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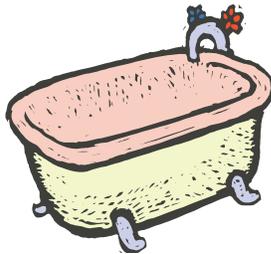
Pulling Down the Extra Bathtubs!

Dr. Mary C. Bushing, Library Educator from Bozeman, MT, recently spoke about what it means to be a professional at the PLA spring meeting in Seward, Nebraska.

Are you a professional because you have a certificate hanging on the wall or does it mean going the extra distance for your clientele? One characteristic a professional person may have is respecting yourself and others. Other characteristics include being a good listener, having a passion to share, humor, honesty, and competency.

The audience was asked to relate examples of professional behavior from people who served them every day. One lady spoke about the time she visited the local garden center and the assistance she received in selecting plants from a young salesman. Another

participant told the group about selecting tubs at Menards and the young salesman who brought down the tubs from the top shelf in order to measure them. It was a good thing he did because the tubs proved to be the wrong size!



As librarians, we too, can pull down the extra bathtub for our customers. If you have a big event coming up and you

are expecting people to sign up for library cards, consider bringing in your foundation or friends group to sign people up for new library cards a few feet away from the circulation desk. This would enable the circulation line to keep moving and your new customer happy.

Have you done an image audit lately? If not, ask several people (possibly trustees, customers, staff) to answer questions on how the library appears from walking up the sidewalk to the darkest corner in the stacks. Can drivers see the library sign from the road? Can the staff spot a customer

at checkout from the workroom? Is there a funny smell in the back corner? Knowing how the average person views your library can give you pointers on what you are doing well and what needs to be improved.

Our libraries reflect our values: the way we dress; our attitudes towards customers and each other; and the accuracy and quality of our service. Take a good, hard look at your library: are you pulling down the extra bathtubs?

Successful Institute

This year's annual institute was a great success. Roughly seventy-five public librarians, trustees, friends, and school media specialists met and attended various workshops on topics such as: Cataloging AV, Safety in the Public Library, New Public Accreditation Standards, etc.

Congratulations to Lonnie Wickett of Battle Creek Public Library won the grand prize at the annual banquet - My First Britannica encyclopedia set.



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Check These Out!

Below is a listing of current issues of library journals with a short list of the major articles. If interested in reading the article or journal, please email us at: nelibry@megavision.com or call at 1-800-578-1014. The journal or article will be mailed out to you. We can only make five copies due to copyright so you may receive the whole journal instead of the article.

School Library Journal - June 2004:

- A Do-Everything Card - Cards pay dues, reserve computers & more
- Carrie on Copyright - Duplicate DVDs?
- First Steps - Teaching Parents to Read
- Shaking Things Up & Picture Perfect - Two Libraries and how they changed

American Libraries - June/July 2004

- Beware the Itinerant Director
- Case for an Outside Interim Director
- From Outreach to Equity: An Introduction

Library Journal - June 1, 2004

- The Repository Advantage - Digital Repositories
- Brooklyn PL Debuts Multifunction 'ABC' Cards

Criticas - May/June 2004

- Spanish Collections Thrive in Tough Times
- Healthy Choices in Spanish

NetConnect - Spring 2004

- Access Through Technology - Using Technology to help
- Meet the Needs of People With Disabilities
- Get Vendor Savvy - Questions Librarians should ask Technology Vendors
- Sound of Music - Music Databases Rated

LMC Library Media Connection - April/May 2004

- Standards Based Education:
- A Tale of Two Libraries: School & Public Libraries Working Together
- Essential Documents for School Libraries

Grassroots Fundraising Journal - July/August 2004

- How to Run a Successful Phone Bank
- Effects of Election on Fundraising
- Fundraising from Corporations: Old & New Approaches



MPLA / Colorado Library Association Joint Conference Road Trip

Mountain Plains Library Association 2004 Conference will be held October 21-24 in Denver, Colorado - jointly with the Colorado Association of Libraries. Conference theme is: Libraries: All That Jazz.

