

Straighttalk

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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Troubleshooting Computer Problems

By Jessica Chamberlain

“Excuse me, can you help me on the computer?” This phrase can strike fear into the heart of many a librarian. Many of us feel we don’t know enough about computers ourselves, certainly not enough that we can help others. We hesitate, sometimes because we don’t want to be embarrassed by admitting we don’t know the answer and sometimes because we simply don’t know where to start. At the Tech Rodeo this past July, Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission, gave some great tips to help us learn to troubleshoot computer problems. Before he even got started with his tips, he said something that really lit up that light bulb in my brain: You don’t have to be a “techie” to troubleshoot computer problems.

We librarians answer reference questions every day on topics we know very little about. Do I know anything about car repair? Not at all! But I can use a Chilton’s manual to help my patron find the answer he’s looking for. A computer question is no different. You don’t need to have particular expertise with computers to help your patrons down the path to finding an answer for their computer problem. You just need to know where to look for answers and some practice using those sources.

One of the easiest places to look for answers to computer problems is Google. By typing your problem into Google’s search box, you will often find user forums and guidance from other people who have had the same problem your patron is having. Forums are places where people post questions and other computer users try to answer them. They may seem unfamiliar at first, but you can find really helpful information in them if you’re willing to sift through the threads.

Michael mentioned the importance of having confidence, which would include the confidence to admit to your patron that although you’re not sure what the answer is, you are willing to research it. Perseverance is also important. It is perfectly acceptable to tell the patron that although you are going to work on the problem, it may not get answered right away. Don’t be afraid to ask the patron questions about the problem and listen well to what they tell you and also what they are not telling you. Most importantly, don’t be afraid to try. You may be surprised by what you learn!



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Northeast News

Author Programs at Stanton Public Library

Pictures submitted by Carol Armbruster, Stanton Public Library Director

The Stanton Public Library hosted a book-signing by author Sarah Boyer. Sarah Boyer is from Wayne, Nebraska and is the author of two books, Follow a Certain Path and Follow My Lead. Sixty people attended the book-signing event.



Stanton also hosted a program by D. R. Haskin, author of the Hills of Mars books and Samuel's Journal, on July 16th. Carol Armbruster, director of the Stanton Public Library, reported that his presentation was excellent and about twenty-five people attended.



Grants Available for Small Libraries

By Richard Miller

Grants of up to \$20,000 are again available to Nebraska public libraries in towns with populations of fewer than 3,000. Shirley Kreutz Bennett left a legacy in her estate that allows the Nebraska Community Foundation to make these funds available each year. If interested, be aware that the application due date to apply is **October 1, 2012**. A short application which is quite simple to complete must be submitted by that date for your library to be considered for the 2013 grants. If you are not quite sure about some of the details of your project, at least fill out the short application so that you have the opportunity to complete the more detailed application later. For more information contact Ms. Reggi Carlson, Nebraska Community Foundation Communications Director, (402) 323-7331, or rcarlson@nebcommfound.org.

To see more details about these grants, visit: <http://www.nebcommfound.org/affiliated-funds/find/details/2446/>.

Summer Fun at Wayne Public Library

Photos submitted by Julie Osnes, Wayne Public Library Youth Services Librarian

As part of the Summer Reading Program, Julie Osnes, Youth Services Librarian, visits daycares in the area, taking the SRP on the road to reach kids where they are. Below left she is pictured with the 4-year-old class at Rainbow World Daycare. Below right you can see the school-age group painting banks so they can save up for their dreams.



Fun programs were happening at the public library as well, including a kinesthetic lesson in planet rotation from Todd Young, Professor of Physics and Director of the Fred G. Dale Planetarium at WSC, shown below right. (Kinesthetic is the ability to feel movements of the limbs and body.)

Below left, young library patrons selected animal books so they could read a bedtime story to their stuffed animals.



Pat on the Back Awards

Is there someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help your library?

