair Basics

Do you have books sitting around that have loose pages or suffering from spine damage? Casey Kralik, from Bellevue University, will discuss collection maintenance, various types of bindings plus do hands-on repairs of torn pages, loose pages, spine damage and broken hinges. Bring one or two books with different problems to repair.

*Winds of Life: Windmills Across Nebraska

Kathie Starkweather, from the Center of Rural Affairs, will tell you about Nebraska's first ever statewide arts and tourism project and how you can get

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involved. Windmills across Nebraska is intended to evoke the same spirit to rekindle interest in the revitalization of rural Nebraska. The project is designed to bring together Nebraska artists and community, organizational and corporate sponsors to create works of art depicting windmills.

*iPods & Podcasting in the Classroom

Why would you want an iPod in your classroom or library? Lanita Recob, ESU1 Technology Trainer will show you how students can easily create content, share it with their friends, and work together to improve their learning—all with a tool that will get them engaged with what you are teaching.

*New & Notable

Need ideas for great reads to entertain kids for the summer? Come join Marilyn Liedorff and Pat Thompson from WSC and they will give book reviews on the best books WSC Book Examination Center from ages two to teens and every age in between.

*We Never Have Time To



Talk: Talk Tables

Once again, Talk Tables will be set up in special rooms for School Media Specialists, Public Librarians/Trustees and for Academic/Special Librarians to get together to just TALK.

*Give-Away Table

Do you have items that your library can no longer use, but maybe someone else can? Bring it to the annual meeting. There will be a Give-Away Table set up in Gardner Hall lobby where people can drop off or pick up items as they wish.

*AccuCut Dies & Cutting Machines

All the system dies and cutting machine will be set up in the lobby of Gardner Hall. New dies include: shoeprint, magnifying glass, detective hat, beetle, spider, grasshopper, dragonfly, scorpion, pig, bookworm book-mark and a railroad track border. Paper will be provided.

*Parking

Parking is on the east side of Gardner Hall and can only be entered from Walnut Street. Parking permits will be mailed to participants or handed out at the Registration Table in Gardner Hall.

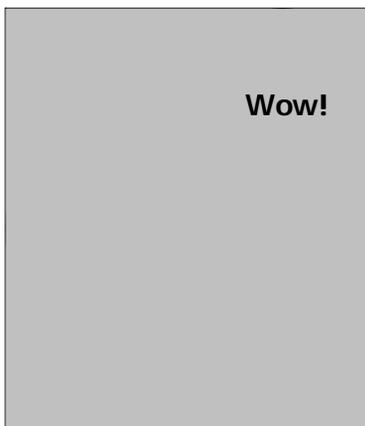
Registration form can be found on page 15 or on the system's web site at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/northeast>.

Silent Auction June 7th Annual Meeting Wayne State College

Have you dreamed about getting an AccuCut machine for your library? Stop dreaming and get ready now!! The Northeast Library System Board is proud to announce a silent auction for a MarkIV AccuCut machine and a set of 2" Block letter dies plus a parrot bookmark and heart die. The silent auction will take place at our Annual Meeting/ Summer Institute and the winner will be announced at the afternoon break.

The proceeds from this auction will go towards more scholarships and programs for the Northeast Library System.

If you have any questions regarding the AccuCut machine, dies or silent auction, please contact Kathy at 1-800-578-1014.





Making Meetings Matter

Have you ever sat bored and frustrated at a meeting? Meetings can

be extremely useful and exhilarating or complete wastes of time. Here are some planning tips to consider when planning your next meeting:

1. Is the meeting absolutely necessary? To be effective, any meeting must have a purpose that extends beyond simplifying sharing information. Share information by using alternative methods such as blogs or email and kill all those unnecessary meetings!

2. Create an agenda. If the meeting is worth holding, take time to plan the meeting topics and key decisions. Share this with everyone in advance to keep everyone together.

3. Generate tough discussions. When making strategic decisions or policy, have at least one person to argue the alternative point. If everyone is simply nodding agreement, perhaps there is not enough attention paid to the opposing viewpoint.

4. Who leads the meeting? Sometimes the leader shouldn't run the meeting. Meetings are good training grounds and rotating responsibility for regular meetings can develop skills for everyone attending.