Already in the lineup are authors Michael Willhoite, author of "Daddy's Roommate" and "Daddy's Wedding"; Connie Willis, winner of multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards and author of "Passage", "The Doomsday Book", "To Say Nothing of the Dog"; and Avi, author of "Crispin: the Cross of Lead" and "The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle". For more information on the conference, visit the website: www.cal-webs.org/conference.html.

If you've not had the opportunity to experience a national conference, this would be an ideal time to make plans. Plus the Nebraska Regional Library Systems think this would be the perfect time to consider a group road trip. So, if you'd like to attend MPLA this year, and would like the opportunity to network on the road, as well as at the conference - let us know that you might be interested in a large carpool. If we have enough people interested, we may charter a bus.

Please fill out the following form by September 1:

Name _____

Address _____

Library _____

- I am definitely interested in traveling to MPLA as part of a road trip.
- I am considering the possibility of traveling to MPLA as part of a road trip, and would like to be made aware of any plans made.

Send your responses to:

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Lincoln, NE 68505
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email: jennip@alltel.net

Continuing Education & Training Grants Applications Due July 19th

This year's funding priorities are:

- Services for multicultural/diverse population
- Planning and evaluation
- Trustee Education
- Children and YA services
- Personnel
- Facilities management
- Specialized training, which might include: advocacy, programming, promotion, and digitization.

Other projects will be considered, but priority will be given to projects that meet the parameters established for these targets.

* Please note that projects pertaining to the attendance at any statewide professional conferences (e.g. Nebraska Library Association (NLA)/ Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA), Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA), Nebraska Library Commission workshops, regional System workshops and other similar meetings) will not be considered for funding.

The emphasis for the training should be on how library staff can upgrade skills and knowledge to improve efforts to meet any of these target needs of their customers. Library board members, volunteers, advocates, and

other eligible participants may be included in the training, as appropriate.

Applications for training/ continuing education grants will be accepted from accredited public libraries, regional library systems, and consortia of accredited public libraries..

The minimum grant that will be awarded is \$250. Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded to successful applicants. Allowable costs include reimbursement for project operating expenses, consultant and trainer fees, community activity costs, promotional and communication efforts, and other activities (according to individual budgets to be negotiated in the grant process). Projects must be completed by May 30, 2005.

Grant monies will be awarded on August 23rd and monies have to be expended by May 30, 2005.

Conference Ideas

CE grants are a perfect resource for attending a regional or national conferences. Often at the larger conferences, you can learn about a particular topic in depth. Some conferences of interest may be:

Oct 21-24, Joint CAL (Colorado Assn of Libraries) and MPLA Conference, Denver, CO.

Nov 15-17, Internet Librarian Conference at Monterey, CA.

Jan 14-19, ALA Midwinter Conference at Boston, MA

March 16-18, Computers in Libraries, Washington, D.C

2005- Reforma - This conference is scheduled for 2005, but has not set a date or location yet.



Home Wanted

The equipment listed below needs a new home. Please call the system office at 1-800-578-1014 if interested.

4 kit stands

1 HP Laserjet 3100 Printer. This printer faxes, copies, and scans too!

1 Panasonic EASA-phone. This phone has 28 stations and can serve as a speaker phone.

1 metal wall-mount letter sized file organizer.

1 8x10" expandible file.





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Music CD's for Libraries

Jon Bruning, Nebraska Attorney General, has announced that a national antitrust settlement against CD manufacturers and retailers for an alleged price-fixing scheme will result in the distribution of approximately 33,000 CDs to public libraries and public schools in Nebraska. The

estimated value of these CDs is \$450,000. According to the terms of the court settlement, the CDs must be used to further music-related programs and cannot be used to replace or supplant any funding for the purchase of prerecorded music.

