



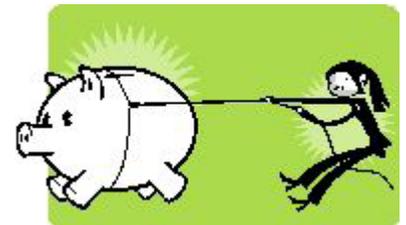
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News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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NLA/NEMA Scholarships Available

Have you ever wanted to attend the annual NLA/NEMA conference and couldn't afford it? If have not attended the conference for the last three years, consider applying for a Northeast Library System NLA Scholarship. Scholarship amounts range from \$100 to \$250. Applications are welcome from member libraries (accredited or unaccredited public libraries) and media centers (public or private schools). If you qualify, do not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity! **Complete the application form on page 12 & mail it to the Northeast Library System office, 3038 33rd Street, Columbus, NE 68601 by August 15.** (NLA Early Registration is due by August 31). Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the pre-registration deadline. Conference information can be found at: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html>.



TARGET Meeting Set for July 29

O'Neill Public Library
10am

All librarians, staff and trustees are invited to a TARGET meeting, where library directors and staff network and discuss library issues and trends.

Topics to discussed include:

- ROI (Return on Investment) Meme Smith, Schuyler Public Library Director will walk us through the process of doing our own ROI.

- Open Meeting Act Update. Kathy Ellerton will update you on the changes made by the legislature

- One Book One Nebraska recommendations. What books, youth or adult, would you like see discussed across the state?

- State Legislature. Any changes in your area? Do you know your legislator?

+ The latest happenings in your library.

4.0 CE hours are available.

Call Kathy at 1-800-478-1014 or email her at: kellert@megavision.com if you are planning on attending.





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Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Internet Site Coordinator Search

The Nebraska Library Association seeks an individual with fluency in FTP and HTML, knowledge of Unix and web servers, and demonstrated understanding of the principles of web site design and organization.

This individual must have access to hardware and software necessary to fulfill the job responsibilities of Internet Site Coordinator. Library education coursework and experience with the Nebraska Library Association is preferred.

Duties of the NLA Internet Site Coordinator include, but are not limited to the following:

- Create a visual layout consistent with the principles of good web design.
- Update web site content within 5-10 days of notification, or solicit updates from NLA members as necessary.
- Install and support membership software, Memberclicks in particular. Maintain member and board email groups and assist with maintenance of member records.
- Maintain current links to web sites maintained by others, including NLA sections and round tables. Arrange for space on the host server for each section and round table as needed, and provide technical support and/or maintenance of these sites as needed.

The Internet Site Coordinator will receive a stipend that is determined annually by the Executive board of NLA. Depending on experience and qualifications, the beginning stipend will range between \$150.00 to \$175.00 per month, to be paid the first of each month for the previous month's work.

Prior to submitting a resume, please refer to a detailed job description posted on the NLA web site at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/isc.htm>

Anticipated start date is November 1, 2008. The position will be open until filled. Review of applications will begin immediately, however.

Please e-mail your resume with a list of references and cover letter to Lisa Olivigni, NLA President, lolivigni@crete-ne.gov Attachments may be sent either in MS Word or PDF.





Recommendations Invited for One Book One Nebraska 2009

The Nebraska Center for the Book invites recommendations for the 2009 One Book One Nebraska book selection. The Nebraska Center for the Book will consider books written by a Nebraska author (living or dead/with current or former residence in the state), or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. Books should have a broad appeal to readers across Nebraska and lend well to group book discussion. Books may be fiction, non-fiction, biography, memoir or poetry. They should be in print and readily available. The Center for the Book strongly suggests that anyone who nominates a text should have read it.

Book recommendations should be sent via e-mail to Maria Medrano-Nehls by August 1. Recommendations may also be sent via the US Postal Service to The Nebraska Center for the Book, c/o Nebraska Library Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508.

The Nebraska Center for the Book will announce the 2009 One Book One Nebraska choice in October.

For information about the One Book One Nebraska program, including current and previous book selections, go to www.onebookonenebraska.org/

Looking For A Good Web Host Provider?

*The right amount of storage and bandwidth per month.