5. Where is the meeting to be held? In this digital age,

meetings do not have to be held around a table. Consider video or phone conferencing in order to make better use of everyone's time. This won't work for board meetings due to the Open Meetings Law, but would for your committees.

6. Be prepared. Always send out agendas, key documents and decision questions before the meeting. It is poor leadership to hand out packets with statistics and instantly expect good discussion or decision making.

7. Pin the rose. To turn good ideas into effective actions, be certain to identify ideas to the person responsible for its next step. Tie up those loose ends and provide clear deadlines for effective follow through.

8. Keep a record of key decisions, responsible parties and points of discussion. Share these with attendees and interested others. Review them semi-annually to identify ways to make your meetings more effective.

(Taken from "Let's Meet in the Middle" by Mary Pergander, American Libraries, March 2007)

New Genealogy Librarian News Blog

Tom Kemp, genealogy librarian recently announced the arrival of his new Genealogy Librarian News Blog. The blog shares news, announcements and other items of interest to genealogy librarians. Check it out at: <http://genlibrarian.blogspot.com/>.



Carol Craig, Hartington Public Library's Children's Librarian, hopping and bopping at Storytime.



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POSTERS PROMOTE FREE TALKING BOOKS

"Helen lost her eyesight. Not her love of reading." This spring each Nebraska public library will receive new posters featuring Helen, a blind senior citizen who continues to read through talking books. One poster is for the library's use. The other is for librarians to take at their discretion to a locale in their community where seniors like to congregate, such as a café.

The Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service now offers 59,000 book titles and 120 magazines for individuals who cannot use regular print because of visual or physical impairment. This free service includes a cassette player and delivery and return of materials postage-free through the U.S. Postal Service.

Contact Talking Book and Braille Service with your ideas concerning how we can help you reach out to individuals in your community who can no longer use regular print. 800-742-7691 or talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us.

"I can't image what my life would be like without talking books," states Joyce, one of our Nebraska readers.



Nebraska Library Commission Offering Grants to Assist in Purchase of 2007 NetLibrary Shared Collection

Libraries interested in purchasing the 2007 SOLINET/NEBASE Shared Collection can apply for a grant of \$275 to be applied towards their total cost. The grants are available to academic, public and K12 libraries. To apply visit the NetLibrary Grants website and fill out the online application form. Grant applications will be accepted through the May 31, 2007 deadline. Grants will be reviewed and funding awarded throughout the application period. To accept the grant award the library MUST submit its order forms to the Nebraska Library Commission for the 2007 netLibrary Shared Collection by June 13, 2007.

— GRANT INFORMATION —

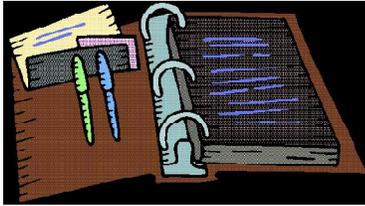
Grant Amount — \$275.00

Eligible — Academic, Public and K12 libraries

Grant Application — NetLibrary Grants website: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/2007netlibrarygrant.html>

Application Deadline — May 31, 2007





Check Your Calendar

April 15-21 - **National Library Week**

April 17 - **Basic Skills: Public Services** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC, Norfolk at 10am.

April 20 - **NLA Special & Institutional Libraries Spring Get-Together** at Mahoney State Park at 6:30pm.

April 21 - **What Are You Reading?: From the Obvious to the Obscure** with Kate Marek, Spring Colloquium Series, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, at 5:30pm For more information, call Jenni Puchalla at 1-800-288-6063.

April 25 - **NLA Diversity Committee Spring Meeting** at Lexington Public Library from 10am - 3pm.

April 27 - **Arbor Day** Holiday. Office closed.

May 5 - **Free Comic Book Day**

May 10 - **NLA Public Library Section Spring Meeting** at Lifelong Learning Center, NECC, Norfolk. See registration information on page 15.

May 11 - **Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age**, College of DuPage Video Conference Series.

May 11 - **Nebraska Library Commission Meeting** at NLC, Lincoln, at 9:30am.

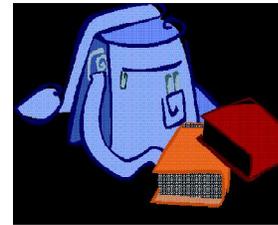
May 16 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Stanton Public Library at 10am.