It is anticipated that all public libraries in the state of Nebraska will be receiving their shares of these CDs from the claims administrator during late May or June 2004. The titles distributed to each library were selected through random allocation by the claims administrator. Generally, the titles were selected because they were on sales charts for a minimum period of time, or have otherwise been identified as titles with appeal over a long period of time.

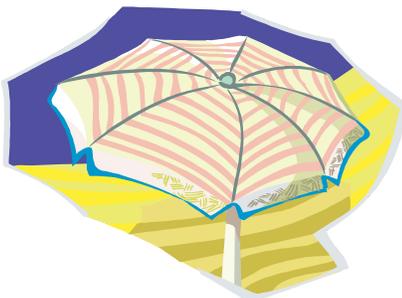
If any public library has any questions regarding the CD distributions, it may contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Nebraska Attorney General's Office at 1-800-727-6432.

Music to Your Ears

Teenager's music has changed over the years, but what has not changed is the librarians problem of trying to figure out what's popular and what's not. Many of us don't listen to popular music anymore and aren't sure what to order for their popular music collection.

Created by Book Wholesalers Incorporated (BWI), the service offers librarians weekly updates of *Billboard* magazines pop charts, plus full-text reviews of CDs, screen shots of album covers, and complete MARC records. BWI, a division of Follett, allows librarians to choose from more than 50 top-selling music charts, everything from Top Bluegrass Albums to Top World Albums.

CDs can be ordered through this site, but you do not have to pay to view the charts. Check out this site at: www.bwibooks.com.



Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. ~ Henry James



\$Fundraising Ideas

Flamingo Insurance

Purchase 10 pink plastic flamingos used for lawn decorations. Pick 10 yards in your community to be your local recipients. Attach cards to the flamingos' necks with a phone number along with all the pertinent information regarding your group. State that for a \$10 donation, the flamingos will be removed but for \$15 they will be moved to the lawn of their choice. Make sure that you also place a sign that has a contact name and phone number among the flamingos for those who drive by and would like to have the flamingos placed in a friends yard. You can also sell "Pink Flamingo Insurance" for \$10 to protect yourself from the invasion of these pink pests.

The Fort Madison, Iowa Habitat for Humanity chapter raised over \$1,000 with these pink-feathered friends that were trained to create flamingo habitats for one full day in unsuspecting yards around the community. Individuals had the opportunity to pay \$50 to have a flock of 10 flamingos placed in another person's yard around 5am until that evening. Those who received the flamingos then sent them on to another person's yard. All persons were given the opportunity to pay another \$25 for flamingo insurance, so that the birds would not be used in retaliation. Before and during the month of July members took orders for specific dates of when the recipients would be seeing the flamingos in the yard.

Movie Public Performance Rights

The Nebraska Library Commission is providing a statewide umbrella movie public performance copyright compliance site license to all public libraries from Movie Licensing USA, Inc. (<http://www.movielic.com/library.html>). Movie Licensing USA, Licensing Agent for Walt Disney Pictures, Touchstone Pictures, Hollywood Pictures, Warner Brothers, Columbia Pictures, TriStar Pictures, Paramount Pictures, Miramax Films, Dreamwork Pictures, United Artists and a number of their subsidiaries provides this licences for the showing of entertainment videos.



The company will send out certificates of the license to all public libraries with a newsletter suggesting ways to integrate movies and programming into libraries. Libraries will also be able to get posters to help inform the public about the movies. The license will cover the timeframe of July , 2004-September 30, 2005.

Suggested movies for this summer's reading program "Discover New Trails" or to celebrate the Lewis & Clark bicentennial include: Far Horizons, Dances With Wolves, Northwest Passage, 1492: Conquest of Paradise and Apollo 13.

Neligh Public Library reports that Cyber Sitter has worked very well for them as a filter. It costs them \$105 for ten licenses, there is no annual fee, and they receive upgrades. For more information, visit www.cybersitter.com or talk to Kate at Neligh Public Library.



