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News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

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NLA/NEMA Conference 2010

Each year the Northeast Library System awards scholarships to librarians to help facilitate their attendance at the joint NLA/NEMA Conference. This year's scholarship recipients were:

- Wanda Henke – Santee Community School (Niobrara) – \$250
- Jennie Schneider – St. Mary's High School (O'Neill) – \$150
- Jill Sempek – Shell Creek Elementary (Columbus) – \$150
- April Stevens – Osceola Public Library – \$150
- Laurie Schlautman – Schuyler Elementary School – \$150
- Jennifer Norton – Neligh Public Library – \$100
- Debra Nadrchal – Schuyler Public Library – \$100
- Mary Gregoski – Palmer Public & School Library – \$150
Biblionix Stipend

This year the NLA/NEMA conference was held in Grand Island and the events were split between the Midtown Holiday Inn and the Howard Johnson hotel. A shuttle bus ran between the hotels to help cover the half-mile distance connecting them. A wide variety of workshops, poster sessions, exhibits, luncheons and keynote speakers made the three days of the pre-conference and conference go by quickly. The only downside of such a great convention is that you'll never get to participate in all the things you want to!

If you missed the conference this year, you can still check out the presentation handouts via Slideshare (www.slideshare.net/event/2010-nlanema-conference).

If you did attend, don't forget to get CE credit for your participation. Laura Johnson at the Nebraska Library Commission created an easy online form to check off which sessions you attended. You can find it at www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/nlaform/ceform10.html.

Mark your calendar now for next year's conference which will be held October 5-7, 2011 in Lincoln. ♦

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Northeast News

Stanton Public Library named Hometown Hero

The Stanton Public Library and its staff were named a Hometown Hero this October. Carol Armbruster, director, and Laura Hess, assistant, received the award at the Stanton Telecom Community Appreciation Dinner.

Bob Paden, who represents Telecom and presented the award said, "Due to the hard work and dedication of Carol and Laura, the library is known for its special activities and events."

"Carol and I were very surprised and delighted to receive this honor," said Laura.

Congratulations Stanton!



Diana Johnson, director of the Stromsburg Public Library, was the winner of the Nebraska Regional Library Systems' Snowman Raffle!



Amy Kucera, the new director at Howells Public Library, poses by the centerpiece she won at the NELS annual conference.

To see more photos from the conference, check out our facebook page!

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Visit www.facebook.com and search "Northeast Library System."

New Board Members

The Northeast Library System Board of Directors welcomes four new Board Members for the next term.

- **Susan Tyndall** from Nebraska Indian Community College will represent academic libraries.
- **Melissa Baumert** from Clarkson Public Library will represent villages with a population of less than 1,000.
- **Dawnn Tucker** from Lied Pierce Public Library will represent towns with a population of 1,001-10,000.
- **Beth Foulks** from Ponca Public School will represent school library media centers.

"Pat on the Back" Awards were given to

- **Charlene Rasmussen** and **Linda Anderson** for volunteering many hours of landscaping help to the Wayne Public Library
- **Kelly Witt** for donating her time and materials in support of the Summer Reading Program at the Wayne Public Library

Please notify the NELS office if you have someone you would like to nominate for a "Pat on the Back!"

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>

November 5, 12 and 19 – Basic Skills: Public Library Administration – Madison Public Library

Time: 10:00-3:00

Contact: Jessica Chamberlain, NELS Director, 800-578-1014/402-564-1586

Registration: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training>

November 6—Celebration of Nebraska Books—Nebraska History Museum, Lincoln

This new event hosted by the Nebraska Center for the Book will highlight 2010 One Book One Nebraska, honor winners of the 2010 Jane Geske Award and 2010 Nebraska Book Awards, and announce the book choice for the 2011 One Book One Nebraska. For more information, check out: <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov>

Time: 2:30-6:30

November 13—National Gaming Day @ Your Library

Register your library at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ngd10reg to put your library on the National map for promotion of the event, plus you have a chance to win a free game, “Wits & Wagers Family”, donated by North Star Games. National Gaming Day @ Your Library is an initiative of the American Library Association.