May 18 - **C&U/TSRT Joint Spring Meeting** at Union College, Lincoln.

May 23 - **Brave New World: Cataloging with MARC in the Digital Age** at the Lifelong Learning Center, NECC, in Norfolk from 10-3pm.

May 28 - **Memorial Day** Holiday. Office closed.

June 7 - **NLS Annual Meeting & Institute** at Wayne State College. For more information, call Kathy at 1-800-578-1014.



NEW @ NLS

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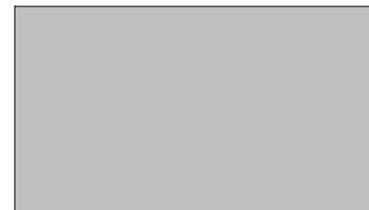
office at 1-800-578-1014 to check out one of the following items:

"Family Reading Night: A How To Guide" by Julie Rehmer, Library Media Connection, April/May 2007, pp. 16-17.

Looking for a fun way to get families into your library and educate parents about your reading program? This article gives activities, a schedule and other ideas on how to put on a family night.

"Laptop Lounging: Creating Comfortable, Well-Equipped Technology Space" by Linda W. Braun, Voya, 2007. Available online only at: pdfs.voya.com/VO/YA2/VOYA200702TagTeamTech.pdf.

What would be the perfect teen technology hot spot? Linda Braun interviewed librarians across the country and here are their replies.



Sally Snyder from the Nebraska Library Commission showing the great reads she discovered for this year's Summer Reading Program .

Northeast News

The **Columbus Public Library** has recently received support and funding to remodel the children's room. The project will include installing sky lighting and windows along the west wall. The room hasn't been remodeled since it was originally built in 1961. August is when the remodeling is projected to be finished.

Congratulations to Judy Marco, the children's librarian from **Central City Public Library**. She was recently named Volunteer of the Year by the Central City Chamber of Commerce for her dedication and work on the Progressive Christmas Pageant.

National Library Week was a busy time at the **Hartington Public Library**. The adult book discussion group met and discussed *Crazy Horse*, the after school group could read their favorite story to dogs, Sasha or Emma and the

Storytime gang shared the classic tales of Madeline.

Sure and begorra, twas a fine day at the **Stanton Public Library** on March 17th. Spring and St. Patrick's Day were celebrated with an old-fashioned Irish Tea Party.

The **Columbus Middle School's** seventh grade participated in ClassroomsCare program sponsored by Scholastic Books. The students read 100 books the first semester and Scholastic will donate 100 books to children in need.

Quilts were on display at the **Hruska Memorial Public Library** and Evelyn Haller spoke on Willa Cather and her Quilts at a Food for Thought program during National Library Week.

What is the worst book you've ever read? **Battle Creek Public Library** is asking this question to patrons during National Library Week. Other

events during the week include *Crazy Horse* discussion, after school poetry bash and a movie.

Wanda Thompson, from the **Clarkson Public Library**, has resigned and is moving to Sacramento, California. Denise Ross, the new director, started in March. Welcome Denise!

Mary Louise Foster was appointed the new director of **Northeast Community College Library**. Welcome Mary Louise!

Mary Ann Schwarten is the new director of the **Emerson Public Library**. Welcome Mary Ann!

Sandy Zurovski has resigned from the **Newman Grove Public Library**.



N.L. Sharp discussed kids and writing for them at this years SRP program.



"What's in the Box?" SRP attendees had fifteen seconds to feel different items in the box and write them down.





The pig puppet is missing! The SRP reader's theatre gang solved the case at the recent summer reading program workshop.

Northeast Library System Mini-Grant Recipients

The Northeast Library System Board is happy to announce the recipients of this year's mini-grants. Recipients are: Meadow Grove Public Library for a scrapbooking program, Atkinson Public Library for a World Book Encyclopedia Set, Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library for Forever Free Exhibit Programming, Norfolk Regional Center Patient Library for music cds/audio books, West Catholic Elementary School for middle school books, Wakefield Community School for a digital video camera and South Sioux City Public Library for a Crazy Horse program. The system office received many applications and it was a difficult choice to narrow it down.