Dixie Kucera invites everyone to stop by and visit their Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History traveling exhibit 'Listening to the Prairie - Farming in Nature's Image'. This exhibit investigates the history of the North American prairie and new approaches to agriculture in America. It features the stories and insights of four American farm families who are reinventing their work in order to preserve their way of life. The Tilden Library is one of twenty in the nation selected to host this exhibit.



Laura Alt, Shelby Public Library director, happily announced that the library has acquired the land in order to build a new library on.



Need more summer bookmarks? Check out www.casummerreading.org/bookmarks.html. There are three free bookmarks for your to download. The theme is Discover New Trailas @ Your Library. One of the bookmarks is bilingual with English and Spanish.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D is offering two Lewis & Clark Educational Tours by motorcoach. The tours will take passengers along the trail in South Dakota and Nebraska to see the sites and hear about the adventures of Lewis & Clark. Tour Package One covers the Crofton/Yankton to Ponca area and the second tour covers Niobrara/ Ft Randall area. For more information, contact Barb at 402-582-4866 or by email at barb.hoffart@ne.usda.gov.



The ALA Programs office, in collaboration with the National Library of Medicine announces a tour of a new traveling exhibition celebrating the lives and achievements of women in medicine since they first gained admission to American medical schools 150 years ago.

The traveling exhibition has been made possible by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health, with additional support by the American Medical Women's Association.

Libraries selected for the tour will host the exhibition for a six week period. Participating libraries are expected to present at least one program for library patrons and community members that features a lecture/presentation by a scholar on the exhibition theme. All showings of the exhibition will

be free and open to the public.

To download an application and guidelines, visit the website: www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/changingthefaceofmedicine/changingmedicine.htm.

Applications must be received by the ALA Programs Office by September 1.



The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) recently launched an affordable housing rental database that allows people to search for affordable housing in any town/city in Nebraska by type, size, particular need, etc. The database is easily searchable and has over 1100 rental projects in over 250 communities. This database was financed in part by NIFA, DED, HUD and USDA-RD. Bookmark this page: http://www.nifa.org/customers/project_listings.html.





Weed of the Month

Sometimes you weed a section of your collection to prepare it for upcoming events. This is a good time to review what you have and discard the outdated in the presidential election section.

The majority of the older titles will be in the 329s. In 1997 Dewey changed the number to 324. This would be a good time to review all your titles (over 7 years old) in the 329s and decide if you wish to keep any of them.

Consider weeding titles like these: America at the polls: a handbook of American presidential elections statistics, 1920-1964; 1965.

A History of Presidential Elections, 1957.

How America Votes in Presidential Elections, 1968.

Presidential Elections; Strategies of American Electoral Politics, 1971

A Short History of Presidential Elections, 1967.

Third Parties in Presidential Elections, 1974.

For more weeding suggestions, see: <http://sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/0504.html>.

Personnel Workshop Location changed!

The location for 'We're All In This Together' has been moved to the First Presbyterian Church, 802 A Street, Schuyler.

If you haven't registered, read on! Maggie Stine and Jack Schulz, two attorneys with labor expertise will discuss: wages & benefits, termination, volunteers, grievances, "open Meetings" law, personnel policies, board powers, conflicts of interest, etc.

The workshop will run from 9:30am - 3:30pm, local time. Cost to attend: \$10 for the first person registered from each town; \$5 for each additional person from the same town.

Each person participating in either the Public Librarian or Board Certification process will receive 5 CE credits.

Send name, position of each attendee, library, and address by July 10 to:

Jacque Crocker
Nebraska Lib. Commission
The Atrium, Suite 120
1200 N Street,
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023

Library Technical Assistant Program Begins!

Are you considering classes in library science?

This fall the first classes for the Library Technical Assistant program will begin. This program is being developed through a partnership between

Nebraska's Community Colleges, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the Nebraska Library Commission. Students will be able to sign up at their local community college for all the classes.