Web site plans tend to vary on 1) the amount of file storage you're allotted on the server's hard drive; and 2) the amount of bandwidth your site is allowed per month. You can calculate your average monthly bandwidth by multiplying the number of files that your visitors are likely to access in a month with your site's average file size. Unless you have a lot of images, videos, or large PDF files, even a very small storage and bandwidth plan is likely to be sufficient. For instance, a 500-page Web site (without video or huge PDF libraries) is unlikely to use more than 100 MB of storage, and at a hundred visitors or so a day, it's unlikely to use more than about a Gigabyte (GB) of bandwidth.

*Ability to control files and passwords.

All Web hosting providers let you upload files to the shared server via FTP. Some allow advanced file control through a protocol called SSH, which can provide an easier and more secure way to upload and download files, while others offer Web-based upload tools to clients that don't want to use either FTP or SSH. Some providers will also allow you to create secure sections of your Web site where you can restrict files to visitors with a given password, create redirects so that a given Web page is available under multiple URLs, and more.

*Self-serve control panel.

Many hosting providers include a Web-based control panel that allows you to manage many aspects of your site on your own. As we mentioned, this may include resetting passwords, calculating site traffic statistics, or managing files, all without having to contact customer support.

*Support for required databases and programming languages.

Most shared hosting accounts will support fairly sophisticated databases and languages — but make sure yours supports the specific tools and versions you want to use. The majority of hosts use a setup consisting of a Linux or Unix-like operating system, Apache Web server software, a MySQL database,



and a PHP or Perl programming language. This setup is not likely to support Web sites created in ASP or ColdFusion. Likewise, some hosts use a purely Microsoft setup — with Windows as the operating system, Internet Information Server (IIS) as the Web server, SQL Server as the database, and Active Server Pages as the programming language — and this may or may not support PHP and MySQL. To be sure, check with your provider before you sign up.

* Ability to install applications designed for a shared hosting environment.

A number of applications — and particularly those that are open source — are designed to be installed in a shared hosting environment. Most hosting providers will let you install these as needed, and may even offer a utility to help you install the more common applications. Some applications, however, require more access to the server — to change system files or global settings, for instance — than shared hosting services typically allow. Again, looking into this before you sign up with a particular provider will save you trouble down the road.

*Traffic statistics.

Most hosting providers will give you online reports of basic statistics about your site, such as how many visitors you receive daily, where they came from, and where they go on your site. This can be useful, though many nonprofits now track their site statistics through a package like Google Analytics, which does not require anything specific from the hosting provider.

*An upgrade path.

As your site grows and your online initiatives get more complex, you may need more storage, bandwidth, or flexibility. Look for a provider with upgradeable hosting plans. Otherwise, you'll have to move your site to a more powerful host when you grow beyond your current hosting plan.

*Email accounts.

Email accounts are closely tied to Web hosting. While there are a number of options for obtaining email accounts, many Web hosts provide you with a number of email accounts that feature the same domain as your Web site. These accounts allow you to send and receive email through a Web interface or to download your messages into Outlook or other standards-based email clients. Not all hosting providers offer outstanding email hosting service, however. The quality of virus and spam protection and of Web-based email administration tools can vary widely.

*Customer service.

If you have a problem, will you be able to reach someone knowledgeable who can speak to you in language you understand? Customer service varies widely depending on the provider. Unless you feel very comfortable with hosting concepts and are able to ask precise technical questions, it's best to pay more for a host that offers better customer service for all levels of technical expertise.

How do you make a final selection? Like many decisions, choosing a Web hosting provider often comes down to budget and features. Begin your search by making a list of your requirements. How much disk space and bandwidth do you need? Do you require phone support, or are you happy receiving help via email? Is it critical that your Web site never goes down — or are a couple of minutes of downtime here and there acceptable? Once these questions are answered, then you can hire a provider.

(article by Idealware, Techsoup)



Mad Hatter Nominations Sought

Straight-Talk is published ten times per year by the Northeast Library System. Contact Kathy Ellerton or Sheila Cermak at the Northeast Library System Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. at 1-800-578-1014 (402)- 564-1586 (Voice) (402)-276-0583 (Cell) (402)-564-7977 (FAX).

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The School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA is accepting nominations for the Mad Hatter Award 2008. This award is given annually to a member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children's and Young People's librarianship and library development.

The recipient will be selected on the basis of all of the following criteria:

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

The nominee **MUST** be a member of the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA.