Storytime Ideas Videoconference

On Monday, April 23 the Library Commission will provide a videoconference entitled, Story Time Ideas from Sandy Wallick, for children and young adult librarians. Sandy is the youth services librarian at the Gere Branch Library of Lincoln City Libraries.

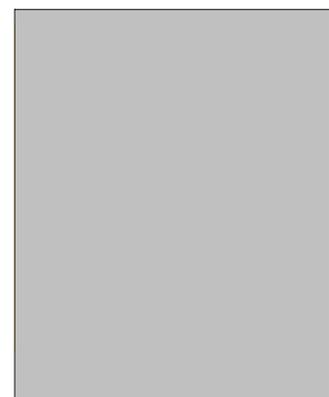
Whether you are new to children's services and story times or if you have a long standing program, you will benefit from seeing and hearing about Sandy's wide variety of approaches, activities, and stories for preschool story times.

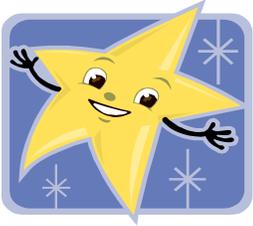
Registration deadline is April 16, after this date you may only sign up for locations that have attendees in them.

The workshop will be held via the statewide video-conference system from 2-4 P.M. CDT; 1-3 MDT.

Northeast Library System location is: Northeast Community College, Maclay Building, Room 122.

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NORTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM AWARD NOMINATION
For
Outstanding Librarian/School Media Specialist/Trustee Award

I would like to nominate _____ for NLS's:

___ Outstanding Librarian/School Media Specialist

___ Outstanding Library Advocate

Nominee's Position: _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Years of service in the library-related capacity: _____

Name of person making nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Attach two letters of recommendation stating why this person deserves the award for:

Advocacy - for outstanding support and promotion of the library, its services and programs. This award is for a library board member, a volunteer, or another person who is or is not employed in a library.

Outstanding Librarian – for demonstrating initiative and contributions in the library or library profession. The Outstanding Librarian Award is for a library employee in a management position.

The nomination form and letters of recommendation are due by May 25, 2007. Awards will be announced at the Northeast Library System Annual Meeting on June 7th.

Send completed forms and letters to:

Continuing Education, Chairman
Northeast Library System
3038 33rd Avenue, Suite 13
Columbus, NE 68601



It was standing room only at the new Lied Randolph Public Library's dedication program on April 7th.

Northeast Library Improvement Grant Recipients

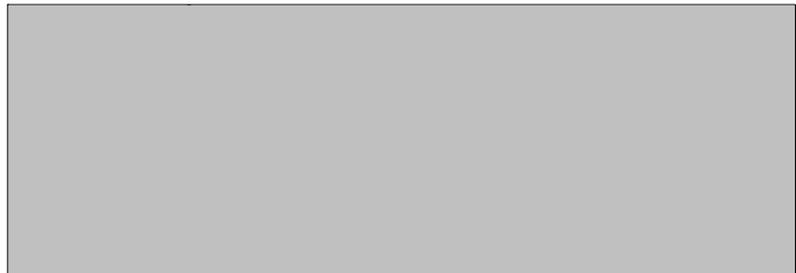
Congratulations to these Northeast libraries for receiving a Library Improvement Grant: Battle Creek Public Library, Central City Public Library, Hartington Public Library, Neligh Public Library, Orchard Public Library, Randolph Public Library, Schuyler Public Library, South Sioux City Public Library, Stromsburg Public Library, and Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library.



Sharon Osenga, Meridian System Administrator, lead the SRP attendees in songs and games.

More Google Bookmarks & Posters Available

The Google Search Tips poster is one of their most popular downloads — so popular, in fact, that they've received multiple requests for bookmark and table tent versions. Now they're here, along with a new poster designed to help you teach your patrons the surprising things they can do using the single search box at google.com. For more information, go to: www.google.com/librariancenter/newsletter/0703.html#9



Rename RGLG Contest

RGLG (Really Good Library Group), has decided they want a new name and are asking you for your ideas. This group of librarians meet semi-annually at various libraries in Northeast Nebraska to discuss the latest happenings in the library world.

Send in your ideas to the System Office by email to: kellert@megavision.com or call Kathy or Sheila at 1-800-578-1014 by June 1st. A winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The winner will receive an ALA READ poster. Send in your ideas today!