Website: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/gaming/>

November 17—NELS Board Meeting— Cedar Rapids Public Library

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Jessica Chamberlain, NELS Director, 800-578-1014/402-564-1586

November 18—Putting Your Library Customer First—Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

This customer service workshop is for anyone who works in a library. The presenter is Joyce Neujahr, Director of Patron Services at UNO’s Criss Library. Cost is \$15 and registration is due by November 12. Participants will receive 3 CE hours for attending.

Time: 9:30-12:30

Contact: Kathy Tooker, ELS Director, 800-627-7884/402-330-7884

Registration: Mail a check along with Name, Library, Email and Phone information to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

The NELS Office will be closed on the days listed below for the following holidays:

November 11—Veterans Day

November 25 & 26—Thanksgiving

December 24—Christmas

December 31—New Year’s Day



Reader's Corner

Cozy Mysteries

Also known as “Cozies,” these murder mysteries are fun, enjoyable reads. Although considered part of crime fiction, cozies focus less on violence and the murder to be solved almost always happens off stage. These books often have a light-hearted or humorous tone. The lead characters are usually amateur detectives who happen to stumble on a mystery that needs to be solved, and they draw on their own experience and personal connections to solve the crime. Agatha Christie's Miss Marple Mysteries are a classic example of a cozy mystery. Other well-known cozy authors are Lilian Jackson Braun and Diane Mott Davidson who both have long-running book series that have delighted readers for years.

Members of The Reading List, a committee of ALA's Reference and Users Services Association, select the best genre fiction each year. Below are some of the titles they selected for a Core Collection of Cozy Mysteries.

- *The Tale of Hill Top Farm* by Susan Witting Albert
- *The Quiche of Death* by M. C. Beaton
- *A Nice Class of Corpse* by Simon Brett
- *Death on Demand* by Carolyn G. Hart
- *The Family Vault* by Charlotte MacLeod
- *Whose Body?* by Dorothy Sayers
- *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tay
- *The Broken Teaglass* by Emily Arsenault
- *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
- *Death by Darjeeling* by Laura Childs
- *Consigned to Death* by Jane Cleland
- *Knit One, Kill Two* by Maggie Sefton

To see the complete list visit:
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6724627.html>

Other sources for cozy mystery lists:

<http://www.cozy-mystery.com>

<http://www.mystery-cozy.com> ♦

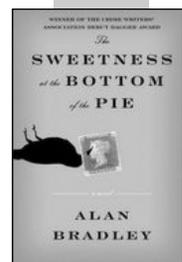
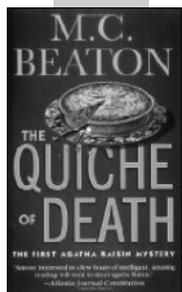
Beyond the Book Sale

There is no question that we must weed our collections. We know that weeding keeps our collection up-to-date, accurate and attractive. We know that weeding increases circulation. We know that in order to fit new books on the shelf, we have to take old books off. But after we've gone through the process of “de-selection” and chosen items to remove from our libraries, what do we do with them?

Many libraries have book sales. Some are as simple as having a table of discarded materials for sale year-round and some are extravagant affairs with entertainment and refreshments. These can be profitable ventures, but if you're looking for something new to do with discarded books, consider the following ideas.

- **Trade**—Using a site like Book Mooch (bookmooch.com) you can trade unwanted books for “new to you” books for your library.
- **Sell**—The internet can help you connect your old books with people that want them. Try selling discarded books on ebay (www.ebay.com) or alibris (www.alibris.com). If you need help getting started with online selling, think about asking your teens to help.
- **Donate**—Consider donating gently used books to classrooms, retirement homes or a local thrift store.
- **Outside help**—Businesses like B-Logistics (www.blogistics.com) and Better World Books (www.betterworldbooks.com) will take your library discards, sell them and then give you a portion of the proceeds. See their websites for full details.

Remember that weeding doesn't have to mean filling a dumpster with books. Finding new homes for old books is not only environmentally responsible, but rewarding as well. ♦



Kids and Teens

Book Reviews

Twas the Day Before Christmas

By Brenda Seabrooke

Have you ever been curious about the origins of the poem, “Twas the Night Before Christmas”? This is a delightful book that will gently explain the process of how the poem was written, and the reason for it. It’s a lesson in history, as well as a good story. The illustrations are colorful and have an old-time spin to them. I would recommend this book for grades K – 3, and any public or elementary school library.