The nomination form can be found at: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/SCYP/MHnomform.pdf>

Send nominations to Marci Retzlaff (address below) by August 1, 2008.

Please consider nominating a deserving colleague for this year's Mad Hatter Award. Thank you!

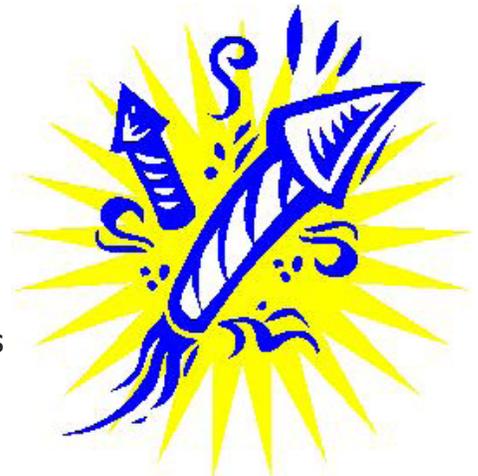
Marci Retzlaff
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 Norfolk, NE 68701
 email: mretzlaf@ci.norfolk.ne.us

FOR SALE

- For sale: 450 white plastic DVD/CD cases @ \$0.10 each
- For sale: Accura Flip Frames Display System for displaying DVD titles
- 59 white rail hanging channels @ \$5.00 each
- 1,385 gray graphic flip frame display sleeves @ \$1.00 each

If interested, please contact:

Kathy Jacobs, Director
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 Yankton, SD 57078
 Phone: 605-668-5275
 Fax: 605-668-5277
[kjacob@sdl.net](mailto:kjacobs@sdl.net)





Best in Genre Fiction 2008

The Reading List Council select books in eight different categories: Adrenaline (includes suspense, thrillers, and action adventure); Fantasy; Historical Fiction; Horror; Mystery; Romance; Science Fiction; and Women's Fiction.

Adrenaline

The Second Objective by Mark Frost

This evocative World War II espionage thriller deftly mixes a well-realized cast and an expertly crafted plot that hurdles toward a white-knuckled climax. With defeat near, the Nazis send a secret brigade to infiltrate the advancing Allied Forces. Among them is an elite unit, led by a charismatic SS officer with a top-secret second objective.

Fantasy

The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss

This engrossing debut fantasy introduces readers to Kvothe – a hero in his own time. Living incognito as an inn keeper, he is tracked down by a chronicler who convinces him to narrate his own story – and what a story it is.

Historical Fiction

The Religion by Tim Willocks

Kidnapped as a boy, and reared as a Muslim warrior, Mattias Tannhauser, a smuggler, is seduced by the lure of women and war in this action-filled romp that blends horrific violence, madcap adventure, and great storytelling.

Horror

The Heart-Shaped Box by Joe Hill

Retired heavy-metal superstar Judas Coyne collects obscure, macabre objects, but the ghost he buys over the Internet turns out to be very real, very mad, and out for revenge. A menacing atmosphere and sinister characters produce a fabulous mix of creepy thrills and look-behind-you, leave-the-light-on-chills.

Mystery

Mistress of the Art of Death by Ariana Franklin

This smartly-paced mystery skillfully blends historical details, entertaining characters, and horrific murders. With a serial killer loose in 12th Century Cambridge, King Henry II decides he must summon a Master of the Art of Death –and gets a Mistress instead.

Romance

Natural Born Charmer by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

A swaggering football star and a sassy itinerant artist spar with each other and discover how to forge a family in this sweetly charming novel filled with humor, snappy dialog, and fabulous scenes.

Science Fiction

In War Times by Kathleen Ann Goonan

In this alternative history tale a young army engineer is given a mysterious device by a gypsy physicist on the eve of Pearl Harbor. If used successfully this device could end mankind's penchant for war and violence. To preserve a peaceful time stream, he must alter an epochal event of the 20th Century.

Women's Fiction

Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen

Claire Waverly's world is turned upside down when her wayward sister returns home with a young daughter in tow and a sexy college professor moves in next door.



Check Your Calendar

July 16 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at 10am. at Hartington Public Library.

July 16 - Database Roadshow at Wayne State College. Call 1-800-307-2665 for more information.