If so, I encourage you to nominate them for a “Pat on the Back” Award! Submit the name of the person and a short description of what they’ve done for your library to the Northeast Library System office. The Northeast Library System Board reviews nominations and approves “Pat on the Back” Awards at its bi-monthly meetings. Once approved by the NELS Board, your library will receive a framed certificate which you can use to recognize the honoree.



Let someone know how much you appreciate them by nominating them for this award!

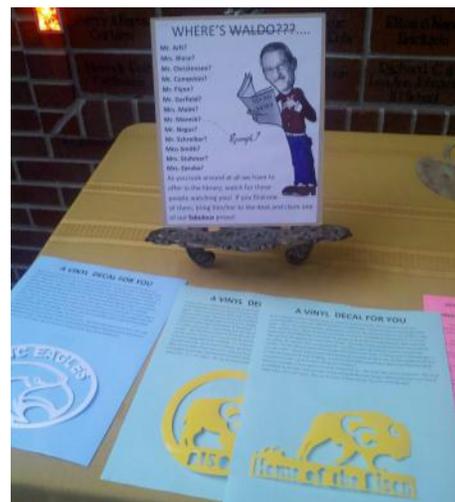
Welcome and Congratulations!

- Jill Stark is the new director at the Verdigre Public Library.
- Linda Bucher is the new director at the Fullerton Public Library. Her mother, Joyce Anderson, recently stepped down from the director position and is now the assistant librarian.
- Carol Liekhus is the new school librarian at Stanton Community Schools.
- Darla Houdek is the new school librarian at Chapman School.
- Chris Kallhoff is the new school librarian at Clearwater-Orchard Schools.
- Suzanne Totten is the new school librarian at Immanuel Lutheran School in Columbus.
- Kristen Evans is the new school librarian at Boone Central High School in Albion.
- Jon Recker is the new school librarian at the newly formed Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools.
- Ann Steckelberg is the new librarian at Faith Regional Health Resource Center in Norfolk.

Central City Holds Open House for Teachers

Story and Photos by Jessica Chamberlain

The Central City Public Library threw an Open House for teachers on August 13th. Capping off the teachers first day of inservice, they came in large groups to find out what resources the library had to offer. A special display was made to showcase the library's circulating eReaders. Vinyl car decals with school mascots were given to each teacher as a way to advertise what the library's Cricut electronic die cut machine could do. A display of "Back to School" books was near the door along with a printout showing how teachers could use [Tagxedo](#) to create shaped word clouds. Ice cream sundaes were served in the community room along with a display of the library's circulating puppet stage and puppet collection. To encourage the teachers to check out all the areas of the library, Central City Library staff created a "Where's Waldo" game where instead of looking for Waldo, the teachers were looking for cartoon characters of about a dozen of their fellow teachers! The cartoon cutouts of the teachers were hidden all around the library and anyone who found one received a special prize. There was a great turnout for this special event with around 85 teachers attending.



If you have a piece of news or a photo you'd like to share with your fellow northeast Nebraska libraries, email it to Jessica at the NELS office! jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

A Calendar of Upcoming Events and links to details and registration forms can be found on our website at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/nels/calendar>

September 5-6—**Technology Planning Summer Camp 2**— Divots Conference Center, Norfolk
Visit <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11407>
for details of this two-day event sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission.

September 17—**Registration Opens for Basic Skills: Collection Management**—online
Class takes place from October 22—November 2.
Cost: \$10 CE Credits: 2
Registration: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=10981>

September 19—**NELS/NNNC Fall Conference & Annual Meeting**—Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk
Time: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20 CE Credits: 6
See page 10 & 11 for details.

October 1—**Registration Opens for Basic Skills: Communication**—online
Class takes place from November 5—November 16.
Cost: \$10 CE Credits: 2
Registration: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=10982>

October 17-19—**MPLA/NLA/NSLA Conference**—La Vista
Don't miss out on this tri-conference with Mountain Plains Library Association joining the Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska School Librarians Association!
Registration: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/>

October 29—**Registration Opens for Basic Skills: Library Finance**—online
Class takes place from December 3—December 14.
Cost: \$10 CE Credits: 2
Registration: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=10983>

November 14—**NELS Board Meeting**—Columbus Public Library
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Contact: NELS Officer, at 800-578-1014 or jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com

Youth Grants for Excellence now open!