-Karyn Bijlsma

Flight

By Elizabeth Stow Ellison

Twelve-year-old Samantha struggles with how to best help her artistic older brother, Evan, who suffers from dyslexia. Their parents insist that Evan does not work hard enough and they refuse to get help for him. When Evan creates a remarkable picture of owls, Samantha takes a stand and helps her brother enter “Flight” in a local art contest. This leads to a family confrontation, one in which a long held secret is revealed. I recommend this book for sixth through ninth graders in both school and public libraries. This is an important book about the learning disability called dyslexia.

-Holly Troup, Clearwater Public Library

Want more book reviews?

Find them on our website:

<http://libraries.ne.gov/nels>

Want to be a reviewer?

Contact Marilyn Quance at Wayne State College to find out how you can participate in their review program.

Email: maquanc1@wsc.edu

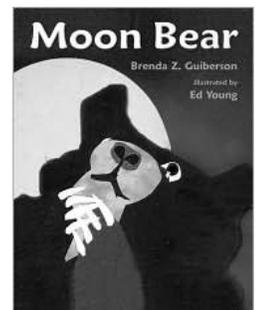
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Picture Books Passé?

Thanks to an article in the New York Times, there has been a lot of talk about the future of the picture book. It may be true that publishers are printing fewer picture books each year. It may be true that parents are encouraging children to read chapter books at an earlier age, but I sincerely hope that picture books are not dying. Picture books are wonderful, rich learning experiences that help children glean meaning from the combination of words and illustrations. I hope that as a librarian, you’ll be a champion for picture books and make sure that library patrons and parents understand their value. ♦

Marci Retzlaff (Norfolk Public Library) and I selected the following books for the “Picture Book Read-a-Thon” workshop at the NLA/NEMA Conference. One could not read these books and think the picture book anything but alive and well!

- *Baby Dragon* by Amy Ehrlich
- *Smile!* By Leigh Hodgkinson
- *Gulliver Snip* by Julia Kay
- *Where to Sleep* by Kandy Radzinski
- *The Ring Went Zing! A Story that Ends with a Kiss* by Sean Taylor
- *The Circus Ship* by Chris Van Dusen
- *City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems
- *Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep* by Maureen Wright
- *14 Cows for America* by Carmen Agra Deedy
- *Dinothesaurus* by Douglas Florian
- *Moon Bear* by Brenda Guiberson
- *Amazing Faces* by Lee Bennet Hopkins
- *Home on the Range: John A. Lomax and his Cowboy Songs* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *What to Do About Alice?* by Barbara Kerley
- *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* by Andrea Davis Pinkney



Safety in Our Libraries

When people think about libraries, they don't typically think about having to be concerned about personal safety. The truth is that anyone who has spent much time in a library knows that behavior problems happen with old and young patrons alike, and in all kinds of library settings. Libraries need to be smart about how they train staff to interact with patrons and how to recognize potentially dangerous customers.



The Nebraska Regional Library Systems sponsored a pre-conference event with Warren Graham at the recent NLA/NEMA Conference in Grand Island. Mr. Graham is a security expert who has the unique perspective of someone who spent 17 years as head of security in a large library. Mr. Graham, a dynamic speaker, talked to us about how to control the library environment to ensure the maximum level of safety for staff and patrons. There are several things that are vital to ensuring safety in your library.

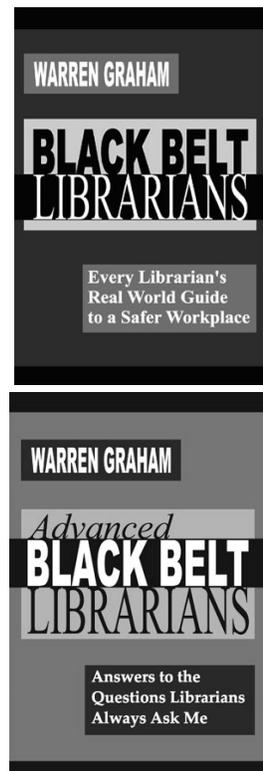
The first "must have" for library safety is a set of rules for library use. These rules should be as simple as possible. It is unnecessary to make rules for things that are already illegal, like stealing. Mr. Graham suggested a rule that states "Any behavior that is disruptive to library use is not allowed." This way you have covered a multitude of problems with one simple statement. These rules should be printed out and easily accessible to all your patrons. Most patrons will comply with the rules if they know what they are. Libraries sometimes struggle to enforce behavior rules because they want to appear welcoming, but Mr. Graham reminded us that chaos is not welcoming. Of course, once you have the rules, they must be enforced. It is important that the rules are enforced consistently by all staff, and that they apply to all patrons, regardless of their appearance.