15 Simple Ways to Make Your Library A Shade Greener

Avoid misprints: Don't print or photocopy e-mails, forms, and other documents unless absolutely necessary. Instead, publish documents electronically or distribute them as attachments via e-mail. Eliminate fax cover sheets by using Post-it style fax labels.

Don't preach to the masses: Print only as many copies as you really need. With meeting handouts, ask staff members to share.

Turn over a new leaf: Use double-sided printing and copying. Many printers and photocopiers allow you to set double sided or "duplex" printing as a default.

Cheat your sheets: Lay out your publication with as little white space as possible: Reduce margin widths and font sizes, and use single-spacing if possible.

Be a perfectionist: Utilize the spell check and print preview functions of your word processing program before printing any document.

Utilize your virtual red pen: Most word processing programs include a tool to add tracked comments to pages on your computer. When preparing documents that will require multiple versions, get accustomed to exchanging "soft drafts" with your comments embedded, rather than editing hard copies by hand.

Trap the scrap: Use the back sides of old photocopies, printed sheets, and outdated letterhead for notes and scratch paper. Pages can be used in full sheets, or cut in half or quarters. Stack the pages in labeled trays, or staple them into notepads. Store them near printers and photocopiers.

Exercise your right to an empty mailbox: Remove your name and company from junk mail lists by following the advice and simple steps outlined at the <http://reducewaste.org/junkmailkit>.

Let the sun shine in: Use only as much lighting as you actually need, and utilize daylight when possible.

Promote mood lighting: Keep the lights off in rooms that are used infrequently, such as conference rooms and low-traffic bathrooms.

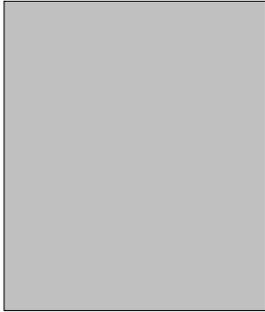
Light only your inner flame: Utilize the power save feature on computers and photocopiers throughout the day.

Respect curfew: Lights out! Turn off computers and other office equipment at the end of the day, and request that the person last to leave the office at night checks to make sure all lights and office equipment have been turned off.

Dishes aren't like excuses: you can use the same ones over and over again: Eliminate the use of paper, plastic, and Styrofoam dishware. Provide staff with reusable coffee mugs and other dishware.

Make it as easy as falling off a log: Post clear instructions as to what is recyclable on or near recycling and compost bins. Place containers in highly trafficked, easy-to-access locations.

Become an environmental evangelist: Encourage staff members to join the recycling and reuse effort. Post fun signs around the office and highlight conservation in your employee handbook. Invite staff members to bring to work items they can't recycle easily from home such as cell phones, batteries, and ink cartridges.



OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN WANTED!

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. 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
Gering Public Library
1055 P Street
Gering, NE 69341

For additional information you can contact Diane at: downer@geringlibrary.org or at 308-436-7433.



The Reviewer's Chair

My Little Car By Gary Soto

Teresa gets a birthday present from her grandpa which is a little car. She loves her little car at first and other kids think it is really cool. After awhile Teresa ignores her car and it gets worn out by being out in the rain, ran over by her dad, and by animals crawling on it. When her grandpa comes to visit he helps her fix it up and makes it look just like new again. This book is good for readers in 1st or 2nd grade.

This book is recommended for any library collection. This book contains Spanish words which makes it very diverse. Good for kids to hear and know what the words mean. This is a good book to help teach the value of taking care of things.
~Sarah A. Klinetobe, O'Neill, NE

Cruise Control By Terry Truman

Paul is a high school honors athlete with a bright future, and a brother who sits in a wheelchair all day and says "Ah-ahhhhhh." Paul has a terrible secret he cannot admit even to himself. He resents his brother. He sometimes thinks Shawn was a baby. Rage is building inside of him, some-

times affecting his performance on the basketball court. He also has a friend whose father is abusive. But things are not always what they seem. His father has a few surprises left.