Funds are available for innovative projects to serve children in public libraries. Children's librarians, young adult librarians, or librarians whose responsibilities include children's services are eligible to apply. Schools or other service agencies may be involved through collaborative planning and programming with public libraries. Grant applications are due October 5th.



Continuing Education and Training Grants will open September 14th.

See <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Grants/> for more information and application instructions.

Steps to Advocacy Success

The following is taken from the “Small but Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library,” created by the ALA Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds, The Association for Rural & Small Libraries and the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. Content used by permission of OLOS, ALA.

Securing support is an ongoing challenge for libraries of any size. It can seem particularly daunting in small and rural communities with many needs and few resources. But small can be powerful when making your case for support.

Advocacy is about persuading funders and other decision-makers to give you the support you need. It begins with the people who believe in libraries—you, your staff, board members, friends, volunteers and users. Making your case for support is all about getting organized and focused. The best way to do that is to keep it simple.

1. Don't wait for a crisis. Make yourself essential.

Advocacy works best when the library has a track record of excellent service and a reservoir of goodwill with the community. You may not have the nicest building or biggest collection, but you can become renowned for your excellent service. Learn to speak the language of those you seek to serve. Sponsor literacy, employment and other classes that address community needs. Develop partnerships with other organizations.

2. Build your team.

You will need a core group of supporters to help strategize. Start with your library's trustees, friends or biggest fans. Try to find people who both believe in the library and are well connected in the community. Research shows that even people who don't use the library appreciate its role and wish to support it. Always remember to ask for support.

3. Have a clear, memorable message.

You will need a simple, powerful message, one that is easy to say and remember—about 10 words. And you should use it consistently in publicity materials and presentations. The more you use it, the more likely people will “get it” and act.

Examples:

“Our community deserves a 21st Century library.”

“Kids need libraries as much as they need schools.”

Develop three supporting messages or talking points and a few good statistics, stories or examples to build your case.

4. Target your audiences.

Be specific. Who needs to hear the message? To whom do they listen? It's hard to reach everyone, so identify those whose support is most critical and make them your highest priority. Key public officials, parents and seniors are typical target audiences for libraries.

5. Identify strategies.

How will you deliver your message to the people you want to reach? Who will deliver it? Your action plan should identify specific strategies, a timetable and who is responsible. The more times and the more ways you deliver the message the more impact it will have.

6. Practice word-of-mouth marketing.

Good old-fashioned word-of-mouth is still the most powerful form of communication. But to be effective, it needs to be done consciously and consistently. And it is most effective when others do it for you. Don't just tell people, ask them to “Please tell your friends.”

7. Have an enthusiastic, articulate spokesperson.

A message will only take you so far. You will also need a spokesperson who can deliver it with passion, who is comfortable and skilled in that role. That may or may not be you. While you know the library best, it is often better to have a supporter be the front person.

8. Evaluate constantly.

Don't wait until it's over. Keep an eye out for what's working and what's not. Are you getting positive media coverage? What kind of feedback are you getting from people who come into the library? Ask representatives of your target groups whether they know about your campaign. Keep a checklist and make adjustments as needed.

9. Don't stop.

Make an ongoing effort to keep your community informed of how the library contributes to the community and what it needs to provide the best possible service. It is much easier to win support when key officials and community members understand its importance and are enthusiastic.