The first class in the program is Introduction to Library & Information Services (LIBS 101) offered by Metropolitan Community College. This 4.5 credit hour course provides you with an overview of the library and information science profession. The class meets face-to-face once a month and the rest of the course activities will be completed online. Email Gretchen Schaeffer at gschaeffer@mccneb.edu for more information.

In Spring 2005 Northeast Community College will begin its share of the classes by offering Library Administration taught by Carol Speicher. Contact Deb Robertson for more information regarding the classes held at Northeast Community College.



The Reviewer's Chair

**White Star :
a Dog on the Titanic**

by Marty Crisp

This fictional story based on historical facts will hold the readers interest. Sam Harris, who is eleven years old, is traveling from England, where



he had been staying with his Grandparents, to join his mother and her new husband in America. Sam and other boys are constantly exploring on the big ship, which is 4 city blocks long and eleven stories high. Sam is especially attracted to the kennels, which are on the top deck and soon becomes good friends with White Star, whose owner owns the shipping line. Excitement builds as the news races through the ship that it has struck an iceberg, that water is indeed filling the ship, and that there are not enough life boats for over 1500 passengers. The story proceeds through the time in the cold water, the rescue of 705 people by the Carpathians, and the docking at New York harbor. This book is written for 4th grade and up. I would recommend this story for all libraries.

--Pat Thompson, WSC

The Nine Lives of Aristotle

by Dick Smith-King

This book was a hit at my story hour. This delightful story is about a kitten who discovers the world by putting his life in peril several times. Downside of the book is that it is a little long for a half hour story hour. The students were fascinated with the story of the kitten who lived with a witch and the funny adventures that follow. This is another keeper from the King-Smiths collection. Recommended for pre-2nd grade and possibly a lead up to Halloween. -Carol Tramp, Wynot Public School Library.

HUG

by Jes Alborough

This is definitely a "lap sitter" book. The entire text is written as one word for each page. The illustrations are great, and small children will enjoy the book. With a reading level for lap-sitters through Preschool, I would recommend this book to both public and school libraries. -Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

Daisy Comes Home

by Jan Brett

Based in China, Mei Mei raises chickens so that she has eggs to sell at the market. Find out about the adventure of Daisy, her favorite chicken, who gets swept away in the river, sold at market, and finally is reunited with her owner. This book is a keeper. -Carol Tramp, Wynot Public School Library

Mable Riley: a Reliable Record of Humdrum Peril & Romance

by Marthe Jocelyn

I enjoyed this story of early 1900's life. Mable, an eighth grader, is accompanying her older sister Viola, who has taken a teaching position in Perth County, Ontario. The book is in diary form and included in the entries is poetry and a novel that Mable is writing. Mable begins to feel she is still in the humdrum of life only having exchanged location

when she befriends Mrs. Rattle. Mrs. Rattle, who is a real writer and also an active member of women's suffrage brings wild adventure and trouble Mable's way. Readers from 5th grade on up will enjoy this book and I would recommend it for public and school libraries. --Pat Thompson, WSC

Felicity Wishes: Friendship and Fairy School

by Emma Thomson

Little fairies are graduating from Fairy school and what is poor Felicity to do, all her friends know what kind of fairy they want to be, but she doesn't. Lots of ink and fluff in the pop-up pages. Nice story hour book if your boys are patient. -Carol Tramp, Wynot Public School Library.

Madame Squidley and Beanie-18

by Alice Mead

Beanie's real name is Beatrice and she has problems. Beanie's mother has Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Her best friend, Charlie has scoliosis and she is not in the popular group at school. Beanie worries about what will happen to their family, as her father died when she was small and her mother has trouble working and doing everyday chores. A new school year is starting and Beanie is learning some important life lessons. This interesting book is a fact of life story that is written for 4th grade and up. Recommended for public and school libraries. -Pat Thompson, WSC



Books About Food for Young Children

Animals at the Table

The Beastly Feast by Bruce Goldstone, 1998. Ages 3-6

"Puffins bring muffins. / Mosquitos bring burritos." A menagerie of animals donate appropriately rhyming food items to a special feast..