July 18 - **State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting** in Chadron, at 9am. Location TBA.

July 26 - **Norfolk Public Library's 14th Annual Literature Festival** at Lifelong Learning Center at 9am.

Aug. 11 - **Change: Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Reunion** at St. Benedict Center near Schuyler. Contact Kathy at 1-800-578-1014 for more information.

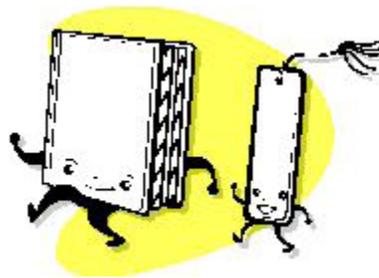
Aug. 12 - **NEBASE Annual Meeting - East** at Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln. Topics TBA.

Sept. 17 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at Elgin Public Library at 10 am.

Oct. 15 - **The 4 Rs: Robots, Romance, Revolvers &**

Recipes, a NLA pre-conference at the Bennet Martin Public Library. Contact Kathy at 1-800-578-1014 for registration information.

Oct. 16-17 - "**Nebraska Libraries: Vision for the Information Age**", NLA Annual Conference at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln. For more information, go to the NLA website: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html> .



NEW @ NLS

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

More Keep'em Reading Bulletin Boards by Stan Tusan, 2003.

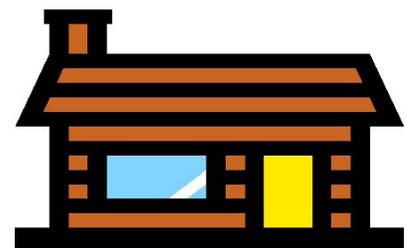
In addition to the regular seasonal and holiday bulletin boards, this book contains patterns and display suggestions for bulletin boards on race cars, camping, jungle, space, and patriotic themes.

"The Teenage Brain: Under Construction" by Sheryl Feinstein, VOYA, June 2008.

Author Sheryl Feinstein describes several types of teenage brains: emotional brain and the high-level thinking brain. She uses examples of how the brain develops and in addition to being aware of a teenagers interest and reading levels, we need to be aware of their brain development as well.

"Dealing with Death: Books to Help Young People Cope With Grief" by Marsha D. Broadway, Teacher Librarian, Vol. 35, no.5, pp.44-48.

Grief is unique to each individual and as children pass through developmental stages, the grieving process is ongoing. From the death of a pet to the death of a loved one, young people must learn to cope with grief. The author gives criteria for selecting items and lists titles for picture books, elementary and middle school, and high school.



Speaker Available

Leslie J. Seymore, Fair Housing Investigator, would love to come to your library and speak about fair housing. If interested, please contact Leslie at 1-800-669-3247 or by email at: leslies@fhasinc.org.



Northeast News

"Birthdays Are a Dragon", a Special Trish puppet show, was performed on the **Hruska Public Library's** 12th birthday party! Hotdogs and chips were sold by the Friends and a good time was held by all.

New Guineas was the topic of the June 27 Koffee Klatch at the **Raymond A Whitwer Tilden Public Library**. Lon Knievel shared stories of his missionary work in New Guinea.

St. Edward Public Library will be hosting Charlotte Endorf "Fragile Excess Baggage" on Sunday August 10, 2008 at 2 PM. The program documents the real-life stories of the children who rode the Orphan Trains between 1854 and 1929.

"Build-A-Bug" contest is one of this summer's contests happening at the **Norfolk Public Library**. Using recyclable materials kids of all ages are eligible to participate.

Brad Hruska, **Columbus Public Library's** children's librarian, is at it again. Every summer he has the kids read so many pages and he will perform an unpleasant task. This year's goal? If the kids read a grand total of 125,000 pages or more, he will eat a worm! I hope he's read Thomas Rockwells "How to Eat Fried Worms!"

A big Northeast welcome to Joan Albenesius, the new **South Sioux City Public Library** director. Joan has worked in several different

libraries and comes from Morningside College where she was the electronic technical services librarian. Welcome Joan!

Carroll Public Library recently held a book and bake sale to raise funds in order to purchase a modular building from the Wayne Schools for a new public library. The school has accepted their bid and now the library is in the process of raising funds.