Read more from this tremendous 8-page booklet or download your own copy at:

http://www.ala.org/offices/sites/ala.org.offices/files/content/olos/toolkits/rural/2011RuralWeb_FINAL.pdf

Advocating for Nebraska's Libraries

By Jessica Chamberlain

Consider advocating for your library, and all Nebraska libraries, by contacting your State Senator. Share your clear, memorable message (see tip 3 on the previous page) with your State Senator. Give them statistics from your library like how many people you serve each month, how many people you've helped access government services or how many people used your computers last month. Include a personal story that shows the impact your library has had in your community. Have you helped someone find a job? Has the library been important for someone starting a small business? This would also be an excellent opportunity to advocate for continued support of the State Aid to Libraries Program for the Nebraska Library Commission. State Aid is responsible for the direct state aid payments to public libraries, Interlibrary Loan compensation, funding for the regional library systems, and more. Let your Senator know that State Aid is important to your library and it has a positive impact on your community. Invite them to any upcoming activities you are having so they can see for themselves the wonderful things your library does. Don't forget to thank them for their time and give them your contact information in case they would like to follow up with you.

Below is a list of the State Senators who represent northeast Nebraska and their contact information.

- **Sen. Annette Dubas**

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Nebraska Library Commission Awards 21st Century Librarian Scholarships

Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Nebraska Library Commission recently awarded 21st Century Librarian scholarships to thirty-eight Nebraska students in undergraduate and graduate Library Science programs. Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner commented, "The 21st Century Librarian scholarships contribute to a workforce equipped to provide the kind and quality of library services expected in Nebraska's communities and schools. The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to support Nebraska students involved in library science education programs. We offer our best wishes to these students in pursuing their educational and career goals."

Students who wish to apply for scholarships for a Library and Information Services Professional Certificate (offered through Nebraska's community colleges), an Associate of Arts or Science Degree in Library and Information Services, a Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree with a major in Library and Information Science or Library Media, should submit application materials by November 1, 2012.

June 2012 Scholarship Recipients:

Jennifer Barnason, Lincoln
Nancy Black, Uehling
Michaela Braun, Atkinson
Dixie Codner, Wood River
Shanna Crosby-Wilson, Omaha
Kelley Dible, Sidney
Karen Dittbrenner, Beatrice
Michael Elsener, Lincoln
Susan Finkral, Leigh
Justine Goeden, West Point
Emily Hilkemann, Pierce
Anne Hubbell, Lincoln
Chandra Kosmicki, Boelus
Angela Kroeger, Omaha
Jared Lechner, Norfolk
Ann Maass, Bellevue
Brian Maass, Bellevue

Misty McClain, North Platte
Cory McCune, Omaha
Emily McIllece, Elkhorn
Jennifer Misbach, Omaha
Cally O'Brien, Schuyler
Annette Parde, Lincoln
Jayme Prisbell, Omaha
Stephen Sautter, York
Dorothy Schultz, Wood River
Andrew Sherman, Omaha
Amanda Sisavanh, Bennington
Stefanie Skrdla, Gretna
Shari Spiehs-Hudson, Springfield
Jordan Stough, Bellevue
Rozanne Tuttle, Ogallala
David Watchorn, Ponca
Celeste Wright, Lincoln

For more information about Nebraska's Cultivating Rural Librarians' 21st Century Skills program, see [No-wHiringAtYourLibrary.org](http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.org). For a list of current scholarship recipients, see <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/nowhiring/Scholarshipsrecipients.asp>.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.

As Nebraska's state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services-"bringing together people and information."

School Libraries: What's Now, What's Next, What's Yet to Come

Concerned about the future of school libraries? The book "School Libraries: What's Now, What's Next, and What's to Come" edited by Buffy Hamilton and Kristin Fontichiaro is available for free to download or print. Buffy Hamilton is a school librarian at Creekview High School's "Unquiet Library" in Canton, GA. Buffy is a 2011 Library Journal Mover and Shaker and she blogs at <http://theunquietlibrary.wordpress.com/>. Kristin Fontichiaro is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Information, where she coordinates the school library media program.



Book Description: A crowdsourced collection of over 100 essays from around the world about trends in school libraries written by librarians, teachers, publishers, and library vendors. Edited by Kristin Fontichiaro and Buffy Hamilton. Foreword by R. David Lankes. Photographs by Diane Cordell.