This book is recommended for readers age 14 and up and also any library collection. If you liked "Bottled Up," you will like Cruise Control. Both feature kids on the cusp of change, and are by turns sad, angry, and lucky. Substance abuse is featured, but not glorified. It is a rare parent who figures out what the problem is and does just the right thing at just the right time to help their teenager get through a difficult time. Both these books feature good parents who say and do the right thing. Parents should read both novels. Angry kids are often misunderstood.

I had a little trouble believing in these parents—they are such good people and parents. The language of this teenager rings true. He sounds like a lot of teenage boys I know, and struggles with some of the same issues. The mentally challenged brother was portrayed realistically, as well as the family's caretaking and response to his crisis. I really enjoyed the book and the insights it provided.

~Gretchen Healy, Little Priest Tribal College

Pirate Pup By Caroline Stutson

What a fun spoof! Meet Pirate Pup who starts out with his

crew on the good ship Rover. Will it be smooth sailing all the way? Unfortunately in the distant shore gathers the villain cats who are planning on lightening the Rover's load by stealing the canine treasure. Wait till you find out what the booty is; it is the best laugh of all. A cute book about cats and dogs that all of us landlubbers will really enjoy!
~Carol Tramp, Wynot Public School

Abbie in Stitches By Cynthia Cotton

Abbie attended needlework classes with the other girls at Mrs. Brown's home. Each was expected to make a sampler following Mrs. Brown's lessons. Abbie didn't want to spend her time sewing. She wanted to read papa's books. All through the winter she stitched and was finally ready for pictures to finish the project. Abbie, finally thought of the perfect picture for her sampler.

This book is recommended for readers' grades 3-6 and for all library collections. The illustrations in this book are beautiful. I really liked this book. There is more text than many picture books. The story is well written and leads you along wondering how Abbie will solve her problem of liking books better than needlework.
~Karma Ragland, Red Cloud, NE



Cat Show

By Jayne Harvey

This book is about a cat show and the many different ways to group the cats. This story was easy to read for a beginner. We enjoyed reading the fun ways of how to group cats for the show. This is a good book for readers between the ages of 5 and 7 and for any public library collection.

~~Angie Vavra, Pierce, NE

Players in Pigtails

By Shana Corey

Did you know that the song "Take Me out to the Ball Game" was written by a girl? This is about girls that loved to play baseball, but never could because it wasn't "ladylike." But during World War II when the men were fighting the war- the girls had their chance. This is an interesting story about how girl baseball leagues were started. The story is a picture book story, but at the end of the book there is an interesting history of girls professional baseball leagues.

~~Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

Confessions from the Principals Chair

By Anna Myers

This book is about a girl that had to move because of her group the (Six-pack) had been mean to one girl in school. So Robin and her mom went to Oklahoma to live with her grandparent's.

Now she lives in Prairie Dog Town Oklahoma. When she went to school they thought that she was the principal because she was tall and had the same name. So Robin was the principal of Prairie Dog High for two days and she is going to make a difference at the school by helping stop the bullying problems. Now she sees something differently from the Principal's seat.

This book is good for readers in 6th and 7th grades and for any library collection. This book was very funny and would teach people to be nice to others.

~~Kaylie Pfanstiel

Red River Girl

By Norma Sommerdorf

Think life is tough? Have you ever been in front of a stampeding herd of buffalo? Her mother's dying words to her were "Take good care of them, Josette." She lives by this promise made to her dying mother. Quite an undertaking for a thirteen year old girl! Josette does take care of her younger brothers and her father, even after he decides to take the children and travel by ox-cart from their home in what is now Manitoba, Canada to St. Paul, Minnesota. Josette, who had high hopes for a formal education, instead, learns the ways of women and families on the trail.

This book is great historical fiction, written journal-style in

the 1840's. Buffalo weren't the worst of her problems; imagine her disappointment when she finally gets to St. Paul and there is no school there! This book is full of adventure, happy times, and sad times. I would highly recommend it to 4th graders and up or as a family read aloud. Anyone who likes the "My America" or "Dear America" series will also enjoy this book.

~~Julie Pfanstiel

Is There Really a Human Race?

By Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell

This is a question book about what the human race is. This book is good for lower to middle elementary students. This book could be used to teach humor or just open a discussion with younger children on what the human race actually is. This book is humorous. This book would be a worthwhile purchase for a children's collection.

~~Sharon Kinnan, Oakdale, NE





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—Mark Twain

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