Chato's Kitchen by Gary Soto, 1995. Ages 4-8

A mouse family innocently accepts a dinner invitation from a couple of urban cool cats, not realizing their hosts plan to serve them as the main course. This tale includes both Spanish and English words.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

I Can't Have Bannock But the Beaver Has a Dam by Bernelda Wheeler, 1984. Ages 3-9

Hungry for bannock, a contemporary American Indian child wants his mother to explain why a beaver's chewing of a tree caused the power lines to fall down - and why no power means no hot oven for baking bannock.

The Seven Silly Eaters by Mary Ann Hoverman, 1997. Ages 4-7

Pure nonsense rules in this rhyming tale about the plight of Mrs. Peters, whose seven children are such fussy eaters it becomes nearly impossible for her to serve a meal that more than one of them will eat.

Eat Your Vegetables

How are your Peeling? Foods with Moods by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers, 1999. Ages 4-up

Ever see a timid radish? A jealous tomato? You will in this hilarious tale that uses photos of real fruits and vegetables to show a range of human emotional experiences.

Pickin' Peas by Margaret Read MacDonald, 1998. Ages 3-7

A wily rabbit and a young girl compete to see who can be the first to harvest a bountiful pea crop.

Special Foods for Special Times



Cherry Pies and Lullabies by Lynn Reiser, 1998. Ages 3-8

Four generations of mothers and daughters share family traditions of cherry pies, special quilts, flower crowns, and a cherished lullaby.

Tortillas and Lullabies / Tortillas y Cancioncitas by Lynn Reiser, 1998. Ages 3-8

A companion volume to *Cherry Pies & Lullabies*, features lush illustrations by Costa Rican women artists demonstrating how families everywhere find new ways to do old things.

We're Going on a Picnic! by Pat Hutchins, 2002. Ages 2-4

Hen, Duck, and Goose pack their favorite foods for a picnic outing, but then struggle to agree on the perfect spot for their meal.

(Taken from: *Feeling Hungry? Satisfying Books about Food for Young Children*, compiled by Merri V. Lindgren, Cooperative Children's Book Center, University of Madison-Wisconsin. For a complete listings, visit: <http://www.soemadision.wisc.edu/ccbc/bibs/food.htm>.)



Northeast Library System Board Meeting May 19, 2004

Northeast System Library Board met Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at the House Memorial Library, Pender. Board President Kathy Bretschneider called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Guests present were Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission, Marilyn Liedorff and Stan Gardner, both from Wayne State College.

Roll call was taken with all members present except Healy, and Zwingman.

Additions to the printed agenda: Richard Miller.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (MS: Lofgren, Von Seggern); motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Communications: Ribbon cutting invitation from St. Edward Public Library and thank you from Bretschneider passed.

Financial Report (Rosemae Schafer)

Checking balance: \$1,338.43; savings balance: \$37,999.95

CD coming due July 30: now Pinnacle Bank for 4.25%, worth \$7,8560.60; tabled until July meeting.

Motion to approve budget report: (MS: Wilcox, Munson); roll call vote: unanimous approval.

Reports:

System Administrator's Quarterly meeting, Ellerton: finalizing Institute; making plans to visit all libraries before end of year; taking time off without pay in July.

Richard Miller, NLC: Personnel workshop in Schuyler on July 26: 2 attorneys who will speak on personnel issues.

NLA/NEMA pre-conference: Hispanic Voices @ your library

OLIO Storytelling and Prose/Literature Festival: Norfolk

Database Road Show: throughout the state; at NELS Institute

Teen Space: Norfolk, May 21.

Grants: CE/Training: on Commission website, due July 19

NET Library ((Shared Collection IV): \$250 minimum amount to pay; grants available from the Commission.

Announcements: CDs available through an anti-trust suit to all libraries; should be distributed in May or June.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: question of whether Administrator should live in System; this was not included in policies; can be an amendment before voting.