Mr. Graham also talked about cultivating a "quiet awareness" about your library. It is important that library staff are aware of their surroundings and what is happening in the library at all times. He suggested stopping every 30 minutes for 30 seconds to listen and look at what is happening around you. After doing this consistently for 30 days, you will have an intimate connection to your surroundings and will be able to tell when something isn't right.

This is just a sample of the smart and practical advice that Mr. Graham offers. If you would like to learn more, he has published two books:

- Black Belt Librarians: Every Librarian's Real World Guide to a Safer Workplace, 2006.
- Advanced Black Belt Librarians: Answers to the Questions Librarians Always Ask Me, 2010.

These books are available for loan from the NELS office. Please contact us if you are interested in borrowing a copy. ♦



Grants and Freebies

Great Stories CLUB Grant

Deadline: Nov. 19, 2010

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) are now accepting applications for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. The Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens and Books) is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books that are relevant to their lives. All types of libraries (public, school, academic and special) located within or working in partnership with facilities serving troubled teens in the United States and its territories are eligible to apply for a Great Stories CLUB grant.

Website: www.ala.org/greatstories.

Big Read Grants

Deadline: February 1, 2011

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to nonprofits, state agencies, tribal governments, and tax-exempt public libraries providing programs where participants read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet. The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.

Website: www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

Free Classroom Resources

The Verizon Foundation has formed a digital learning platform called "Thinkfinity." This free website has lesson plans, interactive student games, homework help and professional development tools. You can search for what you need by resource type (audio, video, worksheet, etc.), subject area and grade level.

Website: www.thinkfinity.org

Free Online Scheduling

If you're having trouble getting all your staff or board members together at the same time, consider using an online scheduler, like Doodle. Each person logs on and marks when they are available. When each person has finished, you can easily see when you can schedule your next board meeting or staff training.

Website: www.doodle.com

Free Printable Toys

Marilyn Scott-Waters makes her artwork and whimsical creations freely available to download, print and use. She includes beautiful paper patterns and printable toys for many age groups, seasons and holidays. A sample of the things available are a Book-O-Meter, Otter Paper Dolls, and a Magical Mermaid.

Website: www.thetoymaker.com

Pioneer Consortium Reaches Agreement

By Steve Fosselman, President of Pioneer Consortium

A group of five Nebraska libraries called the Pioneer Consortium has just successfully concluded a Library Improvement Grant awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission. In this project, Pioneer has determined the feasibility of utilizing open source integrated library system (ILS) software for circulation, cataloging, etc. for its membership as an alternative to their existing ILS systems and as an eventual option for libraries across the state of Nebraska.

Open source ILS software differs from current proprietary products sold by a variety of businesses to libraries because with open source there is no cost to obtain the software and source code, and development of the software features is shared among a large community of users. Improvements are made by local libraries and available to all, and most developments are adopted by the entire community as new "releases". A library or consortium has a choice among several open source products and then has a choice of two basic paths of operation: 1) getting their own server and installing and operating the open source system or 2) having a third party provider host and maintain their system.

Pioneer Consortium has chosen the Koha open source product and the second path of operation, reaching an agreement with LibLime, a division of PTFS, Progressive Technology Federal System Inc. headquartered in Bethesda, MD, to provide the public libraries in Grand Island, Gretna, Holdrege, Lincoln and St. Paul with the following services:

- Installation of open source Koha software for one union catalog of all the members' holdings
- Circulation, cataloging, public access catalog, acquisitions and other modules required by most libraries
- Configuration tailored to the consortium's system parameters as well as individual library policies whenever permitted, and branding/look/feel of the software for staff and public
- Data migration, import and record structure profiling in Koha
- Union catalog de-duplication and quality control to allow migrating libraries to easily attach their holdings to already-migrated bibliographic records
- Training
- Maintenance and hosting services - phone and online help desk, backups, upgrades and all system administration
- PTFS-hosted Internet "cloud" access to member libraries



Call for Additional Consortium Membership

As the current Pioneer membership begins this process with LibLime in October 2010, it is also beginning a process of accepting letters of interest from Nebraska accredited public libraries for possible inclusion in the union catalog starting in mid-2011. The consortium anticipates considering additional members on a semi-annual basis thereafter and will work with LibLime and any new members to determine the best means to schedule and pace migration and go-live dates. Pioneer plans to publish additional information of assistance to interested libraries this fall, especially those considering Library Improvement Grant applications through the Nebraska Library Commission for data migration needs. This process will be opened up to other types of libraries throughout Nebraska starting in 2012.

