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News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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## **Opportunity Knocks: Library Board Recruiting**

Vacancies on library boards aren't problems, they are opportunities. They are opportunities for the board to assess the skills it needs and to seek candidates with those skills. They are opportunities to find people who are strong, committed team players.

The first step in recruiting for your library boards is to determine what you are looking for. The "Noah's Ark" approach (two of each species--a banker, a lawyer, a teacher, etc.) is not a good approach.

More than anything else, a board should seek candidates committed to the library. Look for candidates who will attend meetings, who are known and respected in your community, and who will be a team player. Good community leaders will bring a variety of skills to your board, but focus on leadership and commitment first. A board full of "letterhead" board members is a recipe for disaster. Good candidates should have:

- Understanding of your community and its needs
- Passion for your cause
- Willingness to commit time for board meetings, committee meetings, planning sessions, special events
- Team player - works well in a group
- Someone who listens well, is thoughtful in considering issues.

The list will differ for each organization, and will change as the organization changes.

In cases where specific talents are needed, those talents should be considered IN ADDITION TO the qualifications you create for all board members. For example, the Finance Committee may be looking for someone who is financially savvy. If you find someone who knows a ton about financial matters but is a bear to be around, they are probably a poor choice. So look FIRST for the overall qualities, and SECOND for those specific talents.

The search for good new board members must be a continuous effort. Whenever a library board member encounters someone who would make an excellent board member, he or she should jot it down. When the time arrives for a new board member, a potential list has already been created for discussion. Pick only the best people for your current situation, train them well, and always be honest with new recruits and seasoned veterans about library issues. You should have a board of winners!

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### Winnebago Labels Available

Wakefield Community Schools has a package of Winnebago System Laser & Inkjet Labels for sale. The PermaPlus Permanent Adhesive labels are approximately 1 1/2" by 1". Asking price is \$8.00. For more information, contact the system office at 1-800-578-1014.

### Card Catalog For Sale

Card catalog with 72 drawers and with the dimensions of 5' H x 33" W x 18" D is for sale to the highest bidder. This catalog is made of laminate and wood. For more information, contact Dee Johnson at 402-562-1418.



### World War II Memoir Available

Eugene E Elder's daughter, MaryAnne, recently wrote of her father's experiences during World War II. Eugene Elder was in the Special Forces U.S. Army Rangers. During the European Campaign, he scaled 120 foot cliffs of Pointe Du Hoc, Normandy on D-Day and was among the 9 survivors of F Company that were present when the war was declared over. The author resides in Creighton, Nebraska.

For more information, contact Karen Costello at the Creighton Public Library at 1-402-358-5115.



### E-Rate Workshop

It's that time again for our thoughts to turn to E-rate. Pam Scott from the Nebraska Library Commission will be presenting the latest tips and tricks to navigate the E-rate jungle. Form 470, technology plans, and other form updates will be covered. Join Pam on November 17th at the Battle Creek City Hall from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

For more information, contact Pam Scott by email at: [pscott@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:pscott@nlc.state.ne.us) or call 1-800-307-2665.



## Media / Tech Workshop

October 26, 2005

9 am - 3 pm

Lifelong Learning Center, NECC

Educational Service Units #1 and #8 will be hosting a fall workshop for media specialists and other interested staff. All grade levels will be addressed by the keynote session. The workshop will be held in the Lifelong Learning Center on the Northeast Community College Campus, Norfolk. Registration and rolls at 8:30 am. Lunch on your own.

### Copyrights or Copywrongs

Dorothy Willis, Chair of Public Services at University Library, UNO.

Papers downloaded from the Internet, downloaded music, use of student's pictures, who is right and who is wrong? Tips and tricks to navigate through plagiarism and fair use within the digital copyright jungle will be addressed by our keynote speaker.

Other sessions include:

### Northeast Library System

Kathy Ellerton, System Administrator

Need financial assistance to attend NLA/NEMA? Need assistance in weeding your library's collection? How about help rearranging your library? These are just a few of the services provided by the Northeast Library System to libraries of all sizes in Northeast Nebraska. Kathy will present information on how the System assists school libraries / media centers and answer any questions you may have.

### L.E.A.R.N.S.

Gloria Christiansen, ESU #8

Demonstration of Alignment to L.E.A.R.N.S. on-line project. Read teacher's comments about how video titles they have viewed can assist you in your classroom lessons. The titles are aligned to the Nebraska standards by Nebraska teachers. Most videos can be ordered from the ESU's Resource Media Centers at <http://esumedia.unl.edu>.

### United Streaming

Lanita Recob, ESU #1

Discovery Education / United Streaming - Learn about the digital video method of delivery of standards-based curriculum available for schools via the Internet at <http://www.unitedstreaming.com>. Lanita will also discuss tips on download and uses.

### Share Time

ESU #1 & #8

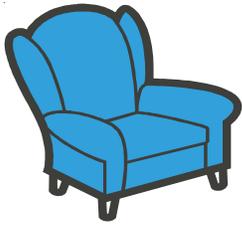
Announcements and Events to share, LOC Training, Technology events, Multiple Literacy's for 21st Century, questions and comments from the floor.

### Registration

Please register at: [www.esu1.org](http://www.esu1.org) or by calling Wendy at 402-287-2061.

If you have questions, please contact Gloria at ESU #8 or Lanita at ESU #1.





## The Reviewer's Chair

### ***Hallelujah Handel***

By Douglas Cowling

This is a very good book. There was really good "drama" in the pictures. The reader can really put a lot of emotion into this book. This book shows the life of a street rat. This book is recommended for grades 2-4 in both public and school libraries.

~~Angie Vavra, Lied Public Libraries, Pierce, NE

### ***Duck, Duck Goose: A Coyote's on the Loose***

By Karen Beaumont

This is a cause effect story about some farm animals that think they are running from a coyote about to get them, but they are in for a surprise. Any preschooler or early elementary student would enjoy the brightly illustrated, rhyming of this cute story. It would be good in any collection.

~~Heather Reid, Parent, Omaha, NE

### ***The Little Sleepyhead***

By Fran Manushkin

Little sleepyhead is in search of a place to sleep after playing all day, but is having difficulties. This is a good story, it could be an opening read for an animal unit for younger grades. The

illustrations are very nice, they could tell the story without words. This book is recommended for ages 2-4 in both public and school libraries.  
~~Kris Bahns, Norfolk, NE

### ***Mr. Peabody's Apples***

By Madonna

This book was inspired by a 300 year old story. Mr. Peabody was a coach and teacher that everyone loved. He didn't care whether the boys won or lost as long as they had fun. But one day one of the boys saw Mr. Peabody take an apple from a fruit stand without paying for it. The boy told the rest of the ball team and of course Mr. Peabody's reputation was ruined. The rest of the story teaches a lesson. You will like this story. This book is recommended for ages 5-10 in both public and school libraries.  
-Joan Chilvers, Pierce, NE

### ***Nora's Ark***

By Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

This children's book written for lower elementary grades is, based on the Flood of 1927 in Vermont. It's a story of neighbors helping neighbors, of sharing ones resources, of love and compassion. The book is enhanced with beautiful water-color detailed pictures that will spark conversations during story time. Public and school libraries as well as the private collector will want to add this heartwarming book to their collection.

~~Pat Thompson WSC

### ***The Berenstain Bears' Seashore Treasure***

By Stan and Jan Berenstain

The seashore is a favorite place for many of us for family vacations. The Bear family is no exception. Before their first trip to the beach, Papa Bear found a treasure map in the closet of their beach house. Papa dug in one spot, but only found clam shells. He tried another spot and only dug up oyster shells. He tried one more time and only found scallop shells. Papa got hot doing all of that digging. Brother and Sister thought all of the shells were a great treasure. This book would be a good storybook for pre-schoolers and second grade and up would enjoy reading it. This book is recommended for both public and school libraries.

From someone who will always subscribe to the theory that phonics is the best way to teach reading, I find this book to have too many difficult words for beginning readers. However, it is a great story to be read to youngsters.  
-MeMe Smith, Schuyler Public Library

### ***Ruby Tuesday***

By Jennifer Anne Kogler

Ruby Tuesday has always led an unconventional sort of life. After all, it's pretty difficult to be "normal" when your parents name you after a Rolling Stones song. Life is only going to become more complicated for Ruby, though. First, the Dodgers win the 1988 World



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Series, making her professional gambler father a multi-millionaire. Then her father's bookie is murdered, leaving her father the primary suspect. Ruby is whisked away by her estranged mother and taken to Las Vegas. There, they visit her grandmother (who lives in a casino) and her grandmother's pet iguana, aptly named Twenty-One, all the while dodging the thugs who want to steal Ruby's father's winning ticket. Confused, yet? The book only becomes more exciting as Ruby places her first bet and she and her mother

become engaged in a high-speed car chase. While the ending is a bit weak and too convenient, overall, this is a fast paced and extremely well-written book that keeps readers turning the pages from beginning to end. This book is recommended for ages 12 and up.

~~Amanda Limoges, Eastern Township Public Library

***Whispering to Witches***

By Anna Dale

Joe is looking forward to spending Christmas with his Dad. When his Dad has a family medical emergency Joe has to go to Canterbury to be with his mother, step-dad, and half sister for the holidays. Getting off at the wrong train station he borrows a large tricycle and finds himself taken to Dead-nettle Coven. Here he befriends a young witch named Twiggy. Together they try to discover the where-about of a missing spell. This book is recommended for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. *Whispering to Witches* has the same touch of magic as found in the Harry Potter books. You are sure to find an audience ready to give this book a try.

~~Diane Limoges, Eastern Township Library

***Elvis the Rooster and the Magic Words***

By Denys Cazet

Elvis ruled the roost until Little Willie, a gangster-like rooster, asked Elvis if his friend, Cluck Gable, could stay in Elvis' chicken house awhile. All the chickens swoon over Cluck,

who tries to teach Elvis the magic words to regain the good will of his hens. Children may enjoy the humor of Elvis' troubles. This is a nice primary level fable that public and school libraries could use in their collection.

~~Claudette Wielechowski, North Platte, NE

***Ogre Eats Everything***

By Bethany Roberts

What do ogres eat? Just about everything. Follow this cute little story as May Belle tries to control her out of control ogre who is out on a eating binge. The colorful pictures add much to the story. Read on about the adventures of two best friends. This book is recommended for Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

~~Carol Tramp, Wynot Public School

***What Would Joey Do?***

By Jack Gantos

In every life a little rain must fall, but it appears that Joey is caught in a perpetual thunderstorm. The story opens with Joey Pigza's estranged father wildly circling the house where Joey lives on a motorcycle, as his mother threatens his father with a broom. That isn't Joey's only problem; his grandmother constantly reminds him of her impending death. If that isn't bad enough, his mother has arranged for him to home school with a devious blind girl, Olivia, who places blame on Joey for her mischievous antics. All the while, Olivia's mother repeatedly

## Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

By Jolene Klein

The Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, held the last week of July at the peaceful Benedictine Abbey near Schuyler, brought together probably the most empowering group of leaders and learners that I've ever been a part of. For starters, our 10 mentors, past graduates from previous Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes (NLLI), shared their wisdom and experiences as Library Leaders. Our presenters for the Institute engaged us in active learning and thoughtful reflection, through humor, demonstration, and a wealth of insight and research. The class itself consisted of 30 potential leaders from across Nebraska. In this group I couldn't help but learn – I was *surrounded* by leaders!

Through the week we delved into many layers of influence. We began with understanding our own personality styles and learned to recognize eight other styles – each strengths, needs, and unhealthy traits. It was an eye-opener, but it also helped explain people in our organizations we had difficulty understanding. Every personality style (read: *all of us!*) has strengths and the potential to be good leaders, as well as the ability to collaborate with and to complement the styles of others.

We talked about the importance of setting up ground rules for dialoguing in meetings or any relationship. This discussion about starting & end time, giving & receiving feedback, interrupting, etc, gives you leverage and the right to act within that group. We talked about positioning ourselves in any organization and trends and issues in the library profession. We created NLLI's vision statement for the state of Nebraska - a clear, compelling picture of our desired future for our libraries.

We also learned how to move our ideas into realities from within our organizations and beyond. A vision statement provides focus of our energies. Any idea for change should fit into your vision, and if it is a clear, credible plan and meets the needs of your customers, others will buy into it as well. A "critical mass" of support is all you really need to have to move your idea forward, so you do not have to persuade everyone first. This group of supporters includes your "visionary" first contacts, your forward thinking "early joiners", and enough good people who will support your idea if they have enough information and motivation.

Advice gems I learned: On self-confidence: "If you think you can't and say won't, you really can't." On talking poorly of others: It says you're helpless or powerless to change your position. On performance appraisal: "If you cannot learn to give feedback to others in an organization in a positive way, you will not be a leader." And "Leadership sometimes starts with being a good follower."



It was indeed a busy week of learning. One of the best statements I heard was that 'libraries can't afford to be the sentimental favorite in our community. Libraries need to be the 'absolute core' of the community. We need to be so essential that our community cannot manage without us!

One of the more powerful activities was when participants wrote on sticky notes about key library issues to Nebraska libraries. Once everyone's ideas were stuck to a wall, the group collectively arranged ideas into clusters according to a theme (technology, customer service, fund-raising, etc.) Each learning group then selected representatives with the task of writing a vision statement for Nebraska Libraries that summarized the ideas of the entire group. Northeast had two representatives on that committee - Jolene Klein from Wakefield Community Schools and Kathy Jacobs from South Sioux City Public Library!!~~ Kathy Ellerton, NLS

## **2005 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Vision Statement**

### **Nebraska Libraries...**

- v Uphold freedom of access to all information for all persons.
- v Provide, in a positive timely manner, services that meet the changing needs of all members of our diverse communities, creating a dynamic hub for enhancing lifelong learning and optimal connections to the global community.
- v Tirelessly advocate for persons of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities by providing an environment conducive to learning, research, collaboration, study and recreation.
- v Provide awe-inspiring spaces, sanctuaries for the written and spoken word.
- v Bridge the digital divide by providing innovative user-friendly technology, allowing for seamless, equitable access.
- v Secure funding from all possible sources to ensure optimal access and delivery of information.
- v Serve as the driving force that collaborates with entities at all levels to provide quality services and information to all.
- v Create and support opportunities for professional growth.
- v Speak with a collective voice that tirelessly advocates for our profession in all political arenas.
- v Pursue the library of the future now.





### Check Your Calendar

October 19 - **Jim Trelease** at Seward Public Library. For more information, see web site: <http://www.sewardlibrary.org>

October 26 - **Copyright Media Workshop** for ESUs 1 & 8 at LifeLong Learning Center, NECC, Norfolk.

November 4 - **Nebraska Library Commission** meeting at NLC, 1200 N Street, Lincoln from 9:30 am - 12 noon.

November 10 - **Consumer Health Information Symposium** at Sandhills Conference Center, North Platte. For more information, contact:

November 15 - **Basic Skills: Collection Development** class held at LifeLong Learning Center, NECC, Norfolk from 10 am - 3 pm.

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

November 17 - **E-rate Workshop** at Battle Creek city hall from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

November 22 - **Basic Skills: Collection Development** class held at LifeLong Learning Center, NECC, Norfolk from 10 am - 3 pm.

November 24 - **Thanksgiving** holiday. Office closed.

November 25 - **Thanksgiving** holiday. Office closed.

November 27 - **Basic Skills: Collection Development** class held at LifeLong Learning Center, NECC, Norfolk from 10 am - 3 pm.

December 1 - **"You Are, But IM: Best Practices & New Directions to Serving Young Adults in Schools & Public Libraries"** by Patrick Jones at Seward Public Library from 9 am - 4 pm.



**NEW @ NLS**

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

**A Library Board's Practical Guide to Finding the Right Library Director** by the Detroit Suburban Librarian's Roundtable, 2005.

This guide covers avoiding pitfalls in the hiring process, exit interviews, selecting candidates and sample interview questions.

**"Cool Tools: A Savvy Librarian Reports on Promising Technology"** by Jeffrey Hastings, School Library Journal, September 2005.

This articles covers RFID, blogs, iPods, wikis and FLYs (pentop computers).

**Bridging the Digital Divide in the Spanish Speaking Community** by the Colorado State Library, 25 min., Library Video Network, 2004.

This program highlights the successes of Colorado libraries outreach programs to Spanish speakers and provides tips for making the library more inviting to Spanish speakers.



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Starting January 9, 2005...

### LIBR 2200 INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

3 Semester Hours / 4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

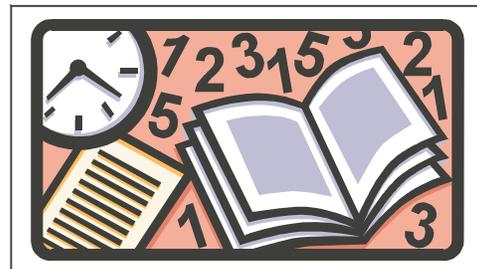
Spring Term, 2006

January 9, 2006 – April 21, 2006

Orientation: Saturday, January 7, 2005  
(1:00 P.M. in Omaha or No. Platte)

This course will provide students with an understanding of principles and best practices in collection management, including:

- Collection Management Policies
- Selection Practices and Procedures
- Material Acquisition
- Intellectual Freedom
- Collection Evaluation
- Intellectual Property Issues
- Weeding, Donations, Resource Sharing
- Materials Preservation, and more



*Requirement for the Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option that is being offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.*

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) which may be taken at the same time, or with instructor approval.*

Interested? Call Mid-Plains Community College Today:

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General registration for Spring 2006 term begins November 14, 2006

Class Instructor: Patty Birch [pbirch@esu16.org](mailto:pbirch@esu16.org) 308-532-8667



Starting January 5, 2006...

**LIBR 1210 PUBLIC SERVICES IN  
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

Winter Term, 2006

January 5, 2005 – March 17, 2006

This course will provide students with an understanding of principles and best practices in public services, including:

- Assessing customer needs
- Use of information tools
- Outreach services
- Proactive public services
- Data-driven decision making
- Diversity of customers and their needs
- Legal aspects of library policies
- Effects of current legislation
- There will be one face-to-face meeting as part of a library tour: Students will choose between either Ogallala on Saturday, March 4th or Lincoln on Sunday, March 5th



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Interested? Call Southeast Community College Today:

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<http://www.southeast.edu>

*General registration for Winter 2006 term begins December 1, 2005*

Class Instructor: Jodene Glaesemann    [jglaesemann@aol.com](mailto:jglaesemann@aol.com)    402-476-7240



Dragons decorated the windows at the Hruska Memorial Public Library in David City.



Young adults at the **Stanton Public Library** built the castle out of recyclable materials and for every book read, a star was hung from the ceiling.

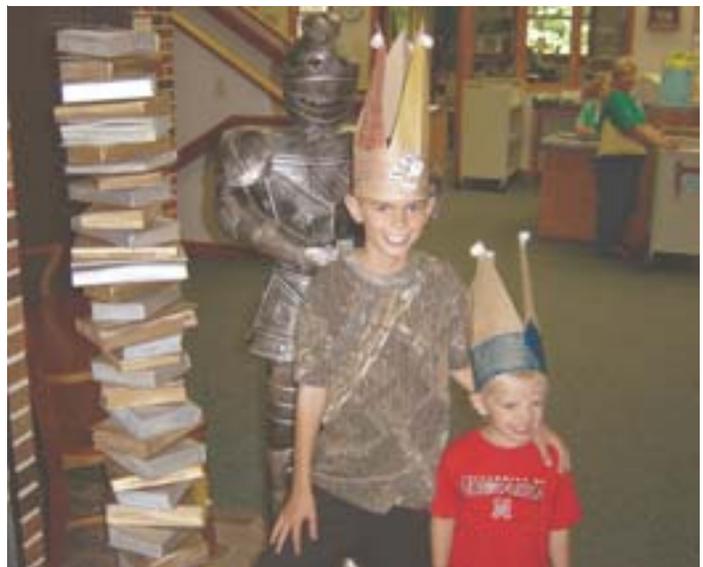
The **Battle Creek Library Foundation** hosted a waffle breakfast on October 9. In addition to getting a great breakfast, attendees could see the Yamaha 4-wheeler being raffled off on November 19.

Feeling the autumn chill? Visit the **O'Neill Public Library** and cuddle up to their Afghan Display from September 19th - October 14th.

**Verdigre Public Library** was given two paintings by American artist, Judith Hall. One is entitled 'Nesting Herons' and the other one is "Nesting Egrets". The artist is known for her work using the intaglio process. The border of each print is decoratively embossed.



These young princes at **O'Neill Public Library** enjoyed having their picture taken.



organized by Chips For Charity and the grand prize was a gas grill and grill tool set.

Storyteller, Cherrie Beam-Clarke portrayed Maria Monahan, a Nebraska settler between 1845-1870 at the **Hartington Public Library**. The program, 'Promise in a New Land', was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Nebraska Humanities Council.

**Holy Family School Library** in Lindsay took on a new look. With help from the eight grade students, rope lights, easy chairs, stars and book reviews decorated the library.

Betty Kjelsons spoke at a special brown bag lunch program on Wednesday, September 14 at the **Stromsburg Public Library**. Kjelson is a professional artist whose specialty is making paper from Florida's tropical plants and forming the paper into sculptures.



“What would Jesus do?”

Joey is just trying to figure out what he should do! This book is written in a hilarious, fast paced manner that will keep you turning the pages and loving and cheering for Joey. This is a great book for the home, school or public library, with a suggested reading age of 9 to 12 years. ~~Rebecca Cemper, O’Neill Public Library

**Pick of the Litter**  
By Bill Wallace

Tom is a twelve year old that learns a valuable lesson about always being honest on the last day of school. During the summer he takes a vacation with his family where he meets Angie, and helps his grandparents with their dog kennel. Tom helps his grandfather train the dogs (pointers) to be hunting dogs. One day Tom is helping his grandmother with the puppies. He picks up one pup which has blue eyes. Grandpa says that is known as a doe-eyed dog. Tom names this pup Tad. But grandpa is in the business of raising and selling good pointers, so Tom has to decide if honesty is still the best way to go. The innocent friendship between Tom and Angie adds a nice touch to the story. This was a fun book to read that introduced a lot of pointer dog terminology. This will make a good book that will be enjoyed by boys and girls age 8-14. Good for any library. ~~Marilyn Liedorff, Wayne State College Library

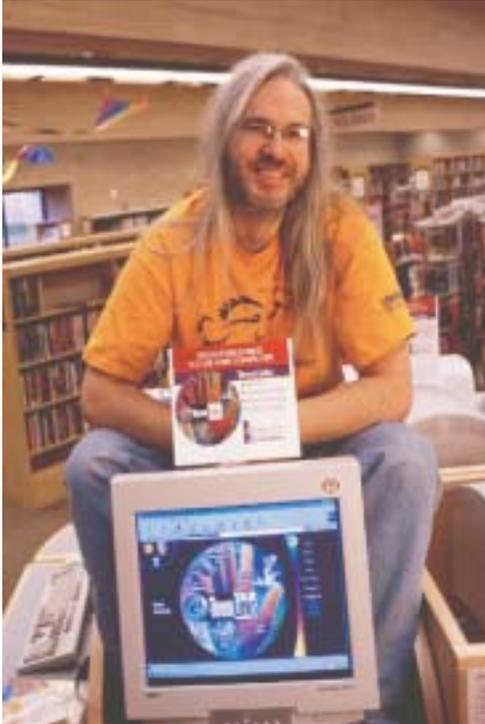


**How to Spot a Great Picture Book**

1. Pictures: The pictures must be truly inspired by the story.
2. Preparation: The artist knows his or her characters, subject and setting inside and out.
3. A Great Cover: If the cover art is compelling it will make the viewer pick up the book and turn the pages.
4. Sets the Scene: The inside flap offers a great opportunity to set the stage for the story or introduce a character.
5. Endpapers: The endpapers add to the story or overall design of the book.
6. Medium: The perfect choice of medium to illustrate the text should convey every mood and nuance.
7. Picture: Every image is central to the story and moves it forward to the next page.
8. Dramatic Art: Every scene must be carefully chosen to fully illustrate the drama and excitement of the story.
9. Art & Type: The typeface should seem to be almost an extension of the art itself.
10. White Space: White space is a compositional element and not just a background to present the art.

(courtesy of Dilys Evans, School Library Journal, Sept. 2005)

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## You Are, but IM: Best Practices and New Directions to Serving Young Adults in Schools and Public Libraries

Presented by Patrick Jones

December 1, 2005 at Seward Memorial Library  
December 2, 2005 at Holiday Inn Express, North Platte

Registration / Refreshments: 8:30am - 9:00am  
Workshop (includes lunch): 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
6.5 Continuing Education units from the  
Nebraska Library Commission

This workshop is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.

Patrick Jones grew up in Flint, Michigan and now resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His most recent professional publication is *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: new and revised 3rd edition* (Neal-Schuman, 2004) written with Michele Gorman and Tricia Suellentrop. He is a frequent speaker at library conferences, having visited all fifty states, as well as in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. His first young adult novel *Things Change* (Walker & Company, 2004) was named by the Young Adult Library Services Association as a best book for reluctant readers. He has recently completed his second novel *Nails*, due to be published in spring 2006. His web site is <http://222.connectingya.com>.

**Note:** The Nebraska Library Commission will pay for a hotel room for one night prior to this workshop for anyone traveling over 200 miles in one direction. Please contact Sally Snyder at 800-307-2665/ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us for complete details.

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**Registration**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Library:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address / phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with **\$15/person** (includes lunch) by **November 23, 2005** to:

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Omaha, NE 68144

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I will attend at the following location (circle one)

Seward

North Platte

## **NORTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM**

September 21, 2005

The Northeast Library System board meeting took place on September 21, 2005 at Raymond Whitwer Public Library in Tilden, Nebraska. Dixie Kucera hosted the day. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President, Marilyn Liedorff.

Board members present were: Lucy Cooper, Gretchen Healy, Dee Johnson, Jolene Klein, Marilyn Liedorff, Lauran Lofgren, Linda Risinger, Sally Stahlecker, Vernel Zwingman, and Ann Bachman. Also in attendance: System Administrator, Kathy Ellerton and System Administrative Assistant, Shelia Cermak. Deb Robertson, NECC and Dixie Kucera were alternates.

Approval of minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting (MS: Robertson, Rehnstrom); motion carried unanimously. Additions to the agenda were a resignation request and a resolution request.

### REPORTS:

Financial: Shelia shared budget reports on checking: 4,322.64; savings: 22,173.52; and CDs: 42,722.72. Motion to accept the financial report (MS: Healy, Klein). Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Auditor: Angie Vrtiska, representing Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP shared a financial report that the firm put together for the 2004 and 2005 fiscal years. She reported that the NELS administrator and assistant were well prepared and ready for the audit.

Commission: Richard Miller sent a report that Kathy shared. The application for the 2005 NetLibrary Grants (\$250) is online. Other grant and scholarship programs currently seeking applicants are: Youth for Grants for Excellence; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship Program; Library Technical Assistant Scholarship, and CE & Training Grants. For additional information from the commission, please visit the website at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us>.

Administrator: Kathy attended the Leadership Institute & Reunion in July; a planning workshop in August; Blackboard Jungle workshop in early September, and attended a long list of other workshops and meeting during the past two months. The NELS office has received replacement shelving from a private donor. Kathy taught Shelia web publishing, as Shelia will be taking over some of the web design for the system.

### Committee Reports:

Personnel: no report

Budget: The budget committee; Marilyn Liedorff, Lauran Lofgren, Shelia Cermak, Lucy Cooper, and Dee Johnson met before this meeting to discuss the need for additional dollars in the budget to reimburse mileage costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. It was recommended to the board that \$1,500 of the remaining funds from savings be used to help supplement this line item. Motion to accept the recommendation (MS: Robertson, Risinger). Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Continuing Education: The committee met after the July 21 board meeting to discuss and make a recommendation on the NLA scholarship. The application form was revised and scholarship amounts for six scholarships were presented to the board. Motion to accept the recommendation of amounts and the revised form (MS: Johnson, Healy) Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Strategic Planning: no report

Nominating: no report.

Technology: no report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Motion made to approve the Board alternate pool of names (MS: Risinger; Zwingman). Motion carried. Thank you to the following individuals who have consented to be alternates: Duane Munson, Deb Robertson, Kathy Ageton, Martha Drayton, and Kathy Jacobs.

Medical Flex Plan: The system administrator would like to enroll in a Section 125 Cafeteria plan that would begin in January 2006. The S&H tax service charges an additional \$56 per year for this service. She plans to deposit \$125 monthly and would save the system \$114.72 annually in taxes. Kathy asked the board to consider funding the service fee. Motion to pay the additional charge (MS: Risinger, Healy) Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Annual NLC contract was presented to the board. Motion to accept the \$106,620 contract amount for the 7/1/5 – 6/30/6 period (MS: Robertson, Bachman) Roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Strategic planning committee invited board members to the planning meeting. The committee will email the date, time and location to the board.

Program Performers Directory – Kathy will ask librarians to share references and comments on performers they may have used as entertainment for a function in their community or library. The directory will be accessed via the NELS website.

Little Priest Tribal College was nominated for best small library in America. A resolution was signed by board members in support of Little Priest Tribal College in seeking a vote to be "Best Small Library in America".

A fall survey will be going out to the libraries in the NELS. There are two short surveys that each director will be asked to fill out and send in. Thank you in advance for your support in completing and returning this data.

Sandy Zurovski, Board member from Newman Grove Public Library has submitted a letter of resignation. She represented populations under 1,000. Thank you Sandy for your years of service to the NELS Board.

Pat on the Back awards will go out to the following individuals: Sandy Zurovski, Newman Grove Public Library, Mary Honke, Northeast Community College, and the Pink Ladies group who helped out with summer programs at the Raymond Whitwer Public Library in Tilden.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Claims of the day: motion to approve (MS: Cooper, Johnson) roll call vote with unanimous approval.

Respectfully  
submitted,  
Dee Johnson



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planted a tree a long time ago."  
~~Warren Buffet**

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