Lied Randolph Public Library is buzzing with activities this summer. Any child who attends four programs will receive free admission to the Edgerton Explorit Extravaganza science demonstrations. This will be held in conjunction with the Randolph Community Fair on July 11.

Genealogy Fun @ the Library" was the title of a workshop at

Stromsburg Public Library. Assistant Librarian Kathy Nelson led the session, sharing much of what she learned at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Kansas City last month. Topics included reading plat maps, finding information at local courthouses, using census records, homestead records, and military records for family searches, and how to find material in the National Archives.

A big welcome to Judy Hagen, **Atkinson Public Library** Director. She has become the newest member of the Northeast Library System Board of Directors. She will represent communities with populations from 1001 to 10,000. And a big thank you to Ann Bachman from the **House Memorial Library** in Pender. Ann served on the NLS Board for six years and we will miss her!



Pat Wagner, Consultant, presenting at the Annual Meeting in Columbus.



FRONTLINE/World, ALA Announce New Library Grant



CHICAGO – In celebration of their groundbreaking Social Entrepreneurs Series, FRONTLINE/World, in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, will award grants of \$500 plus supporting program materials to 40 public and academic libraries. The grant funds will promote the screening and discussion of one the series' short documentary films on innovative social entrepreneurs around the world.

To be eligible, libraries must:

- * Host a screening and discussion of a FRONTLINE/World Series film, and
- * In partnership with a local or regional organization engaged in issues of social entrepreneurship, host at least one related program (panel, lecture, forum or other format).

In addition to the \$500 grant, selected libraries will receive a DVD containing the FRONTLINE/World series compilation, a facilitator's guide containing promotional material templates, recommended additional resources and reference materials and a supply of FRONTLINE/World Social Entrepreneurs series bookmarks. For an application, visit www.pbs.org/frontlineworld or www.ala.org/socialentrepreneurs.

Applications must be submitted electronically to libraries@flworld.org by August 1.

FRONTLINE/World is the award-winning PBS international news magazine that turns its lens on the global community, covering countries and cultures rarely seen on American television. The Social Entrepreneurs Series features the stories of people whose ideas and organizations create new and sustainable markets and services that benefit underserved communities everywhere in the developing world. This pilot library program seeks to connect communities to the concept of social entrepreneurship and to promote dialogue on a local level. Funding for the library program is provided by the PBS Foundation through a grant from the Skoll Foundation.

Established in 1992, the ALA Public Programs Office has an exemplary track record of developing library programming initiatives, including the acclaimed reading and discussion series "Let's Talk About It," film discussion programs on humanities themes, traveling exhibitions, LIVE! @ your library® and other programs. Recently, it has established the Cultural Communities Fund, an endowment created to help all types of libraries across the country bring communities together through cultural programming (www.ala.org/ccf). More than 10,000 libraries and at least 10 million individuals have participated in library programming initiatives supported by the Public Programs Office. For more information about the ALA Public Programs Office, visit www.ala.org/publicprograms.

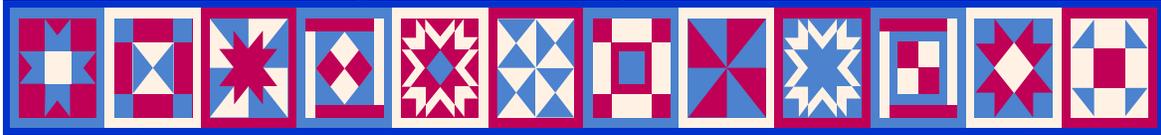


Puppet Tales Newsletter

Consider signing up for the Puppet Tales Newsletter. With each issue, librarians can click and print out ideas and tips & tricks for their storytelling. Puppet Tales showcases programs, products and ideas to jump-start your creativity and put spark in your StoryTime. Read online at: <http://www.misterandersons.com/puppettales/index.html>.