Find it at: <http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/96705>

You can also listen to an interview with the authors at: <http://audio.edtechlive.com/foe/schoollibraries.mp3>

Teaching Digital Citizenship in Your Library

In 2008, Senate Bill 1492 added language to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requiring that schools that receive E-rate discounts provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. Beginning July 1, 2012, when schools certify their compliance with CIPA, they will also be certifying that their Internet safety policies have been updated with these new requirements. Hopefully you have taken steps to assure that your Internet safety policy was updated by July 1 with the new language.

Adding the language to your policy is the first step, but if you're still looking for sources for curriculum, check out what Common Sense Media has put together. Common Sense Media is a non-profit organization that provides information on technology for parents and families. They have developed toolkits for teachers that cover all you need to be compliant with the new regulations. Each grade level K-12 has at least one downloadable lesson.

Downloadable lessons include:

- Going Places Safely (Kindergarten)
- Show Respect Online (2nd Grade)
- The Power of Words (4th Grade)
- Strong Passwords (6th Grade)
- Cyberbullying: Crossing the Line (7th Grade)



Find more at: <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/erate-teachers>

Fall Library Workshop

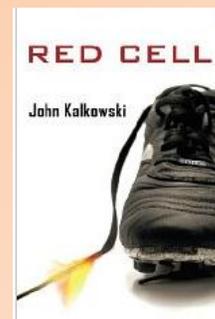
NNNC Media Workshop + NELS Annual Meeting

September 19, 2012
Lifelong Learning Center, 800 E. Benjamin, Norfolk
\$20 - 6 CE Credits for Public Librarians

Featuring

Keynote presentation by John Kalkowski

Mr. Kalkowski is a middle school language arts teacher in Omaha and is the author of the young adult novel [Red Cell](#). Book sales and signing will follow his presentation.



Remote presentation by Bruce Hale

Mr. Hale is a nationally acclaimed author of more than 25 books for children, including the popular “Chet Gecko” series. His remote presentation for us will demonstrate how a remote author visit could work in your library.

Schedule

- 8:30—9:00 Registration & Refreshments
- 9:00—9:15 Welcome & Announcements
- 9:25—10:15 Breakout Session 1 / NELS Board Meeting
- 10:25—11:15 Breakout Session 2
- 11:30—12:15 **Bruce Hale**
- 12:15—12:45 Lunch + NELS Annual Meeting
- 12:45—1:30 **John Kalkowski**
- 1:45—2:35 Breakout Session 3
- 2:45—3:35 Breakout Session 4
- 3:45—Door Prizes, Evaluations & Closing

- ⇒ See session descriptions on the next page.
- ⇒ You do not need to pre-register for any sessions.
- ⇒ Bring your laptops or iPads if you have them! Laptops and a computer lab will be provided, but are limited in number.

Registration

All K-12 school librarians, please register with ESU 1 at www.esu1.org.

Your school will be invoiced following the workshop.

All others please [register with NELS online](#) or by contacting the NELS office at 1-800-578-1014.

Please make checks payable to “Northeast Library System” and submit payment to the NELS Office.

Registration must be received by September 12, 2012.

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Session Descriptions

Breakout Session 1

Great Reads

Rachelle McPhillips & Karen Stuart of Columbus Public Library will be sharing some great recent titles for young adults and adults.

SPICE UP your programs

Karen Drevo of Norfolk Public Library will demonstrate how to add Spanish language experiences into programs for young children.

Visual Thesaurus—Part 1

Georgia Scurlettis, from Thinkmap, returns to share ideas of using Visual Thesaurus across the curriculum.

Digital Citizenship

Gloria Christiansen from ESU 8 will present how to teach Digital Citizenship to students to learn about online safety and appropriate online behavior.