Budget Committee: new budget proposed, needs to be accepted.

Continuing Education: Pat Wagner workshop discussed; Institute planned.

Strategic Planning: Bretschneider needs to be replaced on committee (this should be incoming NELS president); outcome based training to be provided by Commission; will also help with strategic plan.



Nominating: All positions on Board complete; have had a few nominations for Board positions and are contacting persons who will accept offices; election will be at Institute.

Unfinished Business:

Personnel policies: Proposed amendment: System Administrator shall establish residency within North-east System within three months from hiring date to relocate (MS: Munson, Leader) roll call vote: motion carried unanimously.

Table vote on entire policy until next meeting with latest policy to be in packet.

Outcome based evaluation for strategic planning: Miller will work with Ellerton on this.

New Business:

2004-2005 budget: because of year in fiscal cycle, there was enough money without making cuts; 10% benefits for Ellerton, 7.5% for Rosemae; 30 hours for Rosemae;

Motion to approve 04-05 budget: (MS: Cooper, Bachman); roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Book sales at Institute: Munson Book Sales will be there.

Meritorious Award recipient at Annual Institute: question about what kind of recognition Patti Hering should receive; motion made by Munson to give certificate to Hering in thanks and recognition of her service (MS: Munson, Zurovski); motion carried.

Trustee scholarships to Personnel Workshop with Maggi Stine: will not offer these.

Pat-On-The-Back Awards: Stanton Public Library - two volunteers who help with summer reading program as well as other activities.

Newman Grove Public Library: 2 staff who work diligently, giving extra time and needed supplies.

Wayne County Board of Commissioners for recognizing the importance of public libraries in county through funding.

Motion to give Pat-On-The Back Awards; unanimous approval.

Lofgren thanked Schafer for all of her extra efforts in the absence of and as new administrator began.

Thank you to Bachman for hosting today's meeting.

Members activities in local libraries were discussed.

Other Business:

Claims of the day: (MS: Munson, Wilcox); roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Northeast Library System Board Meeting June 3, 2004

Northeast Library System annual meeting was held Thursday, June 3, 2004, on the Wayne State College campus during our yearly Institute. Board President Kathy Bretschneider called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

Roll call was taken with all Board members present except Leader, Munson, Wilcox and Zwingman.

Stan Gardner, Wayne State College library director, welcomed the group. System Administrator Kathy Ellerton thanked those members who would be leaving the System Board for their hard work and dedication: Kathy Bretschneider, Gretchen Healy, Linda Leader, Duane Munson, and Bev Wilcox.

Deb Robertson, reported for the Nominating Committee, stated that all System Board positions had been filled. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2004-2005: President, Marilyn Liedorff; Vice President, Lauran Lofgren; Secretary, Kathy Jacobs. There were no further nominations from the floor. Motion to accept nominations by acclamation (MS: Cooper, Healy). Motion passed unanimously.

New President Marilyn Liedorff asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Stan Gardner volunteered. When there were no further volunteers, Liedorff appointed Linda Risinger and Sandy Zurovski.

Bretschneider presented a Board Resolution to Patti Hering, retired O'Neill Public Library Director, thanking her for her many years of service and dedication to her community, the System and the state.

Liedorff reported that libraries are still using CARDS as a source for interlibrary loans. Book reviews are now on-line for viewing. As thanks, Liedorff presented books to those persons who were reviewers.

Ellerton gave out door prizes.

Claims of the day were approved: (MS: Lofgren, Klein); unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. and was followed by our speaker, Kevin Harms.



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Check Your Calendar

July 9th - **Nebraska Library Commissioners Meeting** at the Nebraska Library Commission. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nels at the NLC if you wish to attend.

July 21 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Little Priest Tribal College, Winnebago, at 10 am.

July 26 - "**We're All in This Personnel Thing Together**" workshop from 9:30-3:30 at First Presbyterian Church, 802 A Street, Schuyler.