**Nebraska Libraries: Vision for the Information Age
NLA/NEMA 2008 Annual Conference
Special Wednesday Night GALA Event**



**International Quilt Museum Gala!
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008
7-9:30 pm**

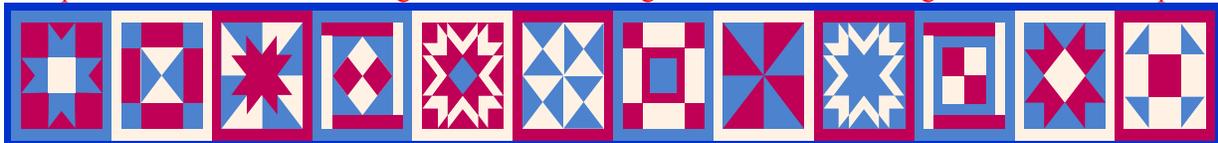
- Transportation:** Buses run from Cornhusker Hotel beginning 6:50
with the last bus leaving the Quilt Center at 9:30
- Address:** 33rd and Holdredge, on-street parking only
- Menu:** Desserts and Fruit! Cash bar!
- Museum:** Quilt Galleries will be open, and the Virtual Quilt Gallery
- Special Exhibit:** Finalists from the Mountain Mist Eco-Friendly Quilt Competition
- Cost:** \$10 per person

Discover the world of QUILTS!

The glass and brick building, designed by the internationally renowned Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York, houses the world's largest collection of more than 2,300 quilts and an international study center dedicated to the research, preservation, and display of important quilts from cultures around the world. A Virtual Quilt Gallery is available at the museum. It provides multimedia, interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. Individuals may design a quilt; inspect details of quilts from over a thousand archived images, and record quilt stories on topics including family memories, artistic inspiration, quilt history, or reflections on their visit to the museum. For more information about the Quilt Center: <http://www.quiltstudy.org/>

Register @

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/registration/ConferenceRegistrationForm2008.pdf>





Libri Foundation Rural Library Grant Application Due August 15

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting grants for its 2008 Books for Children grants. The deadline is August 15th.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$3,500,000 worth of new children's books to more than 2,600 libraries in 48 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, the Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. A library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department.

Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants.

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. See the specific information online relating to school and branch libraries.

The final deadline for 2008 grants is August 15 with grants being awarded August 31. Visit www.libri-foundation.org to download application guidelines and forms.



Free Parent-Child Early Literacy Materials

Take a moment to check out this set of free parent-child early literacy materials, titled "On the Go". These materials include 14 activities designed to be used outside the home: in the car, while walking, during bus rides, etc. The activities encourage early language and literacy development from birth through preschool. They are appropriate for children with disabilities as well as children who are developing typically. The development of these materials was supported by Grant H324M020084 from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

To download materials go to www.wlearning.com and click on the purple button that says "Free Parent Education Handouts" on the home page. Look for the "On the Go" file to download the materials in PDF format.



2008 NLA Northeast Library System Scholarship Application

The Northeast Library System will make available 7 scholarships to help defray costs for **librarians, trustee & school library media specialists** wishing to attend the joint Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association conference or pre-conference to be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln on October 15-17, 2008.

- 1 scholarship for \$250
- 4 scholarships for \$150
- 2 scholarships for \$100

1. Applicants must not have attended a state-wide N.L.A./N.E.M.A. Conference in the last three years.
2. Applicant must be currently employed in a Northeast Library System library or school media center or serve as a trustee.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to no more than one person from each library or school district unless applicant pool is less than the number of scholarships available.
4. Applicants must attend at least one day of the Conference or Pre-Conference.
5. After the Conference, those awarded scholarships must submit a written summary (one page minimum) of Conference programs attended, prior to the next scheduled System Board meeting, November 19, 2008. Summaries will be shared with System Board members.

Continuing Education hours are available from the Nebraska Library Commission for attending the conference. Contact Kathy Ellerton at 1-800-578-1014 or Laura Johnson at the Nebraska Library Commission at 1-800-307-2665 for more information.

If you qualify, do not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity! Complete this form & mail it to the Northeast Library System office, 3038 33rd Street, Columbus, NE 68601 by August 15. (NLA Early Registration is due by August 31). Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the pre-registration deadline.

NAME _____

LIBRARIAN _____ SCHOOL MEDIA SPECIALIST _____ TRUSTEE: _____

LIBRARY OR SCHOOL YOU REPRESENT _____

ADDRESS & PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

What sessions do you plan to attend? Conference schedule can be found at: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/index.html>

How will the information help you at your library? _____

Is there another entity sponsoring your attendance at this conference? **YES NO**

How many days do you plan to attend the conference? Preconference only? One Day? Two Days?