Breakout Session 2

Pinterest

Amy Mather of Omaha Public Library will show you how to showcase your library using Pinterest. If you don't already have an account, email Jessica for an invitation.

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LBBNC Update & Training Opportunities Available

JoAnn McManus will provide a brief update on the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities project & will discuss how participating libraries might tap into funds during the final ten months of the grant. JoAnn will also review what's happening in training in libraries.

Visual Thesaurus—Part 2

Georgia Scurlettis, from Thinkmap, will delve deeper into ways to use Visual Thesaurus across the curriculum.

Socrative

Corey Dahl from ESU 8 will introduce Socrative, a smart student response system that empowers teachers to engage their classrooms through educational exercises and games via laptops and mobile devices.

Breakout Session 3

The Craftable Library

Micki Dietrich of Omaha Public Library & Jake Rundle of Hastings Public Library will teach you how to turn your library into a hand-made how-to zone.

NebraskAccess: WorldCat

Join Susan Knisely from the Nebraska Library Commission for a hands-on tour of her favorite database. Learn how you can use this rich resource (an online catalog describing books and other material owned by libraries around the world) for collection development, readers advisory & more!

Learn 360

Visit with session presenters about the "new" video resources for Nebraska schools. This resource will be a replacement for what is currently offered through PowerMedia Plus. Attendees will look at video content and other features available with the package.

Using Kindles in English 10 & English 12

Kim Zach will review how Lakeview Community Schools used Kindles in Eng 10 and Eng 12 this past year. She will discuss management issues, kids' likes or dislikes of the e-reader, problems with amazon.com and how LCS organized the reading.

Breakout Session 4

Golden Sower Nominees

Marci Retzlaff & Karen Drevo of Norfolk Public Library will booktalk some of this year's nominees, plus tell you how you can get involved with the Golden Sower awards.

NebraskAccess: OmniFile Full Text Select & Biography Reference Bank

These databases have been staples in the NebraskAccess lineup for years, but due to a change in ownership they now "look" completely different. During this hands-on session Susan Knisely from the Nebraska Library Commission will walk you through searching the new interfaces to access the familiar content - full-text magazine & journal articles and biographical information.

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World Book Online

Explore how an area teacher librarian uses World Book (WB) Kids and Early World of Learning with kindergartners and parents. Discover how to use dramatic readings of plays to help students gain reading fluency, understand core concepts, and internalize content. Learn about Lexile level framework and how it corresponds with Grade level. Presenters: Eileen Bramer from Plainview Public Schools and Gloria Christiansen from ESU 8



This year's NLA/NSLA (formerly NEMA) Conference is truly a special event as it is being held in conjunction with the Mountain Plains Library Association's Conference. It is an event filled with three days of library-related educational and inspiring events. It is expected that this will be the largest library conference that Nebraska has ever hosted. Dr. Tom Osborne will be the primary Keynote Speaker.

You can find more information about the day, at <http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/>.

[See a current schedule of the programs being offered.](#)

The last day to pre-register is September 20th and there is a \$10 discount for registering online. Anyone missing the September 20th deadline may register on-site at the conference. [See complete registration details and instructions.](#)

Scholarships Available for Fall's Tri-Conference

The Northeast Library System is pleased to announce that we will award four \$150 scholarships to this year's conference. The scholarship can help pay for registration fees and/or travel expenses.

Qualifications:

1. Applicant must be currently employed by, or serve as a trustee in, a library in the Northeast Library System area. Library employees and board members of school, public, academic, special and institutional library are invited to apply.
2. Scholarships will be awarded to no more than one person from each library unless the applicant pool is less than the number of scholarships available.
3. After the Conference, scholarship recipients must submit a written summary (one page minimum) of conference programs attended. The summary will be shared with the NELS System Board members.

If it's been awhile since you've been to conference, I encourage you to apply! If you've applied for a NELS scholarship in the past and didn't get one, please try again! [View the online application form.](#)

PLUS

Biblionix is again generously sponsoring a \$150 stipend for this year's conference.

Qualifications:

1. Applicant must be a library director or staff at a small or medium-sized public library.
2. Applicant must be a member of NLA (current or new).

The stipend funds can be used to cover conference registration fees, pre-conference workshops, travel costs, NLA membership fee or cost of replacement staff if needed. [View the complete application and submission details.](#)

The deadline for both scholarships is Friday, September 7th. Apply today!

2012 NLA/NEMA/MPLA Pre-Conference

RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels

& James Solheim

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
One Book, One School

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
The Teacher Who Became An Author
Jim Aylesworth

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Gifts of the Universe:
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*
Lisa Campbell Ernst

4:00 p.m.
Book Signing

REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1
\$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20
\$50 after Sept. 20
(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at
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Northeast Library System Board of Trustees Minutes to July 18, 2012 meeting

The Board met on July 18, 2012 at the Bloomfield Public Library. The meeting was hosted by Marge Stottler.

Board President, Judy Hagan, called the meeting to order. Roll call; members in attendance were Judy Hagan, Melissa Baumert, Judy Hilkemann, Beth Foulks, Susan Tyndall, & Joyce Sullivan. System staffers Jessica Chamberlain & Shelia Cermak were present, as well as Nebraska Library Commission representative, Sally Snyder. Members not present; Michele Hastreiter, Tami Anderson, Dawn Tucker, Kathy Ageton, Elaine Tobias & Audrey Loosvelt. Alternates were Marilyn Quance, Luran Lofgren, Marge Stottler, and Dee Johnson. Motion to approve alternates: Sullivan, Foulks (M/S), motion approved. There were no additions to the agenda.

Sullivan (M) made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2012 meeting; seconded by Hagan (S); unanimous approval by the board.

Jessica Chamberlain shared correspondence & communications.

Shelia Cermak presented the financial report; current balance sheet ; no CDs are due at this time. Motion to approve the financial report: Johnson, Quance (M/S). Motion approved by roll call vote.

No report from the Commissioner or the State Advisory Council

Nebraska Library Commission Report - Sally Snyder reported on Commission activities. There are a number of events happening through the NLC. Visit the website for the most up-to-date listing:

www.nlc.nebraska.gov

Chamberlain gave a Northeast Library System director's report, that covered mid May to mid July 2012. For the most current information on what's happening at the System or to read the NELS System newsletter, visit the web site: <http://libraries.ne.gov/nels> . Jessica shared information on the 'Read Aloud Communities' program, currently going on in Nebraska. To apply or for additional information, visit www.readaloudnebraska.org.

Committee Reports:

Personnel - committee reported on updated policy suggestions. Several wording changes were suggested to help clarify a few areas of the policy. A change to the Administrative Assistant job description - decrease from 30 to 25 hours per work week. Motion to accept changes was made by Lofgren, Hagan (M/S); motion was passed with a roll call vote.

Budget – committee presented the proposed budget for 2012-2013. Several major changes to the budget were offered. The newsletter expense was removed now that it is offered online only. Journal subscriptions increased to reflect the yearly cost now that renewals are no longer for multiple years. Travel increase for the System Director to more closely estimate the amount that will be needed. Travel & motel line increased to reflect cost increases in the industry. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Quance (M/S); roll call vote approved.

Continuing Education – committee will meet to discuss scholarships & funding.

Strategic Planning – plan was reviewed; no changes were made this year.

Technology Committee – reported on annual review of policy; met most of this year's objectives.

Grants Committee – no report

Nominating Committee - two positions will be open for board members representing populations less than 1000.

Old Business – none

New Business – 2012-2013 Board meeting locations & dates were shared.

Claims of the day – motion to accept was made by Baumert, seconded by Sullivan (M/S) with roll call vote approval. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lofgren seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted - Dee Johnson for Michele Hastreiter

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A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it, or explore an explosive idea without fear it will go off in your face. It is one of the few havens remaining where a man's mind can get both provocation and privacy.

~Edward P. Morgan

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