July 26-27 - **Midwest Internet Institute**, Southwest High School, Lincoln. Visit mii.lps.org for more information.

July 31 - **Norfolk Public Library's 10th Annual Literature Festival** at the Lifelong Learning Center, NECC.

August 1 - **National Kids Day** Visit www.kidsday.net to see how other libraries are participating.

August 23 - **Sergeant Patrick Gass, Chief Carpenter: On the Trail With Lewis & Clark**, Ley Theatre, Wayne State College at 7pm.

September 10 - **Nebraska**

Library Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nels if you wish to attend.

September 15 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at St. Edward Public Library, St. Edward at 10 am.

September 17-18 - **Nebraska Book Festival** at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. E-mail Jeanne Saathoff at jsaathoff@kearneygov.org for more information.

September 20 - **Medical Care on the Lewis & Clark Trail**, Ley Theatre, Wayne State College at 7pm.

Oct. 6-8 - "**Virtual Places, Physical Spaces - Nebraska Libraries Now**" NLA/NEMA Annual Conf. in Grand Island.



NEW at NELS

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

Library Technology Reports, March/April 2004, "**Filtering and Filter Software**."

This issue covers how filters work, select and evaluating filters, best practices, and Internet use policy examples.

The Public Manger's Forms, Policies and Procedures Handbook with CD-

ROM by Rebecca Brumley.

The author compiled forms, policies and procedures from 114 public libraries that cover public service, administration, and collections. Meeting room applications, program evaluations, damaged material letter, tour request, the list goes on and on. In addition, the forms are on CD-ROM so they can quickly be downloaded, amended and put into use!

"Web Filtering: Policies, Software, Staff Training", College of DuPage, 2004.

This video covers the basics of filters, software, etc. Great for board certification.

"a little humor"

Two teenage boys in central Texas approached the reference desk and asked for books on "poultry". The librarian quickly showed them where the 636's were with instructions to come back to the reference desk if they didn't find what they needed. After a few minutes, they were back and told her that they wanted books on "poultry" not chickens. She asked them several more questions trying to determine if they wanted material on ducks or geese. The boys kept saying they wanted books on "poultry". Finally, one of them said they were looking for books on "poultry, you know, like, love poultry". The librarian quickly directed them to the 800s and the boys left the library happy.



Mad Hatter Youth Service Award Nomination Form

The School, Children, and Young People's (SCYP) Section of the NLA accepts nominations for the Mad Hatter Youth Service Award. It is awarded annually to a librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the field of library service to youth. The award is sponsored by the Children's Press and the winner is chosen from members of the SCYP Section.

Purpose: To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who had made an outstanding contribution to School, Children, and Young People's librarianship and library development.

Criteria: Individuals nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

- 1. Imaginative interpretation of library services
- 2. Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults.
- 3. Demonstration of professional contributions to the regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations.

Nominee MUST be a member of the SCYP Section of the Nebraska Library Association.

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I nominate _____

Present Address _____

Nominees library affiliation _____

Please attach sheets describing the achievements of your nominee. Include documentation in the form of several support letters from staff, parents, board members or others. It is highly recommended that photos of the person working with patrons be submitted as well as samples of programs, creativity, etc. that this person has done. Any documentation or detail that support your nominee's qualifications and will assist the Mad Hatter committee in making a judgment is great. Make sure all professional leadership is noted, especially SCYP Section membership. Using letter or essay format, following these three headings:

- 1. Interpreting library services to the community
- 2. Developing innovative programming
- 3. Demonstrating professional leadership

Nominated by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Check one: I am _____ NLA Member _____ School Administrator

_____ Public Library Administrator

Members of the Current Mad Hatter Award Committee are not eligible to nominate OR be nominated for the award.

Please return five (5) copies of this nomination form, (5) copies of attached achievement sheets and (5) copies of a photo to the chair of the Mad Hatter committee by November 30:

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