(Please keep a copy of this form for your records)



**Northeast Library System
Board Minutes
May 21, 2008**

The Northeast Board met at the Royal Public Library on May 21, 2008 and was hosted by the trustees and librarian. The meeting was held in the Royal auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ann Bachman. Board members present were Ann Bachman, Michele Hastreiter, Jolene Klein, Sally Stahlecker, Joyce Sullivan, Lynn Manhart, Dee Johnson, Kathy Ageton and Kate Ostenrude. Marilyn Quance and Linda Risinger were present as alternates (MS: Klein, Johnson; approved). System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton and Administrative Assistant, Shelia Cermak, were also present. The agenda was approved (MS: Johnson, Ageton; approved). The minutes were approved (MS: Johnson, Ageton; approved).

Correspondence included thank you notes from the recipients of the Northeast System's grant. It was announced that members of Kay Schmidt's family had a severe accident. Her mother was killed and her sister and brother-in-law were in critical condition.

Shelia Cermak gave the financial report. The system made a small profit from the Winter Workshop. Interest rates have been declining Shelia believes this will stabilize by summer (MS: Bachman, Hastreiter; approved by roll call vote).

REPORTS:

No Commissioner report.

No State Advisory Council Report.

No Nebraska Library Commission Report.

System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton reported on a wide range of activities she has completed in the past two months. She presented the board with a list of travel and activities. If you wish to know more about the system's activities and Kathy's report check out the web page <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/northeast>. Kathy announced that Judy Hagen, Director of the Atkinson Library will be the new board member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel – nothing to report

Budget – The state has approved a 2% budget increase plus approximately \$500.00. The budget needs to be finalized and will then be presented.

Nominating – reported in Old Business

Strategic Planning – no report

Continuing Education –Continuing Education events are listed on the Northeast System's web site, as well as, the Nebraska Library Commission web site.

Technology Committee - no report

Grant Committee – no report



UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was discussed that the Annual Meeting registrations are coming in slowly. Kathy reported that we are not required to have the annual meeting in June. She will look into a different date for next year.

Dee Johnson agreed to run for Vice President in order to fill the hole left by Ann Bachman. The committee agreed to contact the past officers to see if they would run again.

NEW BUSINESS:

NELS Board Meeting Locations 2008-2009

- 7/16 Hartington
- 9/17 Elgin
- 11/19 Central City
- 1/21 Battle Creek
- 3/18 Howells
- 5/21 Osmond

A "Pat –on-the-Back" was awarded to Andrea Salmon of Wakefield Public School for Excellence in Service.

A motion was made to accept the claims of the day (MS: Ageton, Hastreiter; approved by roll call vote).

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ostenrude

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Northeast Library System

Board Minutes

June 5, 2008

Annual Meeting

The Northeast Board met for their annual meeting on June 5, 2008 in Columbus, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Jones. Board members present were Ann Bachman, Michele Hastreiter, Sharon Jones, Jolene Klein, Dee Johnson, Sally Stahlecker, Joyce Sullivan, and Kate Ostenrude. Linda Risinger was approved as an alternate (MS: Johnson, Sullivan). System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton, Administrative Assistant, Shelia Cermak, and the attending members of the Northeast Library System were present. The minutes were approved (MS: Bachman, Ageton; approved).

Kathy Ellerton on behalf of the Nominating Committee, reported that Judy Hagen, director of the Atkinson Public Library will be our new board member. Election was held for the Northeast Library System's Board officers. The officers for 2008-2009 are: President, Sharon Jones; Vice President, Dee Johnson; Secretary, Kate Ostenrude.

System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton reported on a wide range of activities she has completed in the past two year. She presented the board with a list of travel and activities. If you wish to know more about the system's activities and Kathy's report check out the web page <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/northeast>.

The current board members were recognized for their service. Retiring board member, Ann Bachman, was recognized for her years of service.

There were no Pat-on-the-back awards.

Door prizes went to: Stromsburg, Howells, Wakefield, Little Priest, House Memorial, Norfolk, and Fullerton.

The claims of the day were approved by a roll call vote (MS: Ostenrude, Bachman).

Meeting adjourned.



The Northeast Library System serves the following counties: Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Dakota, Dixon, Holt, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Stanton, Thurston, Wayne and Wheeler.

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