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## Thirteen Ways to Raise a Nonreader

by Dean Schneider and Robin Smith

1. **Never Read** where your children can see you.
2. **Put a TV or computer** in every room. Don't forget the bedrooms and kitchen.
3. **Correct your child** every time he/she mispronounces a word.
4. **Schedule activities** every day after school so your child will never be bored.
5. Once your child can read independently, **throw out the picture books**. They're for babies.
6. **Don't play** board games together. Too dull.
7. Give little **rewards** for reading. **Stickers** and plastic toys are nice. **Money** is even better.
8. Don't expect your children to enjoy reading. Kids' books are for **teaching** vocabulary, proper study habits, and good **morals**.
9. Buy only **40-watt bulbs** for your lamps.
10. Under **no** circumstances read your child the same book **over and over**. She heard it once, she should remember it.
11. Never allow your child to listen to **books on tape**; that's **cheating**.
12. Make sure your kids only read books that are "challenging." **Easy** books are a complete **waste of time**. That goes double for comic books and *Mad* magazine.
13. Absolutely, positively, **no reading in bed**.

(Taken from The Horn Book, March/April 2001)



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### Young Authors Conference April 7-9, 2005

Conn Library, School of Education and Counseling at Wayne State College and the Northeast Nebraska Reading Council will be holding a Young Authors Conference. A Young Adult Authors Conference and WillyCon, WSC's science fiction convention will be held at the same time.

Julie E Czerneda and Rhondi Vilott Salsitz will be providing workshops for both teachers and students from elementary level to graduate teaching level. On Thursday evening, April 7, there will be a banquet for area teachers where the guest authors will speak about encouraging students to write. Workshops will be held on Friday and on Saturday, k-12 students will be on campus to attend their own writing workshops.

Formerly a researcher in animal communication, Julie Czerneda is a Canadian science fiction writer. A firm believer in the ability of science fiction to stretch the imagination and creativity of readers, Julie is also the author of the acclaimed teacher resource: No Limits: Developing Scientific Literacy Using Science Fiction.

Rhondi Vilott Salsitz, (pen names are: as Emily Drake, Charles Ingrid, Rhondi Vilott, Elizabeth Forrest, Anne Knight, and RAV Salsitz) has published more than forty novels. In regards to reading, Rhondi said 'A book was my magic carpet to adventure in my years growing up, and I try to pass on the tradition. I'm a full time writer and have raised a blended family: his, mine and our children, any of whom can, have been and will be used as characters in my books.'

School districts are being invited now to participate in both the Young Authors and Young Adult Authors programs. Each participating school selects the best writings from the 1st grade through the 12th grade and those students are invited to attend the conference. The Young Adult Authors program is new this year and is sponsored by an academic grant from Wayne State College.

Graduate credit is available for these workshops. For more information, contact Dr. Stan Gardner at Wayne State College via phone at 1-800-311-3990 or by email at: stgardn1@wsc.edu.



Editor's Note: We are pleased to announce a new column which discusses computer issues in libraries. If you have a question you would like answered, send the question in care of the Northeast Library System.



Dear Doctor Tech;

Yesterday

afternoon, a teenager requested assistance with her 'avie'. When I questioned her further, she said her 'siggie' worked, but she couldn't get her avie to post on the site. Do I have a teenager smoking in the library?

---Concerned.

Dear Concerned,  
Relax, you don't have a teenager smoking in the library, but an avid user of the Harry Potter website, [www.mugglenet.com](http://www.mugglenet.com). On this site, users post assignments, their signatures (siggies) and graphics symbolizing themselves called avatars (or avies). Your user's avie may not post because it is the wrong graphic file format. Mugglenet will only accept .gif or .jpeg formats. Have your user double-check the file format and change it using a graphics program.

Dear Doctor Tech;

My mailbox fills up every-day with spam and it's taking me longer and longer each day to manage my mail. I don't give my email address to many people but it is on my website. Is there anything I can do to keep my mailbox from overflowing?

--Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed;

First of all, let me explain how spammers collect mail addresses. There are several spambots available that will scan web pages in order to extract and harvest email addresses. These harvested addresses are then added to lists that are targeted to receive spam and can be sold to spammers around the world. Even if you never use your email address to register at web sites or purchase items on the web, you can still end up getting spam.

There are two ways these spambots can pick up your address and you need to protect yourself against both.

The first way is to detect the text on a page with the familiar format of `username@domain`. Instead of creating a link using the actual address, link the words "Contact Us" or "Send Me Email." These words will include text that mean nothing to the scanners.

The second way that these spambots can pick up your address is to detect the `mailto:` tag in your web page coding. The `mailto` tag creates the link that indicates than an email address should be sent to a particular address. This is a perfect way for a scanner to find an email address because the `mailto` is always followed by an email address.

It's just as easy to hide the `mailto:` tag from spambots. You can use a free email address encoder to create a `mailto:` link that works, but that is unreadable for spambots. Various encoders use ASCII text or JavaScript to confuse the spambots. Visit one of the sites listed below and follow the instructions. Basically, you will replace the simple `mailto:` tag on your pages with an encoded version.

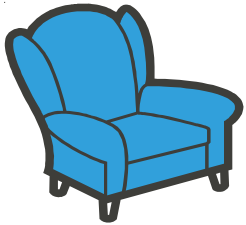
The following web sites are all free and do not keep a record of the email addresses you encode. You will not stop spam altogether, but this can be part of your overall anti-spam plan.

<http://www.proles.net/emailencoder/>

<http://www.mways.co.uk/prog/hidemail.php>

<http://www.stevedawson.com/emailencode.php>

Good Luck!!



# The Reviewer's Chair

## **Abernathy Boys**

by L.J. Hunt

This adventure story is based on a true story about one hundred years ago. Bud, age 9, and Temple, age 5, Abernathy ride their white horses hundreds of miles of countryside. This is written for the third grade and up and I would recommend it for both public and school libraries. --Pat Thompson, WSC.

## **Flight of the Fisherbird**

by Nora Martin

When only child Clementine Nesbitt suddenly has to share her life and family with orphaned Sarah Hersey on their 1889 island farm off the Washington coast, nothing will ever be the same. Clem is a tomboy, while Sarah is a lady. Add to that an idolized uncle who falls from his pedestal, Jed, a peer from a neighboring

island, and an illegal Chinese who will figure into mysterious happenings.

With a reading level of grades 4-12, I highly recommend this book to both public and school libraries. --Janet Davis, Atkinson.

## **How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?**

By Jane Yolen

This book asks what a dinosaur might do when he is sick. He ends up following the doctor's directions and getting better. It is written at a low reading level with large pictures. With a reading level for young children to middle elementary, I would recommend this book for both public and school libraries. --Sharon Kinnan, Oakdale.

## **Runaway Girl**

by Jan Greenberg & Sandra Jordan

The authors trace Louise Bourgeois's childhood from Paris, through her relationship with her family, getting married, to running away to New York. This important 20th century artist broke barriers in the male

dominated art world. Her controversial and haunting art reflects her childhood experiences. This book contains numerous color illustrations that are closely tied to the text. With a reading level for 6th grade and up, I would recommend this book for both school and public libraries. --Gretchen Healy, Little Priest Tribal College, Winnebago.

## **Crow-Girl**

by Bodil Bredsdorff

A young girl lives in a cove with her Grandmother. When her Grandmother dies, the girl buries her, packs up her belongings, and follows crows that seem to be calling her. After several days she finds herself in a hamlet, A woman takes her in and gives her the name, Crow-Girl. Once Crow-Girl realizes the woman and her husband are greedy, she leaves and continues her travels until she finds a new home. This is the Danish author's first book to be translated into English. With a reading level for 4-6 grades, I would recommend this book for both school and public libraries. --Diane Limoges, Crofton.

## **Lily B. on the Brink of Cool**

by Elizabeth Cody Kimmell

Lily Blennerhassett's summer project is recording events in a journal. Summer has begun in a terrible way when her best friend leaves to go to a Young Executive Camp. At a family wedding, Lily meets Charles & Veronique LeBlanc and their daughter, Karma. Lily thinks

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dance with feet like hers. Belinda decides to hang up her ballet shoes and become a waitress at Fred's Fine Foods. One day, Fred brings in a band to play for the customers at the diner and Belinda hears the music and begins flying through the air entralling the customers. Of course, word of this wonderful ballet dancer gets back to the Maestro of the Grand Metropolitan Ballet. He was impressed. He was touched. He was moved. Belinda becomes the newest dance of the Grand Metropolitan Ballet and no one notices the size of her feet.

This is a wonderful story for Preschool to 2nd grade. The illustrations are in bright blues, pinks, and purples and swirl around the pages just like Belinda. This would be a wonderful addition to any school or public library.--Richa Perkins, Schuyler.



**Northeast System Needs Assessment Survey Coming Soon!!**

One of the objectives from the Northeast System's strategic plan is to increase attendance of NLS activities. In order to accomplish this goal, the system needs to know what works and what doesn't. The system office will be sending out via the U.S. mail or by email a

needs assessment survey. Please take the time to fill it out and add any additional comments. The system office will be using the results from this survey for future planning of workshops and activities. Questions to think about are: what type of assistance you receive from the system, what you don't receive and wish you did; workshops you wish to attend or new services.

In order to further energize people to fill out the survey, Duane Munson has graciously donated five books as incentives. Every library which completes and returns the survey, will have their name thrown into a hat. Five libraries will have their names drawn and receive a new juvenile non-fiction book.

they are cool and gets caught up in a con artists game. Written in a journal style, the action is fast moving. With a reading level for girls in 6-9 grades, I recommend this book for all libraries.--Karma Ragland, Atkinson.

**Belinda the Ballerina**  
 by Amy Young

Belinda wants to be a ballerina. Unfortunately, she has two very big problems, her feet. When Belinda went to an audition for the Annual Ballet Recital, the judges told her that she had no chance to ever



Free ice cream cones were served on September 22nd at the **Stromsburg Public Library** celebrating the serving of the first ice cream cone in 1903.

A book signing for, "Stories I'll Bury in Bloompatch", was held at the **Bloomfield Public Library** on September 11. The author, Tom Bruner, tells the story of growing up in Bloomfield in the 1960's from a ten year old boy's point of view.

A new door which allows easier wheelchair access is being built at the **Polk Public Library**. Wheelchair access does exist now but some patrons are having difficult accessing the library.

The **Conn Library at Wayne State College** will be selling over 18, 000 books and over 1000 audiovisual items beginning Saturday, October 9th and continuing through Wednesday, October 20th. The sale will be held in the lower level of the library. Prices are 50 cents for hardbacks, 10 cents for paperbacks and audiovisual materials are \$1 per set. Sale hours on Monday thru Thursday are noon to 8pm, Fridays noon to 5pm, Saturdays 1pm to 6pm and Sundays from 3pm to 8pm.

**Central City Public Library** is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Table Settings By The Book. Groups, businesses and organizations are invited to select a favorite book and create a table setting to go with it. Prizes

are awarded to the table settings that receive the most votes by public viewers. There will also be several ribbons given for judge's merit, selected by a librarian from outside the community. The display in the Community Room will be open to the public on October 22nd and 23rd with a \$3 admission fee which includes refreshments.

The **Conn Library at Wayne State College** is planning a reception on Friday, October 15, from 8-10pm for anyone who is interested in becoming a 'Friend of the Library'. The reception will compliment other Homecoming activities. For more information or a brochure, email Stan Gardner at: *stgardn1@wsc.edu*.

**South Sioux City Public Library** held its grand opening ceremony Saturday, October 9th at 10 am. Following the ceremony, family events were staged throughout the day.

The **Raymond Whitwer Tilden Public Library** will host an art exhibition of new abstract paintings by Mary Hollis Troup from October 3 - October 30. The opening reception was on October 3 from 2-4pm in the Lied Auditorium of the Tilden Public Library. Steven Reinke provided music and refreshments were served.

The KTIV No-Stars will be playing against the Battle Creek Bookworms on October 24th at 1:30 pm. Proceeds from the gate and concessions will go

towards the new **Battle Creek Public Library**.

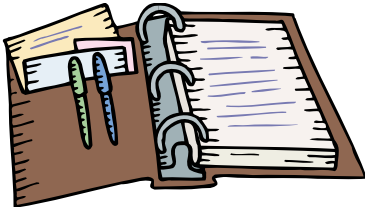
A new statue will be unveiled soon at the **Madison Public Library**. A gift from a local women's group, the statue will depict a child carrying some books.

Congratulations go to Sandy Zurovski, the new director of the **Newman Grove Public Library**. Sandy replaces Ardis Von Seggern who recently retired.

The Commission's Continuing Education database is now accessible from the **Northeast Library System** office. If you have a question regarding your ce credits, give us a call at 1-800-578-1014.

Have trustees with weeding questions? Check out the **Weeding FAQs** at <http://www.ilsa.lib.ia.us/weeding.htm>. This web site answers such questions such as "But some of these books are some of my favorites--Shouldn't we keep them?" or "Aren't you withdrawing perfectly good books bought with tax money?"





**Check Your Calendar**

October 17 - 23 - **IT'S ALIVE@your library** is this year's theme for Teen Read Week.

October 25 & 26 - **Gates Foundation Training Sessions Extra** in Norfolk at Holiday Inn Express. Contact Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission for registration.

November 2 - **Read Aloud Nebraska presents Mem Fox**, Peter Kiewit Conference Center, Omaha. Cost is \$40. Sent Registration to: Read Aloud Nebraska, P.O. Box 58, Goehner, NE 68364

November 5 - **NEBASE Annual Meeting - East 2004**, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln from 9am - 4pm. Contact Jeanette Powell at the Nebraska Library Commission for more information.

November 8 - **Technology, The Corps to the Northwest and the Indians** at Wayne State College, Ley Theatre, at 7pm.

November 12 - **E-Rate Training** in Norfolk at the Lifelong Learning Center at NECC from 9:30am - 12:30pm. Contact Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission for registration.

November 16 - **Basic Skills: Public Library Administration** at NECC Lifelong Learning Center from 10am - 3pm. Contact Jacque Crocker at Nebraska Library Commission to register.

November 17 - **Northeast Library System Board Meeting** at South Sioux Public Library at 10 am.

November 22 - **Egret to Cattle: Thanks for the Ride! -- Unlock the Keys to Employee Appreciation** at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 south 13th St, Lincoln from 9am - 4pm. Cost is \$25. Registration required by Nov. 8. Contact: Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission for registration.

November 23 - **Basic Skills: Public Library Administration** at NECC Lifelong Learning Center from 10am - 3pm.

November 25 & 26 - **Thanksgiving Holiday** - System office closed.

November 30 - **Basic Skills: Public Library Administration** at NECC Lifelong Learning Center from 10am - 3pm.

December 1 & 2 - **Introduction to Digitization** in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission from 10am - 4pm. Cost is \$10 for each day - lunch is included. Contact Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission for registration.

December 3 - **E-Rate Training** in Columbus at Central

Community College, East Education / Lower Student Center, Room 176 & 177 from 9:30am - 12:30 pm. Contact Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission for Registration.



**New at NELS**

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

**Public Library Catalog**, 12th Edition, edited by Juliette Yaakov, 2004.

This edition of the catalog features extensive revision in the areas of health, science, the environment, cooking and gardening. Entries provide information about the availability of electronic versions and available large print editions.

**Trampled Dreams: The Neglected Economy of the Rural Great Plains** by Dr. Patricia E. Funk and Jon M. Bailey.

This study describes the economic conditions of small agricultural communities in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. The study discusses population decline, poverty, low income, low earnings and entrepreneurial character.



### Encyclopedia of the Great Plains

With 1,316 entries, the Encyclopedia of the Great Plains is a reference work that captures what is interesting about the Great Plains. Entries are arranged in 27 categories such as African Americans, Art, Education, Literary Traditions, Physical Environment, Politics & Government and Sports. Readers can learn about topics such as the internment camps in World War II, ghost towns, native plants, tornados, railroads and Ukrainian architecture in Alberta.

The University of Nebraska Press is offering a 40% discount (\$45 donor price) to donors who purchase the Encyclopedia for their hometown library, school, or other nonprofit organization. Three other University Press titles (The Journals of Lewis & Clark Expedition edited by Gary Moulton, Karl Bodner's America by William J. Orr and Karl Bodner's North American Prints) are included in the discount offer. Donors can use a form available on the Press web site at <[www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/projects/schoolandlibrary.htm](http://www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/projects/schoolandlibrary.htm)> to choose which books to donate, list the name of the school, library or nonprofit to receive the books and arrange payment. Libraries will receive book plates to recognize each donor.

### Great Plains Indian Illustration Index

John Van Balen, Reference Librarian at University of South Dakota, is the compiler of this new index. The index guides students, researchers and general readers to photographs, drawings, maps, and other illustrative materials that appear in selected books about Native Americans published within the last 75 years. Biographical references are included. Tribes covered include the Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Crow, Gros Ventre, Kiowa, Omaha, Pawnee, Sioux and Winnebago. Published by McFarland Press; ISBN 0-7864-1614-9, \$95.



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## Gates Foundation Training Sessions Extra

Computer related training sessions will be provided as a result of a 2004 Gates Foundation Training Grant recently received by the Nebraska Library Commission, at five different locations. These two-day sessions will be repeated at the same locations, giving participants an opportunity to pick the dates that fit their schedules. These training sessions are open to all public libraries, accredited and unaccredited, whether they received a Gates Foundation grant. A maximum of two people per library may participate in any of the training sessions. Any librarians or trustees participating in the related certification programs will receive continuing education credits for the sessions attended.

Please note: the Commission will reimburse for certain expenditures as follows:

For participants traveling 90 miles or more one way, mileage reimbursement will be \$.375 per mile for each driver.

For those attending both the evening session for the First Day and the morning session on the Second Day, and traveling 90 miles or more one way, the Commission will cover lodging costs at the conference hotel.

**\*\*Registration deadlines for each session will be two weeks prior to the first full day of training offered at a site.\*\***

October 12-13, November 1-2 in North Platte at the Holiday Inn Express

October 22-23, November 8-9 in Kearney at the Holiday Inn

**October 25-26, November 17-18 in Norfolk at the Holiday Inn Express**

October 27-28, November 15-16 in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel

October 29-30, November 3-4, in Scottsbluff at the WNCC's Center for Business & Individual Training

### Basic Workshop Format

Day One:

Basic Computer Troubleshooting 9am - 12 noon

Lunch!! 12 noon - 1pm

Choice of One:

Basics 101: How to use Front Page or

FrontPage Advanced: Creating Web Pages

Dinner :) 5-6pm

Powerpoint Training 6-8pm

Day Two:

How to Teach Internet to Adults 9-12 noon

### Registration

\*Participants must register for each session they will attend, including lunch/dinner on First Day. There is no charge for meals, but a count is needed for each meal.

\*Participants can register for one session or more as space is available.

\*Basic Computer Troubleshooting session can accommodate up to 45 people at each site. However all other sessions have a maximum capacity of 22 participants due to limited number of computers.

\*Participants must inform the Commission if they are not able to attend any session for which they are registered at least one week in advance if possible.

\*To register, contact Jaacque Crocker at the Commission at 1-800-307-2665 or by email at:

*[jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us)*

## 2005-2006 Nebraska Golden Sower Award Nominees

### **Grade Kindergarten-3 Category**

Ada, Alma Flor. *I Love Saturdays y Domingos*. Illustrated by Elivia Savadier. Atheneum, 2002.  
A young girl enjoys the similarities and the differences between her English-speaking and Spanish-speaking grandparents.

Auch, Mary Jane and Herm Auch. *Souperchicken*. Holiday House, 2003.  
When Henrietta becomes the first chicken in her coop to learn how to read, she uses her skills to save her aunts from becoming chicken soup.

Bridges, Shirin Yim. *Ruby's Wish*. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Chronicle Books, 2002.  
In China, at a time when few girls are taught to read or write, Ruby dreams of going to university with her brothers and male cousins.

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Worm*. Illustrated by Harry Bliss. Joanna Cotler Books, 2003.  
A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Fleming, Candace. *Boxes for Katje*. Illustrated by Stacey Dressen-McQueen. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003.  
After a young Dutch girl writes to her new American friend in thanks for the care package sent after World War II, she begins to receive increasingly larger boxes.

Johnson, Doug. *Substitute Teacher Plans*. Illustrated by Tammy Smith. Henry Holt, 2002.  
Miss Huff prepares an unusual list of activities for the substitute teacher who is covering her class when she takes a much needed day off.

Long, Melinda. *How I Became a Pirate*. Illustrated by David Shannon. Harcourt, 2003.  
Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.

Reynolds, Peter H. *The Dot*. Candlewick Press, 2003.  
Vashti believes that she cannot draw, but her art teacher's encouragement leads her to change her mind.

Thomson, Sarah L. *Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag*. Illustrated by Bob Dacey and Debra Bandelin. HarperCollins, 2003.  
An introduction to the history of the American flag, from colonial times to the present.

Wilson, Karma. *Bear Snores On*. Illustrated by Jane Chapman. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2002.  
On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.

### **Grade 4-6 Category**

Bauer, Marion Dane. *Runt*. Clarion, 2002.  
Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father, King, and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *Sliding into Home*. Peachtree, 2003.  
When thirteen-year-old Joelle, a star baseball player, moves to a new town where the only option for girls is softball, she starts an all-girl baseball league against the wishes of her school coaches and others in the town.

Clements, Andrew. *A Week in the Woods*. Simon & Schuster, 2002.  
The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

Codell, Esme Raji. ***Sahara Special***. Hyperion, 2003.

Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.

Cooney, Doug. ***The Beloved Dearly***. Simon & Schuster, 2002.

Although his father has forbidden it, Ernie, a twelve-year-old business tycoon, makes a tidy profit in the pet funeral business. When he refuses to give his star employee a raise and the business starts to fall apart, it takes the death of his own dog to bring everyone back together.

Downer, Ann. ***Hatching Magic***. Atheneum, 2003.

When a thirteenth-century wizard confronts twenty-first-century Boston while seeking his pet dragon, he is followed by a rival wizard and a very unhappy demon, but eleven-year-old Theodora Oglethorpe may hold the secret to setting everything right.

DuPrau, Jeanne. ***The City of Ember***. Random House, 2003.

In the year 2041, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger, to run to new places in her beloved but decaying city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Kehret, Peg. ***Escaping the Giant Wave***. Simon & Schuster, 2003.

When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.

McCann, Michelle R. (as told to Michelle McCann by Luba Trzysynska-Frederick). ***Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen***. Illustrated by Ann Marshall. Tricycle Press, 2003.

A biography of the Jewish heroine, Luba Trzysynska, who saved the lives of more than fifty Jewish children in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during the winter of 1944-45.

Nickerson, Sara. ***How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found***. Illustrated by Sally Wern Comport. HarperCollins, 2002.

With a swimming medal, the key to a mansion, and a comic book about a half-man/half-rat as her only clues, a twelve-year-old girl seeks the true story of her father's mysterious death four years earlier near an island in the Pacific Northwest.

### **Young Adult Category**

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. ***Hawksong***. Delacorte, 2003.

In a land that has been at war so long that no one remembers the reason for fighting, the shapeshifters who rule the two factions agree to marry in the hope of bringing peace, despite deep-seated fear and distrust of each other.

Deuker, Carl. ***High Heat***. Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart.

Hahn, Mary Downing. ***Hear the Wind Blow***. Clarion Books, 2003.

With their mother dead and their home burned, a thirteen-year-old boy and his little sister set out across Virginia in search of relatives during the final days of the Civil War.

Hobbs, Will. ***Jackie's Wild Seattle***. HarperCollins, 2003.

Fourteen-year-old Shannon and her little brother, Cody, spend the summer with their uncle, helping at a wildlife rescue center named Jackie's Wild Seattle.

Koertge, Ron. ***Shakespeare Bats Cleanup***. Candlewick Press, 2003.

When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

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## Introduction to Digitization Workshops December 1 & 2nd

Thinking of scanning those old postcards donated to the library? Do you have family history resources that you would like to make available via your web site? Are you looking for training before starting a digitization project?



Two one-day workshops ' **Introduction to Digitization**' and '**Introduction to Scanning**' are scheduled for December 1 and 2 at the Nebraska Library Commission. Participants are welcome to attend one or both of these workshops.

Introduction to Digitization on December 1, 2004 - Limited to 50 participants

Topics include: Issues to consider before digitizing, preservation and access, and copyright.

Introduction to Scanning on December 2, 2004 - Limited to 25 participants

Topics include: Image capture, including resolution, file formats and compression, image sizing, managing color, quality control and outsourcing.

Public librarians will receive 6 hours of continuing education credit for each workshop attended.

**Fee: \$10 for each workshop** (includes lunch)

Time: 10am - 4pm

**Registration deadline:** November 19, 2004

To register, contact: Maria Medrano-Nels at 1-800-307-2665 or by email at: [mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us)

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## Annual "Hands-On" E-Rate Training Sessions



Pam Scott, from the Nebraska Library Commission, will guide you through the updates and the filing process on Form 470, Form 471, new forms, technology plans, BEAR forms, 486 forms and any other questions you have regarding filing.

This workshop will be held at two locations, so you can register for the most convenient time or place.

November 12 at the Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning

Center in Norfolk.

December 3 at Central Community College - Columbus Campus, East Education/Lower Student Center, Room 176 & 177.

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm.

Public librarians or trustees participating in the Nebraska Library Commission's Certification programs will receive 3 continuing education credit hours for attending this workshop.

**Register:** Contact Jacque Crocker at the Nebraska Library Commission at 1-800-307-2665 or by email at : [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us)

## Northeast Library System Meeting

September 15, 2004

Northeast Library System Board met on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at the St. Edward Public Library. Board Vice President Lauran Lofgren called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Guests present were Stan Gardner, WSC and Deana Reardon, St. Edward Public Library director and auditor Jeff DeLine.

Roll call was taken with all members present except Zwingman, Healy, Rehnstrom, and Liedorff. Judy Thompson was present as an alternate for Laurie Rehnstrom. Motion to accept alternate: (MS: Zurovski, Johnson); motion approved unanimously.

Additions to the printed agenda:

CD transfer

LEAD program

Minutes of the July 21 meeting were approved: (MS: Johnson, Cooper ); motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Communications:

Shelia Cermak, new administrative assistant was introduced.

Several items were passed for members to read.

### **Financial Report (Shelia Cermak):**

Checking: \$1,693.01

Savings: \$35,923.18

CD renewal: motion to renew CD for 13 months at 2.75 at Cornerstone (MS: Cooper, Klein); roll call with unanimous approval.

Motion to approve Carol Becker, Ponca Public School media specialist: (MS: Klein, Johnson); motion approved unanimously.

All present introduced themselves to Becker and Cermak.

### **Reports:**

Annual Audit Report (Jeff DeLine, Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP): System given a clean, no finding, audit report. Total current assets: \$67,503, an increase of \$22,456 since last year.

Decrease in income: \$12,264 decrease because of decrease in income from Nebraska Library Commission. Cash reserves leave System comfortable for future services and programming. All System records in good shape. Motion to accept audit: (MS: Klein, Risinger); roll call vote unanimous approval.

Commissioner Pat Gross absent (report given by Lofgren): meeting brought nothing new. NLC finance discussed; hoping to get \$250,000 for accreditation as well as libraries who receive county funding; \$600,000 increase in state database licensing; asking for \$60,000 to replace monies currently taken from System operations.

State Advisory Council: Healy absent; no report.

Nebraska Library Commission: no staff member present.

System Administrator Kathy Ellerton: now reporting according to strategic plan. Library Visit Checklist: list of topics to be discussed along with checklist for Ellerton to understand “picture” of library.

New projects that arose from Board retreat: pool of alternates to be formed for Board meetings; possible Board retreat.

### **Committee Reports:**

Personnel: has not met since last meeting.

Budget: has not met since last meeting.

Continuing Education: has not met.

Strategic Planning: has not met.

Nominating: has not met.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Bylaws update: will set date.

NLA/NEMA scholarships: Kathy Nelson, Stromsburg Public Library; Amy Selting, Elgin Pope John; Julie Osnes, Wayne Public Library; Wanda Thompson, Clarkson Public Library received scholarships. Board trustee Ruth O’Neal, Clarkson, will receive this citation at Friday’s luncheon.

System assessment survey: Sample discussed; Ellerton asked for comments and ideas. Ways to administer were discussed, online versus mailing. Will be e-mailed to those who have this capability and mailed to those who do not.

System Board training (September 9): attended by five Board members and Ellerton; ideas brought back and discussed by Ellerton in Director’s report.

Question arose about how Systems are funded: Ellerton reported they are funded by a formula. It appears to be based on square miles versus number of libraries. NLC staff could not clearly answer this question. Ellerton will continue to search for the answer.

LEAD (Library Education at Desktop) program: Ellerton was unable to find information on this program; demo classes are now available online.

## New Business:

System technology: Ellerton will apply for E-rate for DSL line

Executive session: (MS: Bachman, Klein) 11:16 a.m.; out: (MS: Risinger, Klein) at 11:23

Motion to take Ellerton off probation and raise salary to \$42,000 effective next pay period (MS: Jacobs, Cooper); roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Discussion to ask Kay Schmid to be on nominating committee; Cooper will do this.

Pat-On-The-Back Awards: Cooper: Betty Hecker and Michelle Longenecker, David City; Zurovski: Ardis VonSeggern, former Board member; Lofgren: Wayne County United Way (MS: Johnson, Bachman); motion carried unanimously

Members' activities in local libraries shared after lunch.

Other business: none brought forward

Claims of the day: (MS: Cooper, Klein); unanimous approval by roll call vote.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 12:40; Bachman, Zurovski; motion approved unanimously



## Golden Sowers continued....

and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

Konigsburg, E. L. *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* . Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2004.

Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her great-uncles have been building in their backyard for more than forty years.

Pattou, Edith. *East*. Harcourt, 2003.

A young woman journeys to a distant castle on the back of a great white bear who is the victim of a cruel enchantment.

Rodowsky, Colby. *Not Quite a Stranger* . Farrar Straus Giroux, 2003.

After his mother dies, seventeen-year-old Zach travels from Ohio to Baltimore, Maryland, to find the father he has never met. Chapters alternating between Zach and his half-sister describe how the members of the family adjust.

Shusterman, Neal. *Full Tilt*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003.

When sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious, by-invitation-only carnival he somehow knows that it could save his comatose brother, but soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra.

Woodruff, Elvira. *The Ravenmaster's Secret* . Scholastic Press, 2003.

The eleven-year-old son of the ravenmaster at the Tower of London befriends a Jacobite rebel being held prisoner there.

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