Letters of interest may be sent to the President of the Pioneer Consortium:

Steve Fosselman, Grand Island Public Library, 211 North Washington Street, Grand Island, NE 68801

Pioneer Consortium Costs

Basic Membership Costs

Factoring in both initial and annual maintenance costs, libraries will benefit from a considerable total cost-of-ownership savings with open source software through the Pioneer Consortium.

Initial Costs

Pioneer Consortium Orientation Fee	\$250
One-time database setup charges based on that library's number of bibliographic records:	
0-25K	\$750.00
25-50K	\$1,000.00
50K+	\$1,500.00
Charges for dataload, de-duplication, etc.	15 cents per bib

All libraries are responsible for their own Internet costs, pc workstations, networking structure, local IT and technical services support, etc. There is no need for ILS-related server hardware housing bibliographic/patron/circulation data at each library.

Annual Maintenance Costs

In 2010/11 the costs of LibLime maintenance - as well as modest costs for development work performed on Pioneer Consortium's behalf by LibLime and "central-library" reimbursement for cataloging/training assistance - will be assessed to all members by formula in relative proportion to their legal service area, operating revenues, collection size and circulation. This assessment formula is based on a minimum annual payment of \$350 or 1% of the total budget, whichever is higher. The Consortium is happy to provide an estimate of costs for various-sized libraries with exact costs to be determined based on all libraries' assessment as per the formula.

These are the basic costs for a full range of Koha open source modules, and do not include future years' maintenance increases charged by LibLime, desired third party add-ons either to be paid by each library or by the Consortium as a whole as budget allows, and more extensive funding for development and "central library" reimbursement. Through the process of spreading costs among additional members, however, the Pioneer Consortium will be able to support such enhancements and total cost of ownership should still remain low in the future.

Not Just Cost, But Service Benefits

For this investment, participating libraries will receive the benefits of a next generation integrated library system with no local responsibility for server maintenance, data recovery or other server-related technical support, as well as transparent access to the collections of other member libraries across the state.

As the Pioneer Consortium works toward its first goal of developing this union catalog, other cost and service benefits can be realized through exploration of ways to reduce or reallocate cataloging and staffing costs for member libraries. This drives the total cost of ownership even lower. And longer-term goals impacting total cost of ownership include shared resource-sharing and other consortium arrangements of benefit to member libraries.

Pioneer Consortium's overall goals are enhanced efficiency and productivity for Nebraska libraries, and an enhanced experience for any patron using a Nebraska library. ♦

Broadband Technology Grant

Nebraska Library Commission Awarded \$3.6 Million

The Nebraska Library Commission announced that the U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded the Library Commission a **\$2,416,403** grant to fund Nebraska’s public computer center project, **Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities**. The three-year project is designed to expand broadband capacity; upgrade public computing resources in libraries; and advance access to employment, learning, health information, and E-Government services. The Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), provides funding to expand broadband access and adoption in communities across the U.S. and intends to increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits. In addition to the federal grant, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide **\$1,251,786** in matching funds, including a grant and technical assistance to support the project. The total project budget is **\$3,668,189**.

This grant project will increase connectivity in 45 of Nebraska’s public library buildings, as well as deploy more than 600 new computer workstations and upgrade another 475 at 147 public library locations. With this increased capacity to deliver rich Internet content and provide computer literacy training at libraries across the state, the project will partner with other state agencies and organizations to provide services in education, workforce development, and E-Government to 13,300 weekly users at libraries. As many as 42,700 Nebraskans will benefit from approximately 384,500 hours of education over the three years of the project.

Participating libraries from Northeast Library System are:

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| Albion Public Library | Atkinson Public Library | Bloomfield Public Library |
| Central City Public Library | Clarks Public Library | Clarkson Public Library |
| Clearwater Public Library | Eastern Township Library | Elgin Public Library |
| Emerson Public Library | Fullerton Public Library | Gardner Public Library (Wakefield) |
| Genoa Public Library | Hartington Public Library | House Memorial Library (Pender) |
| Howells Public Library | Hruska Memorial Public Library (David City) | |
| Humphrey Public Library | Laurel Community Learning Center | |
| Lied Pierce Public Library | Lied Randolph Public Library | Little Priest Tribal College Library |
| Madison Public Library | Meadow Grove Public Library | Neligh Public Library |
| Newman Grove Public Library | Niobrara Public Library | Norfolk Public Library |
| O’Neill Public Library | Osceola Public Library | Osmond Public Library |
| Pilger Public Library | Plainview Public Library | Polk Public Library |
| Raymond A. Whitwer Public Library (Tilden) | | Schuyler Public Library |
| Shelby Community Library | South Sioux City Public Library | Stanton Public Library |
| Stromsburg Public Library | Ulysses Township Library | Verdigre Public Library |
| Walthill Public Library | Wayne Public Library | |

We are very excited to see this project come to fruition in northeast Nebraska. ♦

Northeast Library System Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2010

The annual meeting of the Northeast Library System Board of Directors was held during the annual conference of the Northeast Library System at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk on September 23, 2010. Sally Stahlecker, vice-president, called the meeting to order. Board members present were Kathy Ageton, Joyce Sullivan, Dee Johnson, Judy Hagan, Chris Chilcoat, Michele Hastreiter, Jolene Klein, Elaine Tobias, and Tammy Anderson. Jessica Chamberlain, System Director, Shelia Cermak, Administrative Assistant, and general membership, in attendance at the conference, were also present. Absent were President Kate Ostenrude, Lynn Manhart, and Sharon Jones. There were no alternates.

The Open Meetings Act document was provided. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, (1M Johnson /2M Hastreiter; approved). The financial report was presented and accepted (approved by roll call vote).

Michelle Hastreiter reported for the nominating committee. Newly elected to the board are Dawnn Tucker of the Lied Pierce Public Library, Beth Foulks of the Ponca Carnegie Library, Susan Tyn-dall of the Nebraska Indian College, and Melissa Baumert of the Clarkson Public Library. Jessica Chamberlain gave the director's report.

In new business, current board members who were present at the conference were recognized. Retiring board members Dee Johnson, Chris Chilcoat, Lynn Manhart, and Sharon Jones were recognized. Marilyn Quance of Wayne State College recognized librarians who volunteered at book reviewers. There were no Pat-on-the-Back Awards presented. Kate Ostenrude was re-elected as President, as was Sally Stahlecker to Vice-President, and Jolene Klein to Secretary.

A motion was made to accept the claims of the day. (1M Ageton / 2M Hastreiter; roll call vote). There was no passing of the gavel, since the president remains the same. A motion was made to adjourn. (1M Ageton /2M Hastreiter ; approved).

New in the NELS Office!

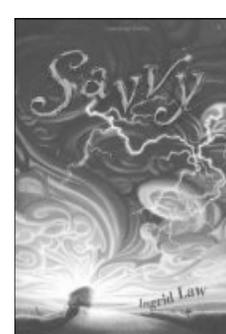
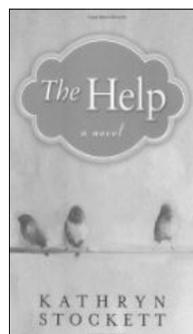
What They Don't Teach You in Library School by Elisabeth Doucett

Young Adult Literature: From Romance to Realism by Michael Cart

The Help by Kathryn Stockett (12 copies for a discussion group)

Savvy by Ingrid Law (12 copies for a discussion group)

Contact us if you are interested in borrowing any of our materials!



You're Invited!

Don't have time to participate in a face-to-face book discussion group? Sharon Osenga, Administrator of the Meridian Library System, has started an online book discussion group on LibraryThing called "Nebraska Librarians Talk Books."

November's book is "My Name is Mary Sutter" by Robin Oliveria.

To join, you'll need a free account with LibraryThing. Go to www.librarything.com and create an account. Click on the "Groups" tab and search for "Nebraska Librarians Talk Books." You'll be able to join the discussion there and can even get an RSS feed